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2 more hopefuls join library board race

Matt Jachman

Staff Writer

Four Plymouth Township residents are in the running for three positions on the Plymouth District Library Board of Trustees.

John Morrison and Gordon Totty entered the nonpartisan race last month, shortly before the July 21 filing deadline.

They will join two incumbents, Trustee Jacqueline George and Vice President Mary Maguire, on the ballot in the Tuesday, Nov. 8, general election.

Maguire, 57, a community activist and president of the Plymouth Democratic Club, is seeking a second term on the board of the library that serves Plymouth Township and Plymouth residents, while

George, 71, an attorney, is seeking a third. Their current terms expire at the end of the

The term held by Trustee Nancy Anderson, who like George and Maguire was elected in 2012, also expires at the end of the year, but Anderson is not seeking re-elec-

Totty, 81, is retired from

management at Ford Motor Co., where he worked for 40 years, and is on the board at his condominium association. He previously has unsuccessfully run for the library board as a write-in candidate.

Totty said he's a big fan of the library and wants to get more involved with it. A neighbor who serves on the board, Treasurer Steve Harper, had

encouraged him to run, he said.

Morrison, 55, works in the shipping department at a manufacturer of high-performance automobile engines, and previously worked as a recruiter at Concordia University. He has run unsuccessfully for office twice before, in races for Ply-

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A new look at Old Glory by a N.J.-based photographer

Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Photographer Sheila Bernard is seeing red — and white and blue - in communities across the country, and it was Plymouth's turn on a recent Saturday.

Bernard, who lives in New Jersey, is known for her architectural photography, and is four years into a project, Shop America, in which she's attempting to document commercial buildings, one in each of the 50 states, with exteriors painted in the colors red, white and blue.

She was in Plymouth last month to photograph American Auto Repair, on Main Street, where the facade, from corner to corner and bottom to top, is painted to look like the U.S.

flag.
"Lovely little town," said Bernard during a phone interview, explaining that she and a traveling companion had lunch at the nearby Ironwood Grill. "Good lunch. We walked around and it was very charm-

Bernard got shots of American Auto on a warm Saturday morning, then returned the next day - she likes to have a second look at her subjects to find it raining. One of her American Auto shots is now posted on the SmugMug photosharing site.

American Auto owner John J. Lauerman IV, who has worked at the shop for more than 20 years, was excited that his place got to be part of Bernard's project.

"I think it's awesome, to be honest with you," Lauerman said on Thursday. "Representing Michigan, the state of Michigan, is awesome."

Lauerman said Bernard contacted him nearly two years ago. "Come by any time you want," he told her. The shop has been painted in a flag scheme for about 10 years,

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KELLY DOBSON

Sheila Bernard checks her work. "I feel like I'm a painter. I paint with my eyes," she said.

Kids make their voices heard on election day

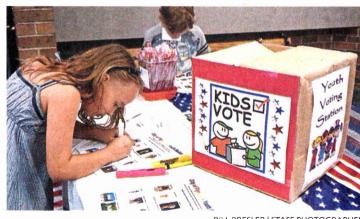
The results are in, and Superman ice cream, the superhero Spiderman and the Plymouth District Library are the big winners among the kids of Plymouth.

Some 73 Plymouth children cast ballots at the city's Kids Polling Station, a kids-only voting experience at the city's polling place at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center during Tuesday's primary voting. Kids got to vote for their favorite cream flavor. favorite superhero and favorite place to visit in downtown

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POLLING RESULTS

- **Favorite ice cream flavor**
- » Superman, 38 votes.
- » Chocolate, 18 votes
- » Vanilla, 12 votes
- » Strawberry, 5 votes. **Favorite superhero**
- » Spider-Man, 29 votes.
- » Captain America, 26 votes. » Wonder Woman, 11 votes.
- » Batgirl, 7 votes. Favorite place in downtown
- **Plymouth** » Plymouth District Library, 43 votes
- » Penn Theatre, 13 votes. » Kellogg Park, 11 votes.
- » Plymouth Historical Museum, 6



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kids in Plymouth got their own chance to vote at the Kids Polling Station. Lexi Harris, 9, and her brother Caden, 8, cast their ballots.

Folk musicians head to PARC for Lost Voices benefit

Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Folk musician Mike Ball works with lost voices to make sure they are found - and heard.

On Sunday, Ball will bring some of those voices to the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex for a concert to benefit his nonprofit, Lost Voices, which helps at-risk and incarcerated adolescents express themselves through creative writing and music.

The concert, featuring Ball, folk musician Kitty Donohoe and others, plus residents of the Vista Maria center for adolescent girls in Dearborn Heights, is 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at the PARC. Tickets, \$15 each, should be available at the door.

Ball, who with wife Nancy owned Hands On Leather, a Plymouth leather-goods boutique that closed last summer after 40 years, has worked with troubled young people for about 10 years.

Through Lost Voices, he and other musicians visit small groups of youths in institutions such as youth homes and engage them in week-long songwriting workshops, getting them to channel their experiences and emotions into words and music. By the end of the week, the musicians and workshop participants are staging a concert for other residents, staff and special

"They pour their hearts out to the world, and they're re-warded for it" with applause, Ball said. "It's transformative for them. We've given them breakthroughs.'

It's touching, he said, to see young people who've gone through the workshops open up emotionally and creatively and find confidence in them-

'They find the courage'

"The things they've been through, we don't know. It's hard for us to even imagine," Ball said. "They have to find the courage to tackle really tough lives, and they do."

Ball has worked with Donohoe, singer-songwriter Jen Cass, and folk-blues legend Josh White Jr. on Lost Voices projects.

Sunday's concert will also feature Cass and Eric Janetsky and three girls from Vista Maria. Ball promises concertgoers a life-changing experi-

"They'll see humanity in a whole different way, a much

better way," he said. Lost Voices projects are partly funded by the Michigan Humanities Council, an affili-

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mouth Township trustee and township treasurer. Like Totty, Morrison said he's enthusiastic about the library and wants to get involved.

The library board seemed like a good op-

portunity, he said. "It's important work and it's an important institution in an important community," he said.

The three winners of the library board race will join Treasurer Harper plus President Kimberly Hickey, Secretary Brian Anderson (no relation to Nancy Anderson) and Trustee Mike Pappas, who were elected to four-year terms in 2014.

The library's collection totaled more than 260,000 items in 2013,

and just over 899,000 items were circulated from the library last year. Its annual operating budget is just over \$3.4 million, and its debt-service budget about \$521,000.

Most library revenues come from a tax in Plymouth an Plymouth Township of 1.6 mills, or \$1.60 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value. The tax means the owners of a house with a taxable value of \$125,000 (the same house would have a market value of \$250,000 or more) pay \$200 a year toward the library.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The entire Harris family, moms Heather and Jessica Harris and kids Lexi and Caden, got to vote in the city of Plymouth on Tuesday. The kids' ballot, which had young voters choose their favorite ice cream flavors and superheroes, looked like more fun than the grownups' ballot.

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Plymouth.

The idea, according to a press release from the city, was inspired by a voter in the March presidential primary who explained his ballot in detail to his young daugh-

"It was the sweetest thing I ever saw," said Sherrie Brindley, an

election worker. "He got right down on the floor with her and explained all about the ballot and how to use it."

Plans are under way to open another Kids Polling Place during the November general election, and City Clerk Linda Langmesser hopes the fun approach will making voting a habit that young people will carry into adulthood.

"It may sound like just a little added fun for kids

on election day," Langmesser said. "But we're also trying to involve kids in the voting process so they learn about voting and make it a habit."

"Voting is such an important part of our democratic process, said Nancy Anderson, a city elections assistant and an elected library trustee. "We would like to see a higher voter turnout at every election. It's worth investing the time to teach kids now.

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LINDA LANGMESSER, City Clerk

COURTESY OF LOST VOICES Jen Cass and Eric Janetsky will be among

performers Sunday in the **Lost Voices** benefit concert at the **Plymouth Arts** and Recreation Complex.



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ate of the National Endowment for the Human-

Ball said he's brought Lost Voices workshops to other states, and hopes to eventually raise enough money to start "colonies" of musicians who can spread the concept in

their own communities. 'Before I shuffle off

THINK THE STUDENT

LIFE IS BORING?

this mortal coil, I want people helping kids across the country," he

PARC is at the former Central Middle School, 650 Church Street in Plymouth. Advance tickets can be purchased online at the Lost Voices website, lostvoices.org.

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Canton community shares its message of unity

Julie Brown Staff Writer

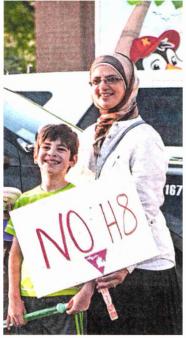
Mesha Bell of Canton brought her four children -16, 15, 12 and 8 — to an event to encourage community unity and tolerance. Bell, who is black, agreed meeting police officers and others at such events helps.

"It gives us a chance to meet some of the local officers on a more personal level," she said Tuesday evening at the Not In Our Town and National Night Out event at Heritage Park in Canton.

Bell and her family have felt welcome. "I just like how they do community stuff here. There's a lot of free stuff for the kids," she said, adding of Plymouth-Canton schools, "The teachers and staff at my daughter's school have been great.

She relocated in junior high age from Detroit to Westland and, as a young adult, left for Lansing "and came back to be closer to my

family," Bell said. Mohinder and Balwinder Singh of Canton have lived here some 38 years. They're of the Sikh Indian community.



KELLY DOBSON

Sana Soubani and son Ammar Nusiek, 8, show off their support for the Canton community and the goal to end hate and intolerance.

He's a retired builder, she a homemaker.

The couple has two grown children, each of whom have

two children. "I was in construction. I had lots of opportunities," Mohinder Balwinder said, with his wife adding, "Now he's building a school, a community school.

He built Canton's Singh Sabha of Michigan, which is of the Sikh faith. "Living here, people are friendly," Balwinder Singh said. "It's a good neighborhood." She's able to find food the family likes.

"She's always looking for new shops," her husband said in a joking tone. "I'm always first to try new things. In the summer, I grow my vegetables myself, gardening," Balwinder Singh said.

This is the second year for the two national movements to come to Canton.

Police Sgt. Dale Waltz, who is white, of Canton's Public Safety Department, serves as co-chair of the Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition, with Eva Davis, Canton Public Library director.

"They're very low. We only have a couple a year, mostly verbal," Waltz said of hate crimes in Canton. Those are anti-gay rhetoric, he said, or "a euphemism about a particular race.'

The observance is held to address such hate and bullying, with a goal "of working together and building safe, inclusive communities for all," Waltz said.
He and police colleagues

work with the community to let people know if hate crimes are reported, they will be investigated. Waltz said of issues involving black residents and white police officers, much in the news now, "We have to do this together. We do include the community in a lot of the things we do.'

In addition to the hate crimes coalition, the Canton Public Safety Department, Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Public Library were sponsors of the event.

Serena Johnson of Southfield was representing Equality Michigan, where she's lead victim advocate. It represents the LGBTQ community with political advocacy and victim services.

"That is definitely an issue within the community," Johnson said of hatred toward the LGBTQ community. "Just as a whole statewide, there has been some violence against the LBGT community.

She liked being able to meet people at Heritage Park. "I think this would definitely be the education component, she said. That includes assisting friends and family of LGBT people, with Johnson adding, "We're here to give advice if needed.'

Equality Michigan's website is www.equalitymi.org. Johnson is new to the job, having come from the Michigan Department of Correc-

"So I'm not too far away from knowing what's going on," she said. Of violence and hatred toward gays, "I think it is insecurity sometimes. I think different views can be intimidating to people who don't identify with the community," Johnson said. "We're moving in the right direction."

Equality Michigan has recently revamped its victim services. "So that's where I came aboard," she said. "I really love to speak to people in the community," both on political issues and victim services.

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Lauerman said.

Bernard said she spends "a lot of hours, a lot of days and nights doing all sorts of searches" to find U.S. flagthemed buildings in different states. Once she finds a prospect — "it's harder than you think!" she writes on Smug-Mug — she uses Google Earth to make sure the building's still there, and phones the owner. "They get very excited," she

Sudden inspiration

The idea for the project, Bernard said, struck her one day in April 2012 while walking to a lunch destination during a visit to Philadelphia. She spotted a store, The Suit Corner, boldly painted red, white and blue. "I just had this patriotic feeling," she said. "I wanted to

sing 'The Star-Spangled Banner.

Bernard then recalled that the same feeling had been sparked by a flag-colored building in Manhattan, and thought to herself, "I only need 48 more states."

Michigan was the 25th state Bernard visited for Shop America, which she plans to turn into a book. She has specialized in urban architectural photography, capturing patterns, designs and details in buildings that, she says, most people don't see because

they're not looking up.
"I feel like I'm a painter. I
paint with my eyes," Bernard said. "I see certain things, and all I have to do is move the camera around, up, down, right and left, and I know when it's right and I click.'

In Minnesota, she was surprised when she arrived at a location and found a subject different than the Internet had led her to believe. Online, an



KELLY DOBSON

Photographer Sheila Bernard gets a shot at American Auto Repair. Michigan was the 25th state Bernard visited for her Shop America photo project, which she plans to turn into a book.

automobile and farm machine repair shop in a small town, she said, appeared "in need of

sprucing up a bit," but she decided to go anyway and make it work.

"I was shocked to see this beautiful red, white and blue. It was like somebody Photoshopped the building," she

Her visit paid dividends for the struggling business as well, she said, as media coverage of it spread locally and more people started bringing in their vehicles for service.

Bernard and her friend made a few other stops during their visit to Michigan, including Detroit, where she took photos of urban graffiti, and the area of the Grosse Pointes.

"Grosse Pointe was different than us going to the out-skirts of Detroit," she said. "It changed immediately. There's a boundary. Beautiful homes."

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Shine

Plymouth Christian students pull out all stops to serve those in need

In just four days this past spring, 630 students, staff and parents from Plymouth Christian Academy volunteered at 22 local organizations as part of the school's seventh annual Project SHINE service week.

Each Spring, PCA works to give back through Project SHINE. During Project SHINE, all students from preschool through 12th grade serve a variety of different organizations throughout metro Detroit. This benefits the local community and teaches PCA students that importance of service.

Project SHINE has become a key part of PCA's mission to produce students who lead lives of learning, leadership and service. With such a wide variety of organizations involved each year, students serve in many ways, including cleaning, painting, organizing and gardening. Here is what was accomplished in four days:

» Seventh-graders wrapped 202 presents for the Bottomless Toy Chest in Troy

» Fourth and fifth graders provided 60 fleece blankets for the Foster Care duffel bags at Northridge Church

» Preschool students provided 60 tie-dyed pillow cases for Big Family of Michigan

» Beginning and kindergarten students provided 80 place-



Plymouth Christian Academy students helped New Life Recreation Center during Project SHINE.

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mats for Waltonwood Senior

» Fifth-graders provided 55 teddy bears for Mott Children's Hospital

» First-graders provided 75 Busy Book Kits for the Ronald McDonald House

» With the help of Busch's Fresh Market, second-graders provided 175 loaves of bread for the Salvation Army

» Second-graders provided 85 cans of soup with dollar bills rubber-banded around the cans for Ronald McDonald

» Seventh-graders and eighth-graders provided 35 parachutes for Voice of the Martyrs, Colombia

» Fourth-graders provided 65 teddy bears for the Canton Fire Department to comfort children in rescue situations

» Sixth-graders stuffed 8,250 pieces of mail for Penrickton Center for Blind Chil-

» Third-graders provided 90 blessing bags for Zambia, Africa by way of PCA Alumni Lauren Paulson

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» ReStore Habitat for Humanity, Ann Arbor

» Detroit Rescue Mission,

» Vista Maria, Dearborn

PLYMOUTH-CANTON ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Heights

» Gleaners Community Garden in Plymouth Township

» New Life Community Recreation Center in Hamtramck

» World Medical Relief, Southfield

» Waltonwood Senior Center and Plymouth Senior Center

One of the most encouraging things about Project

SHINE is the feedback that PCA receives every year. Rhonda, the site leader at Plymouth/Canton Head Start had this to say about the students she worked with: "They were the best group of teens I have ever worked with; the teachers and the kids loved them. It was so great to see them interacting with the kids and truly enjoying themselves.'

Lincoln High grad wins scholarship

Canton resident and Lincoln High School graduate Brittney Barros has received the

Brittany

Judith Dianne Jackson Scholarship award for her commitment in the classroom and dedication to her communi-

She will receive \$1,000 annually to continue her education at Eastern Michigan University where she has been accepted for the fall of 2016

Barros and four other metro Detroit students are the first recipients of this scholarship.

Dean's lists

Indiana Wesleyan University

Lauren Paulson, a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, has received recognition on the Indiana Wesleyan University School of Nursing Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2015-2016 academic year. Lauren recently returned from an Indiana Wesleyan School of Nursing trip to Zambia. She is entering her senior year at IWU in the fall of 2016.

Concordia University

The following Canton students were named to the dean's list for the spring semester: Patrick Downing, Seth Hub-

bard, Paige Messmer, Paige Podlaszuk and Assad Turfe.

Fellowship earned

Brett Zeuner, a Plymouth native and Eastern Michigan University student, recently was awarded a \$50,000 federal fellowship through the Environmental Protection Agency that will help him continue pursuing an academic career that will enable him to advocate for environmental justice for communities most affected by environmental

Graduates

The following Canton residents earned degrees from **Grand Valley State University** in April: Busuyi G. Agbetunsin, Megan R. Bacigal, Marissa R.

Blassic, Matthew F. Blazo, Lauren E. Branson, Kelley D. Burcroff, Christina M. Cleveland, Jordan R. Cockrum, Jamie L. Emens, Aaron D. Evans, Courtney T. Farmer, Allison J. Ives, Katie M. Kowalski, Jonica M. Lister, Autumn E. Lytle, Megan E. McCormack, Bradley T. Mueller, Paige E. Osler, Kyle R. Stokfisz, Megan N. Wherrett, Megan L. Zarem.

The following Plymouth residents earned degrees from Grand Valley State University in April: Stefanie A. Cesario, Carly C. Curvin, Margaret I. Deloy, Casey M. Hagan, Alex H. Jouney, Katelynn M. Krause, Jackson R. Lytle, Michael D. Moncion, Kate L. Perry, Andrew M. Phillips, Kyle A. Sugg, Sergio A. Troiani, Stephanie K. Zielinski.

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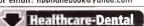
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Everyday Bundle

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3 Lbs. Denver Steaks
3 Lbs. Porterhouse or T-Bones
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3 Lbs. Sirloin Tips or Rump Roast
8 Lbs. Sirloin Tips or Rump Roast
8 Lbs. Sirloin Tips or Rump Roast
8 Lbs. Ground Round
3 Lbs. X-Lean Beef or Pork Stew
2 Lbs. Hickory Smoked Bacon
1 Pkg. Homemade Sirloin Patties
3 Lbs. Center Cut Pork Chops
4 Lbs. Brakfast Bulk Sausage
2 Lbs. EMC's Homemade Mealloaf
3 Lbs. EMC's Homemade Fresh Sausage
8 Lbs. Whole Fryer (May Be Cut Up)
3 Lbs. Amish Boneless Chicken Breast
2 Lbs. Beef, Pork or Chicken Cubs Steaks
1 Lbs. Beef, Pork or Chicken Cubs Steaks

2 Lbs. Beef, Pork or Chicken Cube Steak

Single Family Bundle

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1.5 Lbs. Beef or Pork Stew 6 Lbs. Lean Ground Beef 2 Lbs. Sirioin Tips or Rump Roast 2 Lbs. Country Ribs or Pork Roast 2 Lbs. Country Ribs or Pork Roast 2 Lbs. Pages 2 Lbs. Bacon 1 Lb. Beet, Pork or Chicken Cube

1 Pkg. Homemade Sirloin Patties 2 Lbs. Pork Chops 3 Lbs. Pot Roast 1 Whole Fryer (May Be Cut Up)

T-Bones

2 Lbs. New York Strip Steaks 3 Lbs. Sirloin Tips or Rump Roast

Beef Bundle

2 Lbs. X-Lean Stew Meat 6 Lbs. Lean Ground Beef 2 Lbs. Porterhouse or

3 Lbs. Pot Roast 3 Lbs. Cube Steaks 2 Lbs. Homemade Meatloaf All Pork Bundle

1 Slab Spare Ribs 3 lbs. Country Ribs or

Pork Roast 2 lbs. Pork Stew or

City Chicken 2 lbs. Breakfast Patties 4 lbs. Pork Chops

2 lbs. Pork Cutlets 2 lbs. Bacon

Super Chicken Bundle **S74.9**9

5 lbs. Chicken Wings 10 lbs. Chicken Legs 10 lbs. Boneless **Chicken Breast**

2 Whole Chickens 5 lbs. Ground Chicken



Schoolcraft banning tobacco products on campuses

David Veselenak Staff Writer

Students at Schoolcraft College will want to keep those Marlboro cigarettes in the car when they go to class this

The Livonia-based college went tobaccofree Monday, a move approved by the Board of Trustees. The move will ban the use of tobacco products, including ecigarettes, on the main campus in Livonia, the public safety training complex on Industrial

Drive in Livonia and the Radcliff Center in Garden City.

Schoolcraft College spokesman Frank Ruggirello said the move is one many other two-year colleges in the state have made, and the college decided to make the change as well.

"We constantly look at our policies. I think it's something a lot of our peer schools have done." he said. "There's been a lot of information to our staff, our students, especially those coming back in the fall."

Tobacco products will be banned on the main campus, including and around campus buildings, sidewalks, building entrances, common areas, and college-owned vehicles. The lone exception, Ruggirello said, is inside of private vehicles: students, employees and guests will still be able to smoke in their own vehicles while

That move was made as a safety precaution, Ruggirello said, to prevent smokers from having to run across Hagger-

parked on campus.

ty if they want a cigarette.

The college will continue to follow federal law when it comes to medical marijuana.

There will be some events to highlight the move when school begins in the fall to emphasize the policy, as well as help those individuals who desire to quit using tobacco to do so.

The college has collected a variety of links on information for those looking to quit smoking that can be found on its website, schoolcraft.edu.



Schoolcraft College will go smoke-free starting Monday.

3 more Canton students earn merit scholarships

National Merit Scholarship Corporation has announced over 800 additional winners of National Merit Scholarships financed by colleges and universities. These Merit Scholar designees join approximately 3,000 other college-sponsored award recipients who were announced in

Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program who will attend their institution. College-sponsored awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship.

The following Canton students are among the winners:

» Raveena Mata, a Salem High School graduate, who is considering a career in biomedical engineering, received the National Merit Wayne State University scholarship.

» Stephanie E. Morgan, a Canton High School graduate, received the National Merit Wayne State University scholarship. She is considering a career in oncology.

» Shreya Rao, a Salem High School graduate, who is considering a career in medicine, received the National Merit University of Central Florida scholarship.

3 Heritage Academies in Canton honored

National Heritage Academies, one of the nation's largest charter school management companies, honored its top performing schools, including three in Canton, during the 16th annual Eagle Awards.

Achieve Charter Academy, Canton Charter Academy and South Canton Scholars Charter Academy earned Eagle Awards for Schools of Excellence, which means the schools had superior performance in academic achievement and full

enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year. Data from the 2015-16 academic has not been compiled and released yet.

"We are proud to receive this top honor,' Achieve Principal Jennifer Conley said. "Our teachers are committed to providing a culture academic excellence, and our students have the drive to reach their full potential.

Along with Schools of Excellence, NHA rewards schools in other areas including: Aca-

demic Growth, Employee Engagement, Parent Satisfaction and Student Attendance.

"I am so proud of both our teachers and students for earning this award," said Kelie Fuller, principal at Canton Charter. "We have worked so hard as a team to ensure every student receives the support they need based on their own academic goals. Our teachers know that students will rise to meet the great expectations we set."

South Canton also won awards for student attendance, parent satisfaction and student enrollment. Canton also won an award for student attendance, while Achieve also won an award for student enroll-

NHA's system of schools is designed to eliminate achievement gaps and provide school choice to families, with the clear objective of preparing children for success in high school, college and beyond.

Skunk with head stuck in cup rescued by police

At 8 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, Michigan State Police troopers from the Metro North Post were dispatched to 21000 block of Glen Lodge in Royal Oak Township about a 'savage" skunk, according to a press release.

Troopers found the

skunk had its head stuck in a yogurt cup and was running around in circles, spraying everything.

Troopers attempted to contact animal control, but were advised they do not handle calls like this, according to the press

release. So, the troopers decided to get the cup off the skunk's head on their

One trooper used a wooden pole to guide the skunk in a certain direction and distract the skunk; a second trooper ran up and gently

grabbed the cup freeing the skunk.

The skunk took a quick look around, nodded in appreciation and left the area, police quipped.

Troopers cleared the incident unscathed.



CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 16-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING MAP (SECTION 78-27) IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 78-27, in Article II Zoning Districts in Chapter 78 "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by changing the following described parcels from RT-1 Two-Family Residential, O-1 Office and O-2 Office to PUD. Planned Unit Development.

SECTION 2. The Parcels are described as:

LOT 437, LOT 436 EXCEPT THE WEST 146.50 FEET, AND PART OF LOTS 438 AND 429 OF ASSESSOR'S PLYMOUTH PLAT NO. 15 OF THAT PART OF BRADNER AND HOLBROOK'S SUBDIVISION LYING IN SECTION 26 AND OF PART OF THE W. 1/2 OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 26, T.1S., R.8E., CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN AS RECORDED IN LIBER 66 OF PLATS, PAGE 81, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 437, ALSO BEING A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF N. HOLBROOK AVENUE (66' WIDE); THENCE $0.02^{\circ}16'00"W$, 166.18 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID N. HOLBROOK AVENUE TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 437, ALSO BEING A POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID N. HOLBROOK AVENUE AND THE SOUTH LINE OF E. SPRING STREET (49.50) WIDE); THENCE N.87°43'01"E., 296.93 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID E. SPRING STREET; THENCE N.20°59'01"E., 143.68 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 439 OF SAID ASSESSOR'S PLYMOUTH PLAT NO. 15; THENCE S.56°56'39"E., 27.86 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 444 OF SAID ASSESOR'S PLYMOUTH PLAT NO. 15; THENCE S.89°49'33"E., 111.44 FEET; THENCE N.33°30'54"E., 311.77 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 429, THENCE THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) COURSES ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 429: 1) S.48°51'58"E., 163.99 FEET, 2) S.17°22'44"E., 161.22 FEET AND 3) S.03°27'41"W., 257.81 FEET, THENCE S.89°56'51"W., 331.73 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 429, ALSO BEING A POINT ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 438; THENCE S.12°50'12"W., 28.19 FEET ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 429, ALSO BEING ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 438; THENCE S.89°55'55"W., 212.70 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 438; THENCE S.87°53'59"W., 7.73 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 438 TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 436; THENCE S.17°47'42"W., 50.78 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 436; THENCE S.87°57'43"W., 82.44 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 436; THENCE N.02°16'00"W., 47.66 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 436; THENCE S.87°53'59"W., 146.50 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 436 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TAX ID NO. 004-01-0429-309

ADDRESS: 550 N. HOLBROOK, PLYMOUTH, MI

SECTION 3. The Planned Unit Development is further Described as between twenty-two (22) and twenty-four (24) one, two and three bedroom apartment units located in the building commonly referred to as Starkweather School. In addition twenty-three (23) single family detached homes are to be constructed behind the Starkweather School Building with public roads and infrastructure as depicted on the plans described as:

SHEET NAME

PLAN DATE February 17, 2015

Site Plan/PUD Plan (Planning Commission File: PUD 2015-01)

Full Set of Plans available for review in Community Development Office located at 201 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170

SECTION 4. Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this

SECTION 5. Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance, as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared

SECTION 6. All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall become effective after adoption and publication hereof.

Introduced: October 5, 2015 Enacted: April 4, 2016 Published: August 7, 2016 Effective: August 8, 2016

I, Linda J. Langmesser, City Clerk for the City of Plymouth, Michigan, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of an ordinance #2016-01 adopted by the City of Plymouth, City Commission at their regular meeting dated Monday April 4, 2016

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN CITY HALL, 201 S. MAIN **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016** 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS OF

1. Article XVII, 78-208, Residential Fences; Article II, 78-21, Definitions

2. Article XXI, 78-260, Accessory Buildings and Uses 3. Article XVIII, 78-218 and 219, Grading/Drainage; Article II, 78-21, Definitions

4. Article XIX, 78-220 - 78-239, Signs

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans with disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

> Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, Michigan 48170 (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN **ORDINANCE NO. 16-04**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE REQUIRING THE DUTY TO CUT GRASS AND/OR NOXIOUS WEEDS AS NEEDED, CLARIFIES CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY AND METHOD OF NOTIFICATION, CUTTING BY THE CITY AND/OR CONTRACTOR, PENALTIES FOR THE CITY CAUSING THE GRASS/WEEDS TO BE CUT OR REMEDIATED

DIVISION III: NOXIOUS WEEDS Sec. 18-751. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: Noxious weeds includes Canada thistle (Circium arvense), dodders (any species of Cuscuta), mustards (Charlock, black mustard and Indian mustard; species of Brassica, or Sinapis), wild carrot (Daucus carota), bindweed (Convolvulus arvensis), perennial sowthistle (Sonchus arvensis), hoary alyssum (Berteroa incana), quack-grass (Syropyron repens), crab-grass (Digitaria sanguinalis), poison ivy (Rhus toxicodendron), poison sumac (Rhus vernie), ragweed, goldenrod, and all weeds or grasses over eight inches in height, on the average, or other plants or grasses which, in the opinion of the city commission, shall be regarded as a common nuisance Cross reference— Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 18-752. - Duty to cut. It shall be the duty of every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any land within the city to cut down or cause to be cut down and destroyed all grass and/or noxious weeds each year and to again destroy same as often as may be necessary to prevent same from going to seed or exceeding a height of eight inches, on the average.

Sec. 18-753. - Cutting by city.

If any owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the city shall refuse or neglect to cut and destroy all grass and/or noxious weeds as provided in this division, then the city manager or his agent shall cause the land to be entered upon by city employees or a city contractor for the purpose of cutting and destroying such grass and/or weeds and such entering upon shall not be deemed a trespass.

Sec. 18-754. - Costs. The city manager or his agent shall keep an accurate account of expense incurred for each lot or parcel of land in carrying out the provisions of section 18-753 and such expense shall be charged against such lot or premises and collected by giving notice thereof to the owner of the premises. If such expense or charge shall not be paid the same shall be assessed against the premises and collected as provided by section 12.22 of the city Charter. Sec. 18-755. - Notice.

It shall be the duty of the city manager or his agent to post notices in not less than three conspicuous places within the city and to publish a copy of the notice issued under this division at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the city each calendar year, prior to the growing season. In the alternative, the city manager or his agent shall notify by first class mail or by posting notice in a conspicuous location on the property, the owner, agent or occupant of any lands on which grass and/or noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall require that the person having charge of such land cut down or cause to be cut down and destroyed all grass and/or noxious weeds within 24 hours, and shall contain a summary of the provisions of this division. Failure of the city manager or his agent to give notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided for, or debt created under, the provisions of this division.

Sec. 18-756. - Penalty. Any owner, occupant, or person having charge of a lot or parcel of land, who shall refuse or neglect to cut down or cause to be cut down all grass and/or noxious weeds shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine not to exceed \$100.00 for the first offense, \$150.00 for the second offense, and \$200.00 for the third and each subsequent offense in the given growing season. Such amounts as are paid to the city under the provisions of this division shall be deposited into a special purpose fund to be known as the Noxious Weed Control Fund. Secs. 18-757—18-775. - Reserved.

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Elks features the Alligators and Bill Meyer Group

Blues @ The Elks is on the second Tuesday of the month from 7-10 p.m. at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society. There is a \$5 donation at the door. Bring your

dancing shoes. Aug. 9 will feature The

Bill Meyer

Alligators! This group has been together for 29 years recording and playing venthe last Tuesday of the ues throughout the Midmonth from 7-10 p.m. west keeping the blues alive. Listen and dance to There is a \$10 donation at vocalist David Krammer, the door, which includes

Jazz @ The Elks is on

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Johnson on drums, Nick

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Jason Bone also on gui-



SUBMITTED D.J. Holliday will offer a Billie Holiday medley.

will be entertained by the Bill Meyer Group, who will be backing DJ Holliday, who sings Billie Holliday favorites and original compositions. Come and hear about the DJ's amazing life story. Bill Meyer on keys,

Gayelynn McKinney on



The Alligators will perform Aug. 9 at the Plymouth Elks.

drums, and Ralphe Armstrong on bass. Styled after their regular Thursday night gig at Bert's Marketplace, Bill invites musicians to jam with the group. DJ will

have her newly released CD available, "Before I

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more

information, call 734-453-1780, visit www.plymouthannarborelks325.com or email jazzattheelks@ gmail.com.

Northville Art House to host Assemblage Invitational

Be a pART of it! The Northville Art House present the work of six compelling and awardwinning artists in its first Assemblage Invitational, Piece by Piece.

Rick Cronn of Ann Arbor, Cre Fuller of Ypsilanti, Ozie of Wixom, Catherine Peet of Royal Oak, Stephen Palmer of Traverse City and Mike Sivak of Ann Arbor each bring a unique perspective to the art of assem-

The public is invited to celebrate the work of these talented artists 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, at the Northville Art House, 215

The exhibit will continue through Aug. 27, during regular gallery hours: noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Sat-

For more information, call 248-344-0497.



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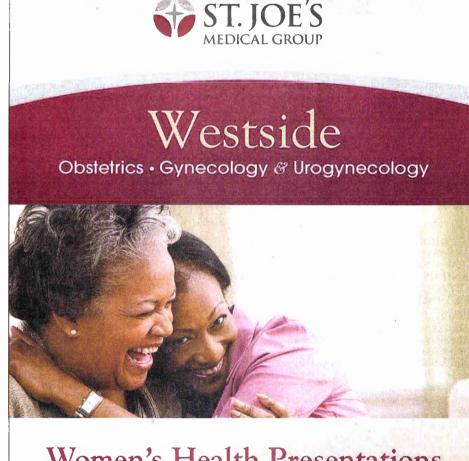


Cre Fuller's "His Supreme Goldness."



Rick Cronn's "Guns & Roses."





Women's Health Presentations

Dr. Paul Makela, urogynecologist, provides insight and education about a variety of female conditions including bladder dysfunction, overactive bladder and pelvic prolapse. Grab a friend, your sister or mom and learn about the latest therapies and procedures available that may eliminate or reduce your symptoms or pain, and improve your quality of life. Attend any date!

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JULIE BROWN Plymouth Police Officer Mark Farhat is happy to show a police vehicle to Blake Wagner, 3, of Northville Township.

Kids have fun as they meet everyday heroes

Julie Brown Staff Writer

Superheroes come in all shapes and sizes. Blake Wagner of Northville Township is only 3, but he's learning that lesson early.

Blake, sister Reagan, 11 months, and their parents, Joe and Kellie Wagner, were at a Hanging with Heroes gathering at the Plymouth Fire Station the morning of July 30. Detroit Moms Blog presented the familyfriendly event with police and fire help.

"So he could see the superheroes," dad Joe said of his son. "He loves Spider-Man."

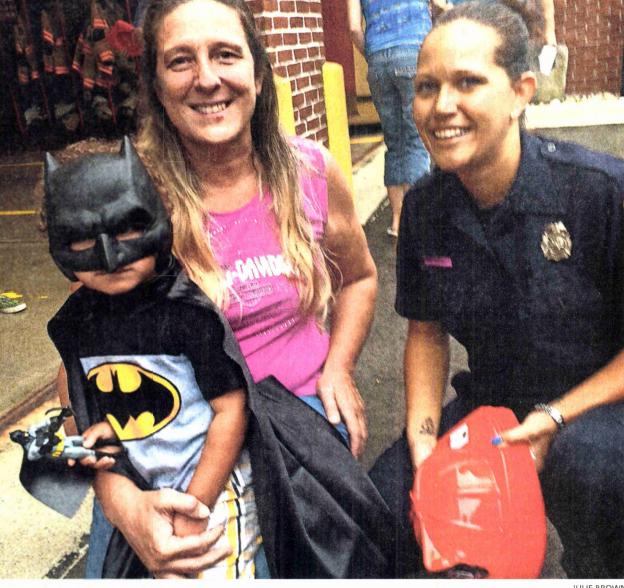
The Wagners were visiting with Plymouth Police Officer Mark Farhat, who showed a patrol vehicle. "The kids are great. They love it," said Farhat, a 15-year law enforcement veteran with 4½ years in in Plymouth. "This is much

better than having to arrest people and do some more dangerous

"It definitely puts a human face to us," he added. "These kinds of things do help (policecommunity relations). We're fortunate here in Plymouth we don't have the volume cities like Detroit have in terms of violent crime."

Fire vehicles from the Northville City Fire Department, which serves the cities of Northville and Plymouth, were parked outside the fire station. Elizabeth Lewis of Farmington, owner and founder of Detroit Moms Blog, was keeping busy organizing that morning.

"You can see all the kids going crazy," said Lewis of Fairy Tale Entertainment, bringing "Bat-hero" and "Spiderhero" in to meet the kids. For legal reasons, those names were used, al-



JULIE BROWN

Grandma Diana Scappaticci of Plymouth Township, costumed grandson Chase Scappaticci, 3, and NCFD firefighter-EMT Rachel Allen are having a great time visiting.

though parents used Batman and Spider-Man colloquially.

"They're amazing," Lewis said, as the "Spidey" man did flips and greeted children, with the Batman-based character looking fierce.

"It's a great event for families and it's a great way for families to come together and support their heroes," Lewis said of the event, which was also hosted last fall in Plymouth. "This is one event we absolutely love.'

The Detroit Moms Blog is a parenting resource. "We're a diverse group of moms that share the same common goal," she said, noting the 30-some mom bloggers on the team contribute. Events are also hosted around the region by

Detroit Moms Blog, founded in 2014.

Go to www.detroit. citymomsblog.com to learn more.

They're hoping to secure the River Walk for an event soon, said Lewis, mom to kids 16, 4 and 9 months. "It's something I'm passionate about, connecting moms to one another," said Lewis, who previously had worked at a hospital in radiology.

Of last fall, she recalled, "I was actually nine months pregnant"

for that event. Chase Scappaticci, 3, came with grandma Diana Scappaticci of Plymouth Township to meet the heroes. "This is my Batman boy," grandma said. "Where else can you meet Batman and Spider-Man in your own home-

town? He was excited." She and husband James also brought grandson Clayton, 9. "It is awesome. Spider-Man does all these tricks," Diana Scappaticci said.



Spidey shares his skills with youngsters July 30 at the Plymouth Fire Station during the Detroit Moms Blog event.

"He was jumping and flipping. All the kids were so excited."

Fire Capt. Jim Davison said, "Their focus here is heroes, Hanging with Heroes." He was glad to share the stage with police.

"Fire safety is our goal, but this event is geared more to the hero aspect," Davison said.

"They can meet us and

hang out with us.' The Goldfish Swim School was also there to share its water safety message. Face painting and fancy cupcakes added to the fun, along with firefighter hats for the kids to take home.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 16-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH TO DEFINE PORTE COCHERE, ALLOW A FRONT PORCH IN THE FRONT YARD SETBACK ON AN EXISTING RESIDENTIAL DWELLING IF THE GARAGE IS PLACED IN THE REAR YARD, REQUIRE FRONT FACING GARAGES TO BE PLACED BEHIND THE FRONT FACE OF THE DWELLING, PROVIDE STANDARDS FOR PORTE COCHERES ON SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS, PROHIBIT GENERATORS IN ANY RESIDENTIAL SETBACK, ALLOW PORTE COCHERES IN THE SIDE YARD SETBACK ON CERTAIN SIZED LOTS, AND ADD STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS.

TO ACHIEVE THE REFERENCED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS AS NOTED ABOVE THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE ARTICLES AND SECTIONS HAVE BEEN AMENDED:

ARTICLE II- DEFINITIONS: Sec 78-21 Definitions ARTICLE IV- R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS: SEC 78-43 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING UNIT STANDARDS ARTICLE V- RT-1 TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS: SEC 78-53 SINGLE FAMILY

DWELLING UNIT STANDARDS

ARTICLE XVII- SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS: SEC 78-191 NOTES TO SCHEDULE ARTICLE XVIII- MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS: SEC 78-217 PROJECTIONS INTO SETBACKS

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 16-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE REQUIRING THE CLEARING OF SIDEWALKS OF SNOW, ICE DIRT AND/OR DEBRIS and EXPENSE OF CLEARING

Chapter 62 - STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES: ARTICLE III SIDEWALKS

Sec. 62-89. - Sidewalks to be cleared.

Every owner or occupant of any lot or parcel of land adjoining any Right-of-Way or public place in the city along or across which there is a sidewalk shall, within 24 hours after the same has fallen or formed, remove any snow or ice which may have fallen or accumulated or dirt or debris on such sidewalks, and in case of neglect or refusal to do so the city manager or his agent may cause the removal of same and the expense thereof shall be a lien upon such premises.

Sec. 62-90. - Expense of clearing.

The city manager or his agent shall cause to be kept an accurate account of expense incurred for each lot or parcel of land and such expense shall be charged against such lot or premises and collected by giving notice thereof to the owner of the premises. If such expense or charge shall not be paid the same shall be assessed against the premises and collected as provided by section 12.22 of the City Charter.

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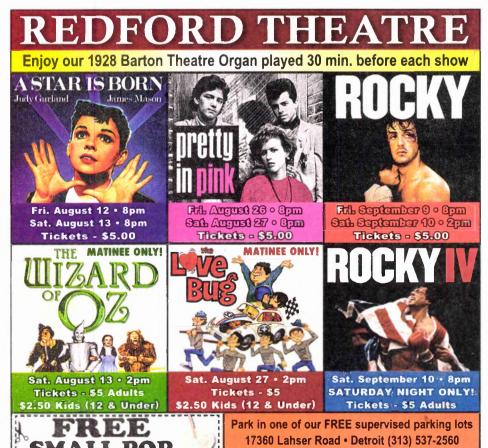
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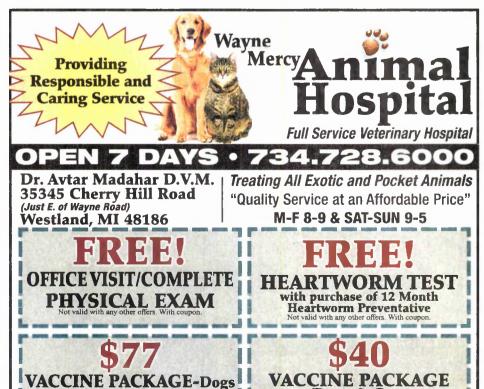
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New festival takes over Main Street

Terry Jacoby Correspondent

Main Street in Novi will be closed to traffic Saturday, Aug. 13, but open to good times with outstanding live music, tasty food and beverages and unique merchandise in a "mini bazaar." The inaugural Vibe on Main festival is sure to spread plenty of good vibrations throughout downtown.

City officials ap-proached Whitney Mc-Clellan-Stone and Cal Stone, the husband-andwife team behind 2 Stones Events, to come up with a new, fresh and "vibrant" event for Novi. The duo put together Vibe on Main to help give this community a signature festival.

"For years, my husband and I were on the board of the Michigan '50s Festival, which ended several years ago,' McClellan-Stone said. "This event will focus on great local musicians and food that celebrates this city's diversity. We're confident it won't be long before it really explodes and starts drawing people from all over.

Local merchants also are confident the event will be a big draw both this summer and in the future.

"We are very excited about this event," said Hafeez Shaikh, a partner in the Atrium of Novi, which includes the entire west side of Main Street. "We are supporting it and excited to see how it does. We are supportive of anything positive that connects the businesses along Main Street to the community. It should bring great exposure to

this growing area.' The impressive lineup of local restaurants participating includes Steve & Rocky's, Rojo Mexican Bistro, the Michigan

Beer Co., bd's Mongolian Grill, Alexandria Mediterranean Cuisine, Pizza Marvelous, Johnny Carino's, Guernsey Farms Dairy, Bawarshi and Library Sports Pub & Grill. In other words. variety and quality will be on the menu.

Food will include "bites" (at a lower price point) as well as regular portions. Access to the beverage garden and area in front of the stage requires a \$5 wristband and all beers and wines will be \$5 each. A limited number of VIP area tickets (\$45 online now; \$50 at the gate if still available; must be 21 or older) include food from Steve & Rocky's, premium wines (from Novi Fine Wine & Liquor) and craft beer.

In fact, variety and quality could be the surname of this festival as the theme carries over from the food to the stage. Wristbands and beverages are cash only; an ATM will be located at the entrance to the beverage garden.

"We're mixing up genres to appeal to a wide audience - zydeco, country, jazz, rock, Americana and funk," Stone said. "There should be something here for everyone to enjoy.

Five acts will take the stage 4-11 p.m., beginning with Monsieur Guillaume & His Zydeco Hepcats, a seven-piece band specializing in the Cajun sounds of New Orleans.

The second artist, jazz vocalist Ben Sharkey, has been building a loyal local following putting a unique spin on modern tunes and serving up impressive originals.

Nadir Omowale, a multi-faceted leader in the Detroit music scene, will bring his high-energy funk group, featuring



Monsieur Guillaume & His Zydeco Hepcats, a seven-piece band specializing in the Cajun sounds of New Orleans, will perform at 4 p.m. Aug. 13 at the festival.



Thornetta Davis, the Motor City's queen of the blues, will close out the Vibe on Main festival Aug. 13.

vocalist Caleb Gutierrez. The fourth slot belongs to Ryan Dillaha & The Miracle Men, a fivepiece crowd favorite that

blends Americana, coun-

try and rock. And closing out the festival will be the Motor City's queen of the blues, Thornetta Davis, a powerful singer and performer who boasts one of the best bands in the

Community support

City Councilman Wayne Wrobel is one of many community leaders behind the project.

"I was very pleased that someone took the initiative to create what looks to be a promising festival for the city of Novi," Wrobel said. "It's something different and exciting.'

Wrobel, current president of the Novi Rotary, will be working alongside fellow Rotarian Bryan Berent in the festival's beverage garden.

"First, as a resident I am thrilled to have this festival in our city," Berent said. "It's a long time coming and, hopefully, it will be around for many years. From a Rotarian standpoint, it should be a great fundraiser for us to help support the community projects we are involved in, such as the Feed the Need Summer Lunch Program. And third, it will be a fun experience interacting with the community in the beverage garden.

They call that a win-

Vibe Credit Union is the presenting sponsor for the festival - and it obviously likes the name.

"We love the name of the festival and we're proud to be partners, chief marketing officer Tyler Ross said. "Our name represents the sound waves of our history in the telecommunications industry and this year we're celebrating our 80th birthday.

Vibe Credit Union is involved in a number of community events, working in partnership with the Novi library, schools, city and chamber. Ross said the credit union philosophy centers around the idea of people helping people.

'This is really big for Novi and we're happy to be a part of it," she said. "People love music and great food."

Vibe isn't alone getting in tune with the new festival

The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair and

Hubert Distributors (Bud Light) have come on board as sponsors, as have several car dealerships: Cadillac of Novi, Tom Holzer Ford, and Marty Feldman Chevrolet. In support of the new festival, services and goods are being offered by the city of Novi, Independent Exhibit Services, Lagarda Security, Menards, Singh Development, Message Makers, Michigan CAT, Novi Public Library, Victor Cassis and Waste Management.

Main Street will be closed to traffic from Paul Bunvon Drive south to Potomac Road and then west toward Novi Road for the festival, allowing for a stage at the Main/Potomac intersection, a beverage garden, a VIP area, food vendors, a mini bazaar and the addition of an outdoor dining area.

"I hope it grows into something that becomes an annual event," Wrobel



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Mom heads fundraiser for overseas wells

Walk4Water raises awareness for Haiti

> **Sharon Dargay** Staff Writer

Jessica Allen will add a personal touch to her annual Walk4Water fundraiser next month in Northville.

The event on Sept. 17 at Three Cedars Farm is held in conjunction with Livonia Church of Christ and Healing Hands International, which promotes Walk4Water activities nationwide. The walks raise money to fund drilling for clean, drinkable water overseas.

Allen, a Livonia resident, started a local arm of the national fundraiser in 2012 with her husband Terry and their two boys. This year the event will include a short walk, havride and bonfire. She'll also share firsthand knowledge of drill-

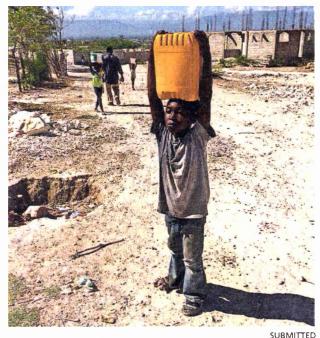
ing.
"I have a chance to go to Haiti. I never thought I'd have this chance. When we started this, I said 'Wouldn't it be cool to be at a well when people get their water?' This year I have a chance to go on a trip to Haiti to help drill," said Allen, who will spend Sept. 1-5 in the Caribbean nation with other Walk4Water coordinators.

"I can't wait to meet the people. I'm so excited to meet them and be around them and see them experience clean water for the first time."

She's not sure exactly what the drilling process demands but plans to roll up her sleeves and pitch

"I think we'll definitely be working. I've seen pictures of mud, wet clay, of when they hit water and it's spraying

up," she said. The experience will help Allen raise awareness of the need for clean drinking water overseas,



A youngster carries a water jug to a well in Haiti.

which she says is as important as donating funds for drilling.

Doug Fair agrees. He's vice president of operations at Texasbased Healing Hands International.

"Without awareness, the funds don't make sense," he said, in a phone interview. "When you go to a different country, you're blown away by their needs.'

He said Walk4Water aims to create an awareness that water "makes life flow." The number, "4" in the title refers to the average number of miles some families walk to find water.

"When you take water out, nothing else works. When you add it, you have restoration of life."

Maintenance problems

Healing Hands drilled 56 wells in Haiti and plans to complete 100 more this year. Because they are in constant use, many wells also break down. Fair said it's not uncommon for a well to stop working three months after installation.

"It's one thing to bring water, it's another to keep it flowing."

In addition to drilling and maintaining wells in Haiti, the organization also drills in India, several African nations, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Healing Hands representatives attend all Walk4Water events. Eight walks are scheduled next month.

The walks all look different. We think outside the box and we encourage coordinators to do the same," Fair said. "Jessica had a passion for it and ran with it.

"We want people to know how blessed we are and how much of a struggle it is in Third World countries to get water every day."

Choosing water

That notion has fueled Allen's interest in Walk4Water. When she and her husband were looking for ways to give back and "be a part of something bigger" five years ago, they considered a variety of volunteer projects, including fostering a child.



Hunter (left) and Tanner Allen raise awareness of Walk4Water at Livonia Church of Christ's Vacation Bible School.

"We went with water. It is something essential to every day life," Allen said. She invited her church to participate, and coordinates the fundraiser with Healing Hands.

The event, which was held in Livonia before moving to Northville last year, has raised enough money to drill four wells since 2012. Last year, when cost per well went from \$4,800 to \$6,000, Walk4Water raised more than \$13,000, enough to drill two wells and buy

water filters for locations where drilling isn't possible.

Allen hopes to raise enough money for at least one well this year. The Vacation Bible School at Livonia Church of Christ gave the project a head start by donating

"If you raise awareness and they truly understand, the funds will

come," she said. The event starts with registration at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at Three Cedars Farm, 7897 Six Mile, Northville. The event will start at 6 p.m. Participants can bring drinks, snacks, hot dogs and other foods for the fire, along with roasting sticks. S'mores will be provided.

Register online and receive a free Walk4Water T-shirt at the event. Walkers can create their own fundraising page. Visit hhi.org/walk4water/ livonia-mi-2016.

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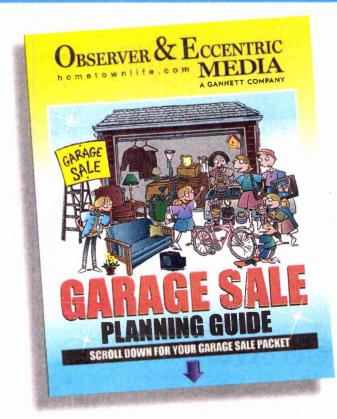
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It's the sound of music in Goudy Park

LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Pokemon Go players aside, the weekly sum-

been drawing the biggest crowds to Wayne's Goudy Held throughout Au-

gust, the concerts are at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays with bands setting up in the gazebo. Concertgoers should bring their own lawn chairs/blankets

"I looked to see what bands were available. Some bands approached us this year," said John Rhaesa, a Wayne councilman who organized the concert series.

Some years ago, Goudy Park had hosted concerts but the event had been dropped until it was

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200-300 people. Now, we are getting at least 500," Rhaesa said The concerts are

scheduled to follow the

weekly Wayne Farmers Market. Some of the food vendors stick around for the concert. "It is working out

good. The sales for the vendors were up," Rhaesa said. The concert series is

self-funded thanks to sponsorships from businesses, including the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union, Independent Carpet, Jack Demmer Ford, Mark Chevrolet and Uht Funeral Home.

The concert series is getting some extra promotion in Westland, Rhaesa said, thanks to electronic marquee signs at Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union, Independent Carpet and

Westland Shopping Cen-

ter.
"We don't have a lot of those signs in Wayne. We are marketing the city. It's low-key but we try t let people know," Rhaesa sai. "The businesses support us trying to make Wayne a better place.'

The Wayne Rotary Club handles beer/wine sales during the concerts as a fundraiser.

Upcoming concerts include:

» classic rock with Dead in Dog Years on Aug. 10;

» Fifty Amp Fuse on Aug. 17;

» Bob Seger tribute band Live Bullet Detroit on Aug. 24;

» Infinity and Beyond, a Journey tribute band, Aug. 31.

The weekly Wayne Farmers Markets is open 3-7 p.m. on Wednesday.

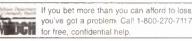
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Send your T-shirts to Zimbabwe via local charity drive

Sharon Dargay Staff Write

Sidney Bonvallet of Farmington Hills wants the shirt off your back as long as it's gently used or new and brightly colored.

She'll gladly take your donation from Aug. 15 to Sept. 15 at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia, with an eye toward giving the shirts to Zimbabwean orphans and adults during her trip to Africa next year.

"Our mission is food, education, health and hope, and the clothing comes under hope because you would not believe some of the clothing they wear, how they are so ragged and falling apart on them," said Bonvallet, founder and president of Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, a nonprofit charitable organization.

Bonvallet is asking for T-shirts because they are lightweight and easy to ship, and both boys and girls can wear them.

She'll head to Africa in April 2017, but hopes to ship the shirts next

month. They'll be waiting for her in South Africa next spring. She and other members of Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, will drive the shipment to Zimbabwe where they'll distribute most of the clothing. They'll take leftovers with them on their return trip to South Africa, where they'll stay one month before heading

Bonvallet prefers to ship all donations to a friend in South Africa and then drive them to their final destination. A direct shipment of 150 boxes of books was detained for two years before being released for use at a school library in Zimbabwe.

"It was one of our more successful drives with the community,' said the Rev. Todd Lackie, pastor of Kenwood Church of Christ and a Helping Hands, Touching Hearts board member. "We're shipping differently now than we used

A collection container for T-shirts will be stationed under the canopy

at the entrance to church, at 20200 Merriman. Sizes 6-16 for children and small, medium and large for adults are needed.

In the meantime, Bonvallet is sewing 80 dresses and tote bags for Zimbabwean children.

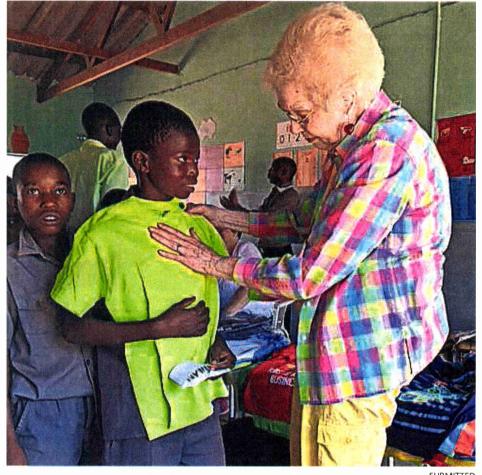
"I sew constantly, five hours a day almost every day. I have to make them pretty," she said. "We have 80 orphans and even more kids than that."

Helping Hands, Touching Hearts also is accepting sponsorships for orphans. A monthly donation of \$25-\$30 a month buys food staples, such as tea and cornmeal, for each child.

"Fifty-seven of the 80 children have been able to get sponsors. One sponsor in California sponsored 29 of them. He has his own little tribe."

Get more information about Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, at clotheavillagenow.com. Watch Bonvallet's video titled "A Library to Fight Poverty" on desktop at YouTube.com.

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Sidney Bonvallet of Farmington Hills helps a youngster in Zimbabwe get the correct size T-shirt. Bonvallet and other members of her organization, Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, was in Africa from March-May. They'll return with more donations next year.

Do estate planning homework before living together

Q: About five years ago my girlfriend and I decided that it would make sense to live together. At the time we each sold our houses and used the proceeds to buy the new home. We each put up half the money and also basically split the maintenance costs. It was our intention that if we split up we would sell the home and split the proceeds equally. Also, although we really didn't talk about it, there was an understanding that if one of us passed, the other one would own the home outright. Since I am quite a few years older than my significant other it was assumed that I would pass first. Unfortunately, earlier this year my significant other passed. The problem is that her children are



Rick Bloom MONEY MATTERS

either pay them half the value of the house or that I sell the house and split the proceeds. I don't think I should have to do either of those. I know she would have wanted me to keep the house. My question is, what should I do? You should know that nothing was mentioned in the will about the house. Also, the deed on our home is in both our names as tenants in common.

A: I first want to express my sympathies for the loss of your loved one. I hope as time passes your grief is replaced by fond memo-

Unfortunately, I do not believe I have good news

for you. In analyzing your situation I believe your significant other's children are entitled to half the value of the property.

When it comes to determining ownership of real estate, the first thing you look at is the deed. In your situation, you owned the property as tenants in common. What tenants in common means is that each of the parties own one-half of the property and upon the death of either party they are free to leave it to whomever they choose. In other words, there are no survivorship rights. If the goal was to make sure that upon either parties' death the other party owned the house outright then, the deed should not have been one that was tenants in common but rather, joint rights of survivorship. What joint rights of survivorship

means is that upon the death of either party the other party owns the home. Even if there is a will, the deed would take precedence.

In addition, when parties own a property as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, that property doesn't even have to go through Probate. By operation of law, when one party passes the other one owns the house.

When parties own property as tenants in common, the deceased party's interest goes according to the will. Since you were not mentioned in the will, whoever was the beneficiary of her estate, in this situation the kids, would be the rightful owner of your significant other's share of the house.

My advice to you is to work with the kids to either buy their one-h interest or to sell the

home and split the proceeds.

In today's world, more and more people are living in unconventional relationships. It is no longer unusual for two people to live together without being married. In those situations it is important that when you do acquire property together that there is a clear understanding as to what happens to that property either upon death or if the parties separate. As far as I'm concerned, the best time to resolve these issues is before you buy the property. In that way, the proper deed can be used. Of course, deeds can be changed; however, we all know how life works and that is once a deed is done they are rarely

For those of you who are living in non-traditional relationships it is important that you dot

changed.

your I's and cross your T's when it comes to estate planning. Under current law, there is very little protection for unmarried couples who live together. That is why it is extremely important that couples in those situations do some estate planning which may or may not include things such as durable power of attorneys or medical power of attorneys. The bottom line, unwed couples have to know that the law offers very little protection to them; therefore, it is up to them, through legal documents such as wills and trusts and deeds, to protect themselves

Rick is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, email Rick at rick bloomassetmanagement.com

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CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976

40th reunion is 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Kicker's Allstar Bar & Grill, in Canton. For more information, go to http://bit.ly/Crestwood76

DEARBORN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976

40th class reunion and golf outing is Saturday, Aug. 13. For more information, go to dhs1976.myevent.com.

FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1954

p.m. Oct. 6, at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232, Dearborn Heights. Call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at 248-859-4187 or email Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com.

DETROIT CODY CLASS OF 1966

50-year reunion, 6-11:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. For more information, call Gary Berriman at 313-300-4470 or Barbara (Doherty) Kalinski at 734-320-6545.

DETROIT MACKENZIE CLASSES OF 1950-1969

The fifth annual picnic runs noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines Park, at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, near Farmington Road, in Westland. Bring your own picnic or buy from a vendor, who will sell hot dogs, chips, pop, water and ice cream. T-shirts, sweat shirts, hats, coolers, glasses, coffee mugs, hats, all with the Mackenzie logo, will be available for purchase. Seating will be available under the shelter or bring your own chairs and pop-ups. For more information, call Janet Cable at 734-377-4009 or email mackenzie50s-60s@hotmail.com. Or go to classcreator.com/Detroit-MI-Mackenzie-1960.

DETROIT REDFORD CLASS OF 1976

40th reunion, 4-9 p.m. Sept. 17, at the Redford Theatre, Detroit. Classes of 1975 and 1977, friends and family may attend the event, which will feature sack lunch and more. Tickets available at red-

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST & WEST

CLASS OF 1966

The 50th reunion will be held Sept. 10. Find more event information on the G.C.H.S. class of 1966 East & West Facebook page.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL WEST CLASS OF 1976

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REUNIONS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN **HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966**

50th reunion will be held Aug. 25-28. Contact Larry Ruzsas at 810-599-3509 or Iruzsas187264mi@comcast.com

MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL **CLASS OF 1986**

30th reunion is 7-11 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 13, at 59 West Banquet Center in Highland. Cost is \$25 per person at the door. which covers appetizers, Mexican buffet and non-alcoholic beverages. Go to the Facebook event link at facebook.com/events/ 1046427258783445/

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966

50-year reunion dinner and

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celebration set for 5-11 p.m. Sept. 17, at the Summit in Canton, For more details, check the Plymouth High School Class of 1966 Facebook page or email jerrynorquist@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1967

50-year reunion planned Sept. 15-16. Go to www.Plymouth mi67.com, Classmates.com reunion link or call Lynette Thayer at 419-726-2088 for information.

REDFORD **THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL**

CLASSES OF 1968-70

Reunion starts at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Island Lake Recreation Area - Hickory Picnic Shelter, 6301 Kensington Road, Brighton. Bring your own food and beverages. For more information, email JJSerbay@gmail.com.

SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976

40th reunion set for Aug. 13 at Bakers of Milford. For more information, email Southlyonclass1976@yahoo.com or go to South Lyon Class of 1976 on Facebook.

CLASS OF 1977

Reunion set for 6 p.m. July 15, 2017, at Pinz in South Lyon. For more information, visit https:// sites.google.com/site/ july152017reunion/.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1971

45th reunion set for 6 p.m. to midnight Sept. 24 at Mama Mia, 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Mail \$25 to JGHS class of '71 in care of Gary Pack, 38128 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, MI 48185. Pre-reunion party is 7-11 p.m. Sept. 23 at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road. For more information, call JoAnn Keenan at 734-516-6443, Gary Pack at 734-377-9133 or Darla Webb at 734-262-1132.

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Location: Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main in Plymouth Details: A fundraising partnership ride between motorcyclists and the Salvation Army This is the second year of the event, which this year will enjoy a full escort of the Wayne County Sheriff Motorcycle Unit to the Downriver/Wyandotte Salvation Army followed by lunch. Participants will leave for Downriver 11

Cost: Price to ride is \$25 for a rider, \$15 for a passenger, which includes continental breakfast and lunch

Contact: Registration can be done the morning of the event, or during office hours at the Plymouth Corps on Main, which can be reached at 734-453-5464

VFW FUNDRAISERS

Time/Date: Various Location: VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth

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

Contact: 734-265-7908

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

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

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

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

NEWS OF UPCOMING EVENTS

The Community Calendar runs in the Plymouth and Canton Observer as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Please include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email information to jmaliszews@hometownlife.com.

Contact: Church office at 734-459-3333 or go to www.connectingwithGod.org.

SHAKESPEARE FEST

Time/Date: Through Aug. 14 Location: Village Theater, Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is again teaming with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival to present a three-week run of performances in Canton. This year's 22nd festival season will feature productions of William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" and "Richard II," as well as Karen Tarjan's "The Killer Angels," based on the novel by

Michael Shaara Cost: Tickets are on sale now, including season flex passes, at www.cantonvillagetheater.org. A flex pass will include one ticket to each production and show dates and times can be chosen at the time of purchase or at a later date. Ticket prices range from \$16 to \$40, depending on patron's age Contact: www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734-394-

FIELD DAY AND MOVIE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug.

Location: Heritage Park, west of Canton Center, between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads

Details: Area residents are invited to unleash their inner child and join Canton Leisure Services for fun activities and a little friendly competition that the whole family can enjoy

during the second annual Family Field Day & Movie in the Park. Featured activities on the north side of Heritage Park include classic favorites, such as potato sack races, shoe kicks, threelegged races and wheelbarrow races. You can also learn about family fitness opportunities that take place throughout the year through our Fit Family Challenge. A special showing of Disney's animated movie "The Good Dinosaur" (rated PG) will be held outside in the park on

the big screen starting at dusk.

Contact: www.cantonfun.org

or call 734-394-5460 **SENIOR GAMES**

Time/Date: Aug. 23-25 Location: Various places in

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

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

CANTON CHAMBER GOLF

Time/Date: Sept. 15 Location: Pheasant Run Golf Club. Canton

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

Contact: 734-453-4040 or go to www.cantonchamber.com.

SENIOR GOLF

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

Location: Pheasant Run Golf Club. Canton

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

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

FASHION SETTERS EXHIBIT

Time/Date: Museum hours, through Nov. 6

Location: Plymouth Historical

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

SUMMER ARTS COUNCIL CAMPS

Time/Date: Through Aug. 19 Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, south of M-14 in Plymouth

Details: The PCAC will offer 40 camps in painting, filmmaking, photography, cartooning, graphic design, theater, music and more, with the emphasis on getting campers to "think outside the box" and not follow preconceived notions of art.

Costs: Camp prices range from \$55 to \$145, with discounts for PCAC members.

Contact: View a complete schedule and register at www.plymoutharts.com or register by calling the PCAC at 734-416-4278 or stopping in during business hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thurs-

SEEKING COMPASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS

Time/Date: Until September Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5820 N Lilley Road, Canton,

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient care and companionship, office support, group activities and more. Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentially, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer. Interested volunteers must complete the online application process prior to training. Early registration is encouraged, as several steps are to be completed prior to the start of the training sessions. Next new volunteer orientation is Sept. 13 in the hospice office.

Contact: Jeanne Edwards, 888-983-9050

Vacation Bible Camp

St. John's Episcopal Church

574 S. Sheldon Rd. Plymouth 48170

Discovering **God's Treasure**



Food, concert and classic cars coming to Southfield on Thursday

The city of Southfield, in partnership with the City Centre Advisory Board, will host the next installment of the Eat to the Beat food truck & concert series on Thursday, Aug. 11 from noon to 2 p.m. and from 4-7 p.m. at the City Centre Plaza located on Central Park Boulevard.

The events are held on the second Thursday

each summer from June to September. Each event features a different theme and eclectic musical lineup of artists and

genres, including: » Aug. 11 (Theme: Woodward Tune-up) featuring Cancel Monday from 12-2 p.m. and The Paisley Fogg from 4-7 p.m.

» Sept. 8 (Theme:

from The Randy Brock Group from 12-2 p.m. and The Foster Brooks Band from 4-7 p.m. The City of Southfield

was seeking classic, sport, luxury and other "dream cars" for display at the Aug. 11 event.

All of the Eat to the Beat concerts will feature a variety of food trucks, including Bigalora, Fuddruckers, The Pita Post, Detroit BBO Company, Nu Deli and Cool Jack's.

The Eat to the Beat After Hours events will include fine wines and craft beer for sale to continue the fun into the evening. All events will offer games and activities for the whole family, a mix of live bands and DJs, and free admission

PUBLIC NOTICE Regular Meeting

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting August 16, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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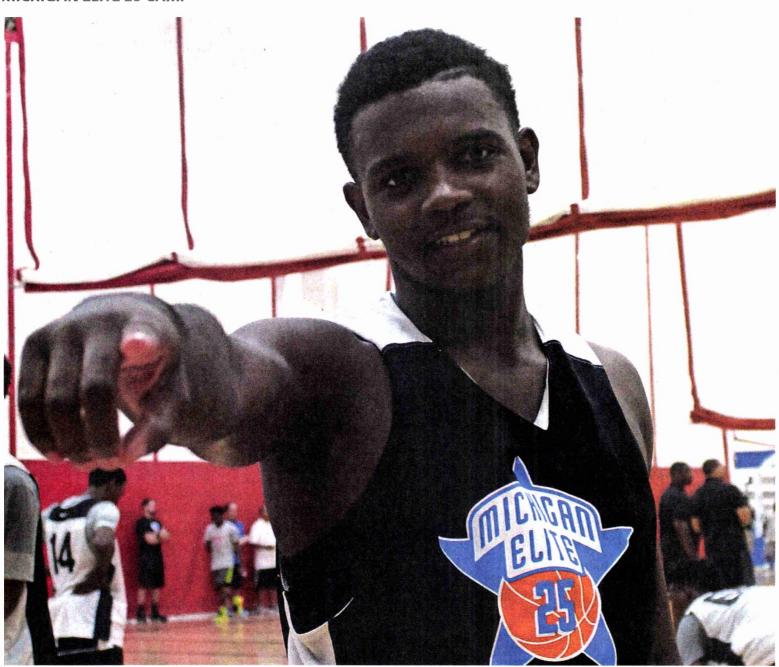
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MICHIGAN ELITE 25 CAMP



MARTY BUDNER North Farmington basketball standout Amauri Hardy indicated the Michigan Elite 25 Basketball Camp helped to point him in the right direction.

PAYING IT FORWARD

MARTY BUDNER Michigan Elite 25 Basketball Camp co-founder Tim **McCormick** (right) discusses camp matters with instructor and new Salem girls basketball coach Dan Young.



Learning about life on and off the court is focus of Michigan Elite 25 basketball camp

> **Marty Budner** Staff Writer

The Michigan Elite 25 Basketball Camp has impacted a number of young athletes over the past four years. Amauri Hardy is one of them.

An incoming senior at North Farmington High School, Hardy was one of nine four-year players who attended the 2016 camp that concluded Friday at the Hype Recreation Center in Dearborn Heights. He helped lead the Raiders to the Class A

state championship game for the first time in school history last winter.

"This camp means a lot to me. I have grown and learned a lot of stuff from Tim (McCormick) and all the speakers who have come to the camp," said Hardy, a starting guard for the Raiders who netted 15 points and dished a team-high three assists in last year's state semifinal win over Lansing Everett. "This camp has definitely been

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tryouts

Fastpitch

Tryouts are just around the corner for the Garden City Gators Fastpitch Softball Program.

Players from Garden City and other communities are welcome to attend the sessions, which will take place on the lighted softball field at Garden City High School (corner of Maplewood and Hartel).

Coach Barry Patterson suggests players arrive 30 minutes before scheduled tryout times to check in and warm up.

Patterson can be reached at gcsoftball@mi.rr.com or 734-635-2388.

Tryouts are as fol-» Monday, Aug. 8,

6:30-8:30 p.m.: 14-and-Under, 16U » Tuesday, Aug. 9,

6:30-8:30 p.m.: 10U, » Wednesday, Aug.

10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: 14U, » Thursday, Aug. 11,

6:30-8:30 p.m.: 10U, » Saturday, Aug. 13,

9-11:30 a.m.: 10U, 12U » Saturday, Aug. 13, 1-3:30 p.m.: 14U, 16U

» Sunday, Aug. 14, 9-11:30 a.m.: 10U, 12U » Sunday, Aug. 14, 1-3:30 p.m.: 14U, 16U

Hole in one club

Albert Anderson, 82, of Chelsea, registered a hole-in-one on July 21 at the Hills course of Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth.

Anderson aced the 105-yard No. 6 hole, using a 7-iron and Noodle ball.

Women's scramble

The Golf Association of Michigan is celebrating its 100th Michigan Women's Amateur (Aug. 8-12) at Spring Meadows Country Club, 1129 Ripley Road, Linden.

In conjunction with the tournament, the Michigan Women's Golf Association will host a breakfast and scramble Monday, Aug. 8, followed by a dinner and program at Tyrone Hills Golf Course, 8449 Old U.S.

23, in Fenton. Many past Michigan Women's Amateur champions will be featured on a video depicting the 100-year history of the event.

Among the featured panel of champions are moderator Joan Garety, Shirley Spork, Joyce Kazmierski, Patti Shook Boice, Mary Jane Anderson Heistand, Stacy Slobodnik Stoll and Allyson Geer, last year's winner.

For more information about the MWGA, go to www.mwgolf.org.

COLLEGIATE SPOTLIGHT

Late bloomer making up for lost time

Canton alum Kayla Buford keeps climbing ladder of volleyball success

> **Tim Smith** Staff Writer

When Kayla Buford sets her mind to something, she gets after it. The Minnesota Golden Gophers women's volleyball team is glad she did.

Consider that Buford, 19, is a late bloomer in the world of competitive volleyball. She went from a newbie when she was a sophomore at Canton High School to an integral member of

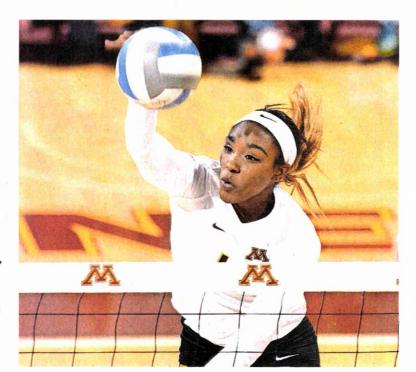
the on-the-rise Division I program in just a few short years.

"If you were to tell me that I would be playing in one of the best programs in the country, with one of the best coaching staffs and everything, I probably would have laughed and said 'You're crazy," said Buford, during a recent telephone interview.

But it's a reality, as the 6foot-2 middle blocker now starts her sophomore season with the Gophers. Official practice for the 2016 season opens Tuesday.

Wait, there's more. She also trained this year with USA Vol-

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CHRISTOPHER MITCHELL / SPORT SHOT PHOTO Canton alum Kayla Buford powers the ball over the net during a game last

season for the University of Minnesota Gophers.



TRAVEL BASEBALL

Living the Cooperstown dream

South Farmington Blues 12-U team excels at tourney in upstate N.Y.

> Tim Smith Staff Writer

Cooperstown, New York, is the hallowed baseball village where the Baseball Hall of Fame resides.

During the weekend of July 24-26, players on the South Farmington Blues 12-Under baseball team enjoyed a sweet taste of that environment, reaching the Sweet 16 in the 20th annual Cooperstown Dreams Park Tournament. It was the team's first berth in the Sweet 16 since 1999.

The highly competitive, 13-week summer tournament for 12U baseball features skills competition and pool play to determine seeding in the ultimate single elimination tourney

Following a good showing in the skills competition — the Blues finished second in the "Around the Horn" event and



just missed making the finals in three other categories — it was on to six games of pool play.

Coached by Tom Downs, Dave Hanus, Matt Rehn and Chris Weaks, the 12U Blues went 3-3 in pool play and were seeded 56th out of 104 teams entering single-elimination play.

In the subsequent opener, the Blues pounded their way to a 16-3 victory over the lowerseeded Green Mountain Rams. For the rest of their stay in Cooperstown, Blues' opponents would be higher seeds.

That romp started a run that would lift the Blues 40 rungs in the team standings.

Next came a 15-13 win over the Nevada Pure Baseball Titans and then the Blues continued with a Cinderella-esque 7-6 victory over the 20th-seeded Orinda California Thunder — with the Blues rallying in their last at-bats from a 5-1 deficit to prevail.

Saturday's final game for the squad was a 16-7 shellacking of the Kansas City Blues, a team that held the top seed on day two of pool play and was 13th for tourney play.

But, the storybook run ended

But, the storybook run ended Sunday when the East Michigan Muskies eliminated the Blues 13-1. That didn't minimize the amount of respect and congratulations South Farmington Blues players and coaches received for the team's outstanding weekend.

Blues players include Patrick Coggins, Michael Downs, Noah Felder, Sam Felder, Collin Hanrahan, Daniel Hanus, Kyle Harvey, Jacob Lee, Jake Matteson, Christian Rehn, Alex Switlik, Gus Weaks and Nick Zappia.

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COURTESY PATRICK SWITLIN

The South Farmington Blues 12-Under travel baseball team recently reached the Sweet 16 at a tournament held in Cooperstown, N.Y. From left are Alex Switlik, Noah Felder, Kyle Harvey, Collin Hanrahan, Christian Rehn, Nick Zappia, Gus Weaks, Jake Matteson, Michael Downs, Jacob Lee, Sam Felder, Patrick Coggins and Daniel Hanus. Not pictured: Coaches Chris Weaks, Tom Downs, Dave Hanus, Matt Rehn.

NATIONAL JUNIOR EVALUATION CAMP

Team USA can't finish rally against Finland

Early 2-0 hole proves too deep for host team as camp nears conclusion

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Team USA goalie Jake
Oettinger wished he had the
first one back while teammate
Alex DeBrincat lamented not
having better aim in the final
stretches of Friday's 2-1 loss to
Finland.

Yet both Oettinger and DeBrincat saw positives out of the National Junior Evaluation Camp contest at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

"I was happy to play a game like that this early in the summer so we know what we're in for going forward," said Oettinger, who stopped 21 of 23 Finland shots. "I think the whole team can use this game to their advantage come real tournament time."

Concurring was DeBrincat, a 5-7, 171-pound forward from Farmington Hills. He attended Farmington Hills Harrison and played AAA hockey for Victory Honda out of Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

"It's definitely going to help us," DeBrincat said. "We had to face adversity, I think it's big in the tournament to battle back when you're down. And we're learning how to do that here, I think it definitely will help us."

Unlike Wednesday, when Team USA rallied to win 4-3 in overtime against Sweden, there would not be a successful comeback.

Stymied late

Trailing 2-1 late in the third period, Team USA turned up the offensive heat and kept the puck in Finland's zone for lengthy stretches, only to be frustrated time and again by goalie Veini Vehvillainen (35 saves).

With about six minutes to go, DeBrincat took a centering feed and snapped off a laser from the low slot. But Vehvillainen kicked the shot into the corner to prevent the equalizer.

"Tried to get it up and couldn't really get it up, that's the way it goes," DeBrincat said. "Sometimes it will be in the back of the net."

Team USA had a chance to knot the game up with a minute left, when Finland was called for delay of game. With Oettinger pulled for the extra attacker, it was a de facto 6-on-4 advantage.

A blast from the left circle by hard-nosed forward Erik Foley — a standout all game and Team USA's lone goal scorer — was fought off by the Finland netminder.

Moments later, forward Kieffer Bellows crashed the crease in an unsuccessful bid to notch a dirty goal with 10 seconds to go.

And when Finland cleared the zone following a subsequent face-off, it was back to the drawing board for Team USA in advance of Saturday's highly anticipated matchup



RENA LAVERTY | USA MOCKEY

Finding open ice during Friday's game is Team USA forward Alex DeBrincat, a Farmington Hills native.



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

Team USA goalie Jake Oettinger stops an in-close scoring attempt by Finland during Friday's game. Defenseman Nick Boka (No. 10) helps out.

against Canada.

"It's a grind, when you're here for 10 days," Team USA head coach Bob Motzko said. "It felt like we were at the dentist all day. We liked that they were trying to fight through it.

"We got some things in the

"We got some things in the third period, we just never got momentum in the first two."

Once the "grind" is over, Motzko and staffers will compare notes about how the 32 players on the Team USA roster performed over the course of the tournament.

Later this year, many of those players will be part of the roster that competes at the World Juniors Under-20 Tour-

"These young guys are nervous, they want to impress," Motzko emphasized. "They wake up every day wondering 'What's going to happen?"

Slow start

The first half of the opening period was a tentative affair, as each team slowly gauged what the other had in its arsenal.

Chances started to come midway through the stanza, with Team USA on the power play. Defenseman Adam Fox uncorked a one-timer from the top of the left circle that Vehvillaninen turned aside.

Moments after the power play ended, however, Finland took a 1-0 edge. Eeli Tolvanen broke in down the left wing and snapped a high shot over the glove of Oettinger.

"Definitely the first goal they scored was one I need to stop," Oettinger said. "And when you plan teams like Finland, their style, they try to sit back and capitalize on those few mistakes a team may make."

Both teams had glorious chances during an ensuing USA penalty, each time following giveaways in the defensive zone. With 6:20 left in the period, Finland's Janne Kuokkanen intercepted an off-themark clearing attempt and slung a backhander that Oettinger stopped.

Returning the favor a minute later was a Finland blueliner, whose pass found the stick of USA's Tanner Laczynski; he skated up the gut and ripped a shot right into the chest of Vehvillainen.

Oettinger subsequently showed a quick glove hand to keep the deficit at one goal. Finland skated off with the lead despite being outshot 14-8 in the frame.

Finland doubled its lead to 2-0 at 15:31 of the second period when Sami Tavernier buried a cross-crease feed.

But Team USA drew to within 2-1 before the end of the period on a power play goal by Foley with 1:12 to go.

A point shot deflected off Christian Fischer, parked in front of Vehvillaninen, and the puck slithered to the wideopen Foley near the right post. He had no trouble sliding the puck into the half-empty cage. SWEDEN 5, CANADA 1: Sweden scored four

goals in the first period and went on to victory.



MARTY BUDNE

Michigan Elite 25 participants wait for further instructions from directors Tim McCormick and Dan Young who meet with another camper.

CAMP

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beneficial to me as far as basketball and as far as life skills.

"This is a great experience to showcase my skills along with other great players in Michigan in front of coaches. It has been able to improve my game, made me physically stronger and mentally stronger, and it just made me grow as a player. This camp taught me great team skills and leadership, and how to unite a team and stick with a team and your

"It's a great group (of coaches) to be around and they just want the best for you," he said. "Being this is my last year of high school, I definitely wanted to come back and give it my all and compete. I wasn't going to miss it this year. I've learned new stuff every year. There's always something different."

Reaching the youngsters

Hardy exemplifies the student-athlete camp co-founders Micheal Dietz and McCormick hope to reach.

The enlightening five-day conclave attracts the state's top talent. Scouts scour the state all winter in a quest of finding only the elite high school players — ideally 25 in each grade from freshman to seniors — to learn about life on and off the basketball court.

The camp's mission is to make a lasting imprint on young athletes. That's why camp administrators stress that developing values like respect for others and country are just as important as working on fundamental basketball skills like dribbling and rebounding.

The 54-year-old McCormick said the no-cost camp, which includes 20 of the state's top coaches, is all about shaping a young person's character. One of the camp instructors is Dan Young, who this year takes over as Salem's varsity girls basketball team.

"The goal is to change the culture of basketball in the state of Michigan," said McCormick, a former NBA player who is considered one of the country's premier basketball analysts. "We spend a week talking about the importance of the national anthem and patriotism. When they play the Star Spangled Banner before a game, you stand, put your hand over your heart and say the words.

"We tell them they have to set an example for people in "We talk about balance. We know they are really good basketball players, but they are capable of being more. We talk about them being good citizens, leaders in their class and having academic excellence."

TIM MCCORMICK

Michigan Elite 25 Basketball co-founder on the camp's mission

their class. We talk about dating and respect for girls, little things like saying 'please' and 'thank you.' And, to have respect for yourself, your coaches and your teachers.

"We just want to make sure these guys understand that they have great talent, but that doesn't guarantee anything," he said. "We talk about balance. We know they are really good basketball players, but they are capable of being more. We talk about them being good citizens, leaders in their class and having academic excellence."

All about character

The camp concluded Friday with a dunk contest and a career day program. In between, some 120 enthusiastic participants honed their basketball skills in every phase of the game from stretching to shooting.

However, each day's activities included educational sessions with important role models such as retired Lt. Col. Tom Doman and FBI agent Bob Beeckman. Players also were lectured on life subjects like character, substance abuse and the importance of family.

Wendell Green, who will be a freshman at Detroit Country Day this fall, was a first-time participant. The 14-year-old Northville resident couldn't have been happier with the opportunity to further his point guard skills and learn about

"They sell that this camp is more than just about basket-ball, but how you are as a person," said Green, who attended Southfield Christian Middle School. "They teach you how to be good on and off the court and they want you to do your best all the time.

"On the court they're showing me some different moves and off the court they're teaching me about respect, so I'm learning from both aspects. This is a blessing to be here with all these great players."

JUNIOR GOLF

Maurier's ace seizes day at Whispering Pines Open

Stevenson senior also wins Girls 15-18 division

> M.B. Dillon Correspondent

Madison Maurier couldn't have scripted a better day of golf than what she experienced July 27 at the Kensington Junior Tour Whispering Pines Open.

Not only did the incoming Livonia Stevenson High senior record her first hole-in-one, she fired 86 to win the Girls 15-18 age group on the tricky, par-72 Pinckney course.

Her ace came on the 102yard third hole.

"My playing partner went over, so I clubbed down," Mau-rier said. "I hit it decent. It hit a ridge on the green. Once it started to go down, I thought it went off the green. My partner was watching my ball and she said, 'You are going to like this.' It was a foot from the pin. I got to see it roll in. It was crazy. When I saw it go in, I was in shock."

Maurier posted three sevens on the front nine, but still carded 45.

"I ended up shooting 41 on the back with almost all fives across the board," the 17-yearold said. 'I played decent, even though I was still in shock."

PGA professional Nathan Oake, who directs the Kensington Junior Tour, was surprised

"I only remember one holein-one in the last 11 years," he said. "So far in the last month, we've had three, which is incredible. People are living right, I guess.

Maurier's dad Matt and sister Sydney, 13, who was competing, were on hand to savor the accomplishment.

"I was happy for the tournament win, but I was ecstatic for the hole-in-one," Matt said. "Some people go their whole lives without one. It's a nice reward for all the hard work Madison has put in the past few years. Syd just wishes she was in the same group to see

Alyssa Snider, who will be a senior at Howell High, finished just one shot off the pace for runner-up honors with 87.

Brighton's Brendan Britz, 16, tore it up with 79 to conquer the Boys 15-18 field. "I feel like I didn't play bad,

but I had a lot of unlucky breaks on the hills," said Britz, who was Novi Detroit Catholic Central's No. 1 JV player last year. "I'd make what looked like a good tee shot and I would

end up in a bad spot. I had one bad double-bogey on the third hole. I was about 100 yards out and thought I hit a good wedge shot. It landed in a crevice to the left side of the green, pole high, and it was buried in the grass below my feet.

Britz shot 39 on the front side followed by 40 on the back, highlighted by a birdie

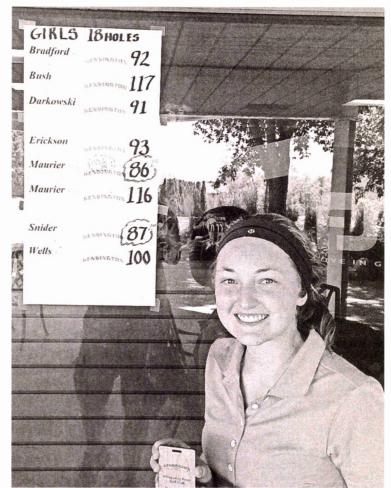
"My putter was better today and I had a couple of bunker shots I hit pretty good," he said. "The course is very hilly and it slopes a lot. If you don't hit it in the right spots, it's a hard course.

Maxwell Grant, who plays hockey and golf at Brighton High, finished in second place with 81.

Brendan Aughe, 13, of Clarkston captured the Boys 12-14 age division a career-best 78, while Novi's Dhruv Kumar was runner-up.

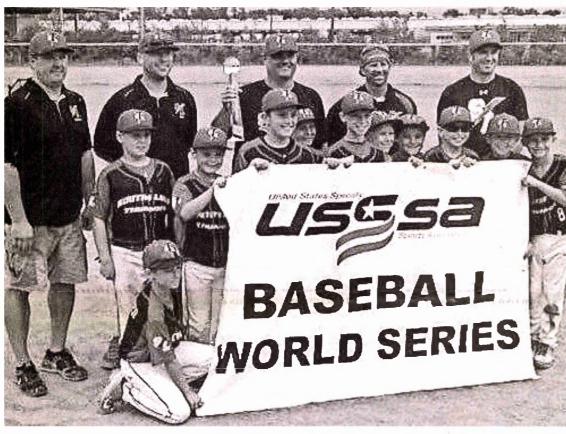
"I drove the ball straight and I still shot 88," Kumar said. "Every second shot, I topped. I made par on the last hole, one of my four pars of the day. The course has tight fairways and the greens are tough to read."

Ann Arbor's Ieuan Jones, 10, captured the nine-hole division with 47, while Hartland's Keller King, 9, was runner-up with 50 as the par-4, No. 5 hole stood



Livonia Stevenson High incoming senior Madison Maurier had a hole-in-one at the Whispering Pines Junior Open.

World Series champs



The 9-and-under South Lyon Thunder baseball team, coached by Don Mifsud, posted a 6-0 record, capped by an 8-7 victory in the finals over the Michigan War Dogs, to capture the USSSA World Series held July 21-24 at Canton's Victory Park. The Thunder also defeated the Motor City Bulldogs (19-1), Anchor Bay Angels (17-3), Canton Cardinals (10-1), Precision Patriots (9-2) and War Dogs (14-6) en route to the title. Team members: Drew Mifsud (tourney MVP), Andrew Verona-Kerley (offensive MVP), Josh Walther (Walled Lake), Braden Fox, Sam Stoll, Jack Cumberland, Michael Stack, Michael Jankowski, Ryan Hurshe, Aiden Robinson and Jacob Gusick. Assistant coaches are Dan Stoll, Rich Robinson and Scott Cumberland.

PRO BASEBALL

Beavers split with Unicorns in USPBL

Marty Budner Staff Writer

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers and Utica Unicorns split their two recent weekend games, with each team winning by a 7-1 score. The Beavers registered a 7-1 win July 24 after losing by that same score on July 22.

Despite the split, Birmingham-Bloomfield continued to remain atop the United Shore Professional Baseball League (USPBL) standings with a 17-10 record. The Eastside Diamond Hoppers are second at 12-12 while the Utica Unicorns are third in the three-team independent league at 9-16.

In the six-run victory over the Unicorns, the Beavers collected 12 hits and all nine starters reached base at least one time.

Wilson began the offensive assault with a whopping threerun, third-inning round tripper over the Chevrolet Pavilion situated well beyond the left field wall. It was his leagueleading 10th home run and

league-leading 24th RBI. DJ Martinez smacked a two-run homer in the fourth and added another RBI in the fifth with a single. Martinez has a six-game hitting streak heading into the Beavers' next set of games.



Dan Kennon went 2-3 with a double and two runs scored. Randy Wynne was the winning

FIFTH PLAYER PROMOTED: Dalton DiNatale recently become the fifth USPBL player to sign with a Major League baseball organization.

DiNatale, who played first base for the Eastside Diamond Hoppers, was signed by the Los Angeles Dodgers. The left-handed hitting infielder played college baseball at Arizona State University.

The USPBL's earlier players promoted to Major League programs were pitcher Ross Vance (St. Louis Cardinals) and infielder Aaron Bossi (New York Yankees) from the Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers, pitcher Chris McDonald (Pittsburgh Pirates) from the Diamond Hoppers and pitcher Evan Piechota (Pittsburgh Pirates) from the Utica Unicorns.

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levball first at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado and later as part of its Collegiate National Team roster in Indian-

"Meeting other players from around the country, being able to train at USA Volleyball and compete, put on the red-whiteand-blue jersey was such an amazing feeling," Buford recalled. "It defi-



Buford

nitely just inspired me to not just settle for things "I learned so

much about myself, about volleyball and life in general.

I'm excited to go back to try out again next February and see what happens after that."

Joyful attitude

When Buford talks, she does so with a joy that is impossible to miss.

After successfully launching her volleyball career — albeit belatedly - with the Chiefs, she is filled with happiness about how her life is taking shape at

Minnesota. 'My first season with the Gophers was amazing," Buford said. "We finished third in the country, made it to the Final Four. ... My teammates and everyone were so great. Our relationship as a team was a great one and a rare one.

"Everyone who is graduating will be missed, I'll always have a special place in my heart for them. We'll always be friends."

Buford demonstrated last season at Minnesota and this year with USA Volleyball that she is a front-row menace for opponents, bringing an undeniable mix of power and court savvy.

She plays with consistency, not to mention a confidence in her ability that sometimes waned during her high school career — because she was late to the volleyball party when compared with others who were developed on club programs.

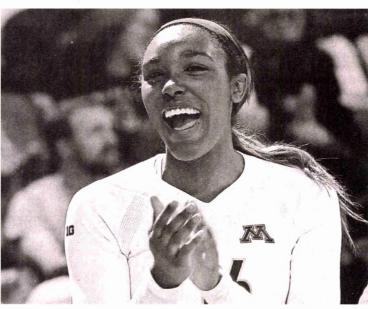
"I'm just having an overall confidence, not doubting myself (and) knowing I am able to compete with some of the best," Buford said. "In the game of volleyball there's so much adversity you face, and sometimes you may just have to deal with the cards that you're handed and find a way to make it

"That was a really learning key I found, different inefficiencies as a player were brought to light. Just being able to work on those. ... I've become a lot more consistent."

Worthwhile

The learning curve has been steep but worthwhile for the daughter of Kevin Buford Sr. and Tamika Higgins. It should be pointed out that Kayla Buford probably could have picked up the sport much sooner than she did.

"My family just really loves sports and so I played every-



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ATHLETICS

Kayla Buford didn't start playing competitive volleyball until her

thing under the sun," she said. "Like T-ball, baseball, soccer. I even tried basketball. Track and field. Volleyball came around

sophomore year of high school.

though." When Buford, whose older brother Kevin was a football stalwart at Canton, decided to start playing volleyball with the Chiefs, she was worried she'd

let others down. There'd be times when people would get upset that I wasn't able to do things," she said. "I was still trying to learn

Buford was a quick study, ultimately playing a key role for the Chiefs her junior year (the team won the division title with a 32-13-1 record) with 81

kills and 73 blocks. "It took a lot to learn because girls on my team and girls I played against were playing since they were 10," she said.
"There were a lot of tears, crying and frustrating moments

but it finally came.

She did not return for her senior season, instead playing for the Premier Volleyball Academy's 18-Onitsuka team.

Standing about 5-foot-11 as a sophomore, Buford continued to gain inches to her frame right up until her 2015 gradua-

scouts that she was growing on

It was obvious to college

the court as well, and verbally committed to play at Rutgers University.

Perfect fit But Buford subsequently became intrigued about playing for the Golden Gophers.

"I fell in love with the campus, program and staff and everything about this school," she said. "It was a perfect fit for me, everything I wanted to happen.

Meanwhile, Buford keeps working tirelessly to improve her game — especially knowing she fits right in at the D-I and national levels.

"I started developing and there is still a lot of developing I have left because I started late, trying to play catch-up," Buford said. "But it's still enjoyable and

something I love doing. Connecting the dots from late start to current success, Buford figures it couldn't have happened any other way.

It was one of those things, at first I really didn't know how I felt about it," she said. "But I love it now.

'There were bumps and hiccups along the way, about what I wanted to do. ... I've come to love it and I couldn't imagine my life without it. It's

amazing.' That's how many people now describe the ebullient Kayla Buford.

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Email event information for this calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

AUGUST CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 18-19 and 25-26

Location: Trinity Episcopal Church, 26880 La Muera, Farmington Hills

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

Contact: trinityinthewoods.org

CONCERT CANCELED

Time/Date: Aug. 15 Location: Unity of Livonia, 28860 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Kim-Char Meredith's concert has been canceled Contact: unityoflivonia; 734-421-1760

FAMILY TAO SUMMER CAMP

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21

Location: Michigan Zhong Shu Temple, 23845 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: The theme is "cherish life. "The camp is for families with children, 6-12 and aims to help children develop character and learn to cherish all life with respect, joy and gratitude. Cost is \$30 per participant and includes a T-shirt and vegetarian meals. At least one adult from the child's family must attend the camp. Register by Aug. 10 at facebook.com/michigantample Contact: Brenda at 248-910-6608 or Rocky Chen at 734-890-

FREE YARD SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia; Unity of Royal Oak, 2500 Crooks, Royal Oak; God Lan Unity, 22450 Schoolcraft, Detroit

Details: Shoppers can take whatever they want, including clothing, home and yard goods, pictures, jewelry, toys, and more, for free. The number of items a person takes may be limited during peak hours

Contact: Rev. Eileen Patra at 734-421-1760

FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug.

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard,

Details: Monthly prayer, praise and worship service will include Eucharistic adoration, prayer teams, confession, and benediction. The service is sponsored by St. Michael's Prayer Angels, which prays for the needs of the parish, the country, specific intentions, and also accepts individual prayer requests

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200 **GRIEFSHARE**

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21-Nov. 6

Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City **Details**: Grief support group provides help and encourage ment after the death of a loved one. Cost is \$20 and includes

workbook Contact: 248-766-5977

HEARTBEAT OF PLYMOUTH

Time/Date: 12:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13

Location: Kellogg Park, Penn Theater, and The Gathering in downtown Plymouth

Details: Third annual festival features Christian speakers, music and activities for children and teens. Bob Dutko, a Christian radio show host, and Joseph Solomon, a Texas native who started chaseGodtv, will speak at 12:30 p.m. at The Penn Theater. Tickets are \$10 and available at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, Plymouth First United Methodist Church, and Praise Baptist Church. Chosen, Kingdom Come Alive, and You Shine Through will perform from 3-7 p.m. in the park. Visitors can participate in a community service project from 2-5 p.m. at The Gathering. They'll paint tiles that will be placed on a wall in

Contact: heartbeatofplymouth-

Clair's Home, a planned safe

house in Detroit for human

trafficking victims

PICNIC

Time/Date: 12:30-2 p.m. Aug. 7, immediately following Worship in the Park

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, at Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse grounds, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads,

Details: Hot dogs, cookies, chips and water will be provided and a praise band will perform Contact: 734-459-3333

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20

Location: Sacred Heart Church, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Bicycles, furniture, antiques, lamps and light fixtures, tools and hardware, kids games and toys, sporting goods. home decor, kitchenware, books, music, movies and more. All

proceeds will go toward church utility bills

Contact: Sacred Heart church office, 734-522-3166

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/dates: 6-8 p.m. Aug 8, 10 and 12

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Theme is Serengeti Trek "Where kids are wild about God." The program, for grades K-6, will include games, Bible stories, snacks and music

Contact: Katelyn at 734-620-4778 or Melissa at 734-765-1827

WORSHIP IN THE PARK Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday,

through Aug. 21 Location: Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse grounds, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads,

Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church holds outdoor services with childcare provided

Contact: 734-459-3333, connectingwithGod.org

YOUTH SOCCER Time/Date: 1:30-3 p.m., Aug.

Location: Crossroads Church/

Trinity Church Grounds, 34500 Details: Soccer camp for boys and girls ages 5 and up, any skill level. \$25 per student; non-

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

bottle, instruction, snacks. Regis-

refundable. Includes water

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyellen879@att.net

Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Contact: 313-534-9000 St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just

south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniast-

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

ST. INNOCENT **ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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

Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township Details: An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386 Contact: facebook.com/stinno-

cenredford **EXERCISE**

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

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

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

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

Contact: 734-464-1223 St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-

Friday Location: 7000 N. Sheldon,

Details: Praying silently or aloud

together; prayer requests welcomed Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Recycling

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

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet

cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church. Contact: Lynn Hapman at

734-466-9023 **SINGLES**

Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those

who are divorced or separated. Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

Steve's Family Restaurant Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 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 **SUPPORT**

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

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-retire-

ment.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@Connec-

tionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

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

behavior problems Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244 » Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Details: Addiction No More

offers support for addictive

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

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group Contact: 248-433-1011 » Merriman Road Baptist

Farmington Hills

Church Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday Location: 2055 Merriman,

Garden City **Details:** Metro Fibromvalgia support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

» Fireside Church of God Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh,

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a

drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday Location: 16360 Hubbard. Livonia

Details: A twice-monthly dropin Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available Contact: 734-421-8451

» St. Thomas a' Becket Church

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

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

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-

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BERGIN

JOSEPH PATRICK "JoeJoe" 61, of Bonita Springs, Florida, died July 23, 2016. Joe was born September 13, 1954 to Bernard Howard Bergin and Rosemary Dowsey Bergin. He was raised in South Lyon, MI and lived for many years in Bonita Springs, FL. Known to have been mischievous and enthusiastic, Joe also loved sports and sharing time with the people around him. He is survived by his seven siblings, Paula (Ron) Kufner of Rochester Hills, MI, Julie (John) Milowe of Three Rivers MI, Gregory Bergin of Dexter, MI, Steven (Kaori) Bergin of Milford, MI, Theodore (Lorain Smalligan) Bergin of Lowell, MI, Daniel Bergin of Pinckney, MI, and Peter (Carol) Bergin of Traverse City, MI; many nieces and nephews; and his "Murphy's family" in Bonita Springs, FL. He is preceded in death by his father and mother. A funeral service will be held at St. John Catholic Church, "little church"/ cemetery, Howell, MI at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 13, 2016. There will be a 30 minute visitation immediately preceding the funeral service. In remembrance of Joe's love for sports and at the request of his mother, a memorial athletic scholarship is being established in his name at South Lyon High School. Please send contributions to any branch of FirstMerit Bank, c/o "FBO Joseph P Bergin

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CHARLES Mr. Charles

'Chuck". Hettenbach, age 73, of Spring Lake and Ft. Myers, Florida passed away Wednesday, August 3, 2016. He was born August 12,1942 in Evansville, IN to Gilbert and Frieda (Goebel) Hettenbach. He was married to Jane McLennan Curtis, Chuck received his undergraduate degree from Indiana State University where he served as president of Lamba Chi Fraternity. He played center and nose tackle on the football team. Chuck earned his Master's degree in School Administration from Michigan State University. Chuck was an educator for 42 years and spent his last 35 years as an elementary school principal in Troy, Michigan. He was the State of Michigan School Administrator of the year in 1989. Showing and sharing his love and appreciation for his staff and students through the years was his greatest priority. Chuck and Jane moved to West Michigan ten years ago so that they could be closer to their children. Chuck was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes and volunteered his time with Four Pointes, NOCH and NORA where he served as an umpire and referee. Many knew Chuck as "Grandpa Sparty" for his love of Michigan State University. He had a passion for all sports and for many years ran the scoreboard for Buccaneer Football. His happiest days were spent on a golf course or watching the children and grandchildren play sports. He is survived by his wife, Jane; two children, Eric (Shelly) Hettenbach of Spring Lake and Karyn Pinkston of Atlanta, GA; step-children, Scott Curtis of Spring Lake, Michelle Curtis of New York City; six grandchildren: Kristiana and Katie Hettenbach, Allayna and Raymond Pinkston, Adam and Katherine Curtis; three sisters: Margaret Clem, Ellen (Elmer) Berberich, Doris (Duane) Travers; brother in-law Mark McLennan (Char) and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Judith Hettenbach; daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Curtis; brother-in-law, George Clem; and beloved dog, Kirby. A memorial service will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, August 13, 2016 at the United Methodist Church of the Dunes with Rev. Dr. Glenn M. Wagner officiating. Visitation to follow the service during a luncheon at the church. Memorial

contributions in memory

of Chuck may be given to

Harbor Humane Society or the Elizabeth Curtis Dental Fund at

the Grand Haven Community Foundation. Please sign the

family's online guestbook at

www.vbkfuneralhome.com

KING

BURT VERNON Passed away on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 He was 78 years old Burt was born on August 5, 1937 in Detroit, Michigan. He was the eldest of two sons born to John and Leah (Smith) King. Burt was survived by his daughters, Debra (Paul) Cooney, Barbara (David) Baize, and Lorie King; step-children, Kevin (Jackie) Daum and Michelle (Ron) Baliko; ten grandchildren; two greatgrandsons; and his beloved brother, Gary King. Sadly, he was preceded in death by his wife, Penny (Haight) King. While in the Air Force, Burt married Mary Roberta Peebles and started his family. Burt worked for the city of Detroit. Burt enjoyed life. He had many hobbies and interests including playing polo, sailing, traveling, playing golf, and skiing. He had been a member of the Livonia Ski Club for many years. After retiring, Burt lived in Sarasota, Florida for approximately 15 years before returning to Michigan due to illness. He was loved by many and will be missed by his family and friends. The King Family will receive guests on Friday, August 19, 2016 from 3-8 p.m. at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road, Farmington, Michigan 48336. A celebration of Burt's life will be held at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 10 a.m. All are welcome to

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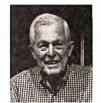
attend. Memorial tributes may

be directed to the American

BELTOWSKI SARAH (CARBONE) A on Friday August 12th for Sarah (Carbone) Manetta Beltowski age 94. Formerly of Detroit, Redford and Livonia Michigan. Sarah is survived by sons Frank and Jim (Patti), and step-daughter Joyce. 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Memorial visitation, mass and luncheon will be held at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church 2201 S Old US Hwy 23, Brighton MI 48114 beginning

Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.

MAY



JAMES McHATTON 90, died

peacefully at home on Grand

Traverse Bay in Eastport, Michigan, just before dawn, on July 28, 2016, surrounded by his adoring family. Born in Detroit on May 13, 1926, to Robert O. and Gertrude May, Jim attended Detroit University School (now University Liggett) on a full scholarship. Upon graduation, he served in the Merchant Marines, on a run that took him to Iwo Jima and Okinawa After VJ Day, he returned to civilian life and enrolled at University of Michigan in November 1945, where he was a member of the Chi Psi Fraternity, graduating in 1949. Jim worked in Chicago for a year before being drafted into the Army in 1950, to serve in the Korean War, serving active duty as 1st Lieutenant in the occupying forces in Neu Ulm, Germany. Jim returned to Detroit in 1951 and was married to Phyllis Chapel on November 27, 1953, at the First Presbyterian Church, in Birmingham, MI. He was a successful business owner of Metals Finishing Corporation for 32 years and retired in 1989, afterwards dividing his time between Eastport, MI, Keowee Key in Salem, South Carolina, and Vail, Colorado. Jim was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids, MI, and Seneca Presbyterian Church, in SC. Predeceased by brother, Robert , Jr., Jim is survived by his beloved and loving wife of 63 years, Phyllis; his daughters, Nancy (Richard), Cynthia and Barbara; sister, Doris; brother, Myron; grandchildren, Sarah, Rebekah (David), Joanne (Adam), David, and Theo; faithful dog, Spot; and by numerous nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Jim was an avid skier and golfer, loved tennis and squash and enjoyed many creative pursuits. He was a devoted husband and a caring and affectionate father and grandfather. He will be remembered as a steadfast and loyal friend, quick to laughter, with a positive outlook, who could always be depended on for good advice and an encouraging word. And as long as he lived, there was always beer in the refrigerator. A private lakeside service with military honor guard is being held for the immediate family. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in Jim's name to Arts in the Armed Forces/ AITAF, online at www.aitaf. org, or to: AITAF, P.O. Box 20687, Brooklyn, NY 11202. Arrangements have been handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook mortensenfuneralhomes.com

TAYLOR



KENNETH 47 passed away July 31st, 2016 in Atlanta, GA in the company of his loving family. Father of Auguste (23), Xavier (21), Armelle (19), Aristotle (14), and Genevieve Taylor (10); son of Arlene and Eugene Taylor; brother of Kim Od'neal and ex-husband of Erin K. Taylor. Ken went to Pontiac Catholic High School (1986) and was a graduate of Oakland University. A beloved father, artist and craftsmen, Ken was known for his sparkling smile and constantly positive demeanor. Memorial donations may be made to The Taylor Children Trust Fund, at BBCU 576 E. Lincoln, Birmingham MI 48009, 248-647-5958.



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Take steps toward better communication

BY MARY LORENZ CAREERBUILDER

ook under the list of requirements on almost any job advertisement posted today, and you will inevitably see some variation of this phrase: "strong communication skills."

The ability to communicate effectively is an in-demand skill in any professional setting. In a 2014 CareerBuilder survey, employers named "effective communicator" among the 10 most important soft skills they look for in prospective employees. It isn't difficult to see why this skill is so highly regarded: Poor communication in the workplace has been shown to slow down productivity, hurt morale and even take a toll on business.

But while communication is one of the most crucial business skills a person can have, very few of us receive formal training for it. Whether you're new to the workforce or have years of experience under your belt, taking steps to improve your communication skills is always a worthwhile endeavor.

You will build stronger relationships with colleagues and clients and be more effective at your job as a result. Follow these tips from career experts to become a better communicator.

Err on the side of communicating

too much. Communication is one of the few areas where less does not equal more. "There is no such thing as being too clear," says Meg O'Hara, a communications specialist with A. Bright Idea, a Californiabased public relations firm. "Practice overcommunicating in all instances and avenues to make sure your message is delivered."

Know your

audience. To be effective, it's important to understand that communication styles vary among individuals. "Most of the conflicts I have seen in the workplace that are the result of poor communication really stem from communicating in a way that we would want to be communicated with, as opposed to truly understanding how the person

we are interacting with wants to be communicated with," says James Sudakow, author of the book "Picking the Low-Hanging Fruit ... and Other Stupid Stuff

Check in early

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and often. The best way to ensure that you are communicating clearly is simply to ask. Sudakow has avoided confusion by saying, "Here is how I typically communicate. Does that work for you? If not, what are your preferenc-

es?" Not only does this approach tell you what you need to know, but it shows you are considerate of the other person.

Stay away from

jargon. In the corporate world, certain companies, teams or industries have their own language - something we tend to forget when speaking with "outsiders." Be aware of any idiosyncratic terms, corporate jargon and acronyms you may be using, which can create an unnecessary boundary to communication, Sudakow advises. Speak as generally and "normally" as possible.

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Practice active listening. "The most important aspect of communication isn't actually speaking — it's listening," says Sabrina Balmick, a marketing manager at the recruiting firm ACA Talent. She says people often get so caught up in waiting for their turns to speak, they don't actually hear what the other person just said. To prevent that, try active listening.

Paraphrase what you've

just heard to the speaker and ask if you've understood correctly.

Help them help you understand.

If you are having trouble understanding what a colleague is trying to say or ask of you, don't just say, "I don't understand," O'Hara advises. Go further and try to identify exactly what it is that is confusing you. "This can avoid talking in circles and promotes a solution," O'Hara says.

It can also help to ask open-ended questions to draw out more information, says Leigh Espy, a workforce-management expert who provides leadership advice on her blog, projectbliss.net. A question as simple as, "Can you share more about that?" not only invites others to elaborate on their ideas, it also shows you are genuinely interested in what they have to say.

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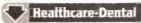
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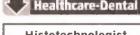
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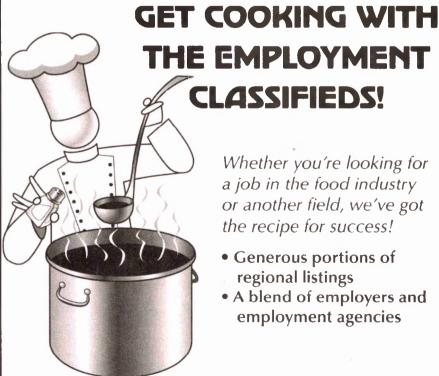


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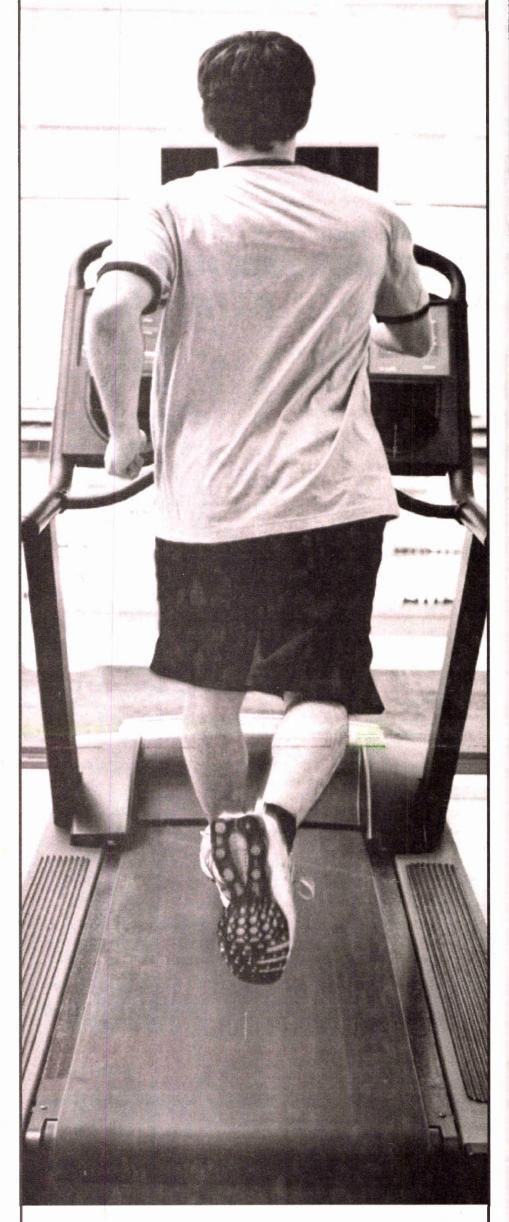
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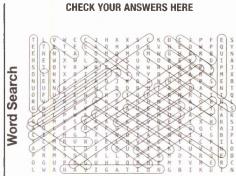
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MINI Goes Big with Olympics Advertising Campaign, 'Takes the States' Tour and Large Footprint of Clubman



seems to be thriving, but its U.S. sales sure could use a boost. That's where the car brand's new advertising campaign featuring A merican Olympians could

come in handy. So is the latest version of its "MINI Takes the States" group-drive and promotion.

In an extension of the "Defy Labels" platform that MINI launched during a Super Bowl ad this year featuring the iconoclastic actor ¬¬¬Harvey Keitel, as well as athletes Abby Wambach and Serena Williams, and others, the BMW-owned marque has shot eight commercials featuring U.S. Olympians such as boxer Claressa Shields, swimmer Cullen Jones -and, again, Williams.

The commonality is that each of these athletes has defied labels, and early expectations, and has succeeded on his or her own terms, just like the brand. Rugby player Carlin Isles, for instance, was a "special-ed kid," and volleyballer Jake Gibb is a two-time survivor of cancer.

"We figured we'd really like 'Defy Labels' to carry on throughout the



MINI counts on the spacious Clubmar to counter its tiny-car image

year and have a consistent message because it was very successful coming out of the Super Bowl," Tom Noble, head of MINI brand communications, told me. "And we figured there were probably a lot of Olympians who had stories about defying labels to get where they were going.'

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While MINI's bring arguably is as well-defined as ever, MINI sales could use a boost from associating with the imminent games in Rio de Janeiro -- or from anything else. At at time of \$2-a-gallon gasoline and no prominent news from MINI on the new-product front, its sales were down in the U.S. by 17 percent for the first half of 2016.

I talked with Noble about the Olympics and the MINI Takes the States tour that just concluded this week, a biennial trek which attracted a record 4,000-plus MINI owners over two weeks as it moved from the Atlanta Motor Speedway around the country to end in Palm Springs, Calif.

Q: Where did you come up with the insight to apply your "Defy Labels" positioning to an Olympics campaign? Was it the natural outcome of looking for more places to use this campaign idea, or were you committed to marketing via the Olympics and the fit made sense?

Tom Noble: There was no commitment to the Olympics. There's a BMW Group commitment but I had no obligation to do things with the Olympics. But with the Super Bowl ad, we had over 40 million views online and an increase in brand consideration.

So we were looking for opportunities. Last year we weren't thinking about the Olympics as a vehicle. Then after the Super Bowl we said what other potential opportunities do we have? What other tentpoles? And the Olympics



MINI and owners celebrate completion of the latest "MINI Takes the States" tour.

came up. And the BMW relationship gives us access to a relationship with the US Olympic Committee.

Q: As a marketer investing in the games in Brazil, are you concerned about any of the reported problems and background noise surrounding them? They seem to exceed, say, the runup to London 2012, where there were concerns about terrorism but not many other things

Noble: London was a dream run; Sydney [2000 Summer Games] was really easy. When you think about the last Olympics that had issues of getting things fixed and done on time it was Athens in 2004. What normally happens is there's a giant

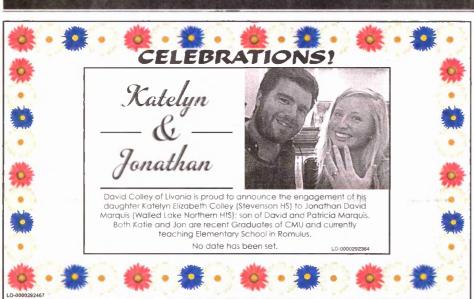
rush up to the Olympics; everyone is concerned; and then the world gets together for two weeks and celebrates how good humans can be. Those problems get fixed. Our hope is that happens again.

Q: What is your take on MINI Takes the States. What does that do for the brand?

Noble: It's the sixth time we've done it and we started it 10 years ago. We had the highest level of participation we've had. Nine hundred people registered to go the full distance. The level of interest in the brand and in driving doesn't seemed to have cooled off; if anything it's gone in the other direction.

From a brand point of view it does a couple of things. When you have a lot of MINIs rolling into a market that may not have seen a lot of them in the past, you have an instant boost in awareness and interest in what's going on here. MINI has always had a strong community of owners. Most owners didn't know each other, but by the end of it they did and got along. It's a way to talk to that community and get a lot of like-minded people, if people who are not alike demographically.

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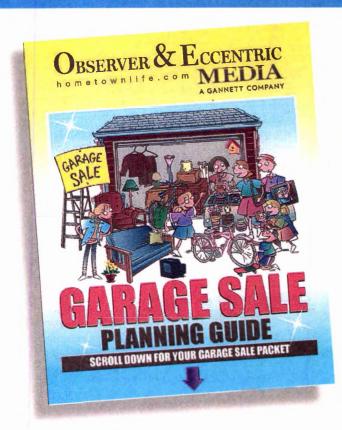
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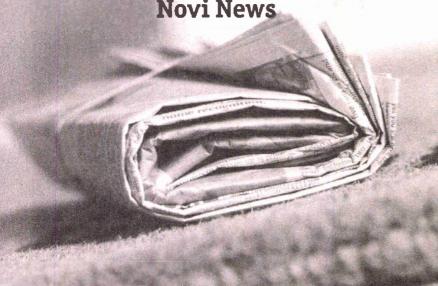
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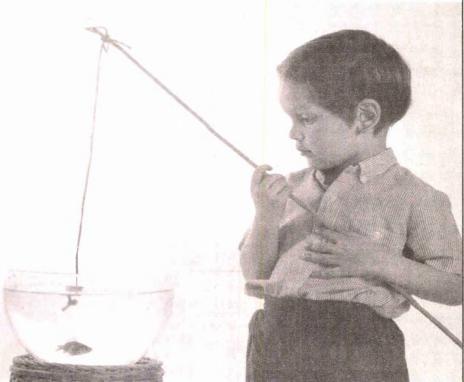


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