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# Italian automobile supply firm opens parts plant in township

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A company that makes parts found in about one-fourth of the world's automobile engines has opened a factory in Plymouth Township, its first outside Italy in its nearly 90-year history.

Brugola USA Industriale Inc. formally dedicated Friday the 110,000-square-foot plant on Port Street with an appearance by Gov. Rick Snyder. The company, based in Lissone, Italy, in the Milan area, specializes in making critical engine fasteners. Ford Motor Co. is its biggest customer in the U.S.

Brugola purchased the site on Port Street last year and began production there several months ago, said Kevin Stanisz, vice president of sales and marketing.

*"We're excited to be in Plymouth Township. It's given us an opportunity to service our customers better, for sure."*

**KEVIN STANISZ**
vice president of sales and marketing

"We're excited to be in Plymouth Township. It's given us an opportunity to service our customers better, for sure," Stanisz said.

Eighteen people now work at the plant, Stanisz said, and employment is expected to reach 75-80, most of them in the skilled trades, by the end of 2017 as more equipment is brought into the facility to increase production.

A heat-treatment furnace expected to be acquired in 2017 will give the plant the ability to produce 100 percent of the product line that's made in Italy, Stanisz said. There are six pieces of manufacturing equipment at the plant now, he said, and that should grow to about 22 pieces by 2017.

### Supply chain solution

Brugola's U.S. sales, Stanisz said, are around $20 million to $22 million annually and are projected to grow to $38 million by 2018.

The move to Plymouth

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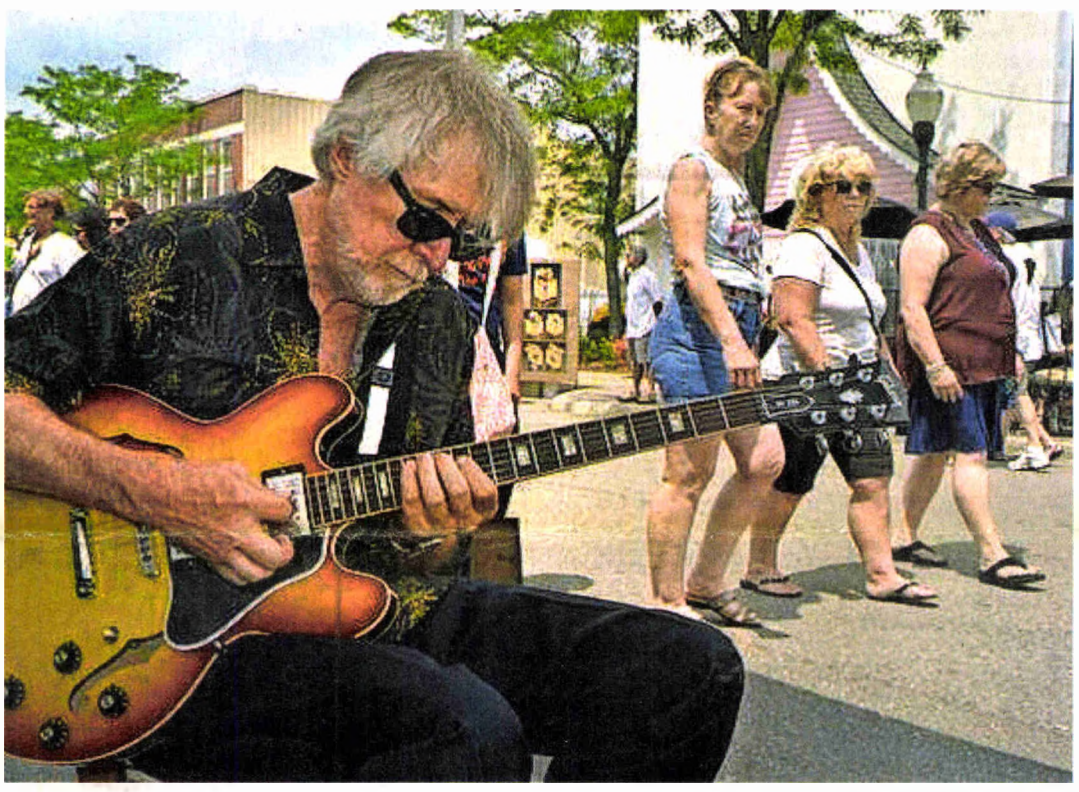
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE VIA TWITTER
Gov. Rick Snyder speaks Friday at the opening of the Brugola plant in Plymouth Township. The Italian company supplies engine fasteners to Ford Motor Co.; the new factory is its first outside of Italy.



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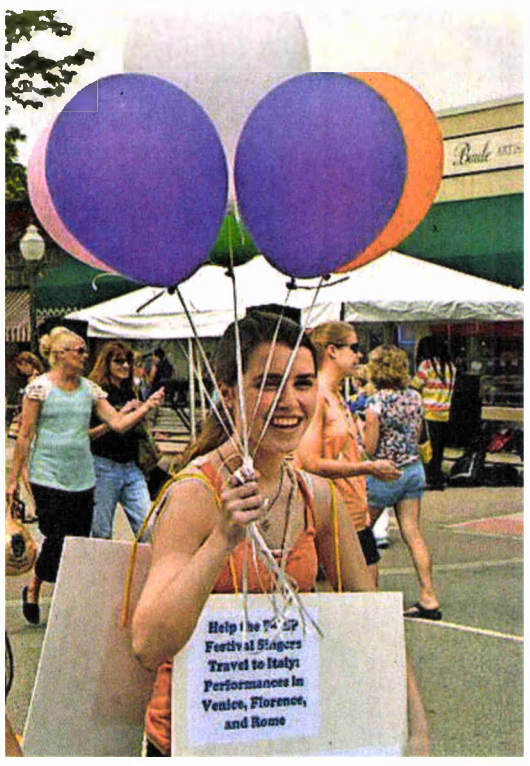
Jazz guitarist Ron Hark entertains Friday afternoon. He is a resident of Plymouth.

# Art in the Park continues to grow

Another Art in the Park event has hit the history books. A successful weekend, the event continues to grow its reputation and Plymouth's as the place to be. Turn to page A6 for more information and photos.

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Kate Foshee sells balloons to benefit the P-CEP Festival Singers, who have a trip to Italy planned for next spring.

# Police note complaints of 'ridiculous' fireworks

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Four years after state lawmakers relaxed regulations on the sale and use of fireworks, complaints from the public are still coming in – and options for remedying the situation are still limited.

"This is ridiculous, what's going on," said Geri Kilsdonk of Plymouth, who lives in the Daisy Square complex and called police recently to complain of fireworks.

Kilsdonk said the noise in her neighborhood around the holiday was worse than in other recent years, comparing the sound to exploding bombs.

"It's terrible. We're going to have to take it into our own hands to change this," she said.

That, she said, means joining a renewed effort to repeal the 2011 legislation that made the sale and use of many kinds of fireworks legal in Michigan. Previously, only non-exploding, non-flying fireworks, such as sparklers, smoke bombs and "snakes," had been allowed, but the 2011 law allowed many kinds of pyrotechnics, such as cherry bombs, bottle rockets and Roman candles.

"Everybody knows that it's just open season," said Al Cox, the police chief in Plymouth.

"It's continuing to be a problem," Plymouth Township Chief Tom Tiderington said.

### Local rules

In an effort to quiet noisy neighborhoods, both the city and township adopted local

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# Brothers look to future with first unmanned aircraft

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

By the book is how the McMahon brothers wanted to work with their first unmanned aircraft system — colloquially known as a drone.

"This is an extension of what we have been doing already," said Nick McMahon, president of McMahon Helicopter Services of Canton.

Weighing just five pounds with a battery, the UAS contains a camera for the type of work McMahon and his brother Nate, the company vice president, already do. That would include aerial applications, such as photographs for environmental studies or for utilities and pipelines, as examples. The McMahons can also use it for the aerial production of films.

Using a UAS is more cost-effective for certain jobs rather than piloting a helicopter. It

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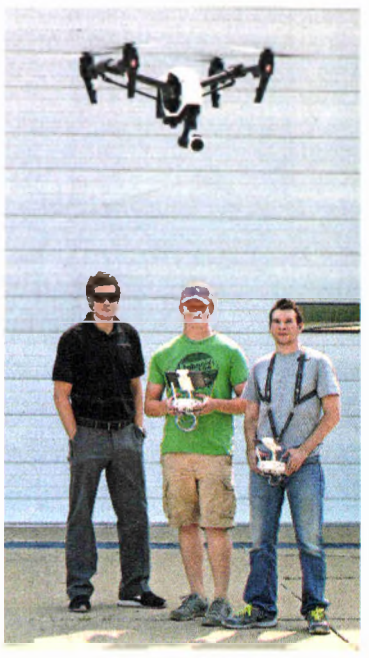

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Nick McMahon (from left), John Garcia and Nate McMahon of McMahon Helicopter Services watch the unmanned aircraft system in flight.

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# Jazz @ The Elks presents George (Sax) Benson

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month. There is a $10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers.

Featured Tuesday, July 28, will be the ledgendary George (Sax) Benson Quartet with Benson on saxophone, Kurt Krahnke on bass, Glenn Tucker on keyboard and Karen Tomalis on drums. "We'll be swinging!" Benson said.

For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plymouthannarborelks325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com. The Lodge is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Benson

# Saline antiques market opens Sunday

The Saline Antiques & Vintage Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor/Saline Road, in Ann Arbor.

Admission is $6. Parking is free. The event is pet friendly, but pets must be leashed. The event continues rain or shine. Everything is under cover with food and refreshments.

Go to the Facebook page (Saline Antiques Market) to see examples of merchandise.

For more information, go to www.salineantiquesmarket.com. To become an exhibitor, contact Doug Supinger, manager, at 937-875-0808 or email salinemarket@gmail.com

Remaining dates for the market are Aug. 9, Sept. 12 and 13, Nov. 22 and Dec. 6.

# Township Ford dealer to host free car show

More than 250 classic cars from the Midwest and Canada, of a variety of makes and models, are expected at the Blackwell Ford and Quick Lane of Plymouth classic car and truck show Saturday and Sunday.

The free show is being held in conjunction with the United Street Machines Association, which will award more than 90 trophies. Judges' best-in-class selections can win the Mayor's, Police Chief's, Dealer's Choice, Outstanding and Class awards, as well as dash plaques. Making a special appearance in the showroom will be a new 2016 Ford Mustang GT.

Entertainment includes a drive-in movie featuring *The LEGO Movie*, an oldies concert with professional celebrity impersonators, disc jockey Rockin' Ronnie, music and a Quick Lane of Plymouth-sponsored race car with autographs by driver Clarity Newhouse. A 50/50 raffle and prize giveaways, including Detroit Tigers tickets, Canon digital cameras, canvas prints and more will take place each day.

Proceeds will be donated to local charities, including the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154.

"We are excited to see the range of iconic vehicles that will take part," Quick Lane of Plymouth manager Steve Colwell said.

Many sponsors helped make the event possible: Jerry Helfman, Cintas Corp., Iconic Luxe Salon, Goodway Group, Outfront Media, Greko Printing, Sunny Media Group, New Eyes Optical and Glass Unlimited of Westland.

For event hours and more information, go to www.BlackwellFord.com/CarShow. The show will be at 41001 Plymouth Road, east of Haggerty, Plymouth Township.

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ordinances banning the use of exploding and flying fireworks on all but 30 days a year – 10 specific holidays and the day before and day after each of those holidays. The state law prevents local communities from restricting fireworks use on those 30 days, except during overnight hours.

Kilsdonk called police July 4, one of the specified holidays, shortly before midnight.

"They were very gracious and said, 'Our hands our tied. We can't do anything,'" she said.

FILE PHOTO

**A law passed in 2011 made the sale and use of many kinds of fireworks legal in Michigan.**

Cox said his impression was, citywide, fireworks noise was not as loud as it's been on other recent Fourth of July holidays. In addition, he said, few complaints are made, as people understand that fireworks laws have been relaxed and just put up with the noise.

In addition, the chiefs say, enforcement is difficult outside the prescribed fireworks days because complainants often aren't sure who exactly is using fireworks and violators are gone by the time police arrive. Neither Plymouth nor Plymouth Township issued any citations this year for fireworks use outside the three-day Fourth of July period.

"Trying to locate where they're coming from is most of the time really difficult," Cox said. Both departments will send an officer when a complaint is made, even during the period of legal fireworks usage.

Police in Plymouth logged only three complaints around the Fourth of July, Cox said.

In the township, Tiderington said, there were 19 formal complaints between July 1 and Wednesday.

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Township, Stanisz said, was made to shorten the supply chain..

Parts had previously been shipped from Italy by freighter, he said, but now, "All the plants we supply in North America are within a three-hour radius."

Brugola had a parts warehouse in Canton Township since 1999, but closed that at the end of 2014 and began warehousing at the Port Street facility.

The company's move to the township stems from a visit to Brugola by Snyder during a spring 2014 trade mission to Italy and Germany.

"We made the commitment during his visit that we were going to be starting a manufacturing facility in Michigan," Stanisz said.

Stanisz said the company is having discussions with General Motors Inc. and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles about the possibility of supplying those companies with engine fasteners. Worldwide, he said, Ford and Volkswagen account for 90 percent of the company's business.

Brugola was founded in 1926 by inventor Egidio Brugola and is still owned by the same family.

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# Barwis Methods offers hope to improve spinal cord injuries

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Kirk Reynolds, Chris Norton and Brock Mealer all have something in common, even though they're all from different parts of the country: Each has a spinal cord injury and had no initial hope of recovery.

Today, each of the young men is moving. And they are all clients at Barwis Methods Training Center in the Plymouth Oaks corporate park in Plymouth Township.

Reynolds and Mealer were injured in car accidents. Norton was playing football on his college team when he collided with another player's knee and broke his neck.

"Here, they manually stimulate on the nerves," said Reynolds' mom Shawn, who moved to Plymouth last August so her son could work with trainers at Barwis Methods. "He has full function of his arms. He was told he would be like actor Christopher Reeve."

Reynolds no longer needs a seat belt to keep him safe in his wheelchair and has full function of arms. "Kevin moved his legs for the first time in two years," his mother said.

## Intense focus

According to Donny Vanker, Barwis Methods director of development, the focus is essentially neurological re-engineering to increase neuromuscular activation and control. His son Hudson was born with cerebral palsy and renal complications. He previously used braces and a walker to get around.

"He has an indomitable spirit," Vanker said of his son, who is now walking without braces and a walker. "He is so unafraid of falling."

When Vanker took his son to Barwis Methods three years ago, owner Mike Barwis looked at Hudson and asked: "Do you like the braces?" Vanker recalled. "He took them off that day."

Norton, who is engaged to Emily Summers, was told there was perhaps a 3-percent chance he would ever move again. But Summers was not about to give up. She did plenty of research and heard about Barwis Methods.

In January, Norton could not walk at all. At his college graduation this spring, Norton walked across the stage to receive his diploma in business administration.

"Mike (Barwis) got him up and walking," Summers said. "He has made so much progress here. His balance is so much better. Now he is working on his upper body. Everyone comes in here with a goal."

Added Norton: "I wanted to walk across the stage at my graduation."

## Raising funds

The therapy and training is expensive. Vanker, however, said insurance companies are now working with Barwis Methods. But clients and organizations are consistently fundraising to help those who move to Michigan for the Barwis Methods program. "We want this to be available to anyone who needs it," Shawn Reynolds said.

Mealer spent five years in a wheelchair following his car accident before he was told about Barwis Methods. "I walked at my wedding," Mealer said, as he walked into the Barwis Methods facility.

Signing up at Barwis Methods means plenty of hard work and commitment from clients. Many move to the area from other states. But each will receive individual attention from certified training. Already, Barwis Methods has a waiting list.

"Our goal is to get people to be free," Vanker said.

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**Chris Norton walks away from the wheelchair. Strength and conditioning assistant Megan Sundstrom offers some support.**

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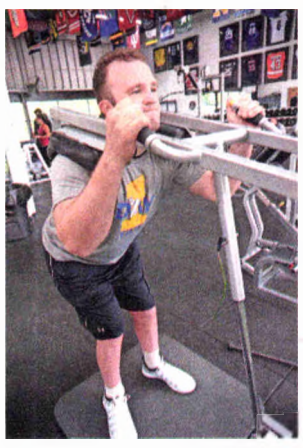
**Chris Norton prepares to rise from the wheelchair. Strength and conditioning assistant Megan Sundstrom will steady him when he stands. At left is injury recovery therapist Sue Obuchowski.**



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**Brock Mealer works out twice a week, driving 90 minutes from Wauseon, Ohio.**

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**Chris Norton works on upper body strength with Sue Obuchowski, who assists with injury recovery.**

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# Jailed pharmacist loses license to practice

**By Darrell Clem**
Staff Writer

An imprisoned Canton pharmacist – convicted of conspiring to commit health care fraud and distribute controlled substances – has become the third Canton resident since March to face disciplinary action by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, or LARA.

After his conviction in U.S. District Court in Detroit, Dineshkumar Babulal Patel has had his license to practice suspended, LARA announced Monday.

Patel's latest troubles come after he was convicted in late May of one count each of health care fraud conspiracy and conspiracy to distribute controlled substances. He was sentenced to 30 months in prison and will be deported afterward, LARA said.

Patel also has been ordered to pay $4.8 million in restitution along with other co-defendants. His punishment is the latest action announced by LARA since March against pharmacists from Canton.

Among the others:

» Pharmacist Anish Bansilal Bhavsar had his license suspended after he was sentenced to one year in prison for conspiring to commit health care fraud and distribute controlled substances, LARA said in March. He was involved in helping to distribute $57 million in painkillers and other drugs fraudulently billed to Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance carriers.

Bhavsar, who worked for Care 4 You Pharmacy in Detroit, was sentenced to one year in jail and ordered to pay $190,000 in restitution.

» Another pharmacist from Canton, Kartik P. Shah, had his license suspended after he, too, was convicted of felony charges, LARA said in June. He was convicted last October in U.S. District Court of one count of health care fraud conspiracy and one count of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances.

Shah was sentenced to prison for 24 months and is facing deportation after his release, LARA said. He also was ordered to pay $3.1 million in restitution.

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CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY

Canton police are asking for help identifying this witness.

# Police seek witness, but release few details concerning case

**By Darrell Clem**
Staff Writer

Without releasing any details about the case, the Canton Police Department is asking for the public's help identifying a young man who is being sought as a possible witness.

Police have refused to say what type of crime was involved, when it happened or any specific locations.

"It's not central to one location," Special Services Lt. Craig Wilsher said.

Police have described the witness as a white male, possibly in his late teens or early 20s, with dark hair and a tall, slim build. Authorities released a photo showing him walking toward a silver vehicle he was last seen driving.

"We believe he is a witness," Wilsher said, adding that the witness "may be a piece of the puzzle" as police investigate the case.

Wilsher confirmed the case isn't as serious as a homicide or robbery, but he said he couldn't divulge specific details and risk compromising the investigation.

"It's still under investigation," Wilsher said. "This person probably has some relevant information about the case."

The witness – or anyone who knows him – is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

Callers may choose to remain anonymous.

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## CANTON CRIME WATCH

### Death threat reported at softball center

One man was overheard making death threats against another during a dispute that occurred Saturday night at Canton's softball center on Michigan Avenue, a police report said.

Employees were in an office when they heard an altercation and a loud exchange between two men in a hallway. The dispute reportedly occurred over the way a child had played a softball game.

A fight erupted and employees moved to separate the men. One of the workers received minor injuries trying to break up the fight, the report said.

The larger of the two men rushed at a police officer who arrived on the scene, lowering a shoulder and pushing against his chest, the report said. Police restrained the man until he calmed down.

There was no mention of arrests in the report.

### Knife drawn

A fight involving a knife at Carriage Cove, an apartment complex near Warren and Lilley, was reported to Canton police about 11:20 a.m. July 9.

No injuries were reported.

Police went to the scene amid reports of a fight among a group of people who had refused to leave an apartment. A police report described a 26-year-old Detroit woman as very upset and indicated she had a knife.

Witnesses said the Detroit woman and a 33-year-old Southfield Township woman had gotten into an argument before the knife was drawn. The Southfield Township woman said the Detroit woman got within three feet of her, but she told police she never felt threatened.

The alleged victim told police she didn't want to prosecute the case.

### Distraught veteran

Police went to the Super 8 motel near Lotz and Michigan Avenue after receiving reports of a man who appeared intoxicated and unconscious about 3:45 p.m. Saturday.

Police were informed the 40-year-old man is a veteran who had been overheard saying his girlfriend had committed suicide, a police report said. He was passed out on a bench in front of the motel.

After he awoke, he began to cry and police offered to find help for him, but he said nothing could be done for him. Nonetheless, he was taken by ambulance to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital before he was moved to a Veterans Administration Hospital.

*– By Darrell Clem*

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# Wildcats boosters, The VET collaborate on Warrior Obstacle Challenge fundraiser

**By Joanne Maliszewski**
Staff Writer

If you are prepared to test your mettle — and your muscles — while fundraising for the Plymouth High School football program and military veterans, the Wildcat Warrior Obstacle Challenge is for you Aug. 1.

"I'm looking for a good turnout. It's helping both good causes," said Todd McCall, president of the Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club.

The challenge involves fun stuff: mud — lots of mud, obstacle courses, climbing hills, bales of hay and some sand. Expect to get a bit dirty, but it will be fun, McCall said.

A fundraising event, the obstacle challenge is also a collaboration with The VET — Veteran Education and Transitional — Program. "The football program is always fundraising," McCall said. "We try to tie the community back into these fundraisers."

Coach Mike Sawchuck suggested teaming with The VET Program for the obstacle challenge. "As of recently, we've had a lot of groups fundraising with us," said Sara Fader, whose husband Scott began the nonprofit while he served in Afghanistan in 2012.

When Scott Fader returned home, the nonprofit took off in 2013 first as Suits for Soldiers. The Faders decided the organization needed a broader scope, now known as Rochester-based The VET Program, which includes education and providing business attire or help with a resume, for example.

"We help veterans and their spouses and older veterans," Sara Fader said.

The boosters and The VET Program will split proceeds from the fundraiser. Booster parents plan to reach out to military recruitment offices for participants, as well.

"It is open to everybody," McCall said. "There is no age limit. We're letting anyone come through the obstacle course."

Veterans will be on hand, some volunteering to organize the waves of participants who take turns on the course, as well as veterans giving the obstacles a try. "Everyone who participates will get a medal," McCall said.

Two or three days before the event, volunteers will be out with hoses and sand preparing the obstacle course at Plymouth High School.

The event starts with check-in at 8 a.m., followed by the first wave of participants at 9:15 a.m. at the high school, 8400 Beck Road, Canton.

Meanwhile, the booster club is seeking sponsors for the event. Businesses or organizations that are interested can call McCall at 734-748-9649.

Participation costs are $30 for adults; $20 for ages 13-19, $10 for ages 10-12 and kids 9 and younger are admitted free. Admission includes the course, a drawstring backpack and buff and finishers medals. Kids 9 and younger will not receive a bag or medals.

Registration is ongoing and can be completed online at www.TheVETProgram.org (under events). Participants can also register and pick up information packets 4-7 p.m. Friday, July 31, at Plymouth High School.

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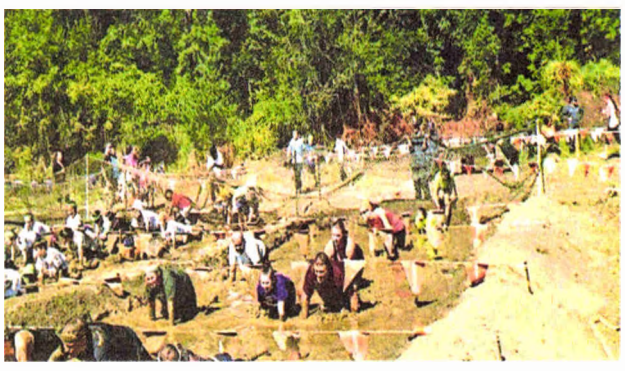
Volunteers will begin prepping the obstacle course a few days before the event.



You can bet making your way through an obstacle course in the mud will be good fun.

## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

### Asleep at wheel

Police had a hard time alerting a driver who appeared to be asleep at the wheel Saturday on Haggerty.

The man, 21, told police he'd had two beers – then amended that to three – and was arrested for driving under the influence, a police report said. Two tests registered blood-alcohol content of 0.10 and 0.09, respectively, the report said.

The incident occurred shortly after 5 a.m. A patrolling officer noticed a Dodge Avenger northbound on Haggerty at Ann Arbor Road, stopped for a red light. But when the light turned green, the police report said, the driver didn't respond.

The officer pulled up behind the Avenger and saw the traffic light cycle four times without the car moving, police said. The driver had his eyes closed, police said, and the officer had to knock hard on a window to get his attention.

The driver's eyes were glazed over and he appeared confused, police said.

*– By Matt Jachman*

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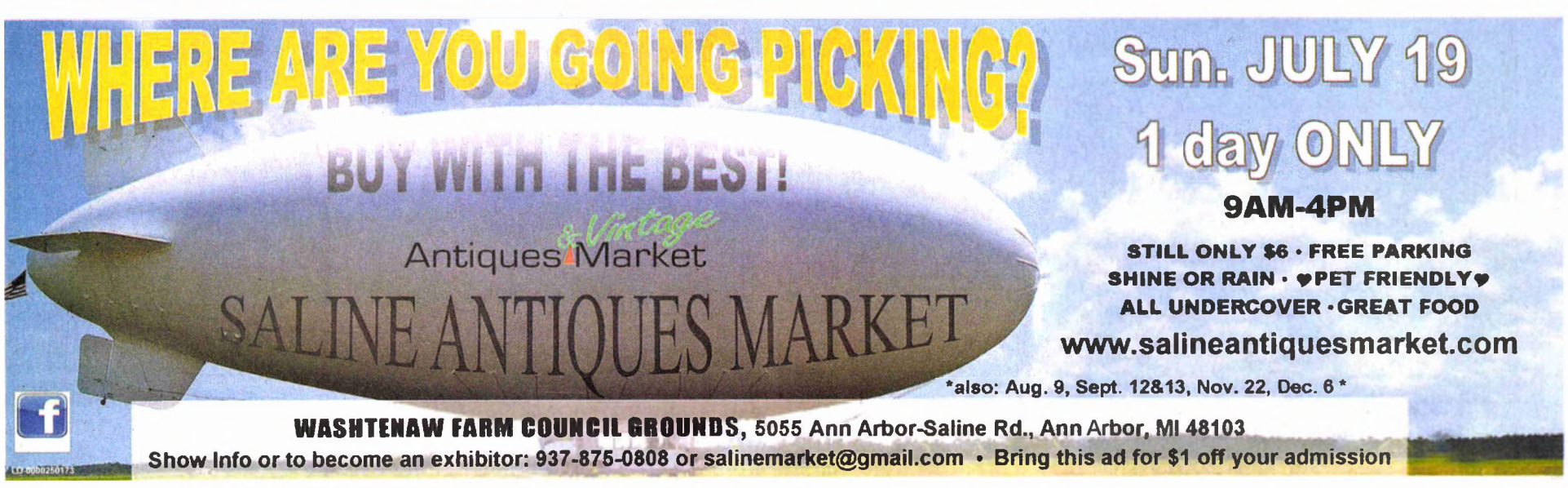

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**Six-year-old Ryan Thorp paints a square on the Kid's Mural project. Ryan visited Art in the Park on Friday afternoon with her mom, Kelly Thorp, and brother Kordell, 1. They are from Plymouth.**

# Artists, festival-goers show Plymouth love

**By Matt Jachman**
Staff Writer

Sunny weather and large crowds marked Plymouth's 36th annual Art in the Park, a three-day downtown event that's cemented its place as one of the nation's top art festivals.

Police reported no major incidents and organizers reported no major hitches during the show, which brings in artists and craftspeople from across the country and features live entertainment, interactive art and plenty of food vendors.

"It was a great weekend," said chief organizer Raychel Rork, whose mother, Dianne Quinn, helped found the festival in 1980.

Rork said she had a good time walking the festival and seeing people enjoying themselves.

"It's fun for everyone and that's really what we do it for," she said. "We really enjoy that the community had a great time."

Rork added: "It's become bigger than what my mom intended all those years ago." Quinn officially retired after last year's Art in the Park, but remains a consultant to festival organizers.

Rork said she heard "a lot of great feedback from artists."

"They love Plymouth. It's friendly, it's clean. It's a different vibe than Ann Arbor," she said. The Ann Arbor Art Fair, with more than 1,000 artists, opened Wednesday and continues through Saturday.

Rork also saw a lot of determined shoppers in Plymouth.

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**Scott Pakulski of FatCat Images, from Ypsilanti, organizes a print bin filled with his photographs.**

"It seems like the shoppers really are there to shop or really have a favorite artist," she said.

Ceramics artist Michael Arndt, who made his first Art in the Park appearance, said he did good business over the weekend even though his booth, in a parking lot off Ann Arbor Trail, didn't see as much traffic as those on nearby streets.

## 'A good mix'

"People were interested in the work and we got a lot of good feedback," said Arndt of Clarkston.

Arndt and girlfriend Marilyn Appleman, also a ceramics artist, make a lot of Michigan- and Detroit-themed pieces, which proved popular, he said.

"We're definitely planning on doing the show again," he said.

Rork said about 100 of the roughly 400 artists represented, a higher proportion than usual, were newcomers to the festival, and that their responses were positive.

Arndt said he liked what he was able to see of other Art in the Park artists' work.

"There's an interesting array of stuff there. I think it's a good mix that covers a lot of different tastes," he said.

Rork said city departments go above and beyond to help make sure the festival runs smoothly. "We've worked very well together," she said.

She related one example of extra effort: A group of festival-goers who one evening missed the last shuttle to the parking lot at the Automotive Components Holdings plant on Sheldon Road were given a lift in a fire department ambulance. (Plymouth partners with the Northville City Fire Department).

Rork said Art in the Park continues to win national acclaim. The magazine *Sunshine Artists* last year ranked it sixth on its list of the top 200 shows in the country.

"Our reputation has flourished over the last few years. That's exciting," Rork said.

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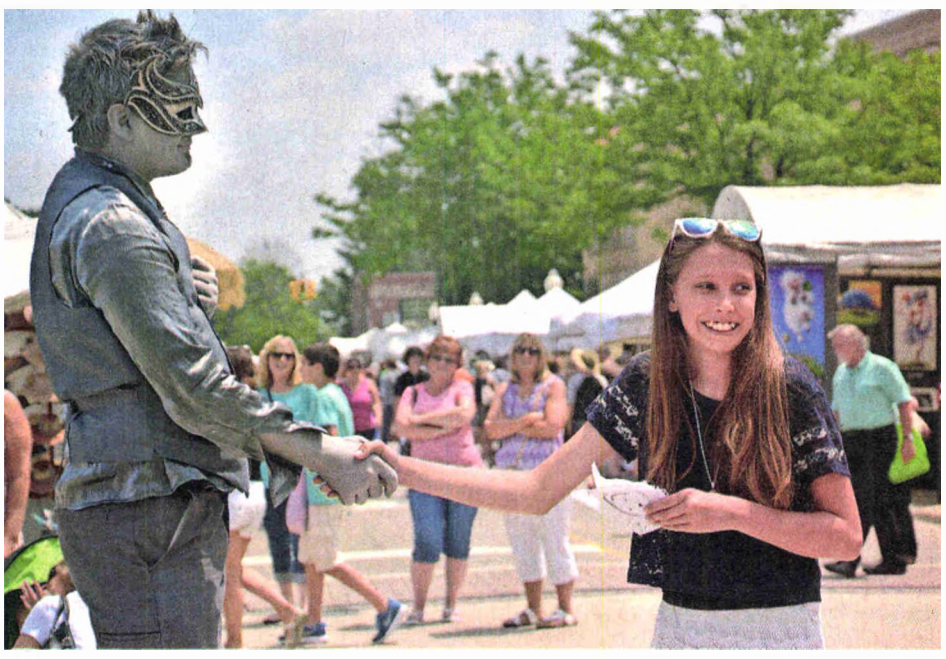
**Chuck and Sharon Adams of Osseo, Minn., create whimsical animals from metal and granite stones.**



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**Lily Bourgeois of Cleveland, Ohio, looks just a little worried. She shook hands with Mind Artist George Tait, performing as the Stand Still Theater, and he was not letting go of her hand.**

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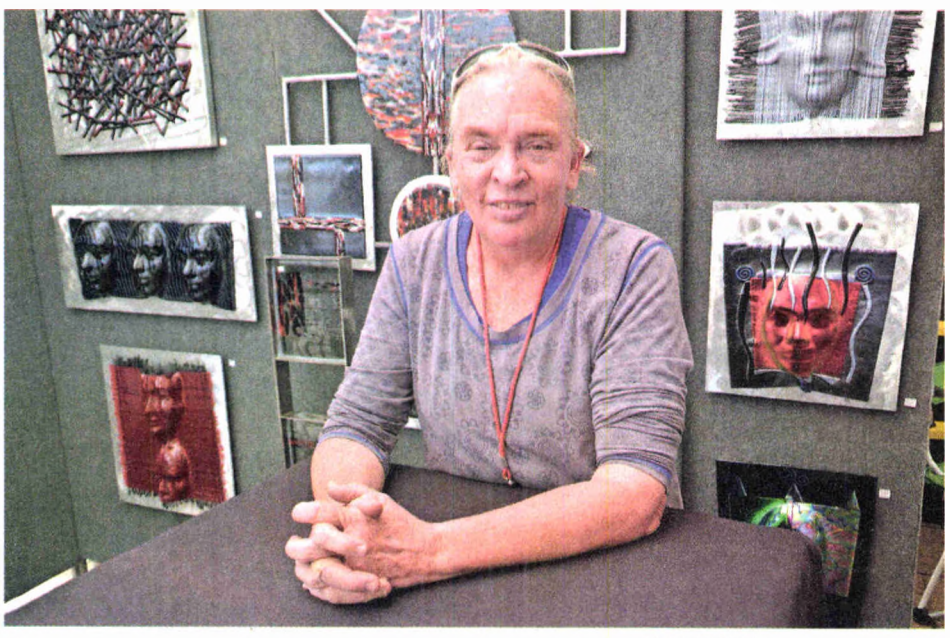
**The crowds at Art in the Park were thick early Friday afternoon.**



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**Janice Moore of Bryan, Ohio, sells her fused glass and aluminum creations.**

# Veterans, families: Apply by Aug. 7 for financial help

Military service members and honorably discharged veterans affected by the housing crisis have until Aug. 7 to submit an application for financial grant assistance through the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency.

The Michigan Veterans Homeowners Assistance Program is expected to help more than 750 veterans and their families with mortgage payments, delinquent property taxes, loan refinancing, essential home repairs and overall financial situations.

MiVHAP was created as a result of the $1.5 billion National Mortgage Settlement, when the Michigan attorney general set aside $5 million in funds specifically for service members and veterans.

Now, with funds running out, MVAA is encouraging those who are struggling with mortgage or property tax payments to fill out an application. Applications will be accepted through Aug. 7, with one-time grants being distributed through the end of September or until funds are gone.

"The MiVHAP fund has had a tremendous impact on veterans, active duty and reserve service members and their families during the past three years, helping them keep and maintain their homes and get back on a track to financial stability," MVAA Director Jeff Barnes said.

Since the program began in May 2013, MiVHAP has distributed more than $4.2 million to 708 eligible service members and veterans. Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and will be made until the funds are depleted.

Veterans and family members in need of emergency assistance may contact MVAA at MichiganVeterans.com or calling 800-MICH-VET (800-642-4838). Applications for MiVHAP are available at http://www.michiganveterans.com/Home/Quality-of-Life/Housing.

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**John Garcia, camera operator, sets up the DJI Inspire unmanned aircraft system, also known as a drone, for flight.**

## BROTHERS

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costs about $3,500 to purchase the UAS the McMahons have. "The cost of operation is almost nothing," Nick McMahon said.

While many people may already associate drones with espionage and military uses, that's not what the brothers and John Garcia, a member of the flight crew, are doing or would be allowed to do. The purchase of their first UAS allows the brothers to take the next step in technology.

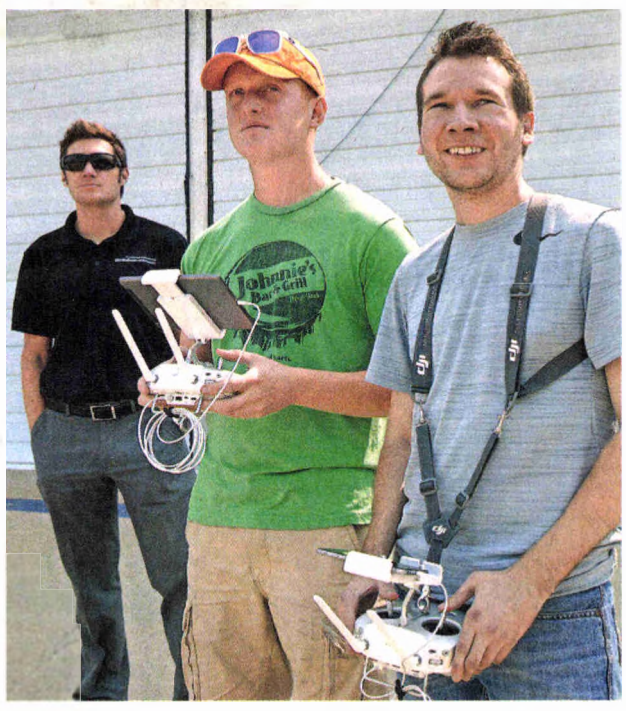
"It is a natural transition for us," Nick McMahon said, adding that certainly the military developed the devices for other uses. "This really allows us to progress into the future."

The brothers are carrying on a family tradition. Their grandfather was a pilot. Their late father Brian was a door gunner aboard a helicopter in Vietnam. When he came home, he earned his pilot's license and ratings with the G.I. Bill. In 1980, their father opened McMahon's Helicopter Services of Canton, near Mettetal Airport.

Today, the company has eight employees, some pilots, others mechanics, and four helicopters for use as charter services, cargo, aerial film production and surveying work. It is also a dealer and service center.

In June, the FAA approved McMahon Helicopter Services and its first UAS for commercial use under a waiver, which limits how it can be used.

McMahon is one of the few Michigan companies that has FAA approval. But truth be told, there are plenty more UAS devices flying around that have not been approved. "We have to stay under our waiver," Nate McMahon said.



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**Nick McMahon (from left), John Garcia and Nate McMahon give the unmanned aircraft system a test run.**

"We didn't want to do it illegally," Nick McMahon added. "This is entry level for us until the platform gets bigger and more capable."

The FAA permit expires in two years. "By then, the FAA is expected to have rules in place," Nick said.

While Nate and Nick McMahon are licensed and experienced pilots, the UAS has required some practice. Nate McMahon bought remote-controlled toys to get the feel of flying the UAS. John Garcia is studying for his pilot's license.

The waiver limits the McMahons' UAS to flying at a maximum altitude of 200 feet and under visual flight guidelines. By comparison, a helicopter — for the work conducted by the company — flies at about 300-500 feet. Flight plans do not have to be filed for the UAS, whose battery lasts about 18-20 minutes. And wind can be a bit of a problem; a 15 mph gust is too rough for the UAS, Nate McMahon said.

"When the battery runs out, it will automatically take over and come back home," Garcia said.

What's really cool is that it uses apps. "It can use an app on the phone," Nate McMahon said. "It literally does everything by itself."

The UAS uses a pilot and a camera operator — the 360-degree revolving camera — has 64 gigabites of data for use. In a recent demonstration, Nate McMahon piloted the UAS, while Garcia manned the camera with a tablet.

"We started out with a little tiny helicopter, the kind you can get at the mall," said Nate McMahon, who actually started training about two years ago in anticipation of the UAS purchase and approval. "It's taken a couple hundred hours before I was proficient."

While the UAS right now cannot zoom its camera, it can pan an area. "It gets really good stuff," Nate McMahon said.

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# BUSINESS

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## Celebrate and support Canton Farmers Market

Food, run and music — all to benefit the Canton Farmers Market — will join forces Tuesday, July 28, for the second annual Rally on Ridge Road.

The public is welcome to stop by 5-8 p.m. at the Cherry Hill Village District, at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads, for the activities designed to engage all ages.

On tap for the evening is live music featuring local artists, such as Meg Nye, Oakland County Brassworks and Ryan Brake; and tasty food truck fare from Smokey Rhodes BBQ, The Rolling Stoves, Shimmy Shack, The Mean Weenie, Hero or Villain, Delectabowl, Time2Chill Detroit Gelato Truck and more (while supplies last).

Food trucks will be part of the action during the second annual Rally on Ridge Road.

A bouncer and lawn games will also be available on the lawn of the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill Road. Guests are invited to decorate a reusable canvas tote bag — for future farmers market visits — for just $4 per bag inside the Cherry Hill School.

New this year is the closing of Ridge Road, between Cherry Hill and Presidential, to create a larger dining area while helping to ensure pedestrian safety. Food trucks will be parked on both sides of Ridge Road. Those who plan to stay for the live music are encouraged to bring a lawn chair.

"Last year's event was such a success that we're looking forward to bringing back this festive summer event, where folks can meet their neighbors, family and friends and enjoy tasty local food options while listening to live music by area musicians," market manager Tina Lloyd said.

"As we increase awareness of the Canton Farmers Market, we encourage everyone to take the time to get to know their food source by getting to know their local farmers and food producers. Market guests are encouraged to talk with the actual growers, bakers, food producers, chefs and farmers to find out how their food is grown and prepared."

A portion of the proceeds collected during the fundraiser will benefit the Canton Farmers Market, which is currently celebrating its eighth season. With the recent influx in "buy local" initiatives, the Canton Farmers Market is seeing an increase in the number of participating growers and in customers. As such, the market continues to expand its offerings during market hours, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday through Oct. 18.

To find more information about the Canton Farmers Market, go to Cantonfun.org under the community events tab or contact the Lloyd at 734-394-5375.

## Buddy's Pizza partners with Polish dance troupe

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

Detroit's original square Sicilian-style pizza maker has partnered with Plymouth-based Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers to bring the sights, sounds and flavors of Poland to the family-owned restaurant for an afternoon of entertainment.

Patrons will enjoy a selection of special Polish-themed menu items, including the debut of Buddy's Hamtramck Pizza and Okocim lager, as well as traditional music and multiple performances by the dance ensemble's talented students ages 3-18.

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In addition to Buddy's classic offerings and specials for this event, the family-owned restaurant will offer the Hamtramck Pizza – a specialty pizza served on Buddy's original crust with kapusta-style sauerkraut from Ann Arbor's The Brinery, thinly sliced kielbasa from Hamtramck's Polish Market and Grosse Pointe Woods' own Red Pelican Mustard, creating a blend of local flavor. Patrons over age 21 can pair a Hamtramck Pizza with a pint of Polonia's brew, Okocim Lager, which will be available on draft during the Polski Festiwal.

Buddy's will donate $1 from the sale of every pizza and $4 from the sale of each Hamtramck Pizza sold during the event to the PNA Centennial Dancers.

Buddy's Pizza has a longstanding history of supporting local nonprofit and community organizations. Located in Detroit and on the border of Hamtramck for nearly 70 years, the Polish community has long been supportive of Buddy's Pizza.

Creating the Hamtramck Pizza and hosting an event to celebrate Polish culture is one way Buddy's Pizza demonstrates its support of its neighboring Polish community.

The PNA Centennial Dancers is a children's Polish folk dance ensemble serving the Polish-American communities in Wayne, Oakland and Livingston counties.

Operated through the Polish National Alliance, the dance ensemble has been educating students and sharing Polish heritage and culture through music and dance for more than three decades.

For more information, go to www.pnacentennialdancers.org or connect with the group on Facebook.

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### ROUSH designs

ROUSH Performance of Plymouth Township has designed and manufactured a customizable variable exhaust control for infinite sound possibilities.

Active Exhaust is available for 2015 Mustangs outfitted with ROUSH Quad Tip exhaust including all ROUSH Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 Mustangs.

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### Appointed

Canton-based Integral Technologies, Inc., added Jeffrey A. Babka to its Board of Directors and asmChairman of the Audit Committee.

Babka currently serves as Chief Financial Officer of NOMi Corporation, an in-store analytics provider. Prior to his position at NOMi, Babka served as Chief Financial Officer of Applied Predictive Technologies, a cloud-based predictive analytics company, which was acquired by MasterCard Inc. in May 2015.

# OPINION

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OUR VIEW

## Same page: School trustees must work together

As the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education in late June was about to adopt a balanced 2015-16 budget — with some $5.3 million cuts to offset a deficit — many interesting comments were made. But the most poignant message came from the newest trustee, Michael Siegrist.

"Everyone needs to look at themselves and how they do business," he told his colleagues. "There's some freedom in being in the minority."

His comments included reference to some school trustees' apparent lack of cohesion with other members, lack of trust in the district's administration led by Superintendent Michael Meissen and lack of trust in the community.

Siegrist's comments struck the heart of the matter. The 2015-16 budget, which was hammered out over the course of months and received plenty of feedback from community members, was adopted June 23 in a 5-2 vote, with trustees Mike Maloney and Mark Horvath dissenting.

Everyone is entitled to their opinions, whether in favor or against an issue or a budget. Horvath and

Siegrist

Maloney had plenty of issues with the district budget, including what they saw as misguided priorities, such as building a dance studio but eliminating the auditorium manager's position. Another example mentioned by Horvath was the elimination of seven full-time equivalent positions for math interventionists while the focus is on STEM education.

Maloney pointed to what he believes is a lack of focus on education, considering certain positions were eliminated. Instead, he said, the focus should have been on fixed costs, not on items that affected students.

"We are getting ready to open a school (Liberty) that we really don't need," Maloney said, adding there is what he believes to be an increase in administrators.

As in any political debate, an issue has many sides and many truths, as well as untruths. That's why Siegrist's comments are important. While it is natural to bring personal feelings and experiences to work on a public board, the non-partisan Board of Education truly must remain free of political posturing and taking sides.

The business of a school district and its elected officials, as well as administrators and other staff, is to educate children – and a business it has unfortunately become. But it would be a lot healthier and significant if all members of the school board worked together to find the best and most cost-effective way to provide quality teaching.

Education should not be a political debate. That's already part of the problem with local districts receiving an inadequate amount of state funding.

In a wise move, the Board of Education in August will get a head start talking finances and the 2016-17 budget. With any luck, all seven board members might see this as a fresh opportunity to work together to resolve financial hardships facing the district, while casting aside political leanings in favor of developing trust toward a common goal — providing the best education for Plymouth and Canton students.

LETTERS

### 'Born Free?'

Really Chevy and GM? You are standing with Kid Rock, the "artist" who performs the song ironically titled *Born Free* in your ads, after he has told Confederate flag protesters to "kiss my a--"?

You are willing to flip the bird to your thousands of African-American employees and your tens of thousands of African-American customers whose ancestors were by no means "born free," as well as countless white employees and customers who have ancestors who paid the ultimate price in a war to subdue the traitors of the confederacy, who were intent upon sustaining slavery and bringing down the United States of America? Really?

Don't get me wrong, as per the First Amendment, Robert James Ritchie III (Kid Rock), who came up on the mean streets of Romeo, Mich., as the fortunate son of an auto dealership magnate, is and was "born free" to wrap himself in the flag of slavery, murder, treason, rape, torture, arson, terrorism, kidnap, lynching, the KKK and, at the very least, Jim Crow and all forms of discrimination just because he thinks being a "rebel" is cool (Translation: There is a black guy in the White House).

However, your business relationship with an individual who either marginalizes or is in agreement with the sins represented by the battle flag of Virginia, that same flag once buried and forgotten that has been resurrected and redeployed as the symbol of protest of, and defiant resistance to, Dr. King and the entire Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, reflects total insensitivity to those who are and were the victims and to the very principles that this nation was founded upon.

Chevy and GM, I call upon you as a former and future customer, a person who grew up in a GM household and a concerned citizen, to do the decent thing. Dump Kid Rock!

**Mitch Smith**
Canton

### Humans, nature evolve

Frankly, I don't remember how I voted 11 years ago regarding same sex-marriage in Michigan. My thinking has evolved concerning human rights for all; I agree with the Supreme Court's decision.

Since 1787 the Articles of Confederation have also evolved. African Americans and women now vote. Democracy has broadened; so has the thinking of churches. Previously, Christian churches condoned and owned slaves. Southern states left the Union claiming states' rights, initiating a civil war.

Society's thinking evolves. Those who stubbornly cling to old bigotries must ultimately acquiesce because the law decrees justice. Law is a basic tenet, from there society builds on just solutions to everyday living.

Younger people, our growing population, readily accept races, genders, including trans-gender people. They will be our prominent voting public in the near future. I'm confident that they will vote with compassion, integrity and justice for all.

**Delphine Palkowski**
South Lyon

### Obstructing ACA a losing strategy

On June 25, the Supreme Court, for the second time, upheld the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act. Chief Justice John Roberts again wrote the majority opinion in this 6-3 vote. ACA is now the legal and constitutional law of the land. The key words in Roberts' decision were "in any state," which clearly means all Americans are now entitled and eligible to apply for the ACA regardless of where they live. ACA is a legal and constitutional right to all citizens of this country.

The GOP can vote 50 more times to repeal and obstruct the ACA if they so choose. This is a losing political strategy, and any GOP president hopeful who runs to repeal the ACA does so at their political peril. The GOP does not have to like the ACA but it is now fact of constitutional law.

There is nothing preventing the GOP from working with President Barack Obama to fix parts of the law which need improvement. If they choose to just obstruct and discriminate against their own citizens, preventing them from obtaining affordable health care, they do so at their own political risk.

**Gerald Maxey**
Farmington Hills

### Hold parents liable

A recent spate of violent activities have taken place in the city of Wayne. These include a roving band of teenagers accosting other teenagers, children and the elderly and willful destruction of property and vandalism in city parks.

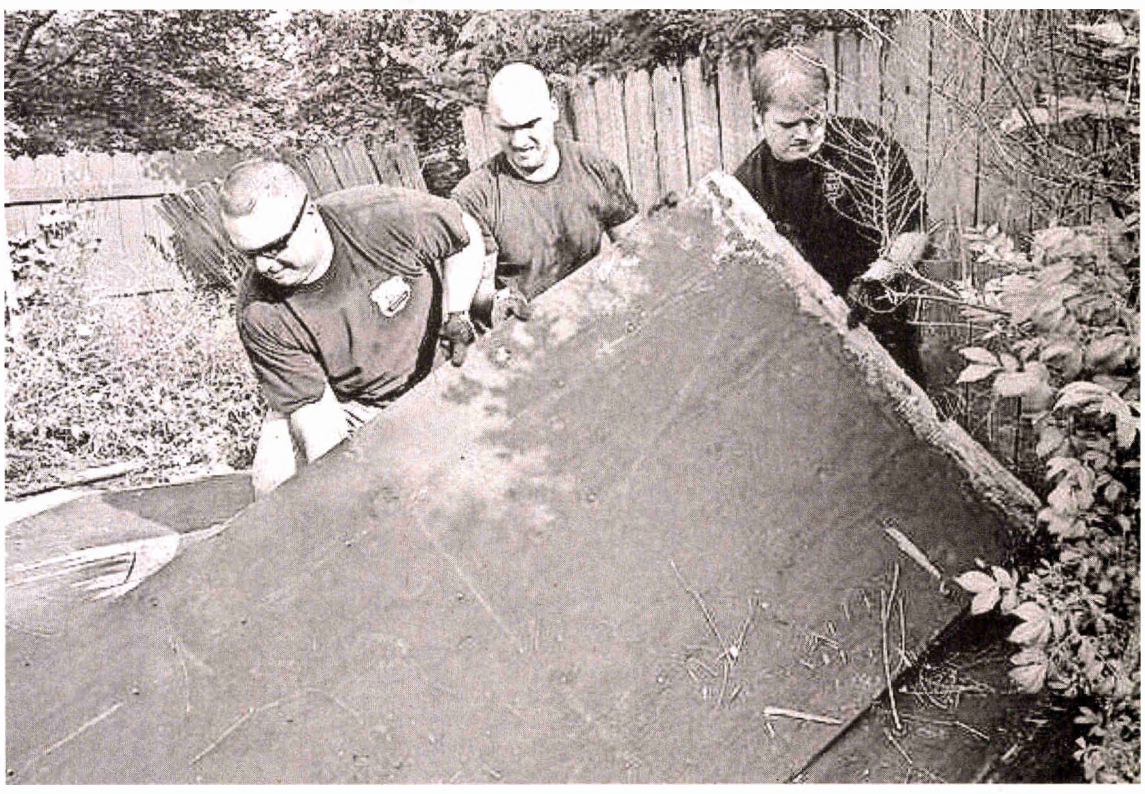
Adults in this city know who is responsible for these actions and should speak up immediately before someone is seriously injured. Without correction or intervention, the people doing these things will continue until they run even further afoul of the law and lose their freedom.

So when is a parent liable for a child's conduct in Michigan?

Michigan's parental responsibility law can apply to hold a parent liable when an unemancipated minor, who still lives with his or her parent, has "maliciously or willfully destroyed real, personal, or mixed property" or has "maliciously or willfully caused bodily harm or injury to a person."

**Alfred Brock**
Wayne

## Kudos to Canton Public Safety



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**Darren Kossick, Lewa Araj and Jesse Dunlap dismantle the backyard shed.**

Kindness and neighborliness are what make a strong community.

Last week, Canton police officers and firefighters joined forces to help resident Noreen Armstrong, who has been ill and not too long ago lost her husband.

The Canton Public Safety officers pulled down a backyard shed and fixed nearby landscaping, while Rizzo Environmental Services donated the dumpster for debris.

GUEST COLUMN

## 'Summer surprise' tax bill might be legal, but not right

By now, most of you have received your summer property tax bills in the mail. One of the main questions that my office is receiving is: "Why am I being hit with a special assessment from Wayne County?" I like to call this unexpected tax increase our little "summer surprise."

As your Wayne County commissioner, I vehemently opposed this tax increase upon our residents. To understand how the 2015 "summer surprise" came about, a little history is in order.

In 1985, Wayne County created the Inflation Equity Fund to provide a pool of money to go to retirees collecting a pension as a way to counteract inflation. The payments became known as the "13th check" for retirees. In 2010, the county was having trouble making its annual required pension contribution. The then-seated Wayne County Commission adopted an ordinance amendment, by an 8-7 vote, that limited the fund to $12 million and shifted its resulting $32 million surplus to the main fund for the county's defined-benefit pension plan, which was underfunded.

The county counted that $32 million as part of its required annual contribution to the pension plan. The county's retirement system challenged the ordinance, saying the move violated a state constitutional provision protecting accrued pension benefits. Litigation ultimately made its way to the Michigan Supreme Court, where it unanimously held that the county violated the law in 2010 when it raided the fund to cover the county's required contribution to its cash-strapped pension system.

This ruling allowed a trial court – Wayne County Circuit Court, in this case – to recalculate how much the county owes to the Inflation Equity Fund, given years of interest. Therefore, the court ordered Wayne County to pay $49 million back to the Inflation Equity Fund. Pursuant to state law, if a county is unable to pay a court judgment (as determined by the executive or Legislature), the judgment can be presented to the county assessor for placement on the tax roll for the next billing period.

*Joe Barone*
GUEST COLUMNIST

In this case, County Executive Warren Evans indicated that Wayne County was unable to pay the judgment. Therefore, on the last possible day to do so, the unpaid judgment was presented to the assessor for placement on our summer tax bills. To avoid the "summer surprise" tax, the Wayne County Commission adopted legislation that would have moved uncommitted money from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund into the General Fund to pay the judgment.

Soon thereafter, Evans vetoed this legislation. To override the executive's veto, two-thirds of the 15 county commissioners had to approve of the override. I was one of six commissioners who voted to override the veto to avoid the "summer surprise." Unfortunately, there simply weren't enough votes to avoid the tax being placed on the shoulders of our residents.

It is no secret that Wayne County is in financial trouble. Evans had to make an unenviable choice in this case. He didn't like this choice and I understand his position that moving funds from one pot to another does not solve our long-term problems. However, taxation upon our residents to pay for court judgments is never a good thing.

As an attorney, I understand that imposing this tax without voter input might be legal, but it still doesn't make it right. I call on our elected state officials to repeal the state law that allowed this to happen in the first place. I also call on our county officials to do whatever it takes to get our financial house in order so this surprise tax never happens again.

While the wrongs of the past administration have compounded our problem, it is time to look forward, explore new options and think "outside of the box" to prevent bankruptcy or the appointment of an emergency financial manager. With the likely finding by the state of "probable financial stress" immediately on the horizon, it is a great opportunity for Evans and the commission to work together to craft creative solutions to pull Wayne County out of this financial hole. I have confidence in Evans and his staff, as well as my fellow commissioners, to do just that so that Wayne County residents will never again be faced with a "summer surprise" like we saw in 2015.

I promise to do my part in representing the people of the 10th District to work with Evans and the commission to assure our taxpayers always have a voice in county government. We have been asked by our electorate to make the tough decisions, but taxing our residents out of this financial crisis is simply not an option.

*Joe Barone, R-Plymouth Township, sits on the Wayne County Commission. He represents the 10th District, which covers Canton Township, Plymouth Township and Plymouth.*

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PRESERVING HISTORY

## GC event to help fund 'Wall of Fame'

### Aug. 22 extravaganza will raise funds and fun

**By Ed Wright**
Staff Writer

Equal parts reunion, fundraiser and history preserver, next month's Garden City Alumni Flag Football Extravaganza will be as multifaceted as the Cougars' offense.

Orchestrated by current head football coach Scott Murray, the inaugural event Saturday, Aug. 22, is expected to attract hundreds of former Garden City high school football players, regardless of which school — East, West, the original high school or the current one — in a joint effort to raise funds to build a "Wall of Fame" that will honor past (and future) GC gridiron greats.

The action-packed day's agenda will kick off at noon with a flag football contest pitting Garden City police officers against members of the city's fire department.

Other highlights on the docket include a matchup between players from East and West, and games featuring

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Pictured from left are Garden City head football coach Scott Murray and former players Ben Ferguson and Matt Combs.

ATHLETICS

## Triathlete's travels are much more than pleasure trips

### Farmington Hills retiree combines sporting challenges with vacations

**By Dan O'Meara**
Staff Writer

Travel has always been about more than just seeing the sights for Walt Pheney. When he goes somewhere, he's also running, biking, swimming and maybe more.

The Farmington Hills resident and veteran triathlete has been to some of the most remote and exotic places on earth for the added purpose of doing an extraordinary and challenging athletic event.

Pheney

Pheney, 72, is always accompanied by his wife Phyllis, who is along for the vacation aspect of the trip and not the sporting side of it.

"We call them adventures," Pheney said. "Almost everywhere we go, there's always something going on there. I was really into triathons and was doing them all the time. I enjoyed them.

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Walt Pheney runs the rocky Inca Trail in the Andes Mountains of Peru.

CLUB SOCCER

## SWEET SIXTEENTH

### Area players help last-seeded Michigan Hawks claw way to ECNL championship

**By Tim Smith**
Staff Writer

The Michigan Hawks were the last of 16 Elite Clubs National League teams to qualify for a crack at the national championship.

They didn't let that spoil their fun, as the Livonia-based under-18 girls soccer team won all five games in the national tourney, capturing the title with a 2-0 victory June 30 over West Coast FC.

"When you only take 16 teams from across the country, everybody's pretty good, so it's a huge accomplishment," Hawks head coach Doug Landefeld said. "It's a really cool accomplishment.

"But we felt pretty good once we got out there. We had a motto of, 'Why not us?' Everybody has Cinderella stories all over the place. So why can't we be the ones holding the trophy at the end?"

The Hawks went 5-0 during the tourney, which was held June 25-30 at 60 Acre Park in

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SHANNON CULVER

The Michigan Hawks celebrate their ECNL championship.

## Young ace

Thirteen-year-old Livonia golfer Petyon Grainer registered a hole-in-one on July 10 on the 100-yard seventh hole at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

Grainer, who used a 7-iron for his memorable shot, fired a 45 for his nine-hole round.

It was the teenager's first ace in his five-year golf career.

## Another ace for Hills man

Longtime golfer Daniel Grippo of Farmington Hills recorded his second hole-in-one Monday at Farmington Hills Golf Club.

The 69-year-old Grippo used an 8-iron to ace the 127-yard eighth hole. He shot 80 for the 18-hole round.

## Epic shot

Livonia resident Bill Enoch, 66, registered a hole-in-one July 11 on the 174-yard fifth hole of Fox Hills Lakes Course. Enoch used a 3 hybrid club and a Noodle ball to record the memorable feat.

## MWGA state championship

The 31st Michigan Women's Golf Association State Championship will be held at Links at Gateway in Romulus on Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26.

The tournament, which is open to all female amateur golfers, will begin both days with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

The championship flight course yardage will be 5,250 with a course rating of 70.1 and slope rating of 119. All other flights will have a yardage of 4,810 yards, a course rating 67.7 and a slope rating of 114.

Pairings for the individual stroke play event are compiled using the player index.

Golf, cart, time on the range, prizes, awards and a buffet lunch on Sunday are included in the $63-per-day members fee ($83-per-day for nonmembers). The student rate (ages 18-30) is $98 for both days. Caddies are allowed.

An additional optional $10-per-day, paid-in-advance fee is required to participate in games such as skins, closest to the flagstick and chip-ins. Registration is available online. A first-time one-year new membership cost is $35, so after playing in just two events this cost can be recouped.

Direct questions to Cynthia Pinkard at 248-227-8170 or Pinkard@mwgolf.org.

To learn more about the MWGA, visit mwgolf.org.

LIVONIA COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE

# Rams push winning streak to 14 games

## Kinch, McGuire combine to shut out A Green, 3-0

**By Ed Wright**
Staff Writer

To say the Michigan Rams have been hotter than the weather would be an extreme understatement.

On Monday at Bicentennial Park in Livonia, the Rams blanked A Green, 3-0, to extend their Michigan Collegiate Baseball League winning streak to 14 games and improve their record to 20-5-1. A Green slipped to 11-16-1.

Starting pitcher Alex Kinch was the winners' main man Monday, tossing five innings of two-hit ball and keeping his foes off the scoreboard despite issuing five walks. Zack McGuire was splendid in his two-inning save effort, yielding just one hit and one walk.

Max Le Brato was the hard-luck loser, scattering five hits and four walks while striking out three during his complete-game performance.

The most impactful swing of the game was delivered by Ben Hart, who clouted a two-run home run in the second inning. Anthony DiPonio cashed in an RBI single in the third to give Kinch more breathing room.

Other key offensive stalwarts for the victors were Sean Winkelseth (2-for-3) and Westen Price, who went 1-for-3 with a run scored.

Matt Blunk, Ryan Blake-Jones and Chris Houle all had one hit for A Green.

On Sunday, the Rams silenced the Storm, 13-5, as Jack Driscoll laced three hits — missing the cycle by just a home run — while knocking in two and scoring two runs.

Other pivotal contributors at the dish included McGuire (2-for-4, two RBI, two runs), Danny Kerr (2-for-4, RBI, three runs), DiPonio (four RBI, run) and Nolan Page, who had two ribbies and a run scored.

Jake Balicki was the winning pitcher as he gave up three earned runs while striking out 10 over six innings. Page pitched a perfect seventh, fanning one.

Ben Snizek suffered the setback on the hill for the Storm after giving up nine runs and nine hits in four innings.

Alex Peczynski was the only Storm player to notch two hits.

The Rams swept a doubleheader from the Hurricanes on Saturday, 8-4 and 5-4.

Winkelseth, Kerr and Price all ripped two hits for the winners in game one while Jake Weshalek and Al Oleszkowicz each chipped in with an RBI hit for the Hurricanes, who were outhit 10-2.

The Rams scored two runs each in the fifth and sixth innings to take the nightcap. Page swung the hottest bat, going 2-for-4 with two RBI. Sean Martens earned the pitching win with 2.2 innings of solid relief.

Dan Cameron was 1-for-3 with three runs for the 'Canes, who also received a solid effort out of Oleszkowicz (two RBI).

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# Team Michigan second to none

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**The Team Michigan 14U softball team captured first place in the Michigan ASA "A" State Girls Fast-pitch tournament held June 25-28 in Mount Pleasant. Pictured are (front row from left) coach Livingston, coach Mills, Renee Hoffman, Molly Likins, Aleah Marra, Olivia Young, Casey Edmonds, Ashley Kent, coach Marra, coach Munson, (bottom row from left) Melina Livingston, Leah Munson, Sammi Mills, Sara Moos and Kara Likins.**

# TRIATHLETE

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"But I find now there are other adventures I can do. I try to find something in a different place every year because I can. I'm retired; I have the time. Why not while I still can?"

More than a decade ago, Pheney ran a marathon in Antarctica. In a more recent excursion, the former civil engineer did the Machu Picchu Ultra-Marathon in the Andean Mountains of Peru.

"The group I went to Antarctica with said: 'Let's try to find something that's equally challenging,'" Pheney said. It was, maybe more so given the extreme altitude.

The group spent several days getting acclimated to it before running the 27½ miles to Machu Picchu — the ancient Incan city that was only rediscovered in the last century — at an elevation of 8,000 feet.

"Machu Picchu was just mind-boggling," Pheney said. "It wasn't too many years ago they didn't even know it was there. They were still uncovering parts of it while we were there."

### Only halfway there

Pheney and some of his fellow runners weren't done. With the help of Inca guides, they went on a five-day, 100-mile run across the Andes after that, reaching a height of 17,000 feet .

"The Inca Trail is not a nice, paved trail," Pheney said. "It's pretty rocky; it's a challenging trail. You're not really running (at that altitude). You're just trying to move along.

"The peaks were in snow. We camped each night. It was June, but that's their winter. There's nothing up there but the vicuna (smaller version of the lama) and alpaca. I loved it. That was quite memorable."

Another adventure was the rim-to-rim run across the Grand Canyon, covering a distance of 24.7 miles over 10 hours. Pheney has done that a number of times; he also has hiked across the canyon with his grandchildren.

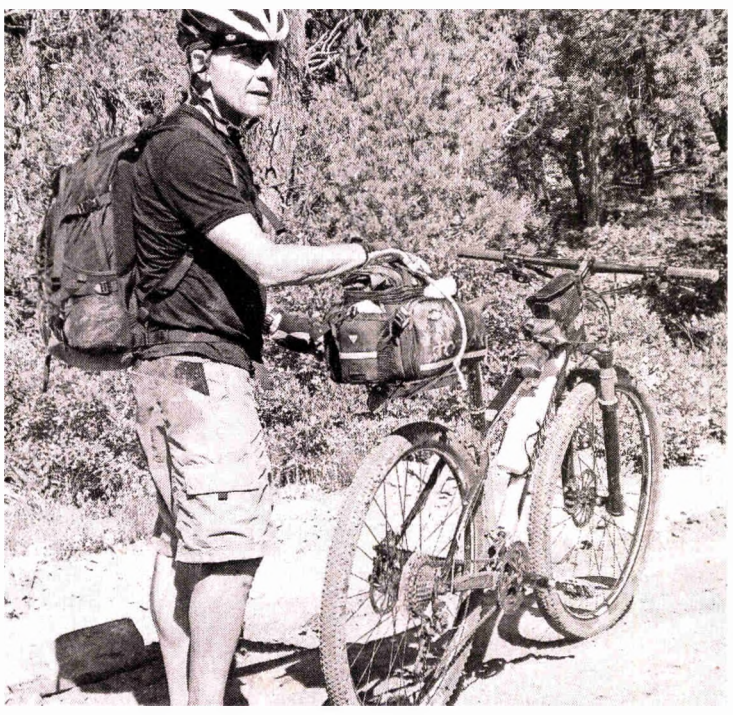
The event started at 8,800 feet on the north rim, went down into the canyon, across the Colorado River and up the south side to 7,400 feet.

"As you keep going down, the temps keep going up, up, up," Pheney said, adding it reached 125 degrees at the bottom. "There was so much snow melt. We had to ford streams. Because of the snow melt, they were raging. Rocks and trees were coming down.

"That was the hottest one I've ever done. We brought water, but that went instantly. There are places along the way you can get water at little springs. We also brought iodine pills, so we could fill up canteens and purify it.

"We brought powdered electrolytes, so we could have some fuel. It's a full day. We started as soon as it was light and came out about 4 in the afternoon."

Walt Pheney (left) and his son, Mark (right), compete in a Tough Mudder event.



Walt Pheney checks his equipment during a break in the 215-mile bike ride over the moutains.

### Other adventures

Pheney also did the world's longest triathlon — the 530-mile Border to Border from southwest Minnesota to the Canadian boundary waters.

He was part of a four-person team that biked 430 miles over two days, ran 50 miles the next and ended with 50 miles of canoeing.

On another overseas trip, Pheney represented the U.S. at the World Championships in Sweden and earned a silver medal in the triathlon. His entire family was there to witness the feat.

"As I was going to the finish line," Pheney said, "my son yelled, 'Dad, Dad.' He took our then 5-year-old granddaughter, Alexis, and lifted her over the fence.

"He had given her two American flags, one for me and one for her. She crossed the finish line with me. That was cool. The crowd went wild."

### Tough Mudder, too

Pheney, who has biked across the Rocky Mountains and done the Big Foot snowshoe race in northern Michigan, has competed alongside his son, Mark, in two Tough Mudder events.

"My son's team was looking for a fourth member," Pheney recalled, "and Mark said: 'How about my dad?' 'Your dad?' one of the guys asked. 'Don't worry; he'll kick your butt.'"

Tough Mudders are grueling. The 13-mile course included obstacles such as jumping through fire, swimming through an ice bath, crawling through tunnels and under barbed wire, running through a chute with electric wires hanging down, etc.

"It was a challenge; it also was a lot of fun," Pheney said. "I had a heckuva good time doing it. We knew we were doing well (third place), because we kept passing the ones who were 20 minutes ahead of us (on the staggered start)."

And what did his son's buddies think of the elder Pheney's performance?

"They bought me beers afterward," Pheney said.

### French vacation

He also has done an Ironman — a longer version of the triathlon — in Nice, France. That involved biking in the Alps and swimming in the Mediterranean Sea.

"I have a very good friend who is French," Pheney said. "His wife is Italian. He did the race with me, and they took us to Monaco. But that was a vacation. In the middle of vacation, we did the triathlon."

He has since given up doing Ironman competitions because of the time needed to train for the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike and marathon. He has cut back on triathlons, too.

"There was a time in my life when I did a triathlon every weekend," Pheney said. "I can't do that now. My body says, 'No, you can't do that, Walt.'"

### Staying in shape

While he may have slowed down a little, Pheney, who will turn 73 this year, remains active and fit. He trains with a group of fellow runners and belongs to a swimming club at the Farmington YMCA.

"It's a mindset, I believe," Pheney said. "I do watch what I eat and take care of myself. I keep myself physically active. I do think a lot of it is luck. You don't get hurt. I've been able to keep doing this at my age, so I'm pleased with that.

"I try every year to do a major event, and I fill it in with anything from a 5K run to a marathon. The people I associate with usually meet in the morning and work out. If you have a group you work with, you're more apt to do these things."

Pheney's military background served as preparation for his athletic endeavors, providing him with stamina and discipline. A former Army paratrooper, he is a combat veteran of the 1960s fighting in Southeast Asia.

"I have a little bit of a motivator, too," he said. "Everybody I was with, I lost them all — everybody in my unit. I've often thought the reason I do this is because I can. So many people I knew can't."

### Next on the agenda

In addition to a couple 5K races, Pheney's future plans include the Great Turtle Race on Mackinac Island in October and the Big Foot again in the winter.

"I've decided I'm not going to quit," Pheney said. "I want to keep doing this. We all take vacations; I just include these adventures."

Wherever that might be, you can be certain Pheney will be either running, biking, swimming or canoeing, too.

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recent Cougars alumnae.

There is no admission fee for fans, but each player will be asked to donate $25. All money collected from the entry fees and from raffles throughout the day will go toward the costs of building a "Wall of Fame," which will initially include plaques commemorating the accomplishments of all former Garden City football players who played four years of college football and earned a degree.

All of the city's high school athletic directors and head football coaches will also be recognized on the monument, which will hold a temporary home on the exterior wall of the football coaching office, facing the field.

"We've lost touch with some of the guys who achieved greatness here, and I'm afraid we're letting our history here slip away from us," said Murray, explaining the purpose of the project. "I want our current and future players to be able to recognize some of the older guys who went on to do great things. We need to preserve our history, whether it was the original school, East, West or the current school."

Among the former players who will be strapping on a set of flags will be Matt Combs, a 1997 graduate who still calls Garden City home.

"I think this is an awesome idea, and I'm really looking forward to it," Combs said. "I still look at Garden City as a small town surrounded by bigger cities like Livonia and Westland. I think part of that small-town feel went away for a while, but events like this can help bring it back."

Combs said some of his former teammates are all in when it comes to playing in the extravaganza, while others have needed a little convincing.

"A few have said, 'I'd play, but my knee is sore and I'm getting old,'" Combs said, smiling. "But I told them, 'hey, we're going out there to have a good time, not get banged up.'"

Murray, with the help of several volunteers, including Jim Neve, is also spearheading a project that would line the entry-way to the stadium with a brick-paver path. For a $50 fee, supporters of Garden City athletics or the community in general — not just the football program — can purchase a brick and have their name etched on it.

"Initially, there won't be a lot of profit because the money will pay for the installation, but after a while it will be a fundraiser," he said. "It's just an idea to raise money and to spruce up the entrance to the stadium."

Murray said it's not too late for former players to register to play in the extravaganza. For more information, visit gccougarcountry.com.

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# HAWKS

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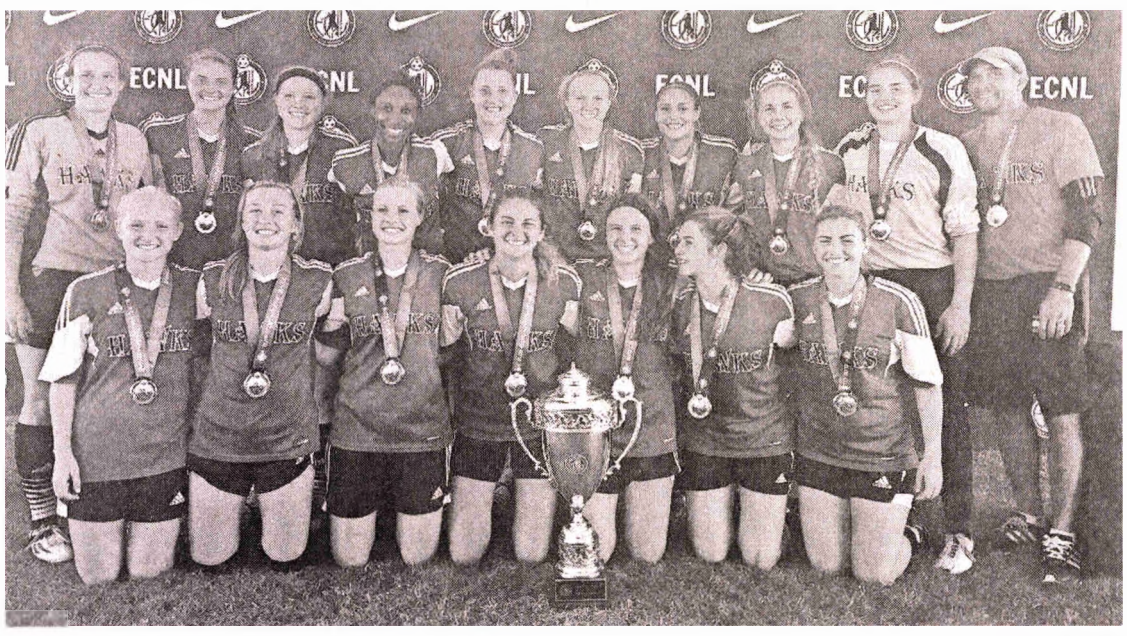
Redmond, Wash., outscoring opponents by a 13-4 margin.

Landefeld added that his players "really bought in and they're a great group of kids. ...You know club soccer, it's seven, eight, 10 years of doing the same thing over and over again. And to win your last game is a really, really neat thing for these kids."

Getting the championship game off on the right foot for the Hawks was forward Maya Piper (Macomb), who converted a perfect cross from midfielder Courtney Petersen (Canton) to open an early 1-0 lead.

That goal was all the Hawks needed as goalkeeper Bethany Kopel (Novi) stymied West Coast at every turn, although strong defensive support from the back line also showed no cracks in the armor.



MICHIGAN HAWKS

The Michigan Hawks U-18 elite girls soccer team defeated West Coast FC 2-0 to win the national title. Team members include (back row, from left): Lauren Spencer; Kylie Knight, Plymouth; Taylor Lambouris, Farmington; Alexis Warner; Maya Piper; Zoe Morse; Brenna Lovera, Milford; Rachelle Topolewski; Bethany Kopel, Novi; and head coach Doug Landefeld; and (front row, from left) Justine Lynn; Courtney Petersen, Canton; Erin Emmanuel, Livonia; Malia Berkely; Marissa Viggiano; Shannon Magnan, Brighton; and Erin Doster.

### Aerial assault

To add icing to the cake, the Hawks added an insurance goal at the 49th minute mark when forward Alexis Warner (Ypsilanti) threaded a pass in front to Piper for her second of the contest.

"She scored both with her head; she's as good as anybody I've coached in the air," Landefeld said. "She's got fantastic timing. I think she's very unique when it comes to the girls game."

Petersen — training this year to qualify for the 2016 FIFA under-20 Women's World Cup with the United States national team — also came up big in the June 29 semifinal against Crossfire Premier. She scored both Hawks goals in a 2-1 victory.

"She's fantastic, she really put it all together," Landefeld said. "She had a couple good assists earlier in the weekend, she had a great assist on the first goal in the final. After we got scored on in the semi, she came down about five minutes later and had a great shot.

"And that proved to be the winning goal. Courtney is very unique. We have a lot of good soccer players that come here, but in terms of a left-sided player, she's about as good as I've ever seen with us."

### Stellar defense

Landefeld also noted the play of 16-year-old goalkeeper Kopel and a standout back line featuring Plymouth's Kylie Knight, Farmington's Taylor Lambouris, East Lansing's Zoe Morse and Grosse Pointe's Justine Lynn.

"They pretty much played every minute of every game," he said. "And we had four goals scored on us (total) in the five games ... they were tremendous."

And Landefeld said Kopel "was terrific all weekend, all five games. She just was very, very reliable. Every time there was a dangerous moment, she seemed to read it and clean it up."

Other area players who contributed to the national title were midfielders Erin Emmanuel (Livonia), Brenna Lovera (Milford) and Shannon Magnan (Brighton) and defender Kate Morris (Plymouth).

Rounding out the roster were midfielder Malia Berkely (Ohio), forward Hannah Cady (Oxford), midfielder Erin Doster (Okemos), forward Paige Duda (Shelby Township), goalkeeper Emily Purdy (Lake Orion), goalkeeper Lauren Spencer (Oxford), midfielder Rachelle Topolewski (Waterford) and midfielder Marissa Viggiano (Macomb County).

Injuries forced goalkeeper Megan Bricely (Troy/Marian), forward Samantha Riga (Plymouth/Ladywood) and midfielder Jaclyn Engel (Macomb) to the sidelines. Landefeld said they were unable to compete at the tourney after sustaining injuries playing for their respective high school teams during the spring.

The championship marked the "12th star" for the Livonia-based Michigan Wolves-Hawks Soccer Club. That represents a dozen national championships between the Wolves (elite boys program) and Hawks.

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PDL SOCCER

# Bucks can clinch division Saturday night at Ultimate

## Cicerone lifts Great Lakes leaders past Lions, 6-1

**By Brad Emons**
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**Western Michigan University's Nick Wysong (left) has been a mainstay on defense this season for the Bucks.**

The defending Premier Development League champion Michigan Bucks ended their five-game road swing in style last Saturday night with a 6-1 soccer victory over the host Dayton Dutch Lions at DOC Stadium.

The first-place Bucks, who improved to 10-1-2 (32 points), can clinch their record 12th Great Lakes Division title in the PDL's Central Conference with a victory over the same Dutch Lions in the regular season finale beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

The Bucks are currently four points of clear second-place Kitchener-Waterloo United (9-2-1, 28 points), which finishes its schedule this week with a pair of games.

The Great Lakes champion moves on to the Central Conference championships, while the second-place team will be forced to participate in a play-in game Tuesday, July 21. While the Bucks have bid to host the PDL playoffs (venue and teams still to be determined), this could be their final home match of their 20th PDL season.

The Bucks came out on fire Saturday night, scoring in the sixth minute when Russell Cicerone (Birmingham Brother Rice/ University of Buffalo) took a pass from Calvin Rezende, beat his defender down the left flank and buried his first shot of the game in the upper corner for a quick 1-0 lead. It was his eighth goal of the year.

In the 21st minute, Bucks goalkeeper Drew Shepherd saved a Dayton penalty kick, but the Lions' Tayron Leandro smacked home a rebound off an ensuing corner kick just a minute later to make it 1-1.

The Bucks then scored five unanswered goals – captain Tom Owens on a penalty kick (27th minute); Calvin Rezende from David Goldsmith (42nd minute); Gerald Ben from Rezende (54th minute); Goldsmith unassisted (78th minute); and Alex Adelabu from Ben (88th minute).

On July 9, the Bucks rallied from deficits of 2-0 and 3-1 to earn a 3-3 deadlock with the last-place Derby City Rovers (1-8-3, six points) in a match played at Woehrle Field in Louisville, Ky.

Goals by Myles Norville (10th minute) and Ace Gonya (26th minute) gave the Rovers a two-goal cushion, but Cicerone scored in the 40th minute off an assist from Owens to make it 2-1 at intermission

Goyna struck again in the 50th minute, but the Bucks climbed back on goals by Goldsmith (from Rezende and Cicerone) and Owens (on a free kick) in the 55th, and 70th minutes, respectively.

### Hall of Fame

Among the inductees into the Bucks' fourth Hall of Fame class for Saturday night's match against the Lions are the PDL's all-time leading scorer Kenny Uzoigwe, who will be joined by fellow 2006 PDL championship goalkeeper Steve Clark (now with the MLS Columbus Crew).

Current Bucks director of coaching and former Oakland University men's soccer coach Gary Parsons also goes into the hall, along with Joe Malachino, who is the first player-coach to be inducted after representing the Bucks in their very first PDL season played in Saginaw in 1996.

Tickets at the door for this Saturday's match are $10 (adults) and $7 (youths 16-and-under).

Special pre-sale tickets can also be purchased online for only $6 (all ages) at buckssoccer.com.

MHSAA

# Whistle while you work

## State accepting registrations for 2015-16 school year game officials

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is accepting registrations by mail and online for game officials for the 2015-16 school year.

The MHSAA annually receives registration by more than 10,000 officials, and had 10,305 during the 2014-15 school year. The highest total of officials registered for basketball, 4,469, with football, baseball and softball all with more than 2,000 registered officials during this school year.

For all new and returning officials, those who register online again will receive a $5 discount off their processing fees. A $12 fee is charged for each sport in which an official wishes to register, and the online processing fee is $30.

Officials submitting registration forms by mail or on a walk-up basis will incur a $35 processing fee. Officials registered in 2014-15 will be assessed a late fee of $30 for registration after Aug. 3. The processing fee includes liability insurance coverage up to $1 million for officials while working contests involving MHSAA schools.

Online registration can be accessed by clicking "Officials" on the home page of the MHSAA Website at www.mhsaa.com. Forms also are available online that can be printed and submitted by traditional mail or hand delivery to the MHSAA Office. More information about officials registration may be obtained by contacting the MHSAA at 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, MI, 48823, by phone at 517-332-5046 or by e-mail at register@mhsaa.com.

There is an officials' registration test for first-time officials and officials who were not registered during the past school year. The test consists of 45 questions derived from the MHSAA Officials Guidebook, which also is available on the officials page of the MHSAA website. Additional 50-question exams must be taken by those registering for football or basketball for the first time or those who were not registered for those sports during the previous school year. Manuals for both sports also are available on the officials page.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by more than 1,400 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract more than 1.4 million spectators each year.


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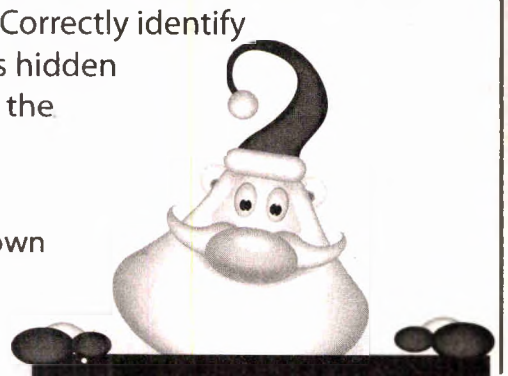

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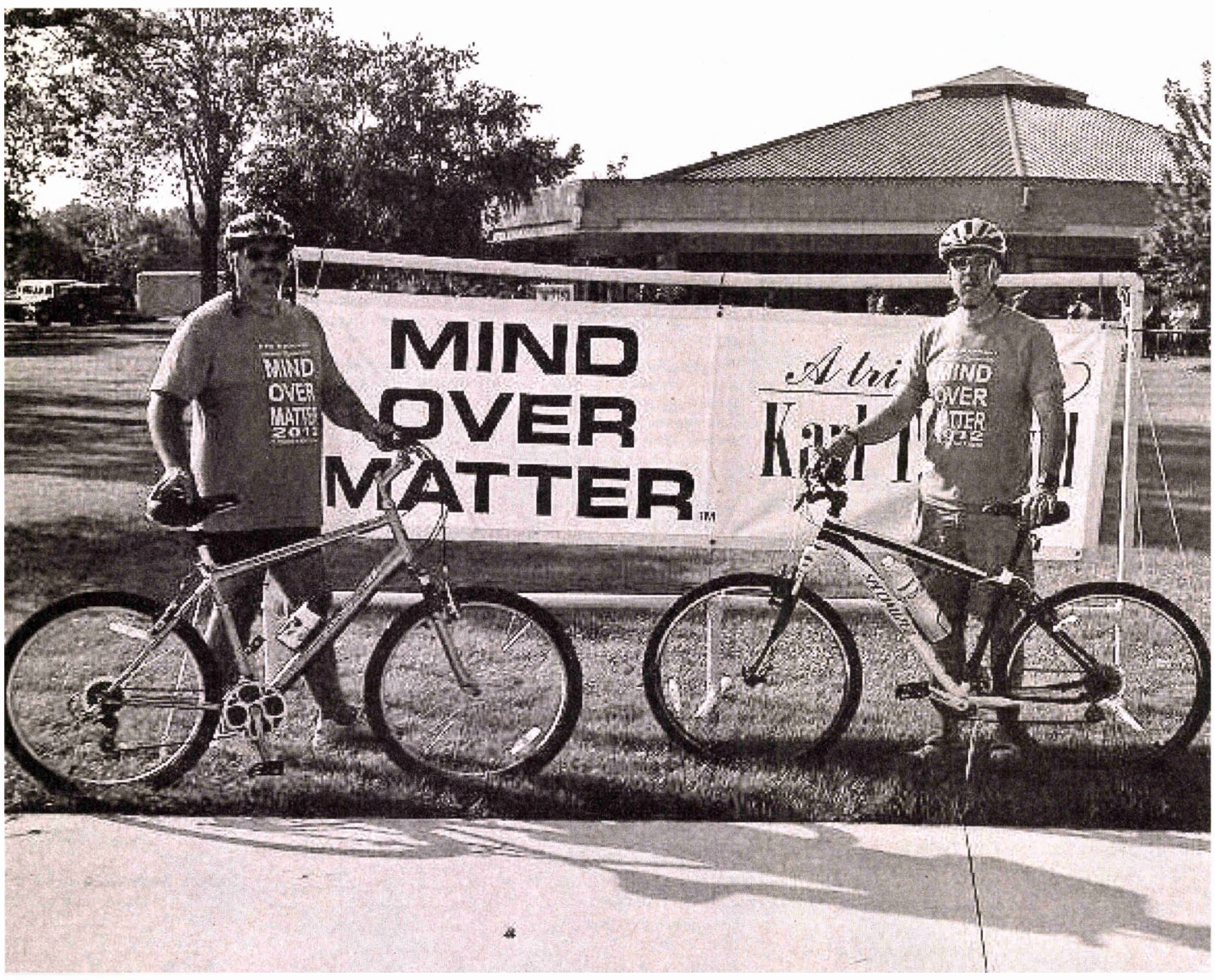


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## Realtor's team takes to bicycles for Mind Over Matter benefit

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The 11th annual Mind Over Matter event is set for Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Par 3 Shelter, Lake St. Clair Metropark, 31300 Metro Parkway, Harrison Township.

Contact is Kelly Bailiff, kbailiff@alz.org, 248-996-1060. Organizers urge people to pedal their way along to support the Alzheimer's Association at the 2015 Mind Over Matter Bike Event.

Among those supporters is Tony Schippa of Plymouth, a Realtor with Remerica United Realty in Novi. Schippa's been in real estate since December 2000 and grew up in Milford.

The team members are Schippa, Allan Moltmaker, Henry Zawacki and Megan Coultas.

Each team member has a pet charity, Schippa noted, and this event is for Allan Moltmaker's parents who both have Alzheimer's. Schippa's father-in-law has it as well.

Schippa, diagnosed in his 40s with diabetes, got on his bicycle and did the Tour de Cure for the American Diabetes Association soon after. He looks at the 2013 *Observer* story about that on a plaque in his workplace.

"We support each other's charities," Schippa said of a close friend he rides with. "Just to give back to the community. Just being able to help someone is rewarding."

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> **TONY SCHIPPA**
> Local Realtor, Plymouth resident

"She is just a positive person. She does it to keep the money right in Michigan," Schippa said of the woman who started the Mind Over Matter Alzheimer's Association benefit. "Team Schippa will be out there riding again. It's all been grassroots," he added.

That woman's family has been through a lot with Alzheimer's, Schippa noted.

Team Schippa will ride for 40 miles on Aug. 1 at Lake St. Clair Metropark. His team has about eight riders, half of whom are now facing health issues that make bicycling more difficult.

"It's just really great," he said of the charity rides. "We enjoy it."

His first ride, to help in the diabetes fight, was 25 miles. "I think 'It was going to kill me,'" he recalled. "A year later, we did 100."

On his next 100-mile ride, Schippa pulled a muscle. "Not worth going for a permanent injury," he said. "I had to call it quits."

He's controlling his diabetes through diet and exercise only. "I'm on no medication," he said. When he orders salad, he has the dressing on the side and uses little.

"A couple people have picked up on that. It's just about the choices and working out a couple days a week," he said. He's busy in the booming real estate market, but continues to walk and ride his bicycle.

"It's good therapy for me to get out and ride," added Schippa, who puts his cell phone on vibrate for his workouts.

He and a friend met a youth fighting diabetes and were blunt with him. "Do you want to be able to walk?" they asked him. "It's nothing to play with. Diabetes does so much damage to the body."

African Americans and Hispanics are particularly likely to become diabetic, Schippa said. "Some of it has to do with diet and exercise," as well as genetics, he said.

Schippa's physician told him, "Whatever you're doing, just keep doing. A big guy like me, scared of needles, yes."

Schippa and wife Denise adopted a son, now 17, some 15 years ago. He's now a senior at Plymouth High and considering college in the Virgin Islands. His parents say do what you want and live your own life.

"I want him to hear that same thing," Schippa said of his own dad's message.

Michigan Real Estate Masterminds / Women's Council of Realtors 275 Corridor Chapter will hold a fundraiser Thursday, July 23, at the Granite City indoor/outdoor patio at Seven Mile and Haggerty in Northville Township. All proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association Mind Over Matter bike ride on Aug 1. Granite City will be giving a portion of all proceeds all day on July 23 (you need to present the flier for this event or mention this *Observer & Eccentric* story) to the Alzheimer's Association as well as during the Mixer, including raffles throughout as well. Sponsor information is at keith.franklintitle@yahoo.com or call/email Schippa at 734-637-8221, tonyschippasellshomes@gmail.com.

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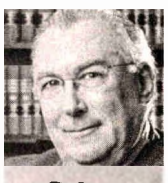
## Commercial costs in Las Vegas vary

**Q: I am thinking about opening up a high-end commercial retail outlet on the strip in Las Vegas. What can I expect in terms of paying rent, if you know?**

A: Based upon my checking with some tenants, the price for commercial space in a prime area can range from $45,000 to $110,000 per month for a 1,000-1,500-square-foot store. Obviously, if you are renting space in a high-end hotel, the per square foot cost will be much greater than in an outside strip area between two hotels, by way of example. The cost of space may be getting more competitive, because of a new major retail development which is in the process of being constructed. As with any situation, you need to consult with a marketing expert, as well as a local commercial retail real estate broker, together with a good real estate lawyer before making any commitments for leasing.



*Robert Meisner*

**Q: I understand that there was a massive federal investigation into a scheme on the part of some to take over and defraud certain homeowner associations in Nevada. Do you have any information on that and could it happen here?**

A: The issue that you brought up is still being bantered about as was depicted on the front page of the *Las Vegas Review/Journal* newspaper of June 10, 2015, wherein the paper noted that the scale of corruption in these HOA cases "is almost unimaginable." The newspaper was complaining about its failure to be able to gain a access to all of the documents that were involved in the case based on protective orders entered into by a federal judge. During the investigation, the persons targeted included judges, lawyers and former police officers. Basically, the scheme involved a construction company executive trying to take over a dozen HOAs. He got straw buyers to buy into the project, rig the elections to place these buyers on HOA Boards where they could then steer millions of dollars in construction defect repair contracts to the contractor's company. Most of those involved in the matter have now been either prosecuted or pleaded guilty. It could happen anywhere under the right circumstances.

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## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Short sales

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

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

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

### Investors

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

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

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

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of Feb. 23 - 27, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**Beverly Hills**
16026 Lauderdale Ave $230,000
32873 Norchester St $365,000
20185 Plantation Ln $200,000

**Birmingham**
1111 Emmons Ave $699,000
1574 Maryland Blvd $380,000
1035 N Old Woodward Ave Unit 7 $220,000
1530 Northlawn Blvd $799,000
779 W Southlawn Blvd $435,000

**Bloomfield Hills**
391 Cranbrook Ct $1,400,000
5437 Lahser Rd $460,000

**Bloomfield Township**
256 Bloomfield Blvd $178,000
4336 Far Hill Dr $370,000
4839 Inveray Rd $290,000
1136 Norminister End $1,200,000
1955 Squirrel Rd $247,000

**Commerce Township**
5542 Hillsboro Ct $414,000
1726 Pondview Ln $369,000

**Farmington**
22109 Hawthorne St $42,000

**Farmington Hills**
29525 Ashford Pkwy $215,000
29090 Birchcrest Way $305,000
28989 E King William Dr $175,000
22532 Heathersett Cres $315,000
30222 Kimberly Ct $270,000
39358 Plumbrook Dr $318,000
23171 Tulane Ave $80,000
28578 Venice Cir $205,000
28415 W Greenmeadow Cir $185,000
29350 Wellington St $312,000

**Highland**
349 Nairn Cir $525,000

**Lathrup Village**
27055 Eldorado Pl $149,000

**Milford**
641 E Huron St $64,000
521 Napa Valley Dr $295,000
53941 Pontiac Trl $203,000
1370 S Hickory Ridge Rd $172,000

**Novi**
41732 Brownstone Dr $193,000
39555 Burton Dr $300,000
41330 Cornell Dr $190,000
24009 Glen Ridge Ct $160,000
24850 Olde Orchard St $45,000
21711 Shadybrook Dr $274,000
31028 Silverdale Dr $215,000

**South Lyon**
24461 Forest Dr $425,000
18700 Bainbridge Dr $187,000

**Southfield**
19611 Hilton Dr $98,000
17115 Lee St $85,000
27450 Lexington Pkwy $82,000
17310 Melrose St $94,000
28458 Tavistock Trl $181,000
16983 W 10 Mile Rd $40,000

**White Lake**
1112 Castlewood St $325,000
8168 E Huron Ct $176,000
34 Myrick St $40,000
9998 Palmoor St $190,000
8385 Pontiac Lake Rd Bldg 2 # 15 $55,000
8576 Sandycrest Dr $120,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded he week of March 16 - 20, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**Canton**
42528 Beechwood Dr $187,000
48183 Deer Trail Dr $360,000
46488 Glengarry Blvd $355,000
3855 Norwich Dr $143,000
1931 Preserve Cir E $170,000
1841 Ranier Blvd $172,000
3273 River Meadow Cir $196,000
431 Roosevelt St $375,000
1525 Rustic Ridge Rd $181,000

**Garden City**
32117 Chester St $172,000
30733 Dawson St $170,000
30825 Dawson St $66,000
33140 Donnelly St $87,000
29957 Elmwood St $65,000
28829 Ford Rd $205,000
6639 Golfview St $91,000
31409 Hennepin St $76,000
31739 Pierce St $46,000

**Livonia**
28721 Bayberry Ct W $170,000
9575 Cardwell St $135,000
30461 Five Mile Rd $145,000
29241 Meadowlark St $128,000
18775 Merriman Rd $168,000
9058 Newport Way $125,000
14322 Nola St $192,000
9360 Stonehouse Ave $331,000
15756 Swathmore Ct S $195,000
18297 University Park Dr $88,000
11315 W Clements Cir $95,000
14587 Yale S $154,000

**Northville**
50905 Belmont Park Ct $526,000
16887 Dover Dr $165,000
437 Grace St $676,000
44105 Greenview Ln $540,000
725 Randolph St $124,000
20303 Rippling Ln $220,000

**Plymouth**
9461 Alpha Dr $425,000
50508 Beechwood Ct $205,000
8956 Briarwood Dr $165,000
9033 Cobblestone Cir $346,000
12411 Duxbury Ct $415,000
289 E Pearl St $168,000
40693 Newport Dr $78,000
8894 Northern Ave $200,000
49942 Plymouth Way $115,000

**Redford**
19592 Dalby $19,000
20438 Macarthur $31,000

**Westland**
1245 Abbey Ct $143,000
2146 Ackley Ave $26,000
327 Brookfield Dr $193,000
30763 Cherry Hill Rd $20,000
6840 Deerhurst Dr $110,000
7848 Ritz Ave $130,000
1347 S Carlson St $22,000
8410 Shari Dr $130,000

# RELIGION CALENDAR

## JULY

### COMMONGROUND

**Time/Date**: 7-10 p.m. July 24

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

**Details:** This girl's night out "with focus" draws women from throughout the metro area and includes worship, inspirational teaching, appetizers, giveaways, coffee bar, and book launch for a women's devotional. 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 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, through Aug. 23

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

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

**Contact:** 734-459-3333

### SOCCER CAMP

**Time/Date**: 6:30-8 p.m. July 27-30

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

**Details**: For boys and girls, 5-12, of any skill level. Cost is $25 per 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**: 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, Canton

**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 Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

### CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date**: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

**Details**: No documentation needed

**Contact**: info@cantoncf.org

### EXERCISE

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

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

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

**Contact**: 313-408-3364

### FAMILY MEAL

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

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

**Details**: Free meal

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

### HEALING SERVICE

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

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

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

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

### MOMS

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date**: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**

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

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

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

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

### PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

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

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

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

**Contact:** 313-563-0162

### PRAYER

**St. Edith Church**

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

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

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

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

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**St. Michael Lutheran Church**

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

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

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

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

### SINGLES

**Detroit World Outreach**

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

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

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

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

**First Presbyterian Church**

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

**Location**: 200 E. Main St., Northville

**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is $5

**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org for additional information

**Steve's Family Restaurant**

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

**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

**Contact:** 313-534-0399

### SONG CIRCLE

**Congregation Beth Ahm**

**Time/Date**: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

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

**Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

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

### SUPPORT

**Apostolic Christian Church**

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

**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

**Connection Church**

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

**Location**: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

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

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

**Detroit World Outreach**

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

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

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

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

**» Farmington Hills Baptist Church**

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

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

**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

**Contact:** 248-433-1011

**» Merriman Road Baptist Church**

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

**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

**Contact:** www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

**» Fireside Church of God**

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### BAUMGARTNER, EDMUND T.

89 years old, formerly of Bloomfield Village, Michigan passed away peacefully at his home in Westwood, Massachusetts on July 8, 2015. Ed was born in the town of Berne, Indiana to Grover and Rose Baumgartner and took early admission to Purdue University, entering the U.S. Navy's V12 program in 1943. He returned to Indiana after the war and earned a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue and a Masters of Business Administration from Indiana University. Ed worked for Ford Motor Company in a variety of positions and, among other successful projects, led Ford's development of the Transit, the best-selling light commercial vehicle in Europe for over 40 years. He is survived by his wife Mary Painter Baumgartner; their four children, James Baumgartner of Winter Park, Florida, Elizabeth Weeks of Brooklyn, New York, Katherine Lowrie of Belmont, Massachusetts and Edmund "Ted" Baumgartner, Jr. of Lincolnshire, Illinois; their 11 grandchildren; and his brother Paul Baumgartner of St. Peter, Minnesota. Burial service will take place on July 27, 11 a.m. at the chapel of the MRE cemetery in Berne, Indiana.

### INGRAHAM, DOUGLAS H.

Passed on to a heavenly world on Friday, July 10, 2015 at Yale-New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Connecticut. Douglas was born on September 17, 1948. He was raised in Birmingham, Michigan and graduated from Seaholm High School in 1966. Doug spent most of his adult life in California, Colorado, and Idaho. He later moved to Deep River, CT. Doug had suffered a stroke in 1996 and has had failing health since then. Doug leaves his daughter, Arin Ingraham of Ashland, Oregon, his sisters Liz Wessoleck of Westbrook CT, and Sarah Ingraham of New Haven, CT., his sister-in-law, Karin Ingraham of Oakland, Michigan and several nieces and nephews. Doug also leaves many dear friends in Deep River, CT. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Kirkland Commons Kitchen Fund, 60 Main St. Deep River CT. 06417, a residence for elderly and disabled where Doug had happily lived for the past 12 years. A memorial service will be held at 2:00p.m. on Thursday July 30, 2015 at the Deep River Congregational Church, 1 Church Street in Deep River. Arrangements by Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home, Centerbrook

Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.


### McALLISTER, BRUCE HOWARD

Went to be with the Lord July 6, 2015. Born Dec. 28, 1923. Survived by his wife Beverly McAllister, four children Dawn, Brad and Brian McAllister, and Diann Ording. For info call Dawn 248-921-7778.

### SCHIPANI, LENITA E.

Age 87, of Howell, died Saturday, July 11, 2015. Funeral Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 17, 2015 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Frank C. Schipani officiating. Burial immediately following in Fairview Cemetery, Linden. Visitation will be held 1-9 p.m. Thursday and 10:00 a.m. until the time of service Friday at the funeral home. For full obituary go to www.sharpfuneralhomes.com

### WESTFALL, CAROLYN S.

July 11, 2015, age 94 Beloved wife of the late LeRoy. Dear mother of Deborah (Dana) Johnson, Patrice (Stephen) Phillips and Gregory (Karen) Westfall. Also leaves six grandchildren, six great grandchildren and sister-in-law Luree Westfall. Visitation Thursday 1pm - 9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth where funeral services will be conducted on Friday 11am. Read full obituary at www.schrader-howell.com

# Improvisors create 'Summer Fun' at Barefoot Productions

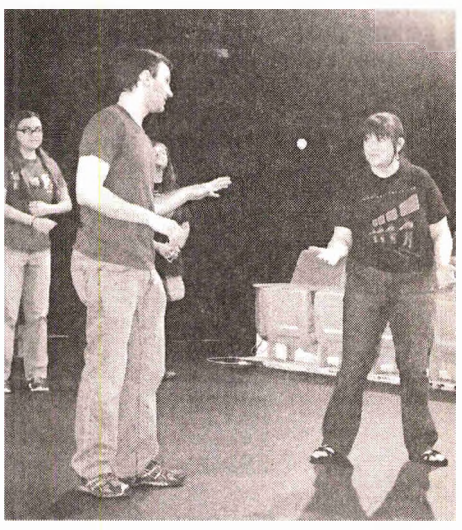
Get ready to laugh. Barefoot Productions will present a night of improv, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at 240 N. Main, Plymouth.

Cast members of *Summer Fun* will invent characters and perform unscripted short scenes on the spot, all without costumes and props, with sketches based on suggestions from the audience.

Betty Berryman of Canton and Katie Higgins of Westland will make their improv debut at the *Summer Fun* performance, although both have acted in scripted productions at Barefoot and on the Village Theater stage. Other cast members are Griffin Burke of Northville, Karen Curtsinger of Canton, Audra Jantz of Ferndale, Kathryn Schafer of Plymouth and Rachel Richardson of Ypsilanti. Timothy Majik directs the group, with assistance from Griffin Burke.

*Summer Fun* producers also staged *Cure for the Wintertime Blues*, a sold-out evening of improv held earlier this year at Barefoot Productions.

*Summer Fun* tickets are $15 and available at justgobarefoot.com or by calling the box office at 734-434-6886.



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**Griffin Burke, left, coaches the cast of "Summer Fun," an improv show set for July 18 at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.**


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# Hear nine hours of live music at Michigan Jazz Festival

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Vocalist Meri Slaven will bring a show-must-go-on spirit to her Michigan Jazz Festival solo debut this weekend in Livonia.

"I know by Jazz Festival I'll be OK. I'll be on crutches," said Slaven, who broke her leg on vacation this month. "I'm wearing an immobilizer brace. I'll be sitting on a stool singing. I'm slowly on the mend."

Slaven, named best jazz vocalist at the Detroit Music Awards this year, will sing from 4:45-5:45 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at the free festival, which runs noon to 9 p.m. at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

The Dearborn resident is a member of Metro Detroit Voices, a four-part harmony vocal jazz group that sang at the festival last year. This year she's on her own as a solo artist, with back up by Scott Gwnell on piano, Jordan Schug on bass and Stephen Boegelhold on drums.

Slaven's one of three women who are featured performers or are playing solo at the festival. April Tini of Farmington Hills will sing with the Dennis & April Tini Quintet, 1:45-2:45 p.m. Her husband, Dennis, on piano, leads the band, which includes Russ Miller on sax, Jeff Halsey on bass, and Dave Taylor on drums. Ellen Rowe, jazz pianist, composer, and professor and chair of the Jazz and Contemporary Improvisation Department at the University of Michigan, will perform at 6:30 p.m.

### Performing, arranging

Rowe, of Ann Arbor, leads her own quintet, but will appear solo at the festival.

"The last couple of years I've played a solo set," she said. "My intent is to do half standards and half my own tunes. The audience wants to hear pieces they recognize. It's enjoyable to mix it up."

She's still working on her set list, but it's likely to include some Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Charlie Parker and Thelonious Monk.

"More often than not I'll take a standard and find a slightly different take on it. I'll do it in a different grove, add a new baseline, give it a different treatment."

Rowe began arranging professionally for big bands and then saw a need for quality jazz arrangements for junior high and high school music programs. In addition to performing and teaching, she also has composed and arranged for grades two-five and has received commissions from schools around the country.

Tini's day job also focuses on middle school students. When she's not singing with her husband's band, she teaches students and leads several choirs at Orchard Lake Middle School.

"I love working with students and I always learn from the students when I'm teaching," Tini said. "When I'm performing, the students come out to hear me."

### Jazz standards

Dennis & April Tini Quintet will focus on the theme, great American songbook, for their festival appearance. They'll likely perform music by George Gershwin, Hoagy Carmichael, Cole Porter and other great American jazz composers.

Although she loves all kinds of music, Tini said she gravitated toward jazz because it resonated with her as a singer.

"It's a joy to perform," she said. "I loved the sound of the music and the personal expression it allowed. I loved the lyrics of the songs."

Slaven's interest in jazz was an evolutionary process. The daughter of two music teachers, she listened to everything from polkas to classical music to show tunes while growing up.

"I was listening to opera singers, which I knew wasn't cool with my friends. But even at the age of 10, I knew that if I could do that, I could do anything."

Slaven studied classical voice at Florida Atlantic University and then moved to New York where she started "hanging out with jazz musicians" and listening to jazz music. She eventually worked her way into clubs as a performer, but had to re-build her singing career after moving back to Michigan. She juggles both a day job and weekend and weeknight gigs.

"It's a labor of love," she described her vocal work. "I like singing because I like lyrics. I like the words and I have a passion for lyrics and melody."

### ALL THAT JAZZ

» Meri Slaven will perform with The James Hughes Quartet, July 17, at the Onyx, 208 W. Fifth, between South Washington Avenue and South Main, in Royal Oak. She also performs frequently at Page's Food & Spirits, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington; and Crews Inn, 31988 N. River Road, Harrison Township.
» Five o'clock Rush is a free jazz music concert at 5 p.m. Tuesday, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Slaven books the musicians for the weekly event.
» Dennis and April Tini will perform July 24 at Friday Night Jazz, the weekly jazz program at Top Dog Coney Island & Bar, 13342 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.
» Ellen Rowe's recordings include the Ellen Rowe Quintet's "Courage Music," the Ellen Rowe Quartet's "Wishing Well," and "Denali Pass," along with the Ellen Rowe Trio's "Sylvan Way." Check out her website at ellenrowe.com. She'll have some on hand at the Michigan Jazz Festival.
» Meri Slaven's CDs are "Get Out of Town" and "Dream Dancing." Check out her website at merislaven.com. They'll be available at the festival.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Meri Slaven sings at The Onyx in Royal Oak. Catch her act July 19 at the Michigan Jazz Festival in Livonia.

Ellen Rowe will perform solo at the Michigan Jazz Festival in Livonia.

# Film star and world traveler Paris Themmen heads to Detroit

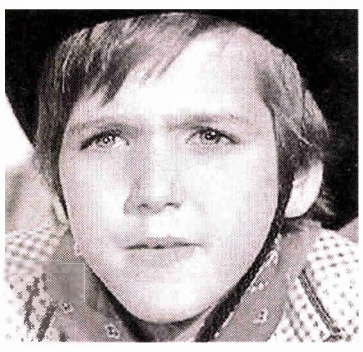
By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

By age 30, Paris Themmen had backpacked his way through more than 30 countries.

"I went to Brazil for five weeks, Indonesia for four months. One year, later in life, I spent the entire year traveling. Nepal, the Serengeti, the Taj Mahal, the pyramids, most of the things you'd see on the Travel Channel I've had a backpack and gone and done. Board games and travel are my hobbies."

Themmen, 56, is up to 60 countries on six continents and will return to France, England and Italy next month for his honeymoon, after marrying last year for the first time. But first, he'll visit Detroit, making appearances this weekend at screenings of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* at the Redford Theatre.

Themmen, who portrayed Mike Teavee in the 1971 film, and Peter Ostrum, who was cast as Charlie Bucket, will meet fans and autograph photos for sale at each screening, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18 and 1 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 18-19, at the theater, 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue. A meet-and-greet event is set for 5 p.m. Saturday, July 18 and will include an autographed photo signed by the celebrities, desserts and early seating for the evening film screening.



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Paris Themmen portrayed Mike Teavee when he was 11 years old.

Paris Themmen

"It's a beautiful space with a nice organ," said Themmen, who attended a *Willy Wonka* screening at the theater two years ago with Ostrum. "The last time we were here we had a nice time. We packed the house the last time. It was filled to capacity on Saturday night. We did three shows over two days. Two were half full and one show filled up...1,300 people."

Themmen spends most of his time with photography and pop culture conventions these days, but has made appearances at *Willy Wonka* screenings nationwide with Julie Dawn Cole, who played Veruca Salt in the film. He and the other four "Wonka kids" will attend Spooky Empire, a horror convention in Orlando, Fla., this fall.

"We were fortunate to be in this movie. It was not only a magical and fun film to make, but it has had enduring popularity for 45 years now."

### Young actor

At 11, when he took on the role of Mike Teavee, a bratty, television-obsessed boy, Themmen had already appeared in numerous television commercials, had voiced radio spots and acted on the Broadway stage. His parents were classical musicians who often played for Broadway shows in New York. During a trip to Michigan, where his parents were performing a season of summer stock, Themmen appeared in a few of the shows. When the family returned to New York, his mother hired an agent. He began his acting career at age 6.

He was in *Iphegenia in Aulis*, at the Circle in the Square Theatre, in *Mame* with Ann Miller on Broadway, and after the Wonka, which was filmed in Germany, Themmen joined *The Rothschilds* on Broadway and then for its first national tour.

"I was pretty independent. I was taking the bus often to the theater from the upper west side. My mother, as a pianist, would play for me at auditions. The accompanist at an audition is a professional and makes you look good, but there's nothing like having your mom there."

By age 14, Themmen took a break from acting, but took it up again, along with dancing, in college. He studied theater at New York University, which led to his passion for travel.

"When you are an actor, you're reflecting life. But because I started acting at such a young age, some teachers thought I didn't have enough real life experience," Themmen said. "They said Paris, go out and see the world. That is what I knew I wanted to do."

### On the go

At age 22, he and a business partner formed a company called International Access, which booked backpackers on standby flights to Europe. It gave him a chance to travel, too.

"I love New Zealand, Italy and France for the food, culture and cathedrals. Thailand is amazing and Laos. Even when something is unpleasant, you're learning stuff. The more you do it the more patient you become.

"When you're out for a year with a backpack, you recognize your own self-reliance. When you've been in countries where you don't have a real toilet and you're sleeping in a room on a dirt floor ... where people in tribes wave their hand when they want the wind to move along, it changes your perspective and you realize you can make do with less."

In addition to traveling, Themmen has dabbled in real estate and retail, worked in film production and directed casting sessions. He did a stint at Walt Disney Imagineering, and worked as a financial consultant for Smith Barney.

"If I go on a job interview, I've got all of this stuff to draw on," he said, adding that he'd like to try his hand at directing and writing.

"I've written business letters and promotional communications. But the stuff of living in the world, the stuff of real writing, I haven't done a lot. But I could draw a lot from my experiences."

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**Another Bernard Davis Estate Sale 313.837.1993 or 313.415.7477** Northville, 9635 Bloomsbury Cir. Northville Crossing, July 17-18, 9am-5pm. For more info go to estatesales.net and look for us **SEE YOU THERE!!!**

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### Estates Sales

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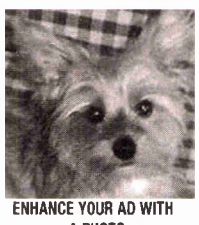

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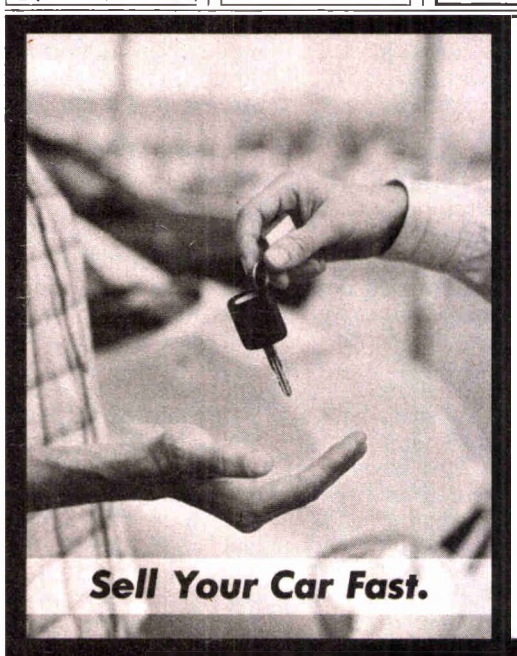


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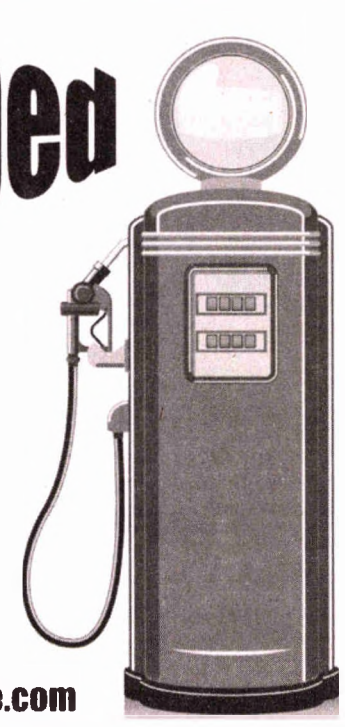

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**ACROSS**

1 Jostle
5 Make faces
8 Seductive woman
12 Great Lakes state
13 Back when
14 Another word for margarine
15 Wine or harbor
16 Barbecue need
18 "Laughing" animal
20 Minuscule
21 Enya's music (2 wds.)
24 Weight unit
27 Aug. and Jan.
28 Marmalade alternative
31 Heavy hydrogen discoverer
32 Furry friend
33 Name in cheesecake
34 Not Dem. or Rep.
35 Go quickly
36 Hawk's refuge
37 Apollo's priestess
39 Kitchen enticer
43 Elegant coiffures
46 Become established (2 wds.)
49 Dressmaker's cut
51 Treadmill unit
52 Wish undone
53 Are, in Taxco
54 Narrow board
55 "It's freezing!"
56 Intense

**DOWN**

1 Strut along
2 Oops! (hyph.)
3 Boggy
4 Strength
5 Rain forest parrot
6 Gross!
7 — — step further
8 Sotto —
9 Lotion additive
10 Cruel
11 Many, in combos
17 66 and I-80
19 Maiden-name indicator
22 Fridge maker
23 Came down with
24 Yes, to Yvette
25 Coffee dispenser
26 Rorem or Beatty
28 Peanut butter container
29 Uris hero
30 Ginnie —
32 Mongrel
33 Garden plot
35 Ocean sound
36 Jungfrau or Eiger
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45 Appease
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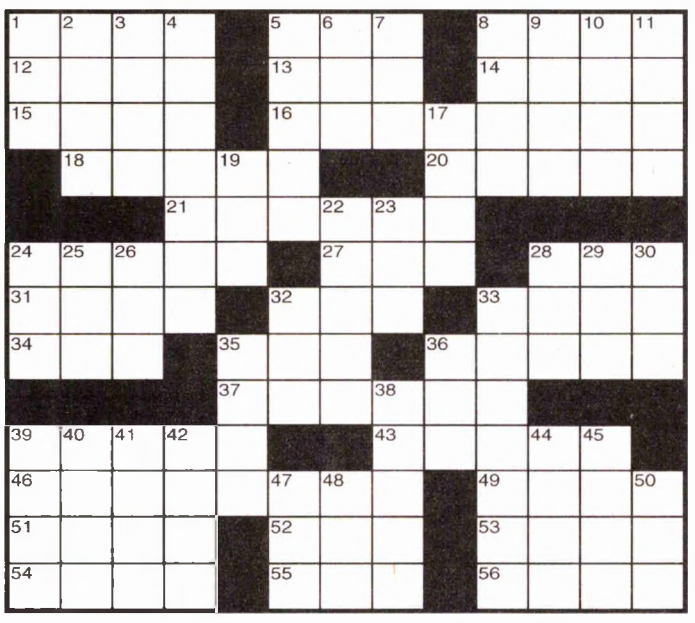

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**Here's How It Works:**
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can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

## COASTAL WORD SEARCH

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

**WORDS**

BEACH
BOARDWALK
BRACKISH
BREAKER
COASTAL
CRABS
CURRENTS
DUNES
EROSION
FISH
GULLS
JETTY
NAUTICAL
NEAP
OCEAN
OVERTOPPING
PICNIC
POOLS
REEDS
REEF
RIPPLE
SALT
SANDY
SCAVENGER
SEAWALL
SEAWEED
SHELL
SHORELINE
SURF
TIDAL
TIDE
TROUGH
UMBRELLA
UNDERTOW
WATER
WILDLIFE

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

**Sudoku**

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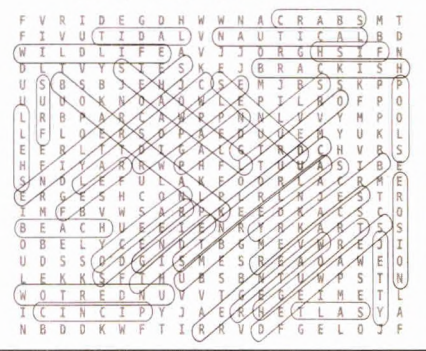
| 6 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 7 |
| 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 9 |
| 9 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 |
| 7 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 1 |
| 3 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 5 |

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

**Word Search**



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# FOOD

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# MANGOES:

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**Mangoes contain more than 20 vitamins and minerals.**

# THE BEAUTY FRUIT

If summertime brings visions of fresh fruity flavors to mind, remember that what you eat has an impact on the health and beauty of your skin. Choose your fruit wisely and enjoy the bonus benefits of skin-supporting nutrients and compounds.

Mango is a beauty fruit, containing more than 20 different vitamins and minerals, including several nutrients that stand out when it comes to skin health — vitamin C, vitamin A (or beta carotene) and folate.

» Vitamin C supports many different functions in the skin, including collagen formation, regeneration and wound repair. One cup of mango delivers a whopping 100 percent of the daily requirement for this important antioxidant. Vitamin C intake also has been associated with improved appearance of aging skin. According to the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, in a study involving 4,025 middle-aged women, researchers found that higher intakes of vitamin C were associated with lower prevalence of wrinkled appearance, dryness associated with aging and skin thinning.

» Beta carotene is an antioxidant pigment that the body converts to vitamin A. Mangoes deliver 35 percent of the daily vitamin A requirement in the form of beta carotene. Research published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition has shown that lower levels of vitamin A in the diet have been associated with a wrinkled appearance. In addition, a number of studies in the same journal have shown that an elevated intake of carotenoids, such as beta carotene, may provide protection from sunlight, lessening sunburn.

» Folate supports many different processes within the body. One cup of mango contains 20 percent of the daily requirements for this B vitamin. A study by researchers from the Department of Cancer Prevention and Control, The University of Arizona Cancer Center and Dermatology Professionals Incorporated, suggests that some of these may have an important impact on the maintenance and function of healthy skin and that exposure to UV radiation can break down folate, resulting in lower levels in the skin.

The distinctive flavor of fresh mangoes makes them the perfect ingredient for a summer beauty boost. With a burst of nutrients, vivid color and taste of the tropics, they are ideal for salads, yogurt, grilled meats, side dishes and drinks.

For more delicious mango recipes visit www.mango.org.

*Courtesy of Family Features*

## MANGO TURKEY SLIDERS

*Servings: 10*
*Prep time: 30 minutes*
*Cooking time: 15 minutes*

**2 mangoes (about 2 pounds), peeled and pitted**
**1 tablespoon olive oil**
**1 ½ pounds 95 percent lean ground turkey**
**½ cup panko breadcrumbs**
**2 green onions, white and light green parts chopped**
**2 cloves garlic, minced**
**2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme**
**1 teaspoon Dijon mustard**
**salt and pepper**
**10 whole-wheat burger "slider" buns**
**½ red onion, thinly sliced**
**½ head butter lettuce, washed and torn into large pieces**

Dice 1 mango. In a blender or food processor, puree it with olive oil until smooth. In a large bowl, combine pureed mango, ground turkey, breadcrumbs, green onions, garlic, thyme, and mustard. Season with salt and pepper.
Preheat outdoor grill or indoor grill pan over medium-high heat. Clean and oil grill grates.
Form turkey mix into 10 small patties. Cook until internal temperature reaches 160 degrees, about 15 minutes total, flipping halfway through cooking. Remove from grill and place on clean platter, tent with foil and set aside.
Peel remaining mango with vegetable peeler. Cut a small section off the bottom of the remaining mango so it sits on cutting board. Slice mango from the cheek in, creating small disks. Place turkey burgers on whole-wheat buns and top with sliced mango, red onion and butter lettuce.

*Nutritional analysis per serving: 278 calories, 17 g protein, 34 g carbohydrates, 9 g fat, (14 percent calories from fat), 50 mg cholesterol, 325 mg sodium, 407 mg potassium, 4 g fiber*

## TROPICAL S'MORES

*Serves: 4*
*Prep time: 10 minutes*
*Cooking time: 5 minutes*

**8 marshmallows**
**8 3-inch soft molasses cookies**
**1 large mango, peeled, pitted and sliced**

Toast marshmallows on long metal skewers over hot coals until golden brown on the outside and soft on the inside. Place marshmallows on four cookies (2 marshmallows per cookie) and top with mango slices. Drizzle with caramel sauce and sprinkle with coconut and nuts, as desired. Top with remaining cookies.
Serving tips: Optional toppers are caramel sauce, toasted coconut, chopped macadamia nuts

*Nutritional analysis per serving (without toppers): 342 calories, 5 g protein, 69 g carbohydrates, 7 g fat, (18 percent of calories from fat), 20 mg cholesterol, 287 mg sodium, 88 mg potassium, 1 g fiber*

## TOMATO, CHIVE AND MANGO SALSA

*Servings: 3*
*Preparation time: 10 minutes*

**1 cup fresh mango, diced**
**1 ½ cups ripe tomatoes, diced**
**2 tablespoons fresh chives, minced**
**1 tablespoon lemon juice**
**½teaspoon lemon zest**
**½ teaspoon fresh oregano leaves, minced**
**¼teaspoon sea salt**
**⅛ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper**

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and stir. Serve or cover and refrigerate until needed.

*Nutritional analysis per serving (1/2 cup salsa): 31 calories, 0 g fat (0 percent calories from fat), 1 g protein, 7 g carbohydrates, 1 g fiber, 0 mg cholesterol, 121 sodium, 191 mg potassium*

## GRILLED CORN MANGO SALAD

*Serves: 6*
*Prep time: 20 minutes*
*Cooking time: 5 minutes*

**3 tablespoons low-fat mayonnaise**
**2 limes, zested and juiced**
**1 small Serrano chili, ribs and seeds removed and minced**
**½ teaspoon chili powder**
**4 ears corn, husks removed**
**2 teaspoons vegetable oil**
**3 mangoes (about 2 pounds); 2 mangoes peeled, pitted and diced, save hollowed mango cheeks for bowls. Cut cheeks off of remaining mango and scoop out enough mango flesh to form a shallow bowl, dice for garnish.**
**1 red bell pepper, finely diced**
**¼ cup crumbled cotija, queso fresco or feta cheese**
**2 tablespoons chopped cilantro**
**Salt and pepper**

In a large bowl, whisk mayonnaise, lime juice and zest, Serrano, chili powder and ½ teaspoon salt.
Preheat outdoor grill or indoor grill pan over medium-high heat. Brush corn with vegetable oil and season with salt and pepper. Grill corn, turning occasionally to char all sides, 5 to 6 minutes. Remove from grill and using chef's knife, cut corn from cob into large bowl containing dressing. Fold in bell pepper and diced mango; top with mango, cheese and cilantro.
Serve at room temperature or chilled in individual mango cheek bowls.

*Nutritional analysis per serving (for 6 servings): 220 calories, 5 g protein, 39 g carbohydrates, 7 g fat, (11 percent of calories from fat), 7 mg cholesterol, 248 mg sodium, 513 mg potassium, 5 g fiber*

## CITY BITES

### Eat your veggies

**Farmington Hills** — — Michigan Zhong Shu Temple celebrates its first annual Vegetarian Festival, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at the temple, 23845 Middlebelt. The festival's theme is "Simplify Your Life, Simplify Your Diet." The event will give guests an opportunity to sample and learn to prepare vegetarian dishes from around the globe. They'll also get recipes, shopping lists and tips on embarking on a vegetarian lifestyle. The program will include talks on the health benefits of a vegetarian diet and its relationship to the mind, body and spirit. A children's program will run concurrently. Admission and parking are free. RSVP at 248-579-4791.

### Market fundraiser

**Canton** — — The second annual Rally on Ridge Road, runs 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, in the Cherry Hill Village District, located at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. A portion of the event proceeds will benefit Canton Farmers Market. Rally on Ridge Road will include live music, a variety of food trucks, a bouncer and lawn games. Visitors will get a chance to buy and decorate a canvas tote bag that's perfect for shopping the Market. For more information, visit cantonfun.org or call Tina Lloyd, Market manager, at 734-394-5375.