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Building rules tweaked after home size study in city of Plymouth

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

New construction guidelines for single-family homes in Plymouth are designed to preserve the city's walkability and the character of its neighborhoods, officials say.

The amendments to the city's zoning ordinance were

unanimously approved, in a second and final reading, by the City Commission on Monday. The changes had been recommended by the Planning Commission.

The zoning ordinance tweaks stem from months of study and discussion by the Planning Commission and other city officials about socalled "bigfoot" houses: new or expanded homes on city lots that tend to be bigger than their neighbors and, in the view of some, negatively affect residential areas.

Planning Commission chairman Jim Mulhern said planners looked at the issue for about a year and a half and heard public comment both in

favor of and skeptical of the larger homes.

"We're just trying to preserve the best part of Plymouth," Mulhern said.

Goals, he said, included enhancing the city's accessibility for pedestrians, maintaining the character of neighborhoods that have proven so attractive to home buyers, and

respecting the rights of current residents as well as newcomers who may want to build or expand a home.

Garage rules

The new regulations focus on garage construction. They

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Six-year-old Maxwell Mies watches for the parade to begin.

Good Morning USA Parade dedicated to Margaret Dunning

By Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

Longtime Good Morning USA Parade announcers Randy Bhirdo and Terri John were certain Margaret Dunning was watching the annual July 4 parade.

"She'll be watching from heaven," John said. "She has the best seat in the house."

Sure enough. Kicking off the Saturday morning event, Bhirdo of WWJ 950 dedicated the parade to Dunning, who died May 29, less than a month before her 105th birthday. "She was the original American car girl.'

As in the past 18 years, the parade was organized by the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth. This year is special to the Kiwanis Club because it is the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International, which was founded in the Detroit area Jan. 21, 1915.

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Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team goes out to thank-yous after 30 years

Bv Matt Jachman Staff Writer

The Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team capped its career Saturday at the event that launched it 30 years ago -Plymouth's Independence Day parade.

Founder and drillmaster Hill, who announced the team's retirement last fall, led the squad of 16 men — outfitted with business suits and briefcases - down Main Street one last time during the Good Morning America Parade as hundreds cheered and thanked them for years of seriouslooking silliness.

"It was emotional," said Hill on Monday. "We were handsomely acknowledged by cheers and screams and applause.'

With crowd favorites like "Businessman's Shuffle" and "Boom-Chucka-Lucka." the team had been to parades and sporting events around the country, including Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, the Fiesta Bowl



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Fred Hill looks at the lone briefcases, symbolizing the end of the Briefcase Drill Team.

in Arizona and, of course. America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit, where it racked up 25 appearances over the years.

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Plymouth couple searches for lost pet parrot

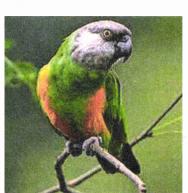
By Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

Pretty Baby is missing and her owners, Valerie and Freddie Gorlitz, are looking for her.

"She got spooked," Freddie said, of Pretty Baby, their 25year-old Senegal parrot, which has a yellow and green body and a gray head. "We were on the deck and kids were lighting

fireworks in the area." The noise was enough to send Pretty Baby flying literally. The parrot flew away after years of having her wings clipped. But the couple was told not too long ago that they shouldn't clip the wings because flying is the bird's only means of defense.

"It's a double-edged sword," Freddie said. "She has always



FILE PHOTO

This is what a Senegal parrot looks

been in the house." The couple has searched the area around their home on

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Road closures, parking fees set for Art in the Park

Art in the Park is coming this weekend, and the city of Plymouth has announced road closures and available parking for the anticipated crowds.

Art in the Park begins at 11 a.m. Friday, July 10, and runs through 5 p.m. Sunday, July 12. It's also a time when Plymouth gets a chance to show off itself as the artists are placed

in the streets - Main. Penniman, Ann Arbor Trail and Forest — surrounding Kellogg Park.

In addition to road closures, several private and municipal parking lots will manage their parking with fees. Drivers can expect to pay generally in the \$5-\$10 range for downtown parking. There will also be several additional temporary no-



parking zones set up to accommodate emergency services vehicles, as well as shuttle bus traf-

Art in the Park will operate a shuttle service from the former **ACH Automotive Plant** on Sheldon Road and M-14, across the street from the Hilton Garden Inn. Shuttles will run one half-hour before and after show hours. The cost for the shuttle is \$3 with free parking. For more information on the shuttles, visit

artinthepark.com.

Drivers can expect a number of downtown road closures to go into effect starting at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 9, and remain in effect through 10 p.m. Sunday, July 12. The following roads will be closed:

» Main Street from Church Street to Wing Street. (There will be one way southbound traffic allowed on Main from Church to and through Fralick Street for access to the funeral home, Stella Dog Tavern, and other businesses located on Main

and Fralick) » Penniman from

Harvey to Union

from Harvey to Union » Forest Avenue from Ann Arbor Trail to Wing (closure begins at 6 p.m.)

» Ann Arbor Trail

Art in Park: Buy cotton candy, raise money for transplant patient

While you're taking in and shopping for art at the Art in the Park this weekend, stop by the cotton candy seller and help raise money to offset transplant-related costs for Michele Scott who in 2010 was diag-

nosed with an array of health issues, including pulmonary fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension and connective tissue disease, all of which have damaged her lungs.

Doctors say a doublelung transplant is critical to the Howell woman's survival.

The average doublelung transplant costs approximately \$800,000. While her insurance will cover a portion of the transplant costs, Scott, 57, still faces significant expenses related to the surgery. For the rest of her life, she will need follow-up care and daily anti-rejection medications, which are as critical to her survival as the transplant itself.

For fundraising support, Scott turned to the National Foundation for Transplants for assistance with some of the financial burdens. NFT is a nonprofit organization that helps patients raise funds to pay for trans-

plant-related expenses. "My heart goes out to Michele," said Samantha Palazolo, NFT fundraising consultant. "I'm hopeful she'll receive her transplant soon, and everyone at NFT is dedicated to helping her raise the funds she needs to focus on her health and her family instead of worrying about the med-

about the event, contact Ryan Scott at 310-384-

For more information

ical expenses."

To make a tax-deduct-

Mulhern said that new

ible donation in honor of Scott, send a contribution to the NFT Michigan Transplant Fund, 5350 Poplar Ave., Suite 430, Memphis, TN 38119. Be sure to write "in honor of Michele Scott" on the memo line. Secure donations also can be made online at www.transplants.org. Donors should click on "Find an NFT Patient" to locate Scott.

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» Require a minimum width of 22 feet for all attached garages.

» Prohibit front-facing attached garages on lots less than 60 feet wide. Approximately 42 percent of the city's residential lots are wider than 60 feet, according to John Buzuvis, the city's community development director.

» Allow for a frontyard setback waiver of up to 4 feet for covered front porches. Mulhern said this restriction was seen as a way to improve the perceived walkability of a street as well as a way of encouraging builders to locate garages in back yards. Porches built under this exception will not be considered when a house's lot coverage, or footprint, is calculated.

two-car garages on lots less than 60 feet wide ended up being functional only as one-car garages, because their size had been limited by setback requirements and structure coverage re-

strictions. A garage on a 50-foot lot, for example, could only be a maximum of 19 feet wide (half of the lot's build-able width of 38 feet), less than the industry standard of 22

to 24 feet for a two-car

garage.

Mulhern expects other tweaks to home-construction regulations as the city evolves, and said the **Planning Commission** will continue looking at home size and massing as part of its study of Plymouth's master plan.

"I think it's an ongoing discussion," Mulhern

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PARROT

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Penniman, a block east of Sheldon. They have put up posters with Pretty Bird's photo, posted on Craigslist, called the humane society and gone

onto Lost and Found Parrot Registry www.911parrotalert.com - and still haven't found

The Gorlitzes want Pretty Baby back. "She is one of the family," Freddie said.

Someone told the couple that another pet bird who also had flown away returned home about a week later. And that's what the Gorlitzes are hoping for. Until then, they will continue to search for their family

If anyone comes across a parrot, Pretty Baby answers to her

name. The Gorlitzes ask anyone who might see Pretty Baby to call them at 734-455-0391. A reward is offered. "Just call her name," Freddie added.

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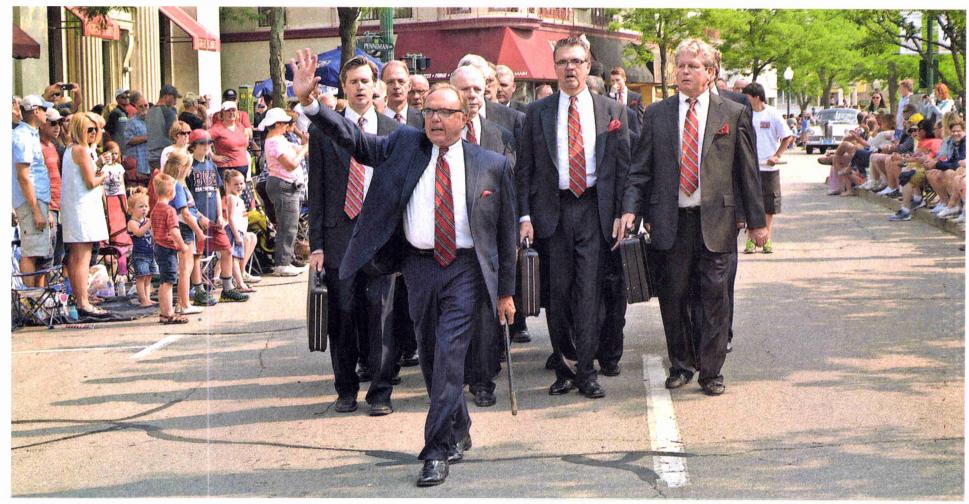
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Fred Hill and the Briefcase Drill Team march down Main Street.

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DRILL TEAM

Continued from Page A1 "I think it would probably be fun to continue, but it's just time," Hill said.

Marchers are aging, and many have been on "injured reserve," Hill has said. Several have been on the team since its second year, he said.

'We're replacing hips and knees, and of course, as far as businessmen go, briefcases have been replaced," he said.

Trailing behind the drill team Saturday, in convertibles, were about dozen alumni, with one traveling from North Carolina to be with his ex-teammates.

"They were crazy when they joined and they're obviously still crazy," Hill joked.

Hill said he's been thanked, again and again, for the team's many years. "I've probably heard that 100 times," he

On Monday, he returned the thanks, saying he appreciated the community's "laughter, support, screams (and) ap-

plause." "They enjoyed every minute of it," he said of the team. "We were stars."

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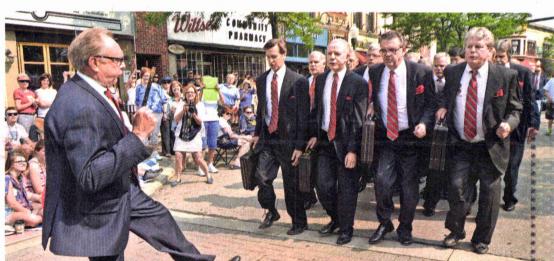


Boom-Chucka-Lucka!

"One more time!" says Fred Hill.



Fred Hill is overcome by the moment, seeing friends and hearing the cheers of the crowd.



The team pauses in front of the former location of Fred Hill Haberdashers, with a facsimile of the old sign mounted on the building

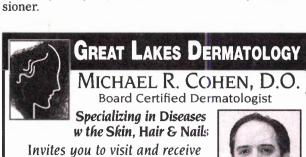


Fred Hill, founder and leader of the Briefcase Drill Team.

CORRECTION

A story in the June 28 Plymouth Observer, "Township supervisor answers his critics," incorrectly stated that Joe Munem, the director of public and government affairs for Rizzo Environmental Services, had contributed to the campaign of Shannon Price, a former Wayne County commissioner and now the Plymouth Township supervisor.

Campaign donations totaling \$1,950, however, had come from Rizzo's political action committee, according to state records. The donations were made in 2014 and early this year, when Price was a county commis-



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CANTON CRIME WATCH

A 47-year-old Lincoln Park man was charged with criminal sexual conduct-first degree allegedly of a 35-year-old Detroit woman July 4. He was also sent to St. Mary Mercy Hospital for a psychological evaluation.

The man contacted police from a gas station near Fellows Creek Motel, 40200 Michigan Ave., about 6:30 p.m., July 4. When police arrived he told them he believed his female friend at the motel was suicidal.

Police located the woman at the motel where the man was staying with her for a few days. The woman told police she woke up with her pants down. She said she had taken sleeping medication the night before and the man reportedly had smoked marijuana.

The woman told police that she insisted the man wear his pants to bed. She also told police that earlier in the day the couple had oral sexual relations. The woman told police she wasn't sure if the man had assaulted her while sleeping, but admitted her abdomen felt "weird."

Charged for trespassing

Police pursued a 23-yearold Westland man on foot and in a citizen's car about 12:30, July 4, after an officer saw him trespassing at the Crossings of Canton apartments.

An officer said the man was stopped because the department has had prior encounters with him and he was banned from complex. The officer approached the man and asked for identification, which the man said he didn't have on him.

As the man walked away,

the officer ordered him to stop and then grabbed him by the elbow. The man broke away and ran northbound toward Joy Road. The officer pursued him on foot. Finally, a citizen who was driving by offered the officer - who had already contacted the police department - a ride.

When the office saw the man again, he jumped out of the citizen's car and again pursued him, losing him in a neighborhood. The man was later apprehended by other officers and charged with trespassing.

Fireworks complaint

Police were called to the Traditions apartments near Chelsea and Saltz before midnight July 1 on a report that teens had ignited a mailbox with fireworks.

Police found a bag containing two fireworks on the west side of the road at the Traditions entrance. Officers left the bag and hid to see if anyone returned. They saw a couple of teens in front of the leasing office and go to the pool. When questioned the teens denied using fireworks.

Embezzled items

A 25-year-old Westland man was charged with embezzlement after police were called to Walmart, 45555 Michigan Ave. The man reportedly took \$250-\$350 of merchandise while he worked in the store's lawn and garden department. Another employee told police the man also took soda pops without paying for them.

A video was provided for police to review.

Larcey from vehicle

A 39-year-old Canton resident reported that his car parked at his home on Stonehenge was broken into some time before 5:18 p.m., July 2.

The man reported that the window on his auto was defective. Removed from the vehicle was a pool cue and case valued at \$300, as well as a bank book and old checks, as well as cigarettes.

Purse taken

An 18-year-old Canton man contacted police after his girlfriend discovered that her purse was removed from a Ford Focus parked in a driveway of the residence on Heron Circle sometime July 2. The purse contained some \$50 cash, license and credit and debit cards.

Woman arrested

A 28-year-old Westland woman was arrested just after 8 p.m., July 1, at Walmart, 45555 Michigan Ave., after police responded to a report of a disorderly woman and retail fraud.

While the woman said she went back through entrance doors just to get another cart for her purchases, the store manager said he believed she was stealing merchandise of about \$359 in value. A physical altercation ensued when the woman was detained by store employees. The woman asked for photos of herself to prove she had been hurt in the

When police reviewed her record they found she had three prior convictions for retail fraud.

By Joanne Maliszewski

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Two 15-year-old boys were ticketed for curfew violations and a 15-year-old girl for possession of drug paraphernalia and being a minor in possession of alcohol after police found them early Monday in a parked car with fogged-up windows.

The car, a Pontiac Grand Prix, was outside the CVS at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road when an officer spotted it about 1:30 a.m. with two bicycles nearby, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. The boys, in the back seat, got out of the car one at a time, and when the door opened, the report said, the officer smelled marijuana.

The boys told police the girl had phoned them, said she had marijuana and vodka, and asked them to meet her. They rode their bikes.

The girl, in the front seat, also got out of the car but refused to talk to police, the report said. Instead, she called her mother, who was shopping

The woman came out and told police she had been shop-

ping for 30 to 40 minutes. Inside the Grand Prix, police found a glass "bong" with marijuana residue in it and a partially empty bottle of blue raspberry vodka, the report said.

The teens, after being issued tickets, were released to their mothers.

Gun seized

A Plymouth woman reportedly locked herself in a bathroom with a pistol at a home on Rose Street at about 5:30 p.m. June 30. The incident was resolved peacefully within minutes and the pistol confiscated because it had not been registered in Michigan, Police Chief Al Cox said.

Another woman had called police, Cox said, and said the two had been arguing, but the exact circumstances were unclear. The complainant met officers outside as they arrived, saying the other woman was already out of the bathroom and that she had taken the gun from her.

Police were not able to obtain much information about what had led to the incident,

"We didn't have enough information to develop probable cause to charge somebody," he said.

Cox said the pistol had apparently been brought in from another state, and the owner had neglected to register it in Michigan.

Fighting dogs

Police in the township report that pit bulldogs, Freaky and Spencer, bloodied each other July 2 while fighting in the back yard of a house on Marlowe Avenue, in the area of Joy Road and Sheldon.

Two officers were dispatched around 4:30 p.m. after a caller reported the dogfight. As they arrived, a woman said the dogs were not hers and pleaded with officers not to shoot them, a police report said.

The officers approached, one with a Taser and another with a stick used to control animals, but the dogs broke off the fight and separated, the

The dogs' owner was located, and police advised her to get veterinary care for the dogs.

Pistol stolen

A loaded .45-caliber Glock pistol was reported stolen July I from a parking lot at the Absopure facility on General

The complainant told police he had left the gun in a bag on the front seat of his Ford Explorer when he arrived for work at 1 a.m. When he went to the Explorer to retrieve something at about 4:30 a.m., he said, he found the pistol was gone, and the bag that had contained it was on the floor.

The complainant told police the Explorer could not be locked.

Keys found

A set of keys was found at Plymouth Township Park late Friday after the township fireworks show.

Anyone who may have lost keys at the park recently can call the police station at 734-354-3200.

By Matt Jachman

Plymouth offers found-property sale

The city of Plymouth has started a found-property sale program that includes bicycles and skateboards with other items as they become available.

Items are sold on a firstcome basis and are sold as is with no warranty. There is no price negotiation. There is no reserving or previewing of items before sales.

Interested shoppers may pay by cash, check or money order to the city of Plymouth.

To purchase and pick up the current listed items, visit the Municipal Services Department from 8 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday (excluding holidays), at 1231 Goldsmith.

The current found property items for sale are listed on the city's website, ci.plymouth.mi.us/Index.aspx?NID=1597





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Don't miss the bus! Roxanne Gill rounds up Grub Crawl riders for the trip to the next

Sample eateries, mingle at Canton Grub Crawl

Don't forget to sign up for the popular Grub Crawl — sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce — that gives you a chance to mingle and sample the communi-

ty's restaurants. Grub Crawl is set for 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, when food connoisseurs paying \$35 will have a chance to sample local cuisine and beer from 15 establishments. That averages about

\$2.33 per place. Wearing special Tshirts as admission, participants can board shuttles and vans to make their rounds or drive themselves. The event is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce

and the Canton Downtown Development Au-

"It's our way of supporting our restaurants and showcasing their products," chamber President Thomas Paden said. "Grub Crawl is a way to introduce new restaurants and also an opportunity to support restaurants that have been here. It's a good marketing opportunity.

Paden said Grub Crawl, now in its 14th year, typically draws a crowd of 500-600 people. It is geared toward people 21 and older and celebrates Canton's eclectic restaurants.

This year's lineup includes 4 Friends Bar &

Grill, 502 Grill, Bagger Dave's, Bailey's Sports Grill, Basement Burger Bar, bd's Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Canton Brew Works, Carvel Ice Cream, Chili's, Crow's Nest, TGI Fridays, Tilted Kilt, Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza and Twisted Rooster, which the chamber says is pairing on-site with Canton Brew Works.

Carrie Walker, the chamber's marketing and communications representative, said anyone wanting to reserve a T-shirt for Grub Crawl may go to www.cantonchamber.com, call 734-453-4040 or stop by the chamber office, 45525 Hanford Road, west of Canton Center.

LARA: Beware of letter scam, read the fine print on forms

Businesses being sent misleading solicitation

The state's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs is warning the business community to beware of a scam hitting the mailboxes of Michigan corporations and limited liability companies.

The scam is from a nongovernmental entity called Division of Corporate Services and it's trying to collect a \$150 fee to prepare corporate meeting minutes. The misleading compliance solicitation implies that Michigan requires companies to complete a 2015 Annual Minutes Form, but it is not an official document, LARA officials said.

"Beware of mailings that may appear to come from the state of Michigan offering assistance in performing non-existent or nonrequired services," LARA Chief Deputy Director Shelly Edgerton stated in a release. "Our corporation customers should only respond to correspondence from LARA. No such letters are being sent from the LARA Corporations Division, no matter how official they may look."

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ing the fraudulent form list a return address at 3105 S. Martin Luther King Blvd., Suite 317, Lansing, MI 48910. In 2012, 2013 and 2014, LA-RA warned of similar scams requesting \$125 that involved a company with a similar name and an address located in Lansing.

Michigan appears to be the latest state targeted. Similar solicitation mailings have occurred in several other states. These entities operate under identical or similar names and request payment fees ranging from \$125, to \$239 for the completion and submittal of an annual minutes statement.

The phony letters can look authentic. They may be addressed to the corporation, the resident agent, director or officers; cite a Michigan statute or a federal statute; and may appear to be issued by the LARA Corporations, Securities and Commercial Licensing Bureau, Corporations Division. If such notices are received, they can be disregarded.

Any Michigan corpo-

ration that receives a notice to have annual meeting minutes prepared and pay a fee to avoid dissolution of their corporation are advised

to do the following: » Keep the notice, mailing envelope and return envelope.

» Contact the U.S. Postal Inspections Service to report mail fraud at 877-876-2455 or at https://postal inspectors.uspis.gov.

» Contact the Michigan Office of the Attorney General at P.O. Box 30212, Lansing, MI

Legitimate notices and mailings to Michigan corporations are issued from LARA's Corporations Division and are mailed to the resident agent at the registered office address on record. If you are not sure, contact the LARA Corporations Division at 517-241-

Customers with questions can use the Business Entity Search at www.michigan. gov/entitysearch to check their status.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Chamber billboard

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is running an electronic billboard on M-14, just prior to the Sheldon Road exit, throughout the month of July. In addition to advertising Plymouth, the billboard also promotes Art in the Park and the Concours d'Elegance.

USA Hockey movies

The 2015 Summer Drive-in Movie series is back. Formerly the Compuware Arena and now the home to USA Hockey, movies will be shown seven days a week through Sept. 6. For movie schedules and ticket information, go to www.usahockeyarena.com. The arena is at 14900 Beck Road.

Sidewalk Sales

Plymouth's Downtown shops will be be out on the sidewalks July 17-18. Stores will be open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Healthy ranking

Genisys Credit Union, with a branch in Plymouth, is ranked as one of the healthiest credit unions in the

In May, DepositAccounts.com recognized credit unions that have shown exceptional fiduciary responsibility in its 2015 edition of the Top 200 Healthiest Credit Unions in America. Genisys Credit Union ranked 87th out of the 6,655 federally insured credit unions in the United States. Each institution was graded on a number of factors, including capitalization, deposit growth, and loan to reserve ratios, to determine a comprehensive health

The Plymouth branch is at 13000 Haggerty Road.

Agency expands

Kennedy Nemier Insurance Agency in Plymouth continues to expand by adding new staff. The agency added a new personal lines producer Michelle Cochrane last month. She has been an agent since 1999 and thrives on dig-ging into the details of policies and the needs of the client.

"We are excited to have Michelle come on board with our team at the agency" said Karen Nemier, co-owner with Lisa Kennedy. "Michelle fills a key role as our company is growing rapidly. We look for even more growth in 2015.



Jeffrey S. Elliott receives his award from Donald B. Heck, president of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers.

New leadership

Parkside Credit Union's Board of Directors has announced Janet B. Thompson will take over as president and chief executive officer of the Credit Union beginning July 13.

The credit union is on Plymouth Road in Livonia.

Thompson brings over 25 years of credit union experience to her new role. She is an active member of multiple credit union and community organizations which support the People Helping People philosophy.

Thompson comes to Parkside from Village

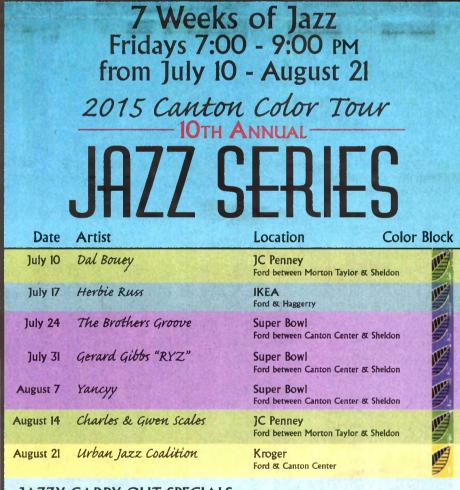
Community Credit Union in Dearborn, where she has led as president and chief executive officer since 2007. Previously she was the senior vice president/chief marketing officer at Credit Union One in Fern-

Honored

The Michigan Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE) has named Jeffrey S. Elliott its 2015 "Engineer of the Year."

Elliott is the vice president of Michigan Operations for TTL Associates, Inc. a verified Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business headquartered in Toledo with a branch office in

The award is intended to recognize outstanding achievements by an engineer in the State of Michigan.



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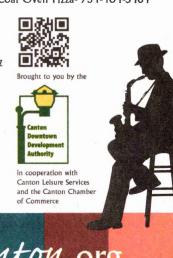
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In the event of inclement weather, all concerts will be held indoors at Super Bowl 45100 Ford Rd.

Visit ShopCanton.org and rainedout.com Canton Jazz for updates and details.

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Every week, the first 25 people who turn in receipts for \$25 or more from a Canton merchant will receive a FREE Fruit Fusion Water Bottle.







This is the 18th Good Morning USA parade.

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PARADE

Continued from Page A1 With a theme of "Dream Big," the parade kicked off about 9 a.m. and continued south on Main Street until about 10:30 a.m. The Stars and Stripes were everywhere
— including in parade
goers' hands, on their heads as hats and cloth-

"Freedom is what it is all about. I am crying," said Ann Fraser visiting from Scotland who sported a Statue of Liberty crown. Fraser was visiting her Canton cousin Margaret Summers who moved from Scotland to Canton in 1976.

"This is my first time at the parade," Summers said.

The 1,000-people plus parade had something for everyone: unicyclists, stilt-walkers, gymnasts, musical performers, cheerleaders, bands, balloons, dogs, horses, Plymouth Miracle League Players, Plymouth-Canton Stars Special Olympics, Willow Run Rosies Lunchbox Drill Team — just to name some of the entries.

But it was the veter-ans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam who drew immediate attention from the crowds who stood at attention with some saluting and others cheering.

"Freedom is not free and these guys paid the price," announcer John said.

The parade also marked the final performance by the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team. "You've made Plymouth proud," announcer John said.

Thousands was a rough estimate of Saturday's crowd packed from the railroad tracks near Bode's Corn Beef House (Bode's Sidetrack Diner) all the way to Wing Street.

"We come here all the time," said Betty Ward of Livonia, who was with her husband, Paul, and Molto their big dog. "We come here enough to live here."





A crowd of modern-day Rosies celebrate the Rosie The Riveters of WWII fame.



WWII veteran Gene Overholt.



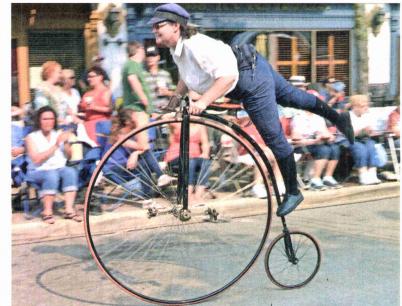
The bicycle parade starts minutes before the Good Morning USA parade begins.







Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps.



The Michigan Wheelmen show their stunts.



The P-CEP Marching Band color guard.

Jazz it up at annual Ford Road concerts

Get your jazz on for the 10th annual Canton Color Tour Jazz Series featuring family musical concerts at shopping center venues along Ford Road, beginning Friday, July 10 through Aug. 21.

The Canton Downtown Development Authority, **Canton Leisure Services** and the Canton Chamber of Commerce produce the Canton Color Tour Jazz Series.

A color-coded system of street light banners along the three-mile DDA district has been implemented. Merchants in or next to each designated concert color block will run specials starting on the day of the concert until the following Thurs-

More than 300 businesses call the Canton DDA District on Ford Road home, including retail shopping, department stores, health and other professional services, financial institutions, auto supplies and services, a variety of



Charles & Gwen Scales will perform Aug. 14.

restaurants, sports and entertainment venues, and hotels.

The concerts are free and each begins promptly at 7 p.m. Guests are encouraged to arrive early for dinner at nearby eateries. Be sure to bring lawn chairs or blankets for comfortable seating.

Bad weather will move the concerts indoors to the Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road.

The following concerts are scheduled: » July 10: Dal Bouey; JCPenney in the Green

Block, between Morton Taylor and Sheldon

» July 17: Herbie Russ; IKEA in the Blue Block



Look for these signs when heading to the 10th annual Canton Color Tour Jazz Series starting

at Ford and Haggerty
» July 24: The Broth-

ers Groove; Super Bowl in the Purple Block, between Canton Center and Sheldon

» July 31: Gerard Gibbs "RYZ;" Super Bowl in the Purple Block, between Canton Center and Sheldon

» Aug. 7: Yancyy; Super Bowl in the Purple Block, between Canton Center and Sheldon

» Aug.14: Charles & Gwen Scales; JCPenney in the Green Block, between Morton Taylor and Sheldon

» Aug. 21: Urban Jazz Coalition; Kroger in the Yellow Block at Ford and Canton Center

For more information, visit www.shopcanton.org.

Paddle to Michigan Philharmonic concert at Kensington Metropark

For more than 20 years, Kensington Metropark has been the home to Paddle to the

Symphony Join in this Saturday, July 11, for an evening of music and paddling when the Michigan Philharmonic performs a free concert at 7:30 p.m. on

Maple Beach. Started by the Michigan Council of Hostelling International, Paddle to the Symphony is a celebration of southeast Michigan outdoor enthusiasts and a reunion for the founders. Michigan Friends of Hostelling International and SOLAR Outdoors (both nonprofit groups) have had a long history of collaborating with this event. Open to everyone to enjoy, Paddle to the Symphony celebrates an outdoor activity with a cultural experience.

The Michigan Phil harmonic brings the music of Motown, Mamma Mia and More to this summer's concert. Paddlers can avoid traffic and parking issues by paddling to the music from the North Martin-

dale Beach area. Paddlers can preregister for \$15; those needing a canoe or paddle pay \$25. Friends of Hostelling International members save \$5. Sign up online at www.paddletothe symphony.com. The paddle evening starts at 6

The day kicks off with a pre-paddle reunion and potluck for Friends of **Hostelling International**

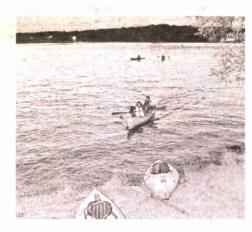
p.m. with a 7 p.m. launch.

Paddlers should arrive

back at the beach at 9:30



Michigan Council of Hostelling International hosts an annual Paddle to the Symphony fundraiser at Kensington to listen to the Michigan Philharmonic.



Kayakers return to North Martindale Beach as the

at 2 p.m. The reunion putluck is open to past, current and future members of HI-USA, as well as anyone affiliated with the Michigan Council of Hostelling International. Bring a dish to pass or donate \$10. Email RSVPs and dish to pass item to hiusamichigan@gmail.com.

New to Hostelling?

The social gathering welcomes everyone to

come to hear about the organization, its origins in Michigan and how it works now. David Kalter from the central office will be attending as an official representative of the unified national organization of Hostelling International USA. Former Michigan Council directors, staff, and board members will be coming to celebrate and reminisce.

St. Peter's Lutheran tackles creation topic Thursday

St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School in Plymouth 1343 Penniman, Plymouth, will tackle the subject of creation at 7 p.m. Thursday, July

At this event and similar Creation Series presentations during the summer, the church at 1343 Penniman will take

on the controversial topic from a biblical and traditional Lutheran perspec-

The evening's speaker will be Kevin Peil, who has traveled the country speaking on topics related to science and the Bible for 25 years. Peil has a doctorate in chemical engineering and is a

research scientist for Dow Chemical Co. in Midland.

Peil will discuss all matters of science from the perspective that the earth was created by God and was a series of creative acts over six, 24hours days approximately 8,000 years ago.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SENDS OUT WATER **QUALITY REPORT**

The Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department has sent out its annual drinking water quality report to consumers

Among other things, the report discloses the amount of various materials in the water, including microbial and inorganic contaminants, and pesticides and herbicides

The annual report has been required by law since the U.S. Congress passed the 1996 Safe Drinking Act Amendments.

Most of the Detroit metro area, including Plymouth Township, gets its drinking water from the Detroit River. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department operates the water treatment facilities and pumping stations that supply water to the township, which operates the pipeline infrastructure and acts as the retailer to area businesses and residents.

Residents or business owners who have not received the report or have further questions can contact the Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department at (734) 354-3270.

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Colbeck holds office hours Friday

Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton will hold local hours 7-8 a.m. Friday, July 10, at George's Senate Coney Island, 39430 Dun Rovin Drive, Northville.

Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. No appointment is necessary

Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth.



Patrick Colbeck

For more information or to contact Colbeck, visit www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com or call 517-373-5713.



Inspiring words settle fight over same-sex marriage

The ink was barely dry on the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling June 26 in Obergefell v. Hodges when reactionaries were beginning to hyperventi-

The justices were accused of "judicial activism." Several contenders for the next year's presidential contest claimed the ruling was the work of five "unelected and unaccountable" justices. One candidate called the ruling "judicial tyranny."

Both political and religious leaders vowed that the fight was not over.

Really, it should be. The Supreme Court, appointed by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, did exactly what it was supposed to do. The justices looked at the law, in this case, Michigan's voted amendment in the state constitution banning same-sex marriage, as well as other state bans, to see if they pass muster with the U.S. Constitution.

And the court concluded they just did not. The 14th Amendment and its equal pro-



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Protesters and supporters of same-sex marriage stand on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C.

tection clause make it very clear, the court said, that you cannot use the law or even state constitutions to block gavs or lesbians from participating in this tradition.

The court also made it clear that religions may still disapprove of same-sex marriage – and that's fine. But government, by law, has to recognize

same-sex marriage.

Here's what the majority said: "Finally, it must be emphasized that religions, and those who adhere to religious doctrines, may continue to advocate with utmost, sincere conviction that, by divine precepts, same-sex marriage should not be condoned.

"The First Amendment en-

sures that religious organizations and persons are given proper protection as they seek to teach the principles that are so fulfilling and so central to their lives and faiths, and to their own deep aspirations to continue the family structure they have long revered.

The same is true of those who oppose same-sex marriage for other reasons. In turn, those who believe allowing same-sex marriage is proper or indeed essential, whether as a matter of religious conviction or secular belief, may engage those who disagree with their view in an open and searching debate.

"The Constitution, however, does not permit the State to bar same-sex couples from marriage on the same terms as accorded to couples of the opposite sex.'

The justices did hear all the arguments that have been made both for and against same-sex marriage. They simply concluded that there is no good argument for not allowing gays and lesbians to get married in the same way that heterosexual couples do.

Here's how they put it: "No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family.

"In forming a marital union. two people become something greater than once they were. As some of the petitioners in these cases demonstrate, marriage embodies a love that may endure even past death.

"It would misunderstand these men and women to say they disrespect the idea of marriage. Their plea is that they do respect it, respect it so deeply that they seek to find its fulfillment for themselves. Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilization's oldest institutions.

'They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Constitution grants them that

Inspiring words - ones which should settle this particular argument.

LETTERS

Township picnic positive experience

My wife and I had the opportunity to volunteer at the Plymouth Township Good Old Fashion July 4th Picnic. Actually something we have done for the past several years. What a joy to see the happy faces of families having a fun time together.

There was face painting, crafts, and a train ride, just to mention a few of the activities for the kids. Live music filled the park and police and fire departments were represented with displays and much, much more. And, of course there was the hot dogs, chips and soft drinks. All this free for all who attend.

This wonderful event, along with the fireworks spectacular the evening before, could not be possible without the generous donations by many of our residents and businesses as well as the numerous volunteers and countless hours of personally wish to thank all the donors, my fellow volunteers and especially Kelly Latawiec, her husband Dave and Ron Edwards, for the untold personal hours they put in making

these events happen. It's unfortunate these events are criticized by some. There is so much fun, happiness and good happening at the events. It is my opinion, along with many others, that it is these kinds of things which make the quality of life in Plymouth Township great. Let's hope we will see these and other recreation enhancements to our community continue

Harry Jachym Plymouth Township

Residents: Pay attention

Plymouth Township United Citizens has closed the books on the recall campaign against Richard Reaume, Ron Edwards, Nancy Conzelman, and Kay Arnold. The numbers fell short due to the time constraints issued by the Mchigan Legislature. The group, however, succeeded in seeing Richard Reaume retire under the pressure of recall.

The numbers of signatures collected by a dedicated group of concerned citizens have proven to be very interesting. These board members received more total signatures in favor of recall (15,009) than they received votes in the 2012 primary election (10,212). Arnold got 1,673 more recall votes; Conzelman got 1,526 more recall votes: Edwards got 1,296 more recall votes Reaume's count stopped when he resigned.

Many of the people who signed recall petitions indicated that they actually voted for these board members in the

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last election. But those supporters have come to regret their choice after observing how these four have intimidated and bullied citizens, ignored the concerns of residents, and have lacked transparency in their operations. The distrust, disgust, and disappointment toward this board continues to grow. The latest issues have been the appointments of people to high paying jobs in the tice of openings to the public, or time spent on acceptable search processes. They are rewarding political insiders with township jobs and ramming these appointments through.

Township residents need to start paying more attention to what these people are doing. Our tax dollars are being spent on their pet projects with little concern as to what the residents need or want. Our low taxes are threatened by the actions of this board. If they continue to make poor decisions with our tax dollars, low taxes in the township will be a thing of the past. We need only to look at the fiscal status of Wayne County and the city of Detroit to remind us of the consequences of public apathy when it comes to local government. Concerned Citizens is a local nonpartisan watch dog group that pays attention. Their website is http://plymouthconcernedcitizens.com/. Check it out and stay informed. **Jackie Peters**

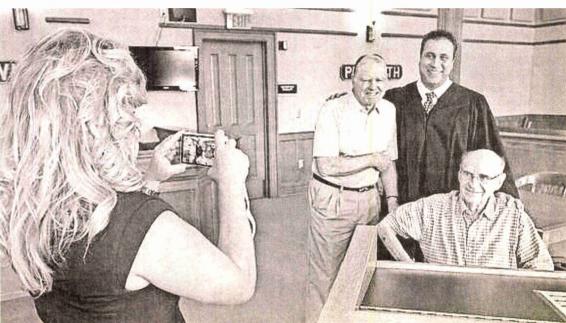
Plymouth Township

Celebrating in Plymouth

As a young Canadian, the 4th of July isn't always on my list of most memorable days. This year, as a member of the Windsor Optimist Youth Band, a marching band from Windsor, Ontario, I participated in the Good Morning USA parade. It was wonderful to be a part of the Independence Day celebrations in Plymouth.

Everyone we encountered was very friendly and the crowd watching the parade was so energetic! I wanted to say thank you to the entire community of Plymouth for being so welcoming to our band and parent volunteers.

After 31 years, a hearty congratulations



Witness Katrina Wojtowicz makes a photograph of newlyweds Paul Revoldt, Larry Murawski, and Judge James Plakas, who married the longtime partners.

ruling June 26 in Obergefell v. Hodges cleared the way for longtime Plymouth Township

The U.S. Supreme Court's couple Paul Revoldt and Larry mony July 2. The partners Murawski to marry. Judge James Plakas of the 35th District Court performed the cere-

waited 31 years to be allowed by law to marry.

You definitely made our 4th of

July much more memorable.

Jessica Flammia Windsor, Ontario, Canada

True identity

I read a very articulate, or not, depending on your point of view, letter in this paper July 2. One Bernie Mastey attempted to mock another writer he

has dubbed "The Complainer." I wish Mastey had included the name of "The Complainer." I would love to invite him or her over for a refreshing drink. We could discuss how the New Republican Party hijacked the tea party and how

far down both have sunk. I imagine "The Complainer," like myself, is an independent voter who abhors the extreme left wing faction just as much as we abhor the extreme right wing, which nowadays includes the entire Republican leadership and their flunkies. On this matter, being a independent voter and thinker, is something I imagine, the above mentioned writer would find quite alien.

We would surely agree that the few remaining Democrats in Lansing continue to fight for our people, meaning the poor, union members, the elderly the rapidly shrinking middle class, civil rights and that they refuse to turn over the keys of the state Treasury to the Republicans masters. The Republican Party of President Lincoln, former Gov. Millliken and former state Rep. John Stewart no longer exists. Fairness went out the window when billionaires decided to buy politicians that would sacrifice the many for the few. When these people can't kill the message, they attempt to slay the messenger.

In closing, if anyone knows the true identity of "The Complainer" please forward his or her information. Also, in the future, let us refer to this patriot as "The Exposer."

James Huddleston Canton Thanks for loud holiday, Legislature, Snyder

I just want to say thanks again to the Michigan state legislature and the governor for providing us with another obnoxiously loud first two weeks of July.

Yes, we had fireworks before 2012 but not like this. Police departments do not have the resources nor should we expect them to spend their crime fighting time on rude and irresponsible citizens who start their pyrotechnics at 7 p.m. and go all night every night. I feel sorry for the the poor working person who is trying to get some sleep before

they start their next shift. And then there's the animals who are put through absolute terror. I only hope that each and every member of the state Legislature lives in a neighborhood like mine where every night is a war movie out of control.

And, of course, you can see how all that extra tax money is being used. Oh wait, we can't. Don't worry Michigan, the new gas tax is coming so add that to the firework revenue and we may get I-96 to Lansing repaved with gold.

Skip Wehrle Garden City

Don't ban fracking, it helps provide jobs

The low natural gas and gasoline prices we see today are a result of hydraulic fracturing in U.S. shale formations. The U.S. Energy Information Administration has said as much in many news reports. This has led to a rebound for manufacturers and automakers. Michigan's unemployment rate has dropped two full percentage points in just one year. Consumers are paying the lowest natural gas prices in over a decade, a real savings for homeowners, schools and

But now, just as our state is getting back on its feet, a

group has come up with a radical idea to ban hydraulic fracturing – even though our own DEQ says it is safe and the federal EPA recognizes that natural gas production is helping us achieve great emissions reductions. Why would we in Michigan want to go backwards? Don't be fooled when activists ask you to sign a petition to ban fracking. Tell them, "no thanks - I'd like to keep Michigan energy bills low

and Michigan jobs strong.' Pam Westenberg Northville

Liberalism has recurring

Liberalism has some recurring themes. It's racist to require voters to prove citizenship and who they are. Bad economic reports are always unexpected, usually blamed on the weather. Five months isn't enough time to make up your mind about an abortion. More gun-control laws will stop those who'll ignore them.

Fair share never has a dollar value. If it's reached, you can't ridicule someone for not paying it. Terrorism and a weakened military are less threatening to our security than global warming. The rich should pay more because they can. When in doubt, claim rac-

We need safe spaces on college campuses to protect kids from speech we don't like. Problems can always be fixed with more money — and if it doesn't work, it means we didn't spend enough. We know what the American people want, regardless of what they

We don't like free markets because we can't control them. High-speed rail in California is more important than more water reservoirs.

Jack Belisle South Lyon

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Barbershop hits 50th year, sees new styles, old favorites

Priesthood beckons to Brighton barber from Northville shop

> By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Jeff Wicklander has been owner of Northville Barbers since age 22. Now 39, he's entering Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit this fall with plans to become

Wicklander is now former owner and still business partner with Larry Carpenter, 50, a former stay-at-home dad with six children who lives in Plymouth Township. The two men sat down in their four-chair, three-TV shop on a recent afternoon to talk

"I hear confessions every day. I just can't give absolution," said Brighton resident Wicklander, who'll work as a barber part time while in seminary. He's active at Our Lady of Good Counsel parish of Plymouth Township, but leaves his final vocation up to God.

"He may just want me to evangelize right here from my chair," Wicklander said.

"Nick Zander opened it. He's still alive," Wicklander said of the 1965 opening of Northville

Barbers, which has reached 50 years. Zander is in the Hamburg, Mich., area, and in his day there wasn't much on the Seven Mile site between Northville and Sheldon roads or nearby.

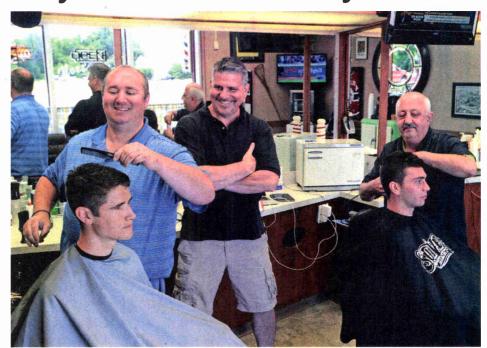
Zander entered real estate, so Tom Sorrentino took over. "Tom was a barber in Detroit at Seven Mile and Plainview" near Greenfield, Wicklander said. The Northville shop still occasionally gets his mail.

'Tom was looking for a change of scene and came out here. I bought it in '98," Wicklander said.
"They built a very successful, strong business. It was definitely easy to come into when I was 22." His grandfather helped him with the financing.

Sorrentino, an avid golfer, retired to Florida. "The guys in front of me really made it easy for me," Wicklander said. "I really give them a lot of credit. The city of Northville made it easy for me, great people.'

Fresh face

Carpenter said, "He's got the barbering expertise, but he needed more time with what he's got coming with the seminary." Carpenter, who came on board in May, will attend barber college in Lansing this fall, being near to the couple's



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The Northville Barbers on Seven Mile is celebrating its 50th year. From left are employees Jeff Wicklander, Larry Carpenter and Isaac Ilkanayev. Seated are Kevin Heslip and Lucas Carpenter.

son, 20, at Michigan State University.

They cut some women's hair back in the more unisex 1970s, when long hair needed scant maintenance. Both men praise Northville Barbers' cleanliness and the hardworking and professional barbers. "With Larry coming in, it's been nice," Wicklander said, adding he got to see his dad in Illinois a while back. "We've got a great crew."

Carpenter said, "The

real straight, tight cuts are back in style." Wicklander recalled around five years ago when middle school students took a cue from Justin Bieber and Harry Potter with their longer hair.

A place for guys

At Northville Barbers, the aim is to make an extension of a man's living room or "man cave." "They like the comfort of knowing they can come in here," Carpenter said. "It's almost

become like a man's boutique. You can hang out and feel safe." Wicklander uses the word "camaraderie."

Men's grooming has changed, with some groomsmen coming in for shaves on wedding days. "It's a man's way to pamper himself," Carpenter said.

Their barbers have noted suspicious skin growths that have been cancerous and encourage customers to be healthy. "Prostate cancer gets

mentioned in here a lot," said Wicklander, who's lost customers to cancer and wants to make men aware of their health.

Carpenter's wife, Dr. Cheryl Johnstone, is a physician at Medical Clinic of Northville, where she's been 15 years. That nearby business is turning 40 and Carpenter found his career move a natural. He's eager to get to business working with Wicklander and others on the transi-

They have a website at www.northville barbers.com and use Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Yelp. The hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, closed Sunday. The phone is 248-349-2780.

"But we are open Monday, which is not standard in this business," Carpenter said. His and Johnstone's children are helping their dad at the business, the oldest son at MSU with marketing and younger siblings with cleaning, curtains and setup.

Carpenter is adding some antique furnishings and is eager to work "and use my business skills again. It's a dynamic business. It doesn't feel like work.'

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Want music? Head to Kellogg Park in Plymouth

It's not too late to try out the variety of musical programs in downtown Plymouth this summer. Take a peek and check your calendar.

Plymouth Community Band

All concerts are in Kellogg Park. Dates are July 16, July 23, July 30 and Sept. 3.

The Plymouth Community Band will also sponsor the following groups in at 7:30 p.m. in Kellogg Park:

» Aug. 6: Irv Feldman & Friends.

» Aug. 13: Toot Sweet

Music in the Air

All concerts begin at 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park and are free. Get there early to set up your blankets and chairs. Alcohol is not permitted in the park.

Food and snacks are available in Kellogg Park before and during the concerts. Burger Spot

and Kilwins are the 2015 food vendors. The Kiwanis popcorn wagon will also be on-site and the Plymouth Community United Way will also be selling snacks and water.

The following concerts are scheduled: » July 17: Cosmic

» July 24: Global Vil-

lage » July 31: Mainstreet Soul

» Aug. 7: Dan Raffer-

» Aug. 14: The Phoe-

nix Theory » Aug. 21: Randy

and the Dittilies

Brock Group » Aug. 28: Magic Bus » Sept. 4: Steve King

Music in the Park Children's Concerts

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its 31st season at noon each Wednesday. Upcoming concerts include:

» July 15: Nessa » July 22: Mr. Seley &

The Troublemakers » July 29: The Chau-

tauqua Express » Aug. 5: Joel Tacey's

Tip Top Entertainment » Aug. 12: Gemini

» Aug. 19: Barbara Bailey Hutchinson

» Aug. 26: Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic

Performances are free thanks to program spon-

sors: The Wilcox Foundation, DJL Builders, Monroe Bank & Trust, Plymouth-Canton Montessori School, Kona Ice, Genuine Toy Co. and Huron Valley Ambulance.

Concerts are held rain (with no lightning) or shine. The rain location is under the roof at The Gathering, adjacent to





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USTA TENNIS

FAMILY SWING TIME

Crosby mother-son duo gives tennis foes a kick in the grass

> **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Marsha Crosby got to celebrate Mother's Day this year a second time with her son Bra-

The duo from South Lyon teamed to capture the 2015 U.S. Tennis Association Mother Son National Grass Court Championship held at the newly constructed Wessen Lawn Tennis Club in Pontiac.

Marsha Crosby, 63, and Brady, 30, were seeded third, but dominated all three of their matches in the nine-team field, capped by 6-2, 6-2 victory in the finals against Jacob Jensen (Northridge, Calif.) and Nancy Jensen (Salt Lake City, Utah).

"It was pretty exciting," said Marsha, a retired school teacher from West Bloomfield. "It was a really good memory to form with him. At my age, I was kind of surprised really to win that, but he's such a really good player. That always

Brady Crosby, a teaching pro at the Novi Sports Club, was an accomplished threesport athlete at Livonia Stevenson High School, where he made all-state in tennis. He was the MHSAA Division 1 No. 1 singles runner-up in 2003.

Three-sport star

In soccer, Crosby was an all-state player as well — scoring 30-plus goals — in addition to being an all-conference basketball player.

At the end of his senior year at Stevenson, Brady was named the 2003 Tomorrow's Winner Award recipient as the Male High School Athlete of the Year by the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

He went on to play four

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Marsha and Brady Crosby teamed to win the USTA Mother Son Grass Court National Tennis Championship in Pontiac. He is a Livonia Stevenson alum.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

READY TO LAUNCH AT SCHOOLCRAFT

Ex-Melvindale coach Linares already recruiting area players for Ocelots' first softball team

> By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Building a softball program up from the ground is something Rey Linares at which already has a lot of success.

The 51-year-old Linares turned a "perennial bottom feeder" at Melvindale High School — the team only had three wins combined the two seasons before he began

coaching there - into a program that won six district championships in seven seasons after taking over the

And now, he looks to guide Schoolcraft College's first women's softball team, which begins play in the 2016 Michigan Community College Athletic Association season.

'My goal and expectations are to establish and lay a solid foundation from the get-go that will begin the building of a winning tradition and competitive women's collegiate softball program," Linares wrote in an email to the Observer.

According to Linares, his

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SCHOOLCRAFT ATHLETICS

Waterford Mott catcher Rebekah Mathers was one of Schoolcraft coach Rey Linares' first recruits. He already signed a number of athletes from the Observerland area.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO Connor Sherman of Canton.

Sunshine's football clinic

The second annual Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic is just around the corner, set for 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 24 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's junior varsity football field (near Beck Road). Registration ends Monday, go to sunshinesfootballclinic.org.

So far, more than 50 youngsters have signed up to participate in the event - where Plymouth Wildcats and Our Lady of Good Counsel players and coaches help kids with special needs enjoy football fun and instruction.

Last year's debut clinic was a smash success. The concept to combine football and humanitarianism was cooked up in 2014 by then-fourth grader Connor Sherman during a school project at Workman Elementary School in Canton. He also played quarterback last season at OLGC.

Summer hockey

Time is running out to sign up for Suburban Ice Farmington Hills' summer session of the Beginner Adult Developmental Hockey League. The men's league (available to players 18 and up) runs six weeks from July 13 to Aug. 19 with games on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday nights (one game per week).

Call 248-888-1400 to register by phone, or drop off the attached registration form at the arena office (23996 Freeway Drive, Farmington Hills; west of Halstead near Grand River). Spots are limited.

Bulls romp, 8-3

The holiday weekend was over Sunday, but the Michigan Rams (14-5-1) kept on celebrating Monday with an 8-3 victory over the Bulls (15-6) at Ford Field in Livonia.

Nolan Page led the Rams' attack with a 4-for-5 outing, including a double and triple. Also tallying two hits in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League contest were Danny Kerr, Anthony DiPonio and Sean Winkelseth.





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OHL HOCKEY

Plan ahead to catch former Whalers

Firebirds to include ex-Plymouth players

> **By Tim Smith** Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers are no more, but former players from that Ontario Hockey League team - such as Canton native Tyler Sensky – are gearing up for new life with the Flint Firebirds.

Sensky, Cullen Mercer, Mitch Jones and Bryce Yetman are a few of the players moving an hour north to continue their OHL careers, following the sale of the Peter Karmanos-owned Whalers to a Flint

Another ex-Whalers player who could see playing time in Flint is goalie Alex Nedeljkovic. But his situation is dif-

YOUTH SPORTS

The Motor City River-

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June 25-28 in Rockford.

The Riversharks

opened with a thrilling

dinals. They closed pool play with a 4-0 victory

Sliders and a 6-1 victory

The No. 1-seeded

Sharks — whose roster

consists of players from

Canton, Plymouth and

Redford — went 3-0 in

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3-2 victory over the Arlington (Illinois) Car-

over the 84th Street

over the Livonia City

Thunder.



Tyler Sensky, a Canton native, is shown playing during a 2014-15 Plymouth Whalers game. He will skate next season for the new Flint Firebirds.

ferent from the other four because he could make the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes. If Nethe NHL team's roster, he must be sent back to

Meanwhile, longtime fans of the Whalers team that excelled at Compuware Arena (to be renamed USA Hockev Arena) for the past two decades — thinking about following players such as defenseman Sensky might want to check out the Firebirds' just-released home schedule.

Flint's home opener at Perani Arena & Event Center is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, against Saginaw.

The first Perani appearances by Plymouth rivals Windsor and London are slated for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, respectively.

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COACH

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connections over the past 20 years as a coach with high school, college and fast-pitch club teams has enabled him to get a leg up on filling the 2016 Schoolcraft roster.

"I am fortunate to know several of the area's high school head coaches," Linares noted. "And they have been extremely supportive and pleased that another opportunity has presented itself to allow some of the area's skilled players the ability to play collegiate ball while working toward their educational and career goals."

Linares already has signed a number of players just out of high school, as well as tapped the reservoir of current Schoolcraft students for additional talent.

Local pipeline

In the former category are new recruits such as Megan Chapman and Alaina DeFrain (Livonia Franklin), Kassidy Lipinski (Livonia Stevenson), Rosie Garvin (Livonia Churchill), Kelsie Powell (Garden City), Riley McCardle (Allen Park), Rebekah Mathers (Waterford Mott), Caitlin Fitzpatrick (Melvindale), Mariah Coleman (Dearborn) and Savannah Mehi (Allen Park).

Also joining the first Schoolcraft softball team are others who attended classes at the college in 2014-15, but who did not have the opportunity to play as freshmen.

Those include Plymouth High School alum Elaine Gerou, Salem alum Megan Johnson and Garden City product Katlyn McIntosh.

"There are a few other players I have been in regular communication with that are still possibilities," Linares wrote.

Having another nearby college softball option is a plus for area high school players, veteran



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elaine Gerou sends a pitch to the plate during her prep career at Plymouth High.

Salem coach Bonnie Southerland said.

'The great thing about Schoolcraft starting a softball program is that at (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park), we have three excellent softball programs and very talented teams,' Southerland said. "This addition could afford many of the local softball players a chance to represent and fulfill their dreams.

"I think I can speak for all the coaches at the Park when I say we are very proud of our student-athletes and love to see them succeed and play at the next level, no matter what sport or what college they may

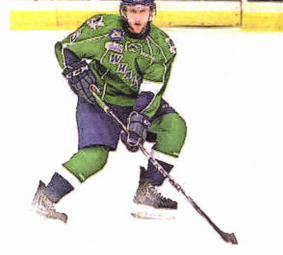
The Schoolcraft softball program launches in 2016, as will a men's baseball team.

As of now, locations for a softball/baseball complex are being scouted by members of the college's athletic depart-

Regardless of where the games are played, Southerland sees nothing but positives coming out of Schoolcraft's new program.

"Participating in athletics is so valuable to the development of this generation," Southerland said. "So if the opportunity is available, how can you not be excited about

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Riversharks devour foes in Meijer State Games

The Motor City Riversharks are pictured with their championship medals after winning the Meijer State Games of Michigan June 28 in Rockford. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Jack Savage (Salem), Robbie Laird (Canton), Joe Watson (Canton), Ben Wright (Canton), Andrew Clarke (Salem), (back row from left) head coach Bill Boyd, Brandon Boyd (Plymouth), Adam Pitcole (Salem), Jason Cantrell (Livonia Stevenson), Jeremy Armstead (Salem), Liam Radomski (Canton) and assistant coach Greg Clarke. Not pictured is Justin Kuhn (Salem).

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MICHIGAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Kemp's Amateur experience 'awesome'

Tournament at Plum Hollow caps big week for North Farmington alum

By Marty Budner Staff Writer

Chris Kemp was hoping for better results. Kemp, a 38-year-old Bloomfield Hills resident, was excited to participate in the 104th Michigan Amateur Championship on his home golf course - Plum Hollow Country Club. After all, he qualified for the Amateur as an exempt player by winning

the club championship

last summer. The 1996 North Farmington High School graduate envisioned a strong stroke-play effort en route to match play competition. Unfortunately, the final showing didn't match Kemp's ultimate goal.

Kemp opened the tournament on a high note, finishing with a 3-over 73 on the challenging 6,613-yard, par-70 layout after the first day of competition.

Kemp's second round June 23 didn't go as well. He carded an 80 for a two-day total of 153. The final cut was 150.

The field of 156 golfers was reduced to 64 match-play qualifiers after 36 holes of stroke play, and Kemp found himself on the outside looking in. He finished tied for 84th place with 10 other golfers.

"My expectations were to make match play," said Kemp, once a caddie at Franklin Hills Country Club. "Being on the home course, it was a little disappointing (to not make the cut).

Bogey man hits

A Michigan State University graduate and former Observer newspaper boy, Kemp finished his first round Monday with a pair of birdies and five bogies. On Tuesday, the bogey man took over. Kemp had nine bogies

and one double-bogey and could only counter with one birdie.

While course familiarity was in Kemp's favor, it did not work to his advantage.

"I felt like I had an advantage, absolutely," said Kemp, one of two Plum Hollow Country Club members who played in the Amateur. "You know where to hit it and where to miss it.

"I finished strong (Monday) and, with the conditions we had with the rain and the delay, I thought it was a really good round. Then (Tuesday), I struggled a little bit and probably missed six putts under eight feet and bagged it in for 80.

"I was just a hair off on some of my shots and I just hit five or six lips from under eight feet. If I could have made half of them, it would have been better," he said. "It was wet and the rough around the greens is probably six inches high and the winds were gusting up to 30 miles per hour. So it was not an easy golf course."

Kemp is unlike many of the younger players who have a little more time to hone their games and play more competitive golf. He is assistant vice president of sales at Flagstar Bank and, when not busy at his work station, he prefers to spend time at home with his wife Suzanne and 19-month-old son Noah.

When he does get out on the course, it's at Plum Hollow, where he's been a member for the past 13 years. He's not a regular player on the statewide Golf Association of Michigan tournament circuit.

'I play golf two to three times a week. Three times a week is pretty good during the summer. I work quite a bit," Kemp said. "I don't even know if I would

have had time to run around town and try to qualify (for the Amateur). This was a nice exemption to have. I used to do a lot more, but I just don't have the time any-

"There are a lot of great players in this state and they're a heck of a lot younger than me," he added. "At 38, I bring up the average age of the tournament about a decade. I just go out and play golf when I have time."

Plum Hollow support

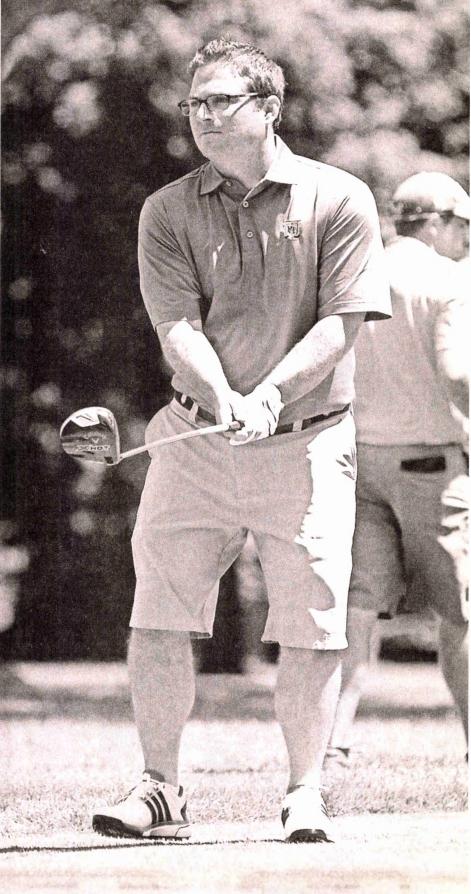
Kemp was grateful for all the support he received from his fellow club members along the course. Many of them were volunteering their time and rooting for him to make it to match play.

While his Amateur tournament ended prematurely, Kemp was glad for the opportunity to play on the Colt and Allison-designed course which he calls home.

"It's nice to see Plum Hollow in a positive light. The golf course is really, really good," Kemp said.
"Plum Hollow is a great place where I have a lot of friends. I like it because it's understated, it's not fancy and it's not pretentious. It's kind of a hidden gem and it's one of the best places to play golf in the state.

"It's a golf course that really shines. It's one of the best golf courses around and every single day it stands up against some of the more renowned golf courses in the area. This is a tough, old-school, tree-lined course that wears out every club in your bag. You need every shot here. It's just a fantastic golf course and you never get sick of playing it.

"Playing in this tournament was awesome. It was a really cool week, he added. "We had a great group and a great time and hopefully I represented Plum Hollow in a very positive way.'



JOHN STORMZAND I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Chris Kemp watches a drive fly down the fairway in the Michigan Amateur.

TENNIS

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seasons at Western Michigan University, where he ranks fifth all-time in wins and was rated as high as No. 52 in singles and No. 21 in doubles in the NCAA Division I ranks while leading the Broncos to a Mid-American Conference champi-

"He's been hitting with me about once a week for the last couple of months, but we hadn't played any doubles to gether whatsoever, Marsha Crosby said. "But we had a good strategy. He was going to cover as many balls as he could. If I had an overhead and he had enough time, he'd come in and take it. And he would because he could hit it because he's so much stronger. That strategy seemed to work pretty well."

Tough to return

Brady's left-handed, laser-like serves kept his doubles opponents on their heels.

"His serve is just

amazing," Marsha said. "Even the best men we played couldn't return his serve. He was definitely the best male player in the tournament."

The Crosbys opened tourney play with a 6-0, 6-2 quarterfinal triumph over Julius and Nicole Stuhe of Ann Arbor, before ousting second seeds Parker and Lianna Jones of Decatur, Ga., 6-3, 6-4, in the semifinals

The ones we played in the (semifinals) were very good players and I had a lot of trouble with that guy's serve," Marsha said. "Both of them had trouble with Brady's serve, so ... we were able to break that guy. I was able to get it back, but just couldn't get it back hard."

The USTA stages four different mother-son national tournaments each year, and this was the first venture for the Crosbys.

New experience

"There's not too many opportunities to play other than a normal mixed doubles tournament, but even those are hard to come by," Brady said. "It's kind of a really

cool idea. You really don't get the opportunity to play this type of tournament that often.

"It was kind of a mix of entrants in the tournament, too. There were quite a few younger kids with younger moms, then there were a couple of teams more like us where there was more of an experienced team, older son and older mom. It was a good mix of people in the tournament.

"This was also the first one close enough so we didn't have to travel for. There's a lot of people that travel for them, but we've never traveled for it, so when I found one, we decided to sign up and go and wound up winning it."

The Wessen Lawn Tennis Club is the first major grass court tennis club to be built in the U.S. in more than 100 years. It features 24 perennial rye grass courts, an Olympic-sized pool and a clubhouse.

Different surface

"It was really the first time I played on grass and it was quite an adjustment," said Marsha, who also remains active

playing volleyball and softball. "I thought it was much more difficult than hard court, but it was an experience I was really good to have because the courts were in such really good shape. They were brand new and it was really cool because there's not many places in the United States that have grass courts.

Brady, meanwhile. had only hit once previously on grass, at the Philadelphia Cricket Club when, as a coach he took a junior player to a tournament.

"The most we played on them was when they let us hit an hour before," Brady said of the Wessen Lawn Tennis Club. "But it's really a nice facility. Brand new last year. The courts were in really good shape. It was kind of cool, too, because it was hosted the weekend right before Wimbledon started. The bank of courts we played on was the first time anyone had played on those courts. It was a cool experience. There aren't many grass

courts around.' And despite having all his junior and collegiate tennis experience, it was

an adjustment for Brady

"It's just getting used

to the bounces," Brady said. "They give you some bad bounces just because it's not a completely flat surface. And the ball is a little faster and it tends to skid on the grass and stavs a little lower. Then it's just getting used to movement on the grass. The grass is pretty short, so you can still get some good traction, but it's a lot different compared to your normal hard courts, where the traction is very good.'

No issues

Marsha, who normally plays three times per week, said she was once a 5.0-minus player "and now I'm probably more like at 4.5 as I've gotten older." She was also recovering from an injury leading up to the tourney.

"I had shoulder surgery in December, had a couple of tears, a couple of pins," she said. "Then I had to have more surgery in April, too, because I had so much scarring in there because I wasn't getting my range of motion back. I

didn't even know if I'd be ready for this tournament, but it felt pretty good. No pain. Didn't have quite my full range of motion, but almost. I feel like I can serve fullout and everything. It felt good." Meanwhile, things

went smoothly on the court for the Crosbys.

"This tournament, we played pretty well," Brady said. "The matches weren't necessarily that close and it's easy to get along when your winning.

So will the Crosbys defend their title next year?

"I'm 63; I'm getting up there," Marsha said. "If the injuries hold off and Brady wants to ... it helped it was in Pontiac we didn't have to pay for traveling and he has a new baby, a new father as of January. It depends where it's at. We might, you never know."

But at least Mother's Day II will leave a lasting impression on Marsha.

'It was a really fun experience and I'm just so glad I didn't let Brady down," she said.

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Stevenson hockey

The Livonia Stevenson Summer Hockey Camp will be held through July 21 at the Eddie Edgar Ice Arena. The camp will include on-ice and off-ice ses-

The camp will be run by head coach David Mitchell, his staff and former Stevenson players. Camp will cover skill development, position development and scrimmages.

For more information, contact Mitchell at dmitchel@livoniapublic schools.org.

Salem wrestling

The Salem wrestling team will have an open skills camp for high school wrestlers and incoming freshmen 6-8 p.m. July 27-30 in the Salem wrestling room. The cost is \$40 and includes a T-shirt. Wrestlers should contact coach Henderson at 734-812-9588 to register.

Churchill football

The Livonia Churchill summer football camp for kids entering grades 3-8 will be held 7-9:20 p.m. July 22-23 at the school's football stadium.

The fee is \$50. All participants will receive a T-shirt.

All participants must bring cleats, running shoes and have a signed liability form.

For more information and a registration form, go to churchill.livoniapublicschools.org.

SUMMER CAMPS

Churchill hockey

The Livonia Churchill hockey camp will be held 8-9:20 p.m. Aug. 3-7 and Aug. 10-14 at Eddie Edgar Arena. The cost is

For more information, contact head coach Jason Reynolds at JavRev48152@ gmail.com.

Harrison volleyball

Harrison High School will host a girls volleyball camp July 21-23 in the school gym.

The cost is \$55 at the door. There is a family discount of \$50 per child for families with two or more attending the camp. A camp T-shirt is included.

The first session is 12:15-2:15 p.m. each day for girls who will be in grades 4-6. The second session will follow at 2:30-4:45 p.m. for girls in

grades 7-9. There will be an extra session 5-6 p.m. for additional instruction in hitting or setting. The fee is \$20 at the door.

A completed and signed concussion form is required. Go to www.farmington.k12.mi.us to find and print the form. Click on "Athletics" on the left and scroll down to "Concussion Info."

For more information, contact coaches Mike Love at 313-758-1185 or Sue Kendall at 248-505-

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Mike O'Brian, center, chief of the Brighton Area Fire Department, and chair of the Michigan Fire Sprinkler Coalition, attended the NFPA Fire Sprinkler Summit in Denver in May 2014. He is flanked by Joan Maisonneuve of Alberta and Brian Whitten of Ohio. Chief O'Brian joined fire service representatives and other safety advocates for the one-day home summit.

Firefighter coalition gets \$5,000 for sprinklers

The National Fire Protection Association's Fire Sprinkler Initiative has selected the Michigan Fire Sprinkler Coalition as one of the recipients of its Bringing Safety Home Grant. The funds will further local sprinkler advocacy and educational efforts in 2015. Visit the Fire Sprinkler Initiative blog throughout the year to read how sprinkler advocates in Michigan and elsewhere are using the grant. See more at: http://www.firesprin-Kierinitiative.org/state-coalitions/michigan.aspx#sthash.4IPMIP-

The Michigan Fire Sprinkler Coalition is dedicated to promoting the installation of fire sprinklers in future generations of homes. The Coalition is a resource for information about home fire sprinklers and, through a cooperative effort with stakeholders, works to identify and overcome barriers to the acceptance of sprinklers as a critical component of home fire

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community on sprinklers in the Michigan Residential Code. This will help reduce the impact of fire on a community or meet the national standards for safety in homes. Officials know that Michigan residents deserve the protection in their new homes and should be protected from fire with residential sprinklers.

For information, contact Coalition chair Chief Mike O'Brian, Brighton Area Fire Department. Coalition members are the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society, Michigan Professional Firefighter's Union, Michigan State Firemen's Association, and Underwriters Laboratories (UL)

To further the life-saving

impact of home fire sprinklers, NFPA's Fire Sprinkler Initiative awarded grants to sixteen organizations in 2015 to fund sprinkler advocacy campaigns across North America.

The Bringing Safety Home Grant Program will assist the recipients, comprised of U.S. state sprinkler coalitions and other North American safety advocates, in supporting activities that showcase the importance of requiring home fire sprinklers in new, oneand two-family homes.

'Sprinklers are gaining momentum as more residents and policy-makers understand the value of them in new homes. Home fire sprinklers can reduce home fire deaths

by about 80 percent and direct property damage by about 70 percent, according to NFPA research," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA.

The grants will fund an array of sprinkler advocacy endeavors, including:

» local sprinkler summits that aim to bring together key stakeholders to work on the acceptance of home fire sprin-

» local advocacy programs o snowcase the impact home fire sprinklers at community events

» outreach programs for local officials and policy-mak-

» efforts to assess a state's true cost of fire and how sprinklers can mitigate future

"The Fire Sprinkler Initiative's Grant Program set out to help sprinkler coalitions and other safety advocates implement strong ideas for sprinkler advocacy," said Carli. "The overall response to the program shows a great level of interest from organizations across North America that are working toward home fire sprinklers requirements to help save the lives of citizens and first responders.

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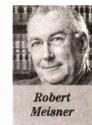
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Arizona rebounds; seek broker in the know

Q: I think Sedona and the Verde Valley of Arizona are beautiful and I am wondering what the market has been like there over the last

A: While the market there suffered during the recession, just as everyone did, things are slowly coming back. A threebedroom, three-bathroom, 2,256-square-foot home over-

looking a beautiful mountain in the West Sedona corridor is selling for an asking price of \$449,000, whereas a three-bedroom home



bordering on a national forest with great views is selling for \$1.490 million. In every place else, the cost of homes varies depend-ing upon the location and the view. Generally speaking, I observed that the properties have not come back to their pre-2007 levels and many of the homes remain winter vacation homes for the many of the residents. There are a host of high-end real estate brokers that can help you navigate the real estate environment in the

Q: I can't make up my mind whether I want to settle in Vail, Breckenridge or Aspen/Snowmass as a winter retreat. What do you sug-

A: It all depends upon your socioeconomic situation. The gross amount of sales in Aspen/Snowmass have gone in the aggregate from \$200 million in 2011 to \$375 million in 2014 in the fourth quarter of both. It shows you that the price of housing around Aspen as well as the town itself is as expensive as any place in the country barring New York and San Francisco. Vail is more a ski resort where you can buy a condominium unit, but will not have that much of a town setting. Units tend to be more the case in its adjoining communities. Breckenridge is bulging with popularity because of the uniqueness of the town setting as well as the skiing opportunities. Breckenridge is a hot community and you may expect to pay more per square foot then perhaps even in Vail. All of these communities have an abundance of real estate opportunities and the attendant real estate brokers and salespeople. I suggest that you get their brochures that outline the extent of the range of cost of residential availability of these units. However, beware of new construction because of potential defects and deficiencies which have amounted in many instances resulting in construction defect litigation.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY **BLOOMFIELD HILLS**

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residentia real-estate closings recorded the weeks of Feb. 16 - 20, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities. addresses, and sales prices.

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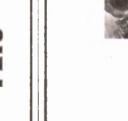
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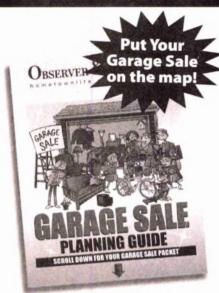
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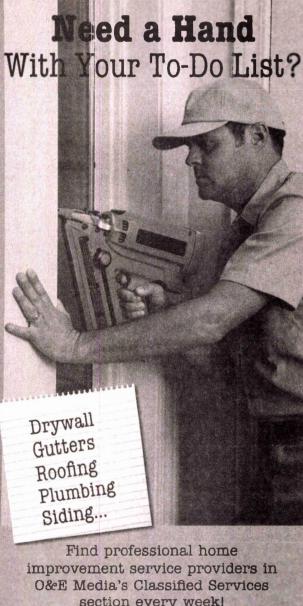
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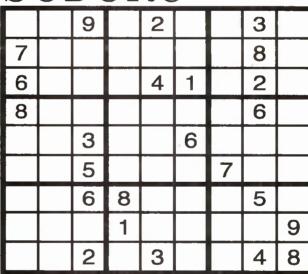
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JULY **BAKE SALE/PET ADOPTION**

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, July 12

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Bake sale with proceeds going to Providing for Paws, a local animal rescue that will be on hand with animals for adop-

Contact: Tina at 734-716-8986 COMMONGROUND

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. July 24 Location: Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: This girl's night out "with focus" draws women from throughout the metro area and includes worship, inspirational teaching, appetizers, giveaways, coffee bar, and book launch for a women's devotional. The group will collect \$5 coffee gift cards from Tim Hortons Starbucks, McDonald's and other restaurants, to give to parents of elementary school students on the first day of school

Contact: 734-397-1777

HOSANNA PALOOZA Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 25 Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford

Details: Free Christian music festival and arts and crafts fair includes 10 musical acts in 10 hours, crafters and vendors will be on site 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 3 p.m. gift drawings

Contact: 313-937-2424

LECTURE SERIES Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday,

through July 28 Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Howard N. Lupovitch,

director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University, will explore through video clips and readings what the Jewish presence on television reflects about the complex relationship between American Jews and American culture. Topics are Criminalizing Anti-Semitism, July 14; Laughing at Jews, Laughing with Jews, July 21 and Beyond the Yiddishe Mama, July 28. Free for Beth Ahm members. Cost is \$15 per lecture for nonmembers. Advance registration requested, but walk-ins accepted

Contact: Alison Blau at 248-851-6880 or email ablau@cbahm.org

OUTDOOR WORSHIP Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, July 12-Aug. 23

Location: Grounds of the Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, at Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads,

Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church holds worship services in a casual, outdoor setting. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton

Contact: 734-459-3333 **SINGLES**

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 11

Location: New Peking Chinese Restaurant, 29106 Ford Road, Garden City

Details: Faith Uniting Neighbors, the F.U.N., a new group for Catholic singles, ages 30-60, meets for dinner and mini-golf. There is no pre-payment required for dinner. Golf will cost \$5 per person, F.U.N. is a yearround group, sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church and the Northwest Wayne Vicariate of the Archdiocese of Detroit, for single Catho-

Contact: catholicsingles@livoniastmichael.org

SOCCER CAMP

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

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: For boys and girls, 5-12,

of any skill level. Cost is \$25 per students and includes water bottle, instruction, snacks and a soccer ball to take home. Register at christoursavior.org Contact: 734-522-6830

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. to noon, July 13-16

Location: Faith Baptist Church, 26305 Ford Road, Dearborn

Heights

Details: During "Son Spark Labs," kids listen to music, play games, hear about God, and more. Transportation available

Contact: 313-274-3777 **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. July 20-24 Location: Hosanna-Tabor Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford Details: Camp Discovery theme, with Bible stories, crafts, snacks, games and fun

Contact: 313-937-2424

AUGUST DEMENTIA SERIES

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26

Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road,

Details: Fourth session on dementia in a series of educational meetings sponsored by the Northwest Wayne Vicariate, focuses on ending the negative social stigma and isolation of someone with dementia and empowering the person who still is there

Contact: Sue Massey at 734-455-5910; smassey@sjncanton.org **FREE STUFF**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15 Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Clothes, home and yard goods, pictures, jewelry, toys and more. Take what you need. No charge

Contact: 734-421-1760

SOCCER CAMP

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m., Aug. 3-7 Location: Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center. 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Soccer Camp for boys and girls, 5 and up, any skill level. Nonrefundable fee is \$25 per student. Includes water bottle, instruction, snacks, and a T-shirt. Register at www.crossroadsnow.org

Contact: info@crossroadsnow.org or Pastor Steve at 248-890-5718

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 3-7 Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton Details: Theme is Market Place Jerusalem AD; for kids age

4-grade five. Register at vbs.connectingwithGod.org Contact: 734-459-3333

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township **Details:** Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman.

Livonia **Details:** This informal class

includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one Contact: pastor Tom Hazel-

wood at 734-765-5476 **CLOTHING BANK**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive,

Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

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

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

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

Contact: 313-408-3364

Thursday

FAMILY MEAL Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

RELIGION CALENDAR

Hills **Details**: Free meal Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 **HEALING SERVICE**

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

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

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

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

Christ Our Savior Lutheran

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

ers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergart-

Details: Mothers of Preschool-

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 W. Chicago

Road, Redford Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope. Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

or Kristen at 734-542-0767

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service

Contact: 313-563-0162 **PRAYER**

St. Edith Church Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thurs-

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching Fellowship with snacks follows Contact: Parish office at 734-

Contact: 734-464-1223 St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday Location: 7000 N. Sheldon,

Canton Details: Praying silently or

aloud together; prayer requests welcomed. Contact: 734-459-3333 for

additional information SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304 **Details:** Divorce Overcomers

group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

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

First Presbyterian Church Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays

Location: 200 E. Main St.,

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5 Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit

www.singleplace.org **Steve's Family Restaurant** Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and

fourth Thursday Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is

an informal "peer" group where

men have an opportunity to meet with others. Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West **Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat

songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

daily Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

Connection Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all

hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009 **Detroit World Outreach**

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

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222. Ext. 244 » Farmington Hills Baptist

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in

Farmington Hills Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group Contact: 248-433-1011

» Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City Details: Metro Fibromyalgia

support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519 » Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Contact: 734-421-8451 » St. Thomas a' Becket

Details: Fireside Adult Day

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Contact: 734-855-4056 or

q.org; or email to adm@fire-

» St. Andrew's Episcopal

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon

Location: 16360 Hubbard,

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

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton Details: Take Off Pounds Sen-

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

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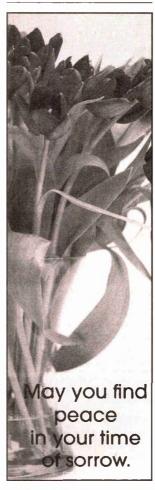
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JUDD, EDMOND

Age 87, North Oaks, Minnesota formerly of Plymouth, Michigan. Passed away June 25, 2015. Predeceased by brother and Curtis. Survived by loving wife of 63 years Ruth; daughter Polly (Robb) LaChappelle; grandsons, Curtis, Jackson, and Joel of St. Paul, MN; nieces, nephews and many friends. Born and raised in Bristol, CT. Graduate of Bristol High School 1945. Enlisted in the US Navy June 1945. Graduate of WPI (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) 1950 with BSME. Worked for Associated Spring Corp (now Barnes Group, Inc.) for 40 years in 5 different locations; Bristol, CT; Mattoon, IL; Dayton, OH; Plymouth and Livonia, MI. After residing in Plymouth, MI for 42 years, Ruth and Ed moved to be closer to Polly and her family. Ed enjoyed golf in his younger years, gardening, traveling, watching Big 10 football and basketball and his grandsons' activities. Memorial Service to Thursday, July 9 at Waverly Gardens in North Oaks, MN. Memorials preferred to: First Church Presbyterian of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 or donor's choice.



LIVINGSTONE PHYLLIS J.

Kalamazoo, Michgian. Passed away Tuesday evening, June 30, 2015. Phyllis was born January 14, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan to Charles and Mary (Detweiler) Hayward. She had been a Kalamazoo area resident since 2011, relocating from Farmington, MI. Phyllis taught for the Livonia Public Schools for 28 years, retiring in 1984 before beginning a successful sec-Known career. 'Sunshine" as a child, she was known for her cheerful disposition, creativity, generosity, and kindness. Her unswerving optimism, empathy and compassion earned her the love and allegiance of her family and countless friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Burt Knighton; a brother, Bruce Hayward; and a sister, Helen Womack. She is survived by her 3 children, David (Michele Estebon) Livingstone of Farmington, MI, and Laura (Peter) Livingstone-McNelis and John "Jack" Livingstone of Kalamazoo; a God-daughter, Patricia Fisher, of Fairbanks, Alaska; 6 Fisher, or present the grandchildren; her David former (Reta) Livingstone of Grand Rapids; and several nieces and nephews. Services were need.

Tuesday, July 7th at the
Family Funeral Homes, Memorial Chapel, 622 S. Burdick St. Visitation was 6-8pm Monday and one hour prior to the service at the chapel. Private interment will occur at a later date. Memorials in honor of Phyllis may be directed to the family for the benefit of her

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NITCHMAN, EARL W.

July 6, 2015, age 86. Beloved husband of Marilyn. Dear father of Brady (Barbara) Nitchman, Carrie (Karl) Majeske and Sally (Kevin) Smith. Grandfather of Joel (Piper) Nitchman, Amelia (Michael) Schmeding, Susan (Michael) Martinchek, Michael Nitchman, Hattie, Blair and Zeke Majeske, Marilyn and Lily Smith. Also leaves four great grandchildren. Brother of Jean Sullivan, Catherine Quinn and Bernadine Miles. Visitation Friday 4p.m. - 8p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Plymouth. Visitation will continue on Saturday from 9a.m. until

time of the Funeral Mass at 9:30a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic

Church, 14951 Haggerty Road,

Plymouth. Read the full obituary

at www.schrader-howell.com



SR. M. WINIFRED OSF 1922 - 2015 Sylvania Franciscan Sister M.

Winifred Templin died on July 2, 2015 at Rosary Care Center at the motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, Ohio. Sister Winifred entered the convent in 1941 from Gilman, Minnesota, made her first profession of religious vows in and her final vows in 1948. Sister earned a B.A. in Education and Social Science from Mary Manse College, Toledo, Ohio and a M.A. in Education from St. Thomas College, St. Paul, Minnesota. Sister Winifred was the principal of St. Raphael Elementary School in Garden City, Michigan from 1969 to 1975. She taught and adminis-She taught and administered in Catholic schools for 42 years in Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Ohio. Sister was a member of the Leadership Council of the Sisters of St Francis for four years, spent three years as a "house mother" at a home for children with AIDS in Houston, Texas, and spent 10 years as a patient visitor and spiritual care coordinator at hospitals in Ohio and Texas. Her final years were spent in prayer ministry on the campus of the Sylvania Franciscans. Sister was a very active Companion Sister in the Associates process. Sister Winifred is survived by many nieces and nephews who continued a close relationship with her. She was a very family-oriented woman and loved to hear from her closely connected family members. To know Sister Winifred was to love her. Her warm smile, gracious personality, contagious sense of humor and spiritual presence immediate and evident to all she met. She gave of herself generously whether it was caring for children in grade school, babies with AIDS or the elders in the hospital and nursing home. "Winnie" was loved by all and loved all the people she met. She will be dearly missed by her Sisters in Community and the many family members and friends she has touched along the way. There was a Welcoming Home Liturgy for Sister Winifred on July 8 in Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis in Sylvania. The funeral will be at 4:30 p.m., July 9. Interment will be in Porta Coeli Cemetery on the campus of the Sisters. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St.

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Get lost in a little smooth jazz at Art in the Park this weekend

By Sharon Dargay

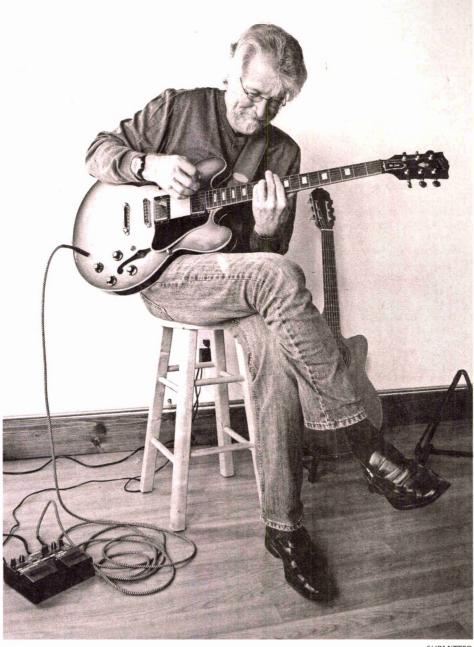
Staff Writer

Ron Hark will slow the pace and send out cool vibes this weekend from his little corner of Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth.

Hark, a guitarist, will play smooth jazz ar-rangements of familiar pop, rock, and country tunes at noon each day at the bustling fair, which draws thousands of art lovers and more than 400 artists each year. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 10, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 11, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 12, in Kellogg Park and on nearby streets.

"In the music I do, you'll recognize the melodic thread and hopefully what I've done to it you'll like. It's not in-your-face jazz," said Hark, who will make his Art in the Park debut at the 36th annual event. "I've only been a jazz guy for about four or five years. I really like the melancholy, nice, sophisticated jazz tunes, but you can't do too many of those in a row or people start throwing things."

Hark, 68, who lives about a block from Kellogg Park, frequently plays as a jazz solo artist at the Plymouth Farmers Market, around town in restaurants and occasionally for seniors in assisted living facilities. He played bass guitar in bands for years, performing in bars and clubs throughout Michigan and has shared the stage with Chuck Berry, Joe Cocker, and Rascal Flatts.



Ron Hark warms up before a show. He'll perform July 10-12 at Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth.

"It's a tough business and if you don't love it you won't last, I don't

care what the magnitude of success is. You have to have some ego to stick

yourself in front of people and then there is the love of music part of it.

I'm the love of music kind of guy." Hark, whose full name

is Harkrader, said he played for 12,000 music fans when he opened for Rascal Flatts in Grand Rapids, but did a better job performing for six listeners in a Kalamazoo coffee house the next

day.
"I didn't execute as well on that gig as I did in the coffee shop. I was more satisfied playing the in the coffee shop. Its not about how many people there area or how much money there is. It's about the music. I play most of the time with my eves shut. I like to play what I feel."

He also enjoys talking with audience members and considers himself "very approachable."

"That's the great part about music. You get to know all these people and entertainers.'

Young performer

Hark taught himself to play guitar by reading books and watching his father play. He was 12 when he began to accompany his father to gigs in Midland-area bars and 15 when he started taking on his own jobs.

Hark said his earnings went into the "family kitty," but he was allowed to borrow his dad's car for the performance.

"I was making about 80 bucks a week," Hark recalled. "Back in the '60s and '70s every bar had to have music on the weekend. There were a lot more bands and musicians."

He continued performing at night and on weekends after taking a job with General Motors in 1967. He spent nearly 40 years with GM, starting as a draftsman and moving into troubleshooting, innovation and design before retiring in 2005. While working for the company, he earned a doctoral degree in mechanical engineering and was granted 11 international patents.

"It was a great career. I had a wonderful time. I've been around the world at least 20 times," he said, adding that he worked with vehicle steering for the first 10 years of his career.

"The Chevy division of GM got to know my work and made an offer to come to Detroit. Finally after three offers, the money was so good I couldn't refuse."

He left mid-Michigan for Detroit in 1988 and then moved into the GM truck division in 1991 where he finished his career.

He has since traded his truck for an RV, which he drives to music gigs beyond southeastern Michigan. He often sets out a collection cup for Last Chance Rescue.

"I like to support the Last Chance folks out in Howell. The money I get I tend to give to them. The more money they get, the longer they can keep the dogs there. Most of the time I have a cup out for the dogs."

He'll have copies of his CD, Gentle Gelato, for sale at Art in the Park,

For more about Hark, visit ronhark.com. For more about Art in the Park, visit artinthepark-.com.

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ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

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

daily Location: I-696 service drive and

admission and parking

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

Wild Summer Nights: Concerts run 6:30-8 p.m. and include Starfarm, July 15; Michigan Opera Theatre, July 22; Mr. Seley and the Troublemakers, July 29; Taylor Taylor, Aug. 5; The Verve Pipe, Aug. 12; Detroit Children's Choir, Aug. 19; Candy Band, Aug.

Contact: 248-541-5717 **ARTS AND CRAFTS**

ART IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 10, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 11, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 12

Location: Downtown Plymouth Details: More than 400 artists show and sell their works. Kids' activities include face painting, glitter tattoos, sandy candy art, candle making and more. Guitarist Ron Hark and One Love Reggae Band perform throughout the weekend. George Tait's Living Statue will be on hand. Local artists will create a chalk masterpiece and Kristen Dillenbeck-Anderson of New York, a Canton native, will combine body painting and live models to create a "living mural." A shuttle bus will run between Plymouth City Hall and the ACH plant, 14425 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Free parking at ACH; shuttle costs \$3 round trip for adults. Kids 12 and under ride for free

Contact: 734-454-1314; artinthepark.com

JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

Time/Date: The exhibition runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, through July 16 Location: Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: 68th annual Michigan Water Color Society Annual Exhibition

Contact: 248-661-1000

VILLAGE THEATER

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

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Healing Art," includes works by photographers Michelle Malloch and Amy Lockard and fiber work combined with painting by Kelly Darke Contact: 734-394-5300

AUDITIONS

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. July 20-21 Location: Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton Details: Auditions for The Producers, by Mel Brooks will consist of selected songs, cold reading and a choreographed dance. Wear comfortable

clothes and shoes for audition. Everyone cast in the show must become a Spotlight member. Contact: spotlightplayersmi.org

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE PREVIEW

CAR EVENTS

Time/Date:Noon to 4 p.m.

Saturday, July 25 Location: Downtown Northville Details: Rare, vintage car exhibition features approximately 30 pre-war vehicles and a Ford Thunderbird exhibit. Performers are Boogie Woogie Kid, noon to 1:45 p.m., and The Dave Bennett Quartet, 2-4 p.m.

Contact: downtownnorthville.com

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 9; 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 10-11; 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, J<mark>u</mark>ly 12 Location: 760 Penniman, Ply-

Details: The Age of Adaline; admission \$3

Coming up: Far From The Madding Crowd, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 19; Pitch Perfect 2, 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 26

Summer Cinema: Films screen at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. all seats are \$3. The Wizard of Oz, July 16; Raiders of the Lost Ark, July 23; The Sound of Music, July 30; Back to the Future, Aug. 6; Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Aug. 13; The Goonies, Aug. 20; The Muppets Take Manhattan, Aug. 27

Contact: 734-453-0870 www.penntheatre.com **POPCORN TUESDAY**

Time/Date: Tuesday through Aug. 25

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

Details: Any size popcorn is free; includes one refill

Contact: mirtheatres.com **REDFORD THEATRE**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. July 10 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 11 Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in

Detroit Details: Jurassic Park; \$5 Coming up: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, 8 p.m. July 17, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 18 and 1 p.m. July 19, with appearances by Peter Ostrum (Charlie Bucket) and Paris Themmen (Mike Teevee); \$7 A meet-andgreet event at 5 p.m. July 18 costs \$30 and includes desserts, seating for the Saturday evening show and an opportunity to meet Ostrum and Themmen

Contact: 313-898-1481 **ROCK HARD FILM FEST**

Time/Date: Doors open at 7 p.m. July 16

Location: Tangent Gallery, 715 Milwaukee, Detroit

Details: Local and international music videos, short music documentaries and mockumentaries. Includes six videos that competed last month in the Rock Hard FAST timed film making competition. Live performance by the Orbitsuns. Admission is \$10 at

Contact: rockhardfilmfast.com **SUMMER DRIVE-IN**

Time/Date: Films screen at dusk, nightly through Sept. 6 Location: USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth

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

Contact: 734-927-3284 **HISTORY**

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KELSEY MUSEUM

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GET OUT

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

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor Details: "Rocks, Paper, Memory: Wendy Artin's Watercolor Paintings of Ancient Sculptures" features paintings of ancient Greek and Roman sculptures along with objects from the Kelsey's collection

Contact: 734-764-9304 **PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17. Free museum admission for active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day

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

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC

BLUES@THE ELKS

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

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

Details: Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780 **CANTON COLOR TOUR**

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 10-

Aug. 21 Location: A different parking lot each week along Ford Road in Canton

Details: Dal Bouey kicks off the series at JC Penney, located between Morton Taylor and Sheldon. Herbie Russ is up the following week, July 17, performing at IKEA, located at Ford Road and Haggerty

Contact: shopcanton.org **CANTON CONCERTS**

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

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

Details: Remedy, July 9; Howlin Mercy, July 16; The Phoenix Theory, July 23; Allen as Tim and the Dance Hall Rockers, July 30; Greg Jaqua with an Elivs Presley Tribute, Aug. 6; and The Dan Rafferty Band, Aug. 13

Contact: cantonfun.org **CONCERT IN THE PARK**



Portraying crows in Spotlight on Youth's production of "The Wizard of Oz" are Ivy Davis, left, of Wayne, Sophia Young of Canton, Alison Bradley of Canton and Abby Anderson of Plymouth.

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

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

Details: Concerts at Handy Park include The Jam Rocks, July 14; Leaky Tiki's, July 21; Stardusters Big Band, July 28; Terry Bar & No Left Turn, Aug. 4; Persuasion,

Contact: 313-387-2650 JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

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

Details: \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com **JAZZ IN THE PARK**

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

Location: Band shell at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: Three different jazz acts perform each week at this free concert Contact: jazzinthepark.org

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. July 11, and 6:15 p.m. Aug. 29

Location. Kensington Metropark in Milford in July; and Grand Circus Park in **Detroit in August**

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

Contact: 734-451-2112; michigan-

MUSIC FROM THE HEART

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

Location: Livonia Civic Center grounds,

Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Dean Martin and Friends, July 9; Dan Rafferty Band, July 16; The Millionaires, July 23; Steve King and the Dittilies, July 30; Motor City Soul, Aug. 6: Billy Mack & the Juke Joint Johnnies. Aug. 13; Cosmic Groove Band, Aug. 20; Thomas & Kentucky Strait, Aug. 27

Contact: ci.livonia.mi.us MUSIC IN THE AIR

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

Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: Cosmic Groove, July 17; Global Village, July 24; Mainstreet Soul, July 31; The Dan Rafferty Band, Aug. 7; Phoenix Theory, Aug. 14; The Randy Brock Band, Aug. 21; Magic Bus, Aug. 28; Steve King & The Dittilies, Sept. 4

Contact: plymouthmich.org MUSIC IN THE PARK CHILDREN'S **SERIES**

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

Location: Kellogg Park in downtown **Plymouth**

Details: Nessa, July 15; Mr. Seley & The Troublemakers, July 22: The Chautauqua Express, July 29; Joel Tacey's Tip Top Entertainment, Aug. 5; Gemini, Aug. 12;

Barbara Bailey Hutchinson, Aug. 19; Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic, Aug. 26 Contact: plymoutharts.com

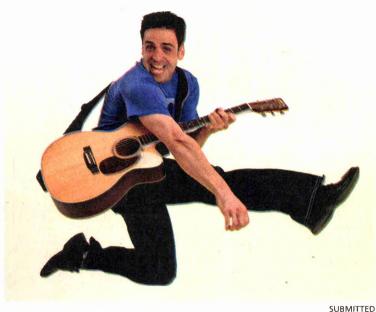
RHYTHMS IN RILEY PARK

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

Location: Downtown Farmington Details: The Paisley Fogg, July 10; 2 Dayz Gone, July 24; The Luddites, July 31; Allie Louise, Aug. 7; Hullabaloo, Aug. 14; Twisted Root Revival, Aug. 21; Thiurd Coast Kings, Aug. 28

Contact: downtownfarmington.org **ROCKIN' ON THE RIVERFRONT**

Time/Date: 8-10 p.m. Saturday, July 10 Location: Riverfront Plaza between GM Ren Cen and the Detroit River, in



Mr. Seley & the Troublemakers perform July 22 in Kellogg Park, in Plymouth.

Details: The Doobie Brothers kicks off this free Friday music series that runs through Aug. 21. Viewing space is on a first come first served basis. Parking is available for \$5 per vehicle, starting at 5 p.m. in the GM surface lot at St. Antoine and Atwater

Contact: facebook.com/RockinontheRi-

STARS IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday through Aug. 27, excluding July 2 and

Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills **Details:** Farmington Community Big Band, July 9; Howlin Mercy, July 23; Kari

Holmes & The Modern Day Drifters, July

30; Sonic Freeway, Aug. 6; Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 13; Kathy Kosins, Aug. 20; L'USA, Aug. 27 Contact: 248-473-1848

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia **Details:** The Tall Trees featuring Tim Grimm, Ben Bedford and Diederek Van Wassenaer, July 16; Rachel Zylstra, July 17; Open Stage, July 21; Hayley Reardon, July 24. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

THEATER

MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 10-11, 17-18 and 2 p.m. July 12

Location: 27555 Grantland, Livonia **Details**: Actors, ages 7-16, perform Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. Tickets are \$8 each; or buy two tickets for \$14, three tickets for \$20 Contact: mcyt.org **PAUL'S PLAYERS**

Time/Date: 3 p.m. July 19 Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: High school students involved in the community theater troupe's Baggage and Backpacks summer camp perform dance, poetry, visual arts or music to express ideas sparked by discussion of such topics as drug abuse, teen pregnancy, refugee children, social media, the death penalty and war. Free admission, although donations will be

Contact: 248-347-4134; paulsplayers@gmail.com

PENNY SEATS THEATRE COMPANY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 9-11; 16-17; and 13-15; and 2 p.m. July 19 Location: West Park, 215 Chapin, Ann

Details: The Complete Works of William Shakespeare [Abridged], features Matt Cameron of Plymouth, Artun Kircali of Ann Arbor; and Leanne Young of South Lvon as three actors who perform — or at least mention — every . Shakespearean work in 90 minutes. Tickets are \$10

Contact: pennyseats.org; 734-926-5346 **SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, July 9-12; 2 p.m. Saturday-Súnday, July

Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton Details: The Wizard of Oz; tickets are

Contact: canton-mi.org/villagetheater, 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460

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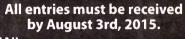
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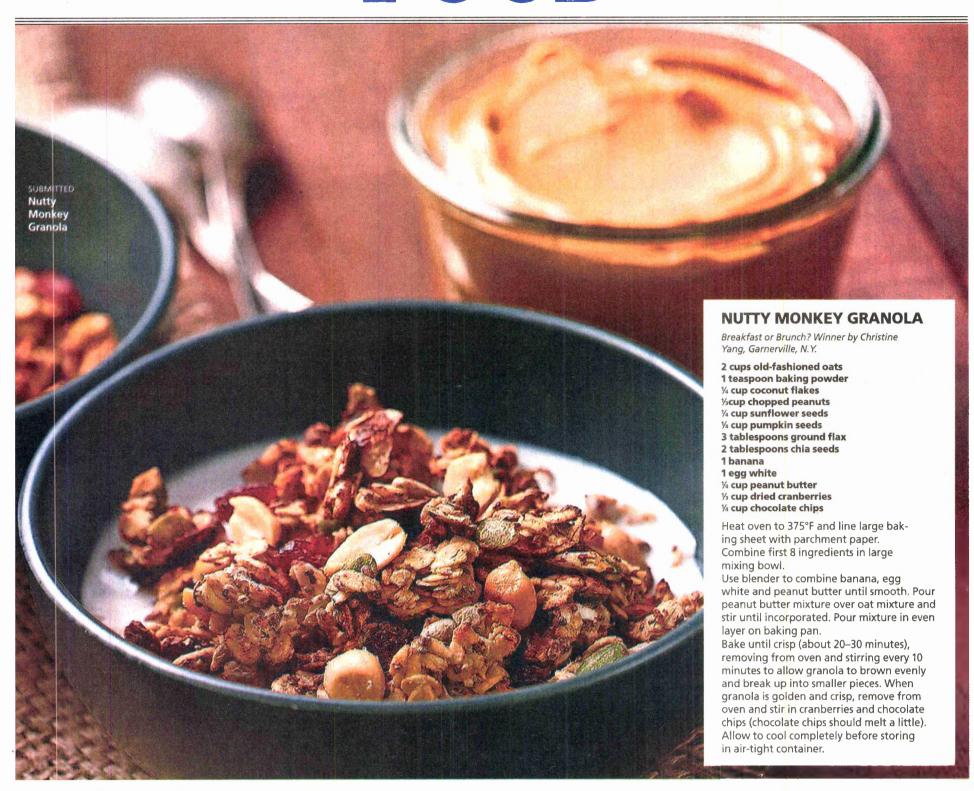
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WITH SPICY ORANGE SHRIMP Grand Prize Winner from Darlene Buerger, Peoria, Ariz.

1 tablespoon Sriracha sauce

- 1/4 cup orange marmalade 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar 1 tablespoon grated ginger
- 8 ounces shrimp, peeled, de-veined 1/4 cup onion, diced
- 1/4 cup red pepper, diced
- 2 tablespoons peanut oil 2 cloves minced garlic
- ¼ cup coconut milk, plus extra 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
- ¼ cup island teriyaki sauce
- 2 teaspoons crystalized ginger 1 teaspoon hot pepper flakes (or to taste)
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 (12-ounce) packages ramen noodles, cooked according to package directions
- 1 cup coleslaw mix

Peanuts and scallions, for garnish

In medium bowl, combine Sriracha, marmalade, soy sauce, vinegar and grated ginger. Stir to combine and add shrimp. Refrigerate 20 minutes.

In large skillet over medium heat, saute onion and pepper in peanut oil until tender. Add garlic and cook an additional minute. Reduce heat and add coconut milk, peanut butter, teriyaki sauce, crystalized ginger, hot pepper flakes and brown sugar. Simmer sauce 2 to 3 minutes, adding additional coconut milk as needed. Pour off ¼ cup of sauce and add ramen noodles to remaining sauce.

In large skillet over medium heat, cook shrimp 2 to 3 minutes on each side until tender. Move shrimp to outer edge of pan and cook coleslaw mix in center just until it starts to wilt. Add wilted slaw mix to ramen

sauce mixture. Divide ramen among four plates and top with 4 or 5 shrimp. Garnish with reserved sauce, peanuts and scallions, if desired.



SPICY PEANUT BUTTER GLAZED SALMON SKEWERS WITH WARM **RICE SLAW**

Family Favorite Winner from Janice Elder, Charlotte, N.C.

- 1 (20-ounce) can pineapple chunks in juice, divided
- 1 ½ pound salmon fillet, skin removed 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 ½ cups packaged broccoli slaw mix 2 cups hot cooked rice
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter 2 tablespoons Asian chili sauce (such as Sriracha)
- Juice and grated zest of 1 fresh lime 1/4 cup chopped salted peanuts
- Fresh lime slices, cilantro leaves and chopped peanuts, for garnish

Drain pineapple chunks, reserving juice.

Cut salmon into 1-inch cubes. Place ¼ cup pineapple juice into bowl with soy sauce; add salmon, tossing to coat. Let stand about 15

Gently stir ¼cup pineapple juice and broccoli slaw into hot rice, blending well. Season to taste with salt and black pepper, then cover and keep warm. Whisk peanut butter with remaining pineapple juice, chili sauce and lime juice, and zest, blending well. Set aside.

Heat oven broiler; place oven rack 6 inches from broiler element. Line broiler pan with foil and spray with nonstick spray. Thread salmon cubes and pineapple chunks onto 8 metal (or soaked bamboo) skewers, dividing equally. Place on broiler pan. Cook 2 minutes, then brush with peanut butter mixture. Repeat brushing and broiling until salmon is flaky, turning as needed to brown evenly, about 8 minutes total.

Divide warm rice mixture evenly among four serving plates; top with skewers. Sprinkle skewers lightly with chopped peanuts and serve while warm. May be garnished with additional lime slices and cilantro leaves, if desired.



ORANGE-KISSED PEANUT BUTTER

Dreamy Desserts Winner from Sally Sibthrope, Shelby

- Township
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- ½ cup orange juice 1 tablespoon orange zest
- 2 cups brown sugar, packed 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup buttermilk Frosting:
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter 3 tablespoons orange juice
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract 1 ½ cups powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup whipped cream Chopped peanuts, for garnish

Heat oven to 350°F. Generously grease and flour

Bundt pan. Set aside. In large bowl mix together butter, peanut butter, orange juice and orange zest until well combined and

creamy. Beat in sugar, eggs and vanilla. Combine flour, baking soda and salt, then stir half into peanut butter mixture. Stir in half of buttermilk. Add remaining flour and buttermilk, mixing until just blended. (Don't overmix or cake will be tough.) Pour

batter into prepared pan. Bake 45–50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Let cool in pan for about 5-10 minutes, then remove cake from pan and let cool

completely For frosting, beat all ingredients together to pourable consistency. Pour over cake, and sprinkle with chopped peanuts.