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## Deadlock on township board vote puts rec plan update on hold

**Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

A voting deadlock put on hold an updating of Plymouth Township's open space and recreation plan a week ago after the Board of Trustees failed to agree on whether to contract out the work. The board, during its meet-

ing Tuesday, voted 3-3 on a resolution to award an \$18,500 contract for the plan-updating project to M.C. Smith Associates; the tie vote meant the motion failed.

The board later voted 6-0 to withdraw a related proposal for a community survey on recreation and open-space needs.

"We're starting over. At the end of the day, we're starting over," Supervisor Shannon Price said Wednesday.

Price expressed frustration that the survey was not going forward, calling the opportunity for public input on recreation something residents have sought. But the plan updating and the survey are linked, he

said, and needed to be approved together.

"From the moment I got sworn in, I think the residents made it very clear they wanted their voices heard," he said.

Price, along with Clerk Nancy Conzelman and Treasurer Ron Edwards, had favored hiring M.C. Smith to update the plan, formally called the Com-

munity Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan. Communities must have such a plan in place in to be eligible for governmental parks and recreation grant money, plus the plans must be updated every five years. Plymouth Township's plan was last up-

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The Plymouth Fall Festival also featured rides.

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## Festival barbecue ends with 'a total community effort'

If it's Fall Festival Sunday, it must be chicken barbecue time in Plymouth.

And this year's Plymouth Rotary Club barbecue, a massive effort that had close to 100 Rotarians and about 700 volunteers setting up for, cooking and serving (they cleaned up, too) about 10,000 dinners, is being called a success.

"It really went exceedingly well," and that seemed to

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be the opinion of many others, said Bill Weber, this year's barbecue chairman. The weather was a concern going in, Weber said, but it turned out to be in the mid-60s and sunny.

The annual barbecue, the

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Julie Shmyr and Michael Dudley dance to Motown tunes, while working the barbecue pits.

## Follow-up offers feedback for township police

**Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

At a time when law enforcement across the country is under increasing scrutiny, police in Plymouth Township are taking extra steps to make sure officers are courteous and professional while on the job.

A quality assurance program started by Chief Tom Tiderington has the Plymouth Township Police Department's sergeants pulling police reports to follow up with people with whom officers have had recent contact, either as crime victims or complainants or even as people who've been arrested or ticketed. Each sergeant makes five random contacts per week and documents the findings, while the department's lieutenants do similarly for citizen contacts made by the sergeants in their command.

Tiderington said he wants the citizens — they don't have to be township residents — to speak freely.

"I don't want these contacts cherry-picked at all. I want the good, the bad and the ugly," he said Monday.

The idea, he said, is to measure the type of service the police offer, in order for the department to make improvements when needed, such as through additional training, and pass along "attaboys" when deserved.

Tiderington began making citizen contacts about three months ago, he said, and formalized the process for lieuten-

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Tiderington

## Reminder: Sign up for annual Veterans Summit at Schoolcraft College

Veterans are asked to register for the sixth annual Veterans Summit set for Saturday, Oct. 3, at VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

Foundation officials are particularly encouraging veterans who served in Afghani-

stan and Iraq to attend. The summit, which has annually provided practical information to help veterans with benefits and other needs, will follow suit this year.

The free event will feature a craft beer and barbecue lunch. Each registered attend-

ee will receive two free tickets for the craft beer and then can follow up at a cash bar.

On tap this year are panel discussions regarding the following:

» Veterans Health Care Options Panel: With retired Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone

and a number of other experts.

» Community Engagement Panel: Features Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America; Team Red White Blue with Kim Wanous; Michigan Fitness Foundation with J.J. Tighe and a VA Hospital volunteer coordinator.

» Advancement in Civilian Job Force Panel: Features the Michigan Department of Military & Veterans Affairs with Dichondra Johnson; Quicken Loans, Rob Ellis; Roush, David Dunkel; and Arrow Strate-

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## VETERANS

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gies, Jeff Styers.

» Advancement in Civilian Education Panel: Features Phil Larsen of the University of Michigan; Association Of Women Veterans, Abigail Hartge; Michigan Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, Dichondra Johnson.

» Service Connected Disabilities Panel: Attorney Kristina Derro and Gary Putinsky with Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Veterans will also have time to talk one on one with Veteran Service officers during the summit.

While this year's new

date and venue and other changes are designed to encourage younger veterans to attend, the information will also be useful to World War II and Vietnam veterans, Meade said.

The summit, which is co-sponsored by the Dewitt C. Holbrook Charitable Trust, is also open to veteran-owned businesses and businesses that support veterans. The foundation is also seeking additional sponsors. If interested, contact Meade at 734-495-1200.

Because space is limited to 270 people in the VisTaTech auditorium, registration is required by going to the foundation's website at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org).

## Pagan hosts town hall forum on education

State Rep. Kristy Pagan has announced she is sponsoring a community conversation to spur discussion and seek input from residents about the state of education in Michigan.

The event, free and open to the public, is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, at the Canton Township board room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

"Advocating for a



Pagan

strong education plan locally and making Michigan a top 10 education state in the country

continues to be my top priority," Pagan, D-Canton, said in a statement, adding she hopes residents will attend the town

hall forum.

The town hall is expected to feature guests from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district: Superintendent Michael Meissen, Board of Education Treasurer Sheila Paton and Discovery Middle School teacher Adrienne Quinn. They will share their perspectives on education in P-CCS and in Michigan, plus audience members

will be given the opportunity to ask questions and suggest discussion topics.

Meanwhile, Pagan encourages residents to sign up for her email updates, which provide information about her work in Lansing and in the community. To sign up, go to [www.pagan.houseedems.com](http://www.pagan.houseedems.com). Residents also can contact Pagan in her Lansing office at 517-373-2575.

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ants and sergeants about a month ago.

"I think it's a good idea to follow up," Supervisor Shannon Price said. "This program is allowing us to get feedback directly (from citizens) on how our police officer are treating them."

### Positive response

Responses from recent quality assurance reports were overwhelmingly positive.

"Wonderful attitude toward the PD after the crime due to finding prints on his car which revealed a suspect," read the note regarding an interview with the victim of a larceny.

"Officer was wonder-

ful, very helpful and was a God-send," read a report on a contact with a woman whom police assisted with a disabled vehicle.

Even those arrested had good things to say.

"Officer was professional, no issues, no problems with the Officer," read the note about an interview with a man who had been arrested on a misdemeanor warrant.

The only complaint, from a woman who had reported a vandalism, was that the reporting officer was going to call her back, but didn't.

Tiderington said he understands that people who've been arrested or ticketed may have strong feelings about the situation, but that the follow-up is focused on whether police were professional and is not a forum for

arguing the legal case; they seem to get that.

"If you treat people with dignity and you treat people with respect, they really don't hold a lot of animosity against the officers," he said.

"They're not always happy with the action taken."

In the opposite situation, Tiderington said he doesn't fear complainants who are contacted will temper any criticism they might have about the police just because they're speaking to a higher-ranking officer who is putting their remarks on the record. When people are unhappy with the police, "they're pretty willing to complain about it," he said.

### Useful feedback

The chief said the quality assurance reports are useful in providing

feedback to officers and that he plans to regularly report the findings to the Board of Trustees.

Plymouth Township is one of the safest communities of its size in the state. In 2013, according to FBI statistics, there was a population of 27,076 and 18 reported violent crimes, plus 296 property crimes. That means a violent crime rate of just over 66 per 100,000 and a property crime rate of about 1,093 per 100,000.

Statewide, the rates were much higher, about 430 per 100,000 for violent crime and 2,337 per 100,000 for property crime.

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dated in 2010.

### In-house or out?

However, other trustees said township staff could update the recreation plan.

"We have a parks director. Why are we spending \$18,000 to out-source this? It doesn't make sense to me," Trustee Bob Doroshewitz said during Tuesday's meeting.

"I think we should

handle it in house," Trustee Mike Kelly said.

"I understand you think we sit around and have all kinds of time," Price said.

Price said the parks and grants director, Mike Mitchell, is busy with other projects and the community development director, Janna Radke, "is a one-person planning department."

Kelly argued that township parks are already developed and the population hasn't changed much in five years, so the updating shouldn't take a lot of

time.

Price responded that looking at the future of recreation and green space in the township requires a broader approach, including an awareness of what neighboring communities are doing recreation-wise and of the proposed development of the Five Mile corridor, between Plymouth and Northville townships, as a high-tech business park.

Voting with Doroshewitz and Kelly against awarding the contract to M.C. Smith was Trustee Chuck Curmi. The board

appeared at an impasse over the survey plan, before voting 6-0 for Conzelman's suggestion that it be withdrawn.

Trustee Kay Arnold was absent.

Price said Wednesday he would "re-assess" before raising the issue again.

"If we're going to do it in-house, we're going to have to come up with a new strategy," he said.

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This Hutton Street home will greet visitors at the American Association of University Women's Home Tour.



Crystal Lake Drive is the address for this attractive home on the Sept. 26 tour.



Beal Street residents are familiar with this home on the Sept. 26 tour. This is the 20th Home Tour for the AAUW.



This Randolph Street home is on the Sept. 26 tour.



Northville-Novi AAUW leaders are glad to have this Crestview Circle home on the Sept. 26 tour.

## Experience history, craftsmanship on annual Northville home tour

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Like to visit other people's homes to see how they live and get some decor ideas? Mark Saturday, Sept. 26, on your calendar.

"This is our big fundraiser. It's just what we want to do, give back to the community," Northville's home tour chair Jane Hecker said.

This is the 20th year for the tour, which supports scholarships for graduating seniors at Northville and Novi high schools, along with support for students at Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College.

Members of the sponsoring Northville-Novi branch, American Association of University Women, also use proceeds for a school development program focused on girls in Afghanistan and, closer to home, math education for second- and third-graders, among other efforts.

There are five homes featured, said Hecker, a North-

ville Township resident and retired principal of Bird Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton district. From a condo makeover to Victorian-era houses real and faux, Northville's 2015 home tour has something for everyone. All it takes is a ticket, a car and comfortable shoes.

Be part of the fun from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26. Two tour homes are in Northville Township (on Crystal Lake Drive and Crestview Circle) and three are in the city (on Hutton, Beal and Randolph streets). Parking for the Randolph Street house is at nearby First Baptist Church.

Novi homes have been featured in past years, said Hecker, who also taught vocal music in the Oxford district.

Last year, the AAUW branch added a Garden Party after-glow at downtown Northville's Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main.

"Mary Starring is a member, so she's quite generous in a number of ways," Hecker

said. Ticket holders get exclusive access 2-5 p.m. to the Garden Party on tour day with free refreshments provided by Busch's Market and other local vendors, such as wine and iced tea.

"It's kind of a nice way to visit with people," Hecker said.

Tickets are \$20. Purchase them online at [www.aauwnn.org](http://www.aauwnn.org) (click "Home Tour 2015 Tickets") or at these businesses:

- » Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main St., Northville
- » Gardenviews, 117 E. Main St., Northville
- » Pear-Aphernalia, 184 E. Main St., Northville
- » Meadowbrook Art Center, 41200 10 Mile, Novi
- » Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main St., Northville

Tickets may also be on sale at the display homes on tour day, but availability isn't guaranteed. For details, contact Hecker at 734-276-6160.

## Pancakes a tradition at Plymouth Fall Festival

Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Kate Rosevear was enjoying her Kiwanis pancakes Saturday morning during Plymouth Fall Festival.

"I do every Fall Festival," said Rosevear, past president of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary. "This is my first stop. I have lots of friends in Kiwanis."

Rosevear's Rotary club hosts a spaghetti dinner each Saturday during Fall Festival, with about 15 percent of its tickets pre-sale. "I think to some degree they wait to see what the weather will be like," she said of the outdoor spaghetti dinner, which is followed by Sunday's Plymouth Rotary chicken barbecue.

Rosevear, a Plymouth Township resident, noted her club started drive-through last year, which is "very successful" and helps with weather vicissitudes. "It really funds our scholarship program and that's the biggest thing we do," she said.

Plymouth A.M. Rotary scholarships help students who've overcome physical and emotional challenges, including drug abuse and/or depression "and be able to pull themselves back together."

Rosevear, owner of Plymouth Township's Travel Leaders, and her fellow club members also work with Starkweather Academy in the Plymouth-Canton district, including instrumental music for a fledgling music program.

The club and its District 6400 got a grant for that, which also includes collecting donated instruments. Last year's spaghetti dinner and its sponsors raised close to \$10,000, Rosevear said.

Nearby at the Kiwanis Foundation Pancake Breakfast was Mark Riegal of Canton, president of Kiwanis' afternoon club and a foundation board member. The two Kiwanis clubs join forces in the foundation, explained Riegal, a Plymouth Realtor.

"We put a lot into this," Riegal said. "We've got regular shifts. A lot of cleaning, plan-



Kate Rosevear of Plymouth Township finds her Kiwanis pancakes yummy. She's a Rotarian who has many friends in Kiwanis.

ning and organizing."

Some of the Kiwanis volunteers, both club members and their families, have been involved 20-30 years, Riegal added. He was joined by Steve Rowley of Plymouth, his event co-chair and president of the evening (Kiwanis Club of Plymouth) club, as well as a foundation board member.

The Kiwanis Foundation raised close to \$10,000 last year at Fall Festival, he added. It boosts scholarships for graduating Plymouth-Canton students, as well as Salvation Army assistance.

"We help different organizations and individuals out," Riegal said. "First Step is a big one for us," he added of that organization, which helps victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The local Kiwanians also just put a roof on a Plymouth home where the resident had difficulty paying, Riegal noted.

All the local service clubs get business support, which they appreciate. Rosevear noted the longevity of clubs and their number in the community.

"All of them seem to survive from year to year," she said. "All of these are service organizations meeting different needs within the community."

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## CANTON CRIME WATCH

## Man claims motorist waved gun at him

A Canton motorist told police another driver brandished a handgun after cutting him off during an incident that occurred near Joy and Lilley roads about 5 p.m. Monday, a police report said.

The motorist said he was driving north on Lilley and approaching Joy, when he signaled that he was merging into a left lane. He said a driver in another vehicle suddenly cut him off while making a U-turn to head south on Lilley Road.

The motorist said the other driver waved a handgun in the air as the incident unfolded. No shots were fired. He said he believed the other driver may have been driving a white Ford Escape.

## Indecent exposure

Reports that a man was urinating near a swimming pool where young children play prompted Canton police to pay a visit to Pilgrim Village Apartments, near Lilley and Warren, a police report said.

Witnesses told police recently that the man had pulled down the waistband of his swimming trunks and urinated as he sat in a lounge chair. Witnesses said there were numerous children in the area.

Police found the suspect sitting in the chair and listening to music on headphones, with a strong odor of intoxicants coming from him. He was deemed severely intoxicated and was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital for medical attention.

Police turned the informa-

tion over to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

## Girl bullied

A Canton mother and her 12-year-old daughter filed a police report Sept. 10 after the girl had been bullied by a boy from her school, a police report said.

The girl alleged the boy has been frequently texting her and harassing her, saying he had seen her at Canton's Liberty Fest in June and making sexual innuendos toward her, the police report said.

One text told the girl to look out her window and indicated she might want to lock her front door. The boy also approached the girl at Liberty Middle School and told her not to be late, a police report said.

## Warrant arrest

Canton police took a 24-year-old Temperance woman

into custody after stopping her vehicle for a cracked windshield and learning she had a warrant for her arrest out of Washtenaw County.

Police took the woman into custody during a traffic stop that occurred shortly before 11 a.m. Sept. 11. Police learned the woman had a warrant for her arrest for contempt of court. She was taken into custody and turned over to Washtenaw County authorities.

## Shattered window

A 73-year-old Kentucky man told police someone broke out the back window of his 2005 Cadillac while it was parked in the 1800 area of Pebble Creek, near Palmer and Lotz.

He said the incident occurred between 4 p.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. Monday.

— By Darrell Clem

## Drop off old, unused meds Sept. 26 at Canton police

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, the Canton Police Department will take part in a national collaborative effort with the Drug Enforcement Agency to remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from homes in our community. This national take-back initiative will provide a unified opportunity for the public to turn in expired, unused and unwanted prescription medications to law enforcement for destruction.

Unused or expired prescription medications may be placed in a drop box in the lobby of the Canton Police Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Drop-offs are free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Restrictions include pills only — liquids and needles will not be accepted. Prescription drugs can only be accepted by the department during the established program hours.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Unused medicines in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines — flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash — both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For questions, contact Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink at 734-394-5194 or the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

## Girl ticketed for pot pipe, public urination

A 17-year-old girl was cited for public urination and possession of drug paraphernalia the night of Sept. 8.

A witness at an apartment complex in the area of Postiff and Lilley Road reported the incident shortly after 9 p.m., according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report, saying she heard female voices yelling and looked outside to see a girl crouched down, urinating. The witness told a responding officer that the girl was associated with an older blue sport-utility vehicle.

The officer found no suspect immediately, but later stopped the driver of a blue 2004 Ford Explorer who was leaving the complex. The Explorer had a non-functioning license plate light, police said.

The driver, 17, denied she had urinated in the parking lot, but the witness came outside and identified her as the

girl she had seen, police said. The suspect consented to a search of the Explorer and police say a pipe that smelled of burned marijuana was found in its glove compartment.

## Theft from porch

A township man reported the theft of approximately \$15,000 worth of medical equipment Sept. 8.

The man said the equipment had been delivered to his house during the day Aug. 29, but that he suspects it had been taken from his front porch. He had purchased the equipment from an online retailer, he said.

The complainant said he delayed reporting the theft in order to take the time to find out if any of his neighbors had accepted the delivery.

## Boat theft

A 17-foot boat and a trailer for it were reported stolen Sept. 9 from a lot off Linden Street in the township.

The complainant told po-

lice she had last seen the boat about a month earlier. The lot was overgrown, she said, with vegetation obscuring the boat, so she hadn't been able to see it on a regular basis before she noticed it was missing.

## Identity theft

A township man reported Sept. 9 that his identity had been used in late 2013 to open an account with a cable television, Internet and phone service provider.

The man had been turned down for a credit card, he told police, and when he asked why, he was told it was because of an unpaid cable bill. The man, however, said he was current with his cable bill, which was under a different account with the same company.

Police said the fraudulent account was registered to an address on Moenart Street, which is on Detroit's east side.

## Wheel theft

The tires and wheels were taken one night last week

from a Ford Edge parked outside a house on Oxford Drive, in the area of Northville and Wilcox roads.

The sport-utility vehicle had been left sitting on landscaping blocks, a police report said. The theft occurred between about 9 p.m. Sept. 8 and 6:30 a.m. the next day, police said.

A door on the Edge had also been forced open and the glove compartment rifled through, police said. Nothing was reported missing from inside the SUV.

## Vandalism

The vandalism of a house on Corrinne Street in the township was reported Sept. 8.

The complainant said she arrived at the home that morning to do some cleaning and found a broken exterior light at the side door, plus broken eggs and broken glass in the back yard.

— By Matt Jachman

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The hottest job at the barbecue is the charcoal preheat crew.

### FESTIVAL

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event that launched, in 1956, what is now called the Plymouth Community Fall Festival, is one of the Rotary's biggest fundraisers, with profits going to causes as diverse as scholarships for local students to community development projects in Honduras and Africa.

Weber said Wednesday that the Rotary was still calculating the net proceeds from this year's event.

Weber thanked members of the Rotary's barbecue committee, who have years of experience behind them, and the hundreds of volunteers - many of them high school students - for making the event work.

"It really is, in my view, a total community effort," he said.



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 Tom Goleniak is on the Rotary Chicken barbecue charcoal preheat crew, even though he looks like he's suiting up for "Ghostbusters."



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Chicken is almost done.



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Madelyn Weber shucks corn for the Rotary barbecue.



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Jeff Justice and Brennan Brooks carry another rack of raw chicken to the barbecue fire pits.



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Children glide down the big slide.



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Tony Hoover and Ron Kibner work the corn boil.



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Fall Festival 2015 drew a crowd.

## Sale of old Spring and Bumper plant on Eckles Road completed

Ashley Capital LLC has completed its purchase of the former GM Delco Chassis property in Livonia from RACER Trust, with plans to develop a multi-tenant industrial park on the 116-acre property. The property is located at 12950 and 13000 Eckles Road on the west side of Livonia, near I-96 and I-275.

"The sale and eventual redevelopment of this property represents the fulfillment of RACER's mission to attract buyers whose investments will create new jobs and other economic benefits for the community," said Elliott P. Laws, of EPLET, LLC, Administrative Trustee of RACER Trust. "We strive to maximize the redevelopment potential of each RACER



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A sign on the fence of the 116-acre property faces Amrhein in Livonia. The property, which was the site of the old Spring and Bumper plant on Eckles, was sold from the RACER Trust to Canton-based Ashley Capital last year.

property, and in Ashley Capital, we have a buyer with a strong record of success and job creation."

Susan Harvey, Senior Vice President for Ash-

ley Capital, said Ashley sees its purchase of the property as an opportunity to create a first-class industrial project that will attract new businesses and opportunities

and strengthen the community economically. "We look forward to capturing new investment and jobs for Livonia," she said.

A groundbreaking is expected next spring. Ashley Capital is in discussions with a company that would use the property for manufacturing, distribution and office space.

Ashley Capital already has a strong presence in Livonia, where its projects include redevelopment of the former Peregrine plant (now the 1.1 million-square-foot Plymouth Road Technical Center, where tenants include Roush Industries and FedEx); redevelopment of the former Ladbrooke/Detroit Race Course (now the 1 million-square-foot Livonia Corporate Center); site preparation and construction of a 367,000-square-foot freezer/cooling building now occupied by Mastronardi Produce; and a major renovation of Laurel Park II, a 130,000-square-foot office building.

Together, these Livonia projects have led to the creation of more than 2,400 local jobs, according to Ashley Capital.

"Ashley Capital's record of successful development and job creation has made a significant and positive impact on the City of Livonia," Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said. "We look forward to working with Ashley Capital to maximize the redevelopment potential of the former GM Delco Chassis property so that it is once

again producing jobs and other cascading economic benefits to the city and our larger community."

Ashley Capital also has executed successful redevelopment projects in Detroit and Grand Rapids, among other Michigan locations.

Ashley Capital manages approximately 22 million square feet of industrial and office space in the United States and has the largest industrial property portfolio in Michigan.

RACER (Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response) Trust was created to clean up and position for redevelopment properties and other facilities owned by the former General Motors Corp. before its 2009 bankruptcy.

## Cable TV trends focus of third western Wayne banquet

An evening of networking and collaborating with political and business leaders from communities along the Interstate 275 corridor returns Tuesday, Oct. 6.

The third annual Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet, presented by Bank of America and Comcast cable, returns to Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center in Dearborn. Corporate table sponsorships and individual seats remain available.

"This event not only provides valuable information, it is also serves as a catalyst for relationship building between business and

political leaders," said Tracey Schultz-Kobylarz, Redford Township's supervisor and chair for the Conference of Western Wayne Board. "As a result of events like this, we are able to work together, blend geographical lines and put our best collective proposals forward for the betterment of the region."

The Conference of Western Wayne, a municipal advocacy organization serving the region's 18 cities and townships, teams with local chambers of commerce to coordinate this program designed to build stronger municipal-business relationships in a region that represents 700,000

residents and more than 54 percent of Wayne County's tax base.

The banquet emcee will be Mary Kramer, publisher of *Crain's Detroit Business*, and keynote speaker will be Tim Collins, Comcast's regional senior vice president, who will discuss how new market forces and technology are impacting cable television and Internet service.

For more information on the banquet and to register, contact the Conference of Western Wayne at 734-953-8834 or the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-1540.

## Cleaning firm garners sales kudos

Bridget and Joe Lang, owners of the local Fish Window Cleaning, were recognized for top sales at the annual Fish Window Cleaning Convention in St. Louis, Mo., earlier this summer.

"Getting this award is something we strive to do each year," Bridget Lang said. "My sales staff and operations manager are key players in us being able to achieve this goal."

The Langs opened their business in 2003.

"The top sales recognition identifies franchise owners who are committed to growing their business," said Randy Cross, president, Fish Window Cleaning. "Success doesn't happen overnight and meeting people daily and build-



Fish Window Cleaning owners Joe and Bridget Lang were honored recently for their sales prowess.

ing relationships in the community is what makes Fish owners so successful."

The Langs' office provides service to commercial and residential customers in Farmington Hills, Detroit, Livonia, Northville, Milford, Novi and Plymouth, among others.

To contact Fish Window Cleaning, go to [www.fishwindowcleaning.com/540](http://www.fishwindowcleaning.com/540) or call 248-354-3340.

Fish Window Cleaning was founded in St. Louis in 1978 and is now the largest window cleaning franchise in the country with more than 250 nationwide locations. Fish provides service to more than 200,000 commercial and residential customers. Free estimates and customized service plans tailored to each customer's needs and budget are just a few offered benefits.

For more information, go to [www.fishwindowcleaning.com](http://www.fishwindowcleaning.com) or call 877-707-3474.

## Parkside Credit Union honors students

Parkside Credit Union recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to three students for the 2015-16 school year. The recipients, selected from a pool of 47 applicants, were selected based on an essay in which they detailed their educational and career goals. Recipients of the 2015 scholarships are:

» **Dallas Rohraff** of Westland, who graduated from Livonia Churchill High School in 2013 and is a junior at Grand Valley State University

» **Kent Peterson** of Livonia, who graduated from Livonia Churchill

High School in 2015 and is a freshman at Michigan State University

» **Xavier Edwards** of Westland, who graduated from John Glenn High School in 2015 and is a freshman at the University of Florida

Earlier this year, Parkside also awarded a \$500 scholarship to **Aniruddha Kappagantu** of Canton, an *Observer & Eccentric* Academic All-Star. The Academic All-Star Awards Ceremony was held at Madonna University on May 15.

Heather Gatewood, Parkside's Marketing Manager, emphasizes

that the scholarship program is indicative of the credit union's ongoing commitment to giving back to the communities it serves. Parkside frequently partners with local organizations and sponsors events throughout the community, including an annual classic car show at Westland Shopping Center, with proceeds benefiting the Burger School for Students with Autism.

Parkside Credit Union is a Michigan-based nonprofit financial institution and has been serving the community since 1953.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Grand opening

Still Point Massage, in collaboration with Broad Family Chiropractic, will host a hold a grand opening and community appreciation event 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, in its newly constructed massage wing at 43423 Joy Road, Canton.

"We're happy to introduce our latest expansion to the community and to those who have continued to support our practice," said Dr. Eric Broad, owner and chiropractor of Broad Family Chiropractic and Still Point Massage. "The grand opening celebration marks a new era, not only for myself and staff, but for current and future clients."

Broad Family Chiropractic has been in practice since 2000 and began offering massage therapy in 2009. The newest addition, Still Point Massage, is a modern state-of-the-art facility with the mission of offering the best medical-based massage therapy in combination with the best of high-end spa services.

The grand opening will feature samplings of many new services, including reflexology, cold stone facials, postural

analysis, and kinesio taping. There will also be free chair massages, free cold laser treatments, food and drinks, door prizes, discounts on services and a bounce house for kids.

Raffle prizes will also be given away, with chances to win amazing packages and products. Anyone new to the offices will receive double the raffle entries, as will existing clients who bring new friends or family members with them.

For more information, call 734-354-9900 or go to [www.stillpointmassage-canton.com](http://www.stillpointmassage-canton.com).

### Joins firm

Nick Doran of Canton joined Campbell Marketing & Communications as an account executive. He comes to Campbell after two years as operations supervisor at The TJX Cos. in Phoenix, Ariz.

Doran was former athletic facilities manager at Arizona State University, clubhouse assistant for the Detroit Tigers and athletic facil-

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ities/events coordinator at Eastern Michigan University. Doran earned a bachelor's degree in industrial distribution and a master's degree in sports management from Eastern Michigan.

"We are delighted to add Nick to our ever-growing team," said Greg Shea, chief operating officer, Campbell Marketing & Communications. "His skill and background will help us improve our client services."

### Biz person nominations

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominees for the 2015 Business Person of the Year. The winner is announced Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Chamber Business Luncheon. Deadline for nominations is Friday, Sept. 25. Contact the chamber at 734-453-4040.

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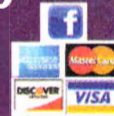
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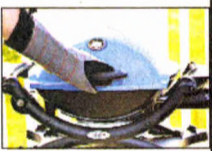
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# Tips for using the web to understand credit

Credit monitoring sites want us to forget the adage that nothing in life is free. Constant ads for Credit Karma and commercials with that singing millennial from FreeCreditReport.com® have reinforced the notion that our credit reports can in fact be free.

But did you know there is also a free way to learn your business credit score, or the business credit score of a service provider or contractor you may look to do business with?

My position as a digital and social media manager for a Detroit-based agency recently turned me on to a company that can help you navigate business credit for free. Creditera is a Salt Lake City-based company that



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is aimed at helping small businesses understand business credit and navigate through the difficult process of being a small business.

In about the same time it takes to get your personal FICO® score, you can get your business FICO score and begin to access, understand and build your credit. From there, Creditera will work with partners to help you secure funding — and at better terms than you may get from your local bank or lender. By helping businesses build credit, they also improve the chances that

those companies will receive funding, which means less paperwork. The time savings alone can be very efficient for small, lean companies. For a nominal fee, Creditera also offers more detailed and advanced reports for businesses.

Creditera also has great merit as a background check tool for consumers. Interested in having a contractor come over to remodel your house, landscape your yard or provide another expensive service? If you have the business name, the owner's name and the address you can access their business score. It is completely legal, completely free and adds a layer of safety between you and an unfamiliar contractor. It won't mitigate all risk involved

with hiring someone to do a job but if the tool identifies a sketchy score, it could be a red flag.

### Using social media to assess risk

Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg has never been one to miss out on a money-making opportunity. His newest patent, which was filed in early August allows lenders to assess risk based on a user's Facebook profile. Using social networks to analyze credit is not new. Affirm, an insurance company, has been using sourcing social sites like LinkedIn and Twitter for data for more than two years.

I can't speak on what impact this practice or Facebook's patent has on a consumer. But from a

business perspective, I think it is a slippery slope for an industry dependent on exact data. Not everything on the Internet is real and that holds true for Facebook profiles, Twitter accounts and even LinkedIn. Does having more friends or having certain interests make you more risky, or less risky? I'm sure the insurance companies know. But do they have the digital know-how to parse through the fake profiles, or page likes and interests people forgot about? Sounds unlikely.

Facebook has been around for more than 10 years now and if my interests hadn't been changed since I signed up as a college sophomore, my profile would tell insurers that I like

cheap beer and pizza. What about my Twitter followers from 2009? Are they indicative of my risk? Maybe I should stop following parody accounts and handles for Las Vegas casinos.

LinkedIn appears to be the safest data source but again not everything put in a profile means it is true. I believe what most professionals put on their LinkedIn account, but I wouldn't use it to assess their risk and I don't think insurance firms or lenders should either.

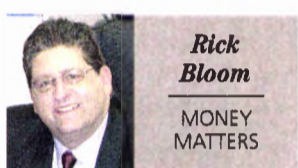
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# Now is the time to start year-end tax planning

It may seem a little early to start thinking about the end of the year, but before you know it, the leaves will fall and you will be rushing to buy year-end holiday gifts. That's why this is a great time to start year-end planning. Don't wait until you are rushed and forced to make a knee-jerk decision. Start now to make decisions when you have the time to accumulate the necessary information.

Like everything else in the financial and legal world, there is no one piece of advice that fits all. Everyone's situation is different — what may be good for your next-door neighbor or best friend is not necessarily good for you.

It is important to take information and apply it to your individual situation. In that regard, one area that many people should consider before



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the end of the year is a Roth conversion of some or all of their traditional IRAs.

The main benefit of this transaction is twofold. First, money in a Roth IRA grows tax-free versus money in a traditional IRA that grows tax-deferred. Also, money in a Roth IRA is not subject to required minimum distribution rules at 70½.

Nothing comes without a cost. The cost of converting money into a Roth IRA is that you are paying taxes on the amount that you are converting. You will always pay taxes on the amount; by converting, you are paying the tax earlier.

The rules I have lived



Don't wait until you are rushed and forced to make a knee-jerk decision about your taxes.

by in deciding whether to convert existing IRA money into a Roth IRA are:

- 1) Converting the money and paying the tax on

the amount converted won't throw you into a higher tax bracket.

- 2) You have the money (other than the money you are converting) to

pay the additional tax liability.

- 3) You won't need the money for at least five to seven years.

If you meet these three rules, then a Roth conversion would make sense. Contact your IRA custodian and they can assist you.

Other year-end tax moves that make sense are to accelerate itemized deductions into this tax year or to delay them until next year. For example, if you are charitable in nature and you traditionally make year-end charitable contributions, do those deductions make sense this year or do you delay them until next year? There's no right answer because it all depends upon your individual situation. If you are not itemizing your deductions this year, then certainly you want to delay those deductions until

next year. On the other hand, if you are itemizing your deductions and you're in a higher bracket this year than you anticipate you'll be next year, then it pays to take those deductions this year.

Before you know it, 2016 will be here. If you plan to do any year-end planning, don't procrastinate — start the process as soon as you can. By giving yourself the time to study your situation and talk to your professionals, you'll make the right decision for yourself.

Good luck.

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# Film depicts all sides of child bullying ritual

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## SHOW IT IN YOUR SCHOOL

*A Girl Like Her* (<http://agirllikehermovie.com/>) is now available exclusively for schools before its domestic digital and DVD release in early 2016 and there are two ways to bring *A Girl Like Her* to one's school:

1. The school or interested parties pay for a 48-hour streaming link.
2. The school or interested parties pay for a 48-hour streaming link and the film's director, Amy S. Weber, attends the screening and leads a Q&A about the film and the PEACEKeeper Movement that she developed for schools.

At this time, the film will be available through streaming only for a 48-hour time frame. It can stream directly into a school's auditorium or a separate classroom. It can be screened as many times as you want within the 48 hours.

Back to school means many positive things to kids – sports, making new friends, clubs, music, learning, etc. – but it can also be a time of stress, pain, anxiety and fear all rolled into one word: bullying.

So the timing of a unique film dealing with the subject, *A Girl Like Her*, and its screening Saturday at the Emagine Novi theater is perfect.

The free showing at 11 a.m. will be followed by a Q&A with the film's maker, Amy S. Weber. Educators, parents and students are encouraged to attend and arrive by 10:30 a.m. for the first-come/first-served seating. Emagine is located in the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk entertainment complex, south of 12 Mile Road and west of Novi Road.

The film is unique in that it is told in a Rashomon-like manner where viewers see everyone involved – the victim, friends, parents and the bully – from their own unique perspectives. The hope is to create a non-judgmental dialogue, leading to a better understanding of an abusive ritual.

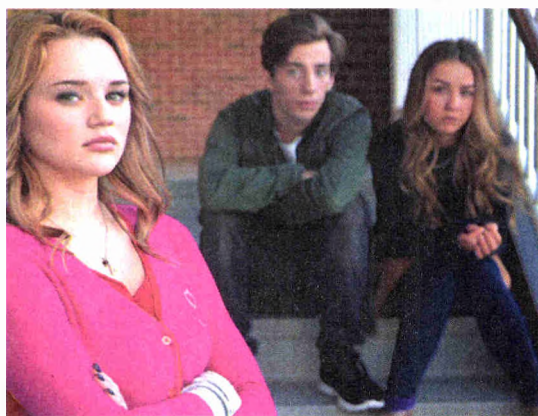
Jessica Burns (Lexi Ainsworth), 16, has a secret that she's afraid to share with anyone except her best friend, Brian Slater (Jimmy Bennett): For the past year, she's been victimized by another girl, her former friend, Avery Keller (Hunter King), one of South Brookdale High School's

most popular and beautiful students. With Brian's help and a hidden digital camera, the evidence of Avery's relentless harassment is captured and finally exposed – bringing both girls and their families face to face with the truth.

### The filmmaker

Weber, who wrote and directed the film, told Leonard Lopate of WNYC radio that she has worked with a lot of young people in her career the last 20 years.

"I've been telling stories on both ends of the spectrum –



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This is an exclusive licensing of the film to be shown in a school before it is released to the public. The film was originally rated PG-13 for language. For educational purposes, this film has been edited to a "school appropriate" version with no profanity. The PG-13 version is also available for high schools.

### ANTI-BULLYING RESOURCES

- <http://www.pacer.org/bullying/>
- <http://www.stopbullying.gov/>
- <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>
- <http://beyondbullies.org/>
- NSO Emergency Telephone Services:** 313-224-7000
- Michigan Association for Suicide Prevention:** 734-624-8328

from victim to abuser," Weber said in March. "And the one theme that has been repetitive in those relationships that I've formed with these young people are the stories that they tell me about this silent voice not being heard. From the victim's perspective, it's having nowhere to turn. Not knowing how to express what's going on. From an abuser's perspective, it is not being able to identify the pain that they're feeling and it's just anger that's built up and having no understanding of that."

Weber says we're socialized

to treat bullies as the "bad guys," but she questions how we can ignore their perspective.

"This is a child in their formative years," she said.

Brutally bullied herself at the age of 6, Weber said there is a dynamic that goes on between the victim and the abuser. She thought the boy who bullied her was her friend, but she couldn't process the relationship at that age and doesn't know why she kept going back.

By age 7, she decided she was not going to let anyone bully her again and became she became the bully.

"I became the girl that nobody wanted to mess with and that reputation lived with me for a very, very long time," she said. "I can't say I was very happy."

Although *A Girl Like Her* is fictional, it has the feel of a documentary and takes place in a high-achieving Michigan high school – an environment one might not think is prone to bullying. Weber said she chose that for the story because "what appears to be perfect is sometimes the direct opposite."

It was shot in 17 days, all in Michigan. The three main actors are based in Los Angeles; everyone else in the film is from this state.

### The goal

This is an educational film that tells several stories with authentic voices – and Weber wants to spread the message far and wide.

"Our hope is that we tour the country and parts of the world, because we know this is an epidemic that goes way beyond our borders," she said.

"Our goal for this screening is to motivate parents, students and educators to bring this film to their schools at the start of the upcoming 2015-16 school year to begin a new dialogue surrounding the issue of bullying," Weber said. "Once they see it for themselves, we believe they will want to screen it for their entire school."

# Canton urges residents to take Fit Family Challenge

Canton is rolling out a new program, Fit Family Challenge, aimed at keeping families focused on fitness goals.

Area families are invited to take the challenge, sponsored by Canton Leisure Services, that features monthly activities, discounts and incentives to keep families focused on their fitness goals during the upcoming school year from September through June.

This free community-wide health and fitness initiative aims to promote the importance of regular physical activ-

ity, while showcasing what participants can do to improve their health and fitness over a 10-month period. All ages, abilities and fitness levels are encouraged to participate. Families may include grandparents and other relatives as well.

Register to take part in this special program launch, scheduled for 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, in Heritage Park, behind the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. During this "starting line" event, baseline pretests will be administered in a pres-

sure-free and stress-free atmosphere to document participants' statistics for each individual's one-mile walk/run, a "wall-sit" and push-ups.

In addition, all participants can enjoy games and prizes, just for coming out to this inaugural event. Families will also receive a monthly calendar of events, special programs and activities designed to keep them focused on participating and moving together.

Enrolled families will have the opportunity to enjoy special outdoor classes, nature hikes

and Summit on the Park pool parties in the months ahead that will be held specifically for participants taking the Fit Family Challenge to help them meet their fitness goals.

The more families participate throughout the program, the more chances they will have to win prizes. Important dates:

» Sept. 18 – Family fitness fall kickoff and welcome party, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Heritage Park.

» Oct. 9 – Twilight Hike at the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, 6-7:30 p.m.

» Nov. 6 – Family fun in the Summit Aquatics Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

» Dec. 11 – Holiday zumba party in the Summit Grand Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.

Families can now register for free. The program is made possible by a Pathway to a Healthier Michigan Grant from mParks and the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. Families can register online with activity code number 9999.000 and find additional information at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or by calling 734-394-5460.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MINISTRIES TRAINING

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct., 17

**Location:** Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville Township

**Details:** Twenty-eight classes with keynote speaker Diane Frank; music, lunch included in registration fee; bonus prize drawing, Christian books, CDs, DVDs, videos; 11-day Kids Korner

**Contact:** To register, call 248-557-5526 or go to [www.iceaOnline.org](http://www.iceaOnline.org)

## CLASS REUNION

**Time/Date:** Saturday, Oct. 24

**Location:** One Under on Five Mile, 35780 Five Mile Road, No. 2, Livonia

**Details:** Livonia Stevenson High School Class of 1975 reunion.

**Contact:** [www.stevensonclassof75.com](http://www.stevensonclassof75.com) and click on the reunion tab or call Ray Walker at 734-718-5629.

## HAFLAH

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19

**Location:** Detroit Music Hall

**Details:** The Michigan Philharmonic and The National Arab Orchestra will bring music lovers together this concert season for the inaugural HAFLAH Arab Fusion Festival

**Contact:** For tickets and information, go to [www.michiganphil.org](http://www.michiganphil.org) or <http://www.musicall.org/events/HAFLAH>.

## CPR TRAINING

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22

**Location:** St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

**Details:** Plymouth Community United Way is partnering with Huron Valley Ambulance and St. John Neumann Catholic Church to present a free CPR training course. The session can accommodate 30 people. The American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR course is designed to teach non-medical responders, including corporate and retail employees, security, law enforcement, health and fitness staff or anyone who needs basic CPR certification.

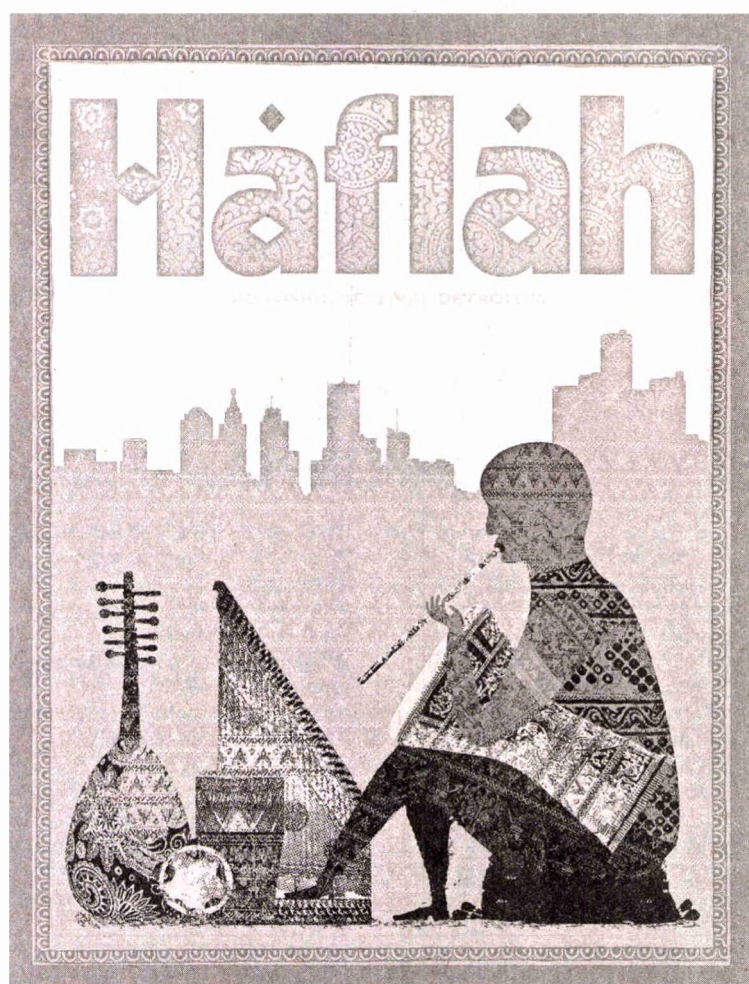
**Contact:** To sign up and for more information, contact Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or [randi.williams@pcuw.org](mailto:randi.williams@pcuw.org). For more information about PCUW, go to [www.plymouthunitedway.org](http://www.plymouthunitedway.org) or [facebook.com/plymouthunitedway](http://facebook.com/plymouthunitedway).

## SPOTLIGHT ON 'PRODUCERS'

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. for Saturday performances; 2 p.m. for Sunday performances, Sept. 18-20 and 25-27

**Location:** Village Theater is at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton

**Details:** The Spotlight Players stage *The Producers*



The Michigan Philharmonic and The National Arab Orchestra will bring music lovers together this concert season for the inaugural HAFLAH Arab Fusion Festival.

**Cost:** Tickets are \$16 to \$18 each. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or at <http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org/>. Tickets are also available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time.

## ANTIQUÉ APPRAISAL

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23

**Location:** Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street

**Details:** The museum will host an antique appraisal clinic with auctioneer Doug Dalton. Items to be appraised include antique furniture, art and small objects. No jewelry, coins or stamps. Appraisals are by appointment only; time slots are still available. Oral evaluations will be provided for \$10 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15-minute time slot.

**Contact:** Call now for an appointment at 734-455-8940, ext. 0, or sign up at [http://www.plymouth-history.org/events/Antique-Appraisal-Clinic\\_ET712.html?Sort-Box=201509](http://www.plymouth-history.org/events/Antique-Appraisal-Clinic_ET712.html?Sort-Box=201509).

**World Peace Day**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sept. 20; prayers for world peace at 1:15 p.m.; refreshments at 2 p.m.

**Location:** Kellogg Park, Plymouth, followed by refreshments at Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street

**Details:** Plymouth Canton Interfaith Community Outreach World Peace Day 2015, sponsored by: The Interfaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit, Canton and Plymouth Hindu Community, Geneva Presbyterian, Gurdwara-Sahib Hidden Falls, Living Peace Church, Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, Singh-Saba of Michigan Gurdwara. Open to all faiths

## SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

**Time/Date:** Apply now; orientation Oct. 13

**Location:** Compassionate Care

## 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](mailto:jmaliszews@hometownlife.com).

Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley Road, Suite A, 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, confidentiality, 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.

**Contact:** Volunteer coordinator with questions or to apply for a brief interview 888-983-9050.

## RCIA CLASSES

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22

**Location:** St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren, Canton

**Details:** An informal RICA — Rite of Initiation of Adults — meeting for adults who are not baptized or baptized in another faith, also those who still need to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation and those interested in a review of the church.

**Contact:** The church at 734-455-5910

**Contact:** Booster club member Todd McCall at 734-748-9649; sponsorships requested

## RAKU WORKSHOP

**Time/Date:** 5:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, and noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19

**Location:** Village Potters Guild, 326 N. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** Guild hosts its third Raku Workshop in which participants choose pottery and glaze them; experience is not necessary; demonstrations and sales also offered.

**Cost:** \$10 registration fee; pottery ranges \$10-30

**Contact and register:** The Guild at 734-207-8807

## VISIT THE FAIR

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Nov. 1

**Location:** Plymouth Historical

Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** The Fair That Changed America — also known as the Chicago World's Fair — the 1893 Exposition and all the history it made comes back to life at the Plymouth Historical Museum with the newest exhibit, "The Fair That Changed America."

**Admission:** \$5 for adults; \$2 for children ages 6-17. Through Labor Day, active duty service men and women are admitted free to the museum, designated as a Blue Star Museum.

**Contact:** [www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org) or 734-455-8940

## SALINE ANTIQUES

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22 and Dec. 6

**Location:** Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor/Saline Road, Ann Arbor

**Details:** The Saline Antiques & Vintage Market is open. The event is pet-friendly, but pets must be leashed. The event continues rain or shine. Everything is under cover with food and refreshments.

**Cost:** Admission is \$6. Parking is free

**Contact:** [www.salineantiques-market.com](http://www.salineantiques-market.com). To become an exhibitor, contact Doug Supinger, manager, at 937-875-0808 or email [salinemarket@gmail.com](mailto:salinemarket@gmail.com)

## NEW FOOD PANTRY

**Time/Date:** 2-4 p.m. each Thursday

**Location:** Abundant Life Church of God, 21000 Hannan, Canton

**Details:** The church has opened a food pantry for individuals and families in need.

**Contact:** Church office, 734722-7688

## MEETINGS CHANGED

**Time/Date:** 3-5 p.m. second Sunday of each month

**Location:** St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** PFLAG P-C is committed to advancing equality and societal acceptance of LGBT people through its threefold mission of support, education and advocacy.

## CANTON MARKET

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday

**Location:** Preservation Park on Ridge Road, Canton

**Details:** Canton Farmers Market now open

## PLYMOUTH MARKET

**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 30 (except Sept. 6)

**Location:** In and around The Gathering, downtown Plymouth

**Details:** Plymouth Farmers Market open

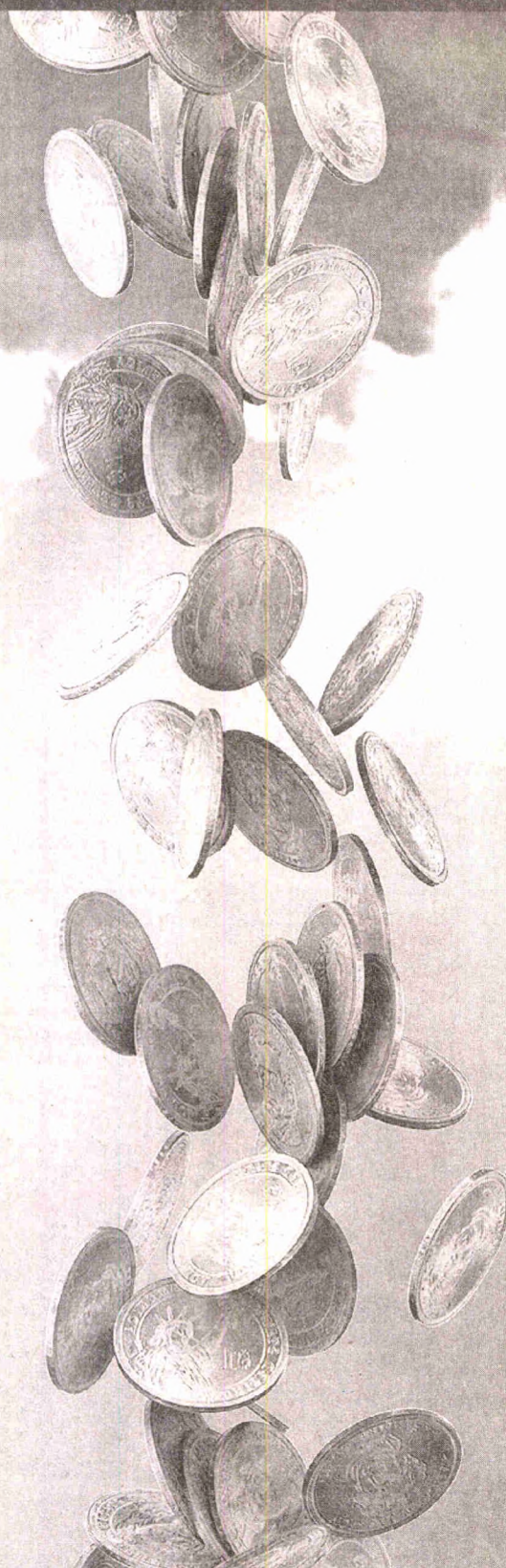
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## OUR VIEWS

# Collaboration: City, township right to join forces to offer permanent home for seniors

It's the kind of collaboration the public likes to see and, in this case, older adults of the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will be the beneficiaries as a plan moves ahead to develop a senior center with increased programming at the occasionally used Friendship Station on Schoolcraft Road.

What a great idea. True, there is already programming for seniors, but the programs have had a sort of nomadic life around the Plymouths. As Township Supervisor Shannon Price said: "I have a building over there that gets used on a limited basis. We're going to turn it into a real, true senior center."

Perfect. What's even better is that the city and township and the Plymouth Community Council on Aging are coming together to provide seniors a per-

manent home. The two local governments agreed last month to the purchase of a new van for the senior transportation program. The \$52,700 van will be paid for through grants from the Wilcox Foundation, the Plymouth Community United Way and the PCCA, as well as through \$5,675 from each community. It will take about six months for the van to be delivered.

There are some details to the plan that are underway, such as moving PCCA Director Bobbie Pummil's office from Plymouth City Hall to township hall by Friday and also to eventually have a small office at the Friendship Station. The township office will allow for additional space and privacy for family consultations. The township will follow the city's pattern of offering the space for free.

Another effort is moving the dispatch for the senior transportation program from the Plymouth Cultural Center to the Friendship Station.

It's exciting that Pummil has expectations to offer a daily senior center with activities such as health seminars, fitness classes and even Wii bowling. The use of the Plymouth Cultural Center isn't going away. Rather, it will continue to be used for some programming and larger events.

The collaboration to offer a permanent home for senior adult programming is a positive move and, just as important, the effort only serves to strengthen the ties between city and township and to improve the quality of life in the community.

# Library card is a cool tool for school

The new school year has started. Students arrived for the first day with plenty of pens, pencils, paper, notebooks and myriad other supplies needed to be successful.

But they may be missing another important school supply – a library card.

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

The month-long observance was launched in 1987 to meet the challenge of then-Secretary of Education William J. Bennett, who believed every child should have a library card and be able to use it. Since then, public libraries across the country have joined in the

national effort to make sure that happens.

According to the ALA, libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

Public libraries are considered an essential part of having an educated and literate population. In addition to print books and periodicals, most public libraries today have a wide array of other media, including audio books, e-books, CDs, cassettes, videotapes, DVDs and video games, as well as facilities to access the Internet and inter-library borrowing of items from other libraries.

Libraries provide other services, such as commu-

nity meeting rooms, storytelling sessions for infants, toddlers, preschool children or after-school programs. They have online programs for homework help and for parents and teachers and the always popular summer reading programs for children, teens and adults.

A library card is the key to a world of information. The first step in accessing that information is by getting a library card. It's easy and it's free. There are no hidden charges, no payment due every month for the resources it provides students to compete academically.

A library card is the smartest card you can have and one of the best tools for school.

## LETTERS

### Thanks to tradesmen

Friday, Sept. 18, is National Tradesmen Day. The Plymouth District Library board and staff want to give a big shout out to the tradesmen and women who have been working on the library repair project over these past six months and those who work on the library throughout the year. Your skills and hard work are greatly appreciated!

Thanks for all you do to help us keep the library a safe, attractive place for our community. All of these trades bring a strong work ethic and integrity to the job. Their work has resulted in a beautifully well maintained library for generations to come.

**Carol Souchock**  
director, Plymouth District Library

### Be cautious, alert

Pedestrians, beware. Drivers, be alert.

I have truly been enjoying riding my bikes on the trails in Canton, but am somewhat concerned about the amount of people who speed through the trail lights on Palmer and Cherry Hill even after they turn red.

Pedestrians, please make sure all traffic has stopped before stepping into the street, even if there is the walk signal. Drivers, if the light turns yellow, it means to stop if you have time, not speed up and try to make it. Once the light begins to blink red, you can proceed with caution if the pedestrians have crossed.

I do want to say thank you for all the courteous drivers who do pay attention and stop. Let's keep our trails and crossings safe.

**Linda Svacha**  
Canton

about the horde of refugees fleeing Syria and other countries. I have always connected the word refugee with old men, old women, children, the sick and disabled. However, seeing the pictures of these people, it is obvious that at least half are young men and women – the same age as the majority of the kids serving in our armed forces.

By running away, they have left behind their very countrymen, the warriors, who are continuing the fight against ISIS and like-minded groups.

It would seem only logical that the countries they are seeking asylum in should accept them with one stipulation – that every able-bodied man and woman would be trained, armed and sent back to the border to retake their country from the homicidal maniacs who sent them fleeing. If they refuse, bus them to the borders of Russia or China and see how they fare.

I imagine that I'll catch flack from extremists on both ends of the spectrum for that suggestion. The left, the ACLU and others will argue that you can't force these people to defend their own country. The right, led by John McCain and his war hawks, will argue President Obama must send our troops and use munitions supplied by our weapons manufacturers. After all, bombing the crap out of these murderers and having drones pick off their leaders isn't spending enough of the Pentagon budget.

To my detractors, I say remember Kid Rock's infamous three words during that Confederate flag controversy and take them as if they came from me.

**James Huddleston**  
Canton

### Stipulation for refugees

The national and local media have been airing and writing

## A community gathering



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The Plymouth Fall Festival is the granddaddy of the city's events, one that appropriately draws the community together. And there's no ignoring the popularity of the chicken barbecue. Here, Brad Westfall holds the chicken rack as Jim Davison seasons the birds to perfection.

## GUEST COLUMN

# Uniting the country in challenging times

**W**e live in challenging times. With a 12-hour news cycle, the hashtag culture, pointed posts, treasonous tweets, poisonous videos, vitriolic political arguments and the demise of shame, America appears to be unraveling at the seams.

Indeed, there definitely appears to be a lessening of a common culture, the atomization of our place in our society, severe political polarization and the fracturing of common beliefs.

Perhaps one of the least recognized, and commensurately one of the most important, causes of this dangerous state of affairs is the demise of our civic calendar.

I struck upon this insight several years ago. Raised without a faith tradition, I became an adult convert to Catholicism. As a convert, I was required to learn about the liturgical calendar and the importance of annual holidays (such as Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Easter and Christmas).

All great religions



**Michael Warren**

GUEST COLUMNIST

have a liturgical calendar to halt the hustle and bustle of life and enable the faithful to renew their faith. They make us put first things first.

In a parallel fashion, America once had a vibrant civic calendar – Washington's Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Armistice Day – to renew our faith in America. They taught us the important things undergirding the United States – about courage, sacrifice, freedom, equality and our Constitution.

This understanding was deeply embraced by the Founding Fathers. John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that the anniversary of America's independence would be marked with joyful celebrations. He was right.

What is missing today is Adams' conjoined expectation that, "It ought to be commemorated as

the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized ..."

Over time, the civic holidays were stripped of their meaning and commercialized, empty excuses for appliance sales and three-day weekends.

I discussed this with my then 10-year-old daughter. Outraged, Leah pounded on the table and demanded we start a new celebration for America. Patriot Week was born.

With Patriot Week, we can remember what it is to be an American – what unites us – and what gives us common cause. These celebrations fight against the malaise affecting our country and the ignorance about what makes us free. They help heal our open wounds.

In particular, Patriot Week renews America's spirit by celebrating the first principles, Founding Fathers and other patriots, vital documents, speeches and flags that make America the greatest nation in world history. Anchored by the key dates of the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the anniversary of the signing of the

U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17 (Constitution Day), Patriot Week has captured the imagination and support of citizens across the nation. This is bipartisanship at its best.

This year's Patriot Week celebrations involved an amazing array of events in several states, including a unique Law Enforcement Appreciation Through Prayer, school trips to courts, constitutional debates, a Patriot Festival and more.

But this is not enough. Patriot Week is supported almost entirely by dedicated and very hard-working volunteers. We cannot continue or expand our effort without more volunteer help. With your aid, we can renew the spirit of America and save our common freedom. If we do not, our crisis will only deepen and America may be lost forever. Make the difference – join us!

Michael Warren is an Oakland County Circuit Court judge, co-Founder of Patriot Week and author of America's Survival Guide. For more information, go to [www.patriotweek.org](http://www.patriotweek.org).

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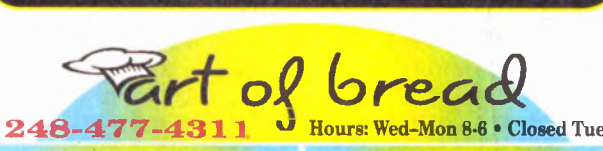
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PREP BOYS SOCCER



Plymouth's Jayden Huxtable (right) puts pressure on Salem's Adam Hall during Monday night's varsity boys soccer match-up.

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## A HEAD ABOVE EVERYONE ELSE

Late goal off a long toss enables Plymouth to nip Salem in hard-fought KLAAs game

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Anytime there is a long throw-in or corner kick on the soccer pitch, chaos can ensue. Monday night's playoff-like varsity boys soccer contest between Salem and Plymouth boiled down to such a sequence — the Wildcats found the back of the Rocks' net with just 1:30 remaining in the second half for a 1-0 victory.

Anthony Iacopelli hurled the ball from the right sideline in the Salem end of the Plymouth-Canton Educational



It's a footrace between Salem's Austin Siterlet (left) and Plymouth's Mike Blake.

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Park varsity soccer stadium and it flew into the 18-yard box in front of Salem goalkeeper Karson Gregory.

Beating his man to the ball

was Plymouth standout forward Jayden Huxtable, who flicked it over to the left post, where teammate Dylan Dwyer beautifully headed it

into the goal.

"I just flicked it on. It was a great job by (Dwyer), it was great positioning," Huxtable said. "Everything was done well by this team. We had a great game. Just back of the head (by Dwyer) into the top corner."

### Just 'classic'

According to Salem head coach Scott Duhl, the deciding play was "classic high school stuff, long throws, you throw it in the box. It's no different than a corner kick or a free kick. Anybody can score on that stuff. It's good experience for our group; we need to be better in those moments."

Salem, the first-place team in the KLAAs Central Division, fell to 7-3-1 overall with the loss.

"I don't know if it was

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PREP BOYS TENNIS

## Talent, work ethic spark Wildcats

Lu sets winning tone for division-leading Plymouth

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

After Plymouth senior Jordan Lu polished off a victory at No. 1 singles Monday against Canton, he compared notes with some of his teammates.

For Lu and the Wildcats, there is no resting on laurels — even though he is the standout of standouts, on a varsity boys tennis team that coach Tom Kimball labels the best in school history.

"Jordan is just one of those kids you're only going to get once every 10 years," Kimball said. "He's just mastered every aspect of the game. He's playing with focus and with power and with touch. He has all the shots and he's just a leader for this team."

"He pushes the other players to improve their own game. We expect great things from him throughout the season."

So does Lu, who earned a 6-1, 6-0 win over Canton's Jacob Paton to kick-start Plymouth's 8-1 victory over the Chiefs.

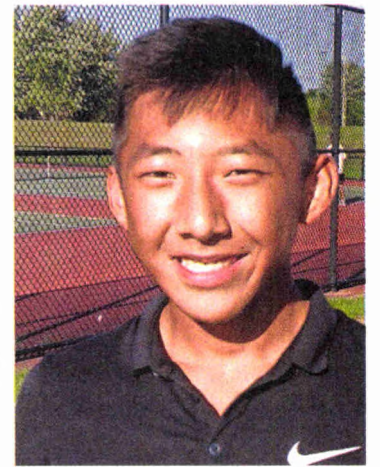
"I give it all during my practices and, hopefully, my hard work pays off during my matches and it has recently," said Lu, whose only losses this season have been against Northville and Clarkston.

With the win, Plymouth improved to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLAAs South Division, virtually clinching the title.

### Familiar foes

The campus rivals were facing each other for the second time in three days, having

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TIM SMITH

No. 1 singles standout Jordan Lu continues to lead the Wildcats.

RAMBLIN' ROCK INVITATIONAL

## Salem squad answering some questions

Rocks' Jeffress fifth at 16-team invitational, others stepping up

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Salem senior Chaz Jeffress is an unquestioned cross country standout, a Division 1 all-state runner who typically sets the pace on the trail.

For Steve Aspinall, head coach of the Rocks varsity

boys cross country team, the "question marks" are determining who else on the roster can rise up to that lofty level. At Saturday's second annual Ramblin' Rock Invitational, held at Willow Metropark in New Boston, Aspinall found some answers.

As usual, Jeffress led the Salem pack, finishing fifth overall with a time of 16 minutes, 18 seconds. He spearheaded Salem to a third-place team finish (131 points), trailing only Novi (38) and Harland (105) atop the 16-team

field.

"It was a good controlled effort from him and he will look to break 16 minutes soon," Aspinall said. "After Chaz, we had a bunch of question marks and guys ran some great races."

Look no further than sophomore Ryan Exell, junior Alex Kroll and sophomore Andrew Beyer in terms of other Salem runners who ran lifetime best times Saturday. Exell finished 20th with 17:15; Kroll's 17:30

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LISA BUSHAW

Leading the pack around the corner during the Ramblin' Rock Invitational is Salem's Chaz Jeffress.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

# GETTING UP TO SPEED

Canton alum Schmidt helps Lady Ocelots kick it up a gear in 4-0 win

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Now in her second season on the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team, Canton High School alum Kelly Schmidt loves the college game.

"The speed of play is a lot faster, the competition's better," Schmidt said following the Lady Ocelots' 4-0 win Saturday against Lake Michigan College. "They all know how to move the ball better. It's just a faster, more competitive game."

"And, oh yeah, it makes you better as a player and makes you want to work harder to get better."

The 5-foot-6 Schmidt — who started the season at midfielder, but is now playing right defense — played 78 minutes Saturday and was part of a lock-down defense that did not require goalkeepers Katie Dangelmaier (Brighton) and Rebekah Mathers (Waterford Mott) to make a single stop.

Conversely, a consistent attack directed 34 shots in the direction of Lake Michigan goalkeeper Christy Gonzalez. She played a strong game in a losing effort, making 19 saves.

**Still freelancing**

"I really like it," Schmidt said about the move to the back. "I feel like, even though I'm labeled as a defender, I still have the option to go and move and make my



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Looking to throw the ball into play is Kelly Schmidt.

plays up (the pitch) like I can as a midfielder.

"My coach, that's what he told me to do when he first put me on defense."

That coach, Dave Carver, was not on hand for Schoolcraft's victory over Lake Michigan due to a personal commitment.

Taking over the reins as the Lady Ocelots improved to 4-0-0 overall and 3-0-0 in Michigan Community College Athletic Association Region 12 was assistant coach Mark Forrester. Lake Michigan dropped to 2-3-0 and 1-3-0 in the MCCA.

"I thought the girls were fantastic," Forrester said. "We come in up 1-0 at halftime, with the way the wind was I thought we carried the game against the wind. And in the second half, we were absolutely dominant when we had that wind in our favor."

"On another day, we might have had a couple more. I thought their goalie was fantastic; she made some great saves and I thought we played really well."

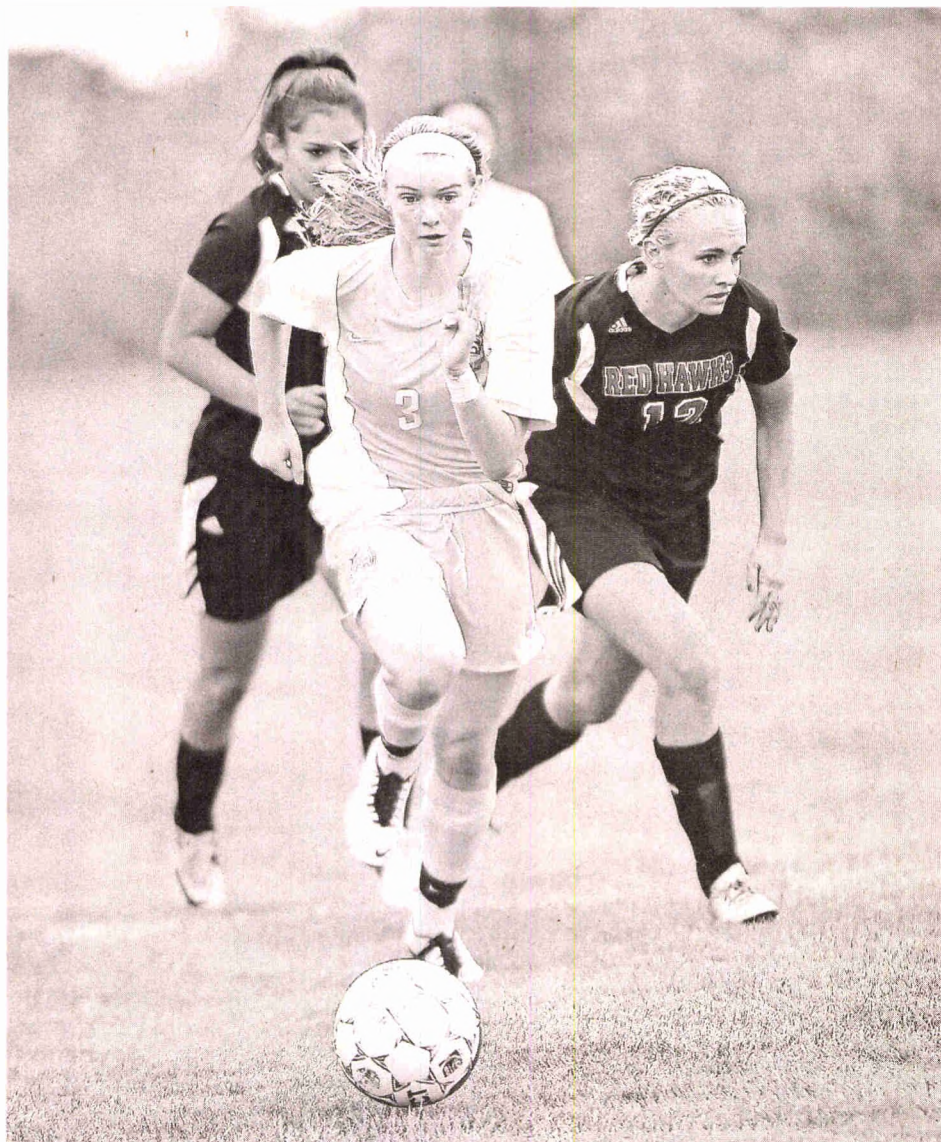
Schoolcraft broke a scoreless tie with 6:12 to go in the first half, when Katie Vitelia scored off an assist from Samantha Alatto (Rochester).

Breaking it wide open with three goals in the first seven minutes of the second half were Emily Bondy, Vitelia and Cynthia Konan.

Depth is a key factor in Schoolcraft's strong start, Forrester said.

"We've got a lot of strength in depth," Forrester said. "We've got a strong squad. We have these girls who don't start the game that can go on and be as good if not better than the ones who start the game."

"There's that competition on a daily basis in



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Dribbling the ball up the pitch during Saturday's game is Schoolcraft's Kelly Schmidt, a Canton graduate.

training and they push each other. We've seen some good results from what we do on the training field."

**Local ties help**

Schmidt, meanwhile, likes that there are other players who hail from the metro area.

Also from the Park is sophomore goalkeeper Aly Mann (Salem), with other former KLAA play-

ers such as Dangelmaier, freshman midfielder Alex Delflorio (Livonia Stevenson), freshman forward Devon Powers (Novi), sophomore midfielder Emily Mulcahy (Stevenson), sophomore defender Maddie Cook (South Lyon East) and sophomore defender Erin McDonald (Livonia Churchill) on the squad. "When you go to a new team, it's a scary thing,"

Schmidt said. "It's nice to know people on the team already."

Other area players include freshman defender Megan Schulz (Farmington) and freshman midfielder Youssef Barakat (Huron Valley Lutheran).

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COLLEGE SOCCER

# Ocelots keep cruising, win 6-1

Schoolcraft men's team keeps demonstrating creative flair, unselfish play

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team is ranked at or near the top of the national polls for a reason — the Ocelots have players good and creative enough to tie opponents into knots.

Saturday afternoon, Schoolcraft victimized winless Lake Michigan College 6-1 to improve to 4-0-1 overall and 2-0-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

The Ocelots had enough in the tank despite traveling to and from rain-soaked Ohio for Friday's 6-0 victory over Cuyahoga Community College.

"The finality of it all, with finishing our chances, we're still growing and maturing in those moments," veteran Schoolcraft coach Rick Larson said. "But in the most part, we're really doing a great job in the buildup and the disguise and the deception and all the things you want from a team that understands how to move the ball as a unit."

Larson pointed to a goal scored in the second half by forward David Tetaj as an example of the multi-faceted players that enrich his roster.

"David Tetaj, the forward, even though he scored the fifth goal today, he just really softens up defenses with his



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Pointing to the crowd after a goal earlier this season is Schoolcraft's Leopoldo Arevalo. He scored again Saturday against Lake Michigan.

pace and his skill and it allows other people to play," Larson said. "You know, like Jon (Quintana) and Victor (Contreras) and Connor (Rutz) and Billy (Werthman of Livonia), the true mark of a great player is making your teammates better."

"We have a lot of contributions that way."

Werthman, a Livonia Stevenson product, scored about six minutes into the second half to answer Lake Michigan's lone goal late in the first half, which ended with the Ocelots up 2-1.

Tetaj then converted a pass from Contreras in the 55th minute and Schoolcraft tacked on two more goals, from Jeff Drzyzga and Leopoldo Arevalo (from Werthman).

Scoring the game's first two goals were Schoolcraft's Ian Walker

and Quintana.

The Ocelots outshot Lake Michigan by a 22-5 margin, making it a relatively easy afternoon for Schoolcraft goalies Andres Hernandez and Youssef Barakat.

According to Larson, the unselfish nature of his players is a key reason why the team continues to go medal to the pedal. He cited Walker as a prime example.

"Ian came to me early and said he would do whatever the team needed him to do to fill a role," Larson said. "He's filled that role at center-back and he's been absolutely fantastic. He actually broke the 0-0 tie with that header off the corner kick."

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# TENNIS

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taken part in Saturday's Wildcat Invitational. Plymouth captured the four-team match-up.

"We're happy with this result. Canton has a good team and they always have," Kimball said. "When it comes to battling for the division title, this is always a pivotal match for our division. We're happy to be where we're at today."

"We had a tournament, the Wildcat Invitational, on Saturday. Salem was there, Canton was there, Walled Lake Central. We had five varsity players out taking the ACT and we still managed to find a way to win enough matches and enough points to win the tournament. So we came in today kind of confident, having already seen Canton in the past couple days."

Although Lu drives the Plymouth bus, there is a roster full of other players with loads of talent.

That includes the rest of the singles lineup: junior Matt Decker at No. 2, senior Kevin Hou at No. 3 and junior Deven Patel at No. 4. All won their flights Monday in two sets.

"They complement him perfectly," Kimball said.

Among other Plymouth victories Monday was a 6-2, 6-3 win at No. 1 doubles by juniors Justin Kapke-Yogesh Mohanraj.

"They play a powerful, smart, aggressive game of doubles," Kimball said. "They're coachable and keep making adjustments. They can hang with the tough teams we're going to go against when we



PLYMOUTH ATHLETICS

Returning a shot Monday is Plymouth's No. 3 singles player, Kevin Hou.

start our crossovers." Kimball said Kapke and Mohanraj are working hard at "kind of creating movement and being unpredictable. Not just playing the same kind of style or strategy point after point. It's paying off."

**Bright spots**

Canton head coach Barb Lehmann — whose team has not been able to get many matches in due to rain — also pointed to plenty of positives despite the final outcome Monday. The Chiefs' lone victory was collected by the No. 3 doubles tandem of Vikram Vedipudi and Nick Huang.

"We played them (Wildcats) on Saturday, had some great matches on Saturday," Lehmann said. "To come back and play them again today, I'm happy with it. I think in another week, it could be a different story, because I think we're a much closer team competitively than this score shows."

Lehmann said Paton had flashes of brilliance

in his loss to Lu. "He's only a sophomore, so he's young. First time playing that high in the singles lineup," Lehmann said. "He played doubles last year. He's worked hard in the off-season and put himself out there to stretch his own game, it's been nice."

She also said it has been a plus seeing how well the Nos. 2 and 3 doubles teams have progressed. Both units feature a veteran and a newcomer.

At No. 2 doubles is senior co-captain Joey Mosca and freshman Kurt Siefert.

**PLYMOUTH 8, CANTON 1**  
Sept. 14 at P-CEP  
**No. 1 singles:** Jordan Lu (P) defeated Jacob Paton, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Matt Decker (P) def. Matthew Mukhtar, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 3:** Kevin Hou (P) def. Sri Narayanan, 6-0, 7-6; **No. 4:** Deven Patel (P) def. Howard Zhang, 6-4, 6-1.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Justin Kapke-Yogesh Mohanraj (P) def. Geet Antani-Vishal Nayak, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 2:** Ramana Ramnathan-Nathan Tseng (P) def. Joey Mosca-Kurt Siefert, 6-7, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 3:** Vikram Vedipudi-Nick Huang (C) def. Evan Kopp-David Grant, 5-7, 7-5 (5); **No. 4:** Anoop Kotha-Sam Tufts (P) def. Jack Mukhtar-Richard Ling, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 5:** Haroon Zahoor-Parth Patel (P) def. Ben Sannoy-Patrick McDougall, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6.  
**Dual match records:** Plymouth, 4-1 overall, 3-0 KLAA South; Canton, 1-2 overall, 1-1 KLAA South.

PREP GIRLS GOLF

# Wildcats get past Chiefs in KLAA South Division match-up

Plymouth undefeated in division play after win over Canton

Plymouth bested Canton, 156-193, Tuesday in a KLAA South Division varsity girls golf match at Fox Hills.

The Wildcats (5-0) were led by medalist Alaina Strzalka, who

tallied even-par 35. Ariana Strzalka scored 39, with Katie Chipman and Erin Johnson each registering 41. Rounding out the Plymouth lineup were Rachel Kristian (42) and Heather Muir

(45). For the Chiefs (3-2), Meghan Meredith and Madelyn Mans each recorded 47. Finishing with 49 was Nicole Dawson, while other finishers were Molly Mundorf

(50), Avery Ralston and Manasa Potluri (55 each).

**Canton 14th**

Canton finished 14th out of 20 teams at the recent Farmington Invitational held at Glen Oaks Golf Club.

Victorious with a tally of 306 strokes was Troy,

followed by South Lyon (311).

The Chiefs registered a team score of 386 on the par-70 course, with top performances from Nicole Dawson (94), Meghan Meredith (97), Avery Ralston (97), Manasa Potluri (98) and Lauren Luyet (110).

**SOUTH LYON 175**  
**SALEM 190**  
Sept. 8 at Cattails G.C.  
**South Lyon scorers:** Elizabeth Harding, 2-over 38 (medalist); Priscilla Harding, 39 (eagle on first hole); Lucy Dinsmore, 48; Sophie Yergin, 50; Mya Price, 58; Sarah Ash, 59.  
**Salem scorers:** Darby Scott, 43; Kiley Flynn, 45; Hope Warkoczski, 46; Grace Grelak, 56; Genevieve St. Jean, 57; Hannah Saad, 61.  
**Dual match records:** South Lyon, 7-1 overall, 3-0 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA Central.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

# Rocks, 'Cats show promise at invites

Salem second at Ramblin' Rock; Plymouth sixth at Woodhaven

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Top 10 finishes by Kayla Hughes and Madison Justice sparked Salem's varsity girls cross country team to a second-place showing at Saturday's Ramblin' Rock Invitational, held at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

The Rocks came in second out of 13 teams with 64 points, trailing victorious Brighton (31). Finishing third with 97 points was Livonia Churchill, while Canton took sixth (179).

Hughes clocked in ninth with a time of 19 minutes, 52 seconds, while teammate Justice finished 10th (19:55).

Other Salem finishers were Erin McCann (13th, 20:10), Gabrielle Mancini (15th, 20:18), Sierra Bowden (17th, 20:26), Hannah Jeffress (28th, 20:50), Kayla DeLaCruz (31st, 20:58), Shea Wilson (38th, 21:31), Brianna Essien (48th, 21:55) and Jessica Hughes (50th, 22:06).

Overall medalist was Livonia Franklin's Natalie Douglas, who finished in 19:00.

Canton's top performers included Anna Nagelhout (20th, 20:30), Mary Galm (32nd, 20:59), Kate Cotham (33rd, 21:11), Samantha McGraff (42nd, 21:44), Elise McIntee (70th, 23:15), Sydney Keyes (76th, 23:37), Emi-

ly Brewer (80th, 23:46), Shikha Advani (81st, 23:46), Shilpa Pindolia (95th, 24:44) and Alyssa Ewell (105th, 25:49).

**Plymouth sixth**

Coming in sixth out of 18 teams at the Woodhaven Warrior Cross Country Classic was Plymouth's varsity girls cross country team.

Wildcats head coach Alice Ahearn said it was a "great start" to the season to hang with some powerhouse programs such as first-place Wyandotte, runner-up Saline and third-place Woodhaven.

The top individual for Plymouth was Annie Bonds, who finished ninth overall with a time of 20 minutes, 37 seconds.

Madelyn Rush (39th, 22:17) and Arwa Harawala (44th, 22:25) also ran well for Plymouth.

Other strong performances were turned in by Charlotte Clark (56th, 22:42), Claire Curvin (60th, 22:53), Marianne DeBrito (62nd, 22:59) and Olivia Schafer (63rd, 23:02).

First-year runners Gwen Carey and Allison Beshears, both seniors, also had solid times of 23:46 and 23:48.

"Overall, I was pleased with the result," Ahearn said. "We still need to work on closing the gap between our top runners, but that will come with time and a bit more work. The girls should be proud of this first invitational."

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Girls kick off Saturday's Ramblin' Rock Invitational at Willow Metropark.

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## SALEM

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was good for 30th and Beyer chimed in with a mark of 17:32 (32nd place).

"These three put in serious work this summer and that showed on Saturday," Aspinall said.

Other Salem runners were senior Griffin Skaff (17:58), senior Gino Persicone (18:16) and freshman Luke Haran (18:19).

The only performers to outpace Jeffress were overall medalist Tony Floyd of Livonia Franklin (15:55), Novi's Joost Plaetinck (15:59),

Hartland's Josh Nickerson (16:14) and Walled Lake Western's Jack Bleibtrey (16:16).

Other varsity runners for the Rocks were freshman Luke Jakubik (18:19), junior Alex Lindsay (18:30) and freshman Shane McKimmy (18:31).

Aspinall and the Rocks are looking to build from the weekend success with a dual meet this week against Novi, followed by Friday's Spartan Invitational at Michigan State University.

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One of Salem's consistent performers at the Ramblin' Rock Invitational was Alex Kroll.

PREP BOYS SOCCER

## PCA squad flying high

Eagles off to 6-0-1 start with well-rounded play

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Everything seemingly is clicking early this season for Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys soccer team.

The Eagles defeated Oakland Christian, 3-1, Saturday to improve to 6-0-1.

Getting things started just four minutes into the MIAC contest was Nevin Ruitter-Diaz, cleaning up a rebound and depositing the ball into the net. Assisting were Brian Schlientz and Ethan Willis.

PCA made it 2-0 one minute later, thanks to the lethal Willis-to-Ruitter-Diaz combo, then Luke Yakuber scored in the second half when he snatched the ball and dribbled in for the score.

Oakland Christian's lone goal came early in the second half on a penalty kick.

"After their goal, Oakland pressed harder with long balls for quick breaks to their forwards," Eagles head coach Kris Warnemuende said. "Most of these challenges were disarmed by Ben Fuller,

who played a fabulous game controlling (the) defense."

When he was needed, PCA goalkeeper Nick Andros (nine saves) was ready.

"Two times they were able to break free for one one one with the keeper, but Nick saved both with great slides," Warnemuende said. "Nick also saved a fantastic shot from Logan Johns from inside the 18-yard box."

PCA (6-0-1) is ranked No. 3 in Division 4 and is first in the MIAC.

Next up is a home game at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22 against Southfield Christian, followed by a road match-up Sept. 24 against Ann Arbor Greenhills.

"They are a very strong team ranked right behind us in the state at No. 4," Warnemuende said about Greenhills.

**PCA 4, ROEPER 0:** The Eagles blanked Bloomfield Hills Roeper on Sept. 10 on two goals from Matthew Cusamano and single ones by Kent Mickelson and Keith Brown. Two of the goals were assisted by Austin Andros.

**PCA 4, INTER-CITY BAPTIST 4:** PCA tied Allen Park Inter-City Baptist on Sept. 8. Austin Andros sparked the attack with three goals, while Ethan Willis scored the fourth. Goalkeeper Nick Andros had 14 saves for the Eagles.

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about being open," Duhl said. "They went to the ball and we kind of froze and thought we were going to win the ball."

"It deflected and then they scored on the rebound. Guys just didn't collapse, they didn't go to the ball, simple as that. We stood around while they went and won the game."

Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said it was "a game that could have gone either way; hard-fought game by both teams."

The Wildcats improved to 6-1-0 overall, according to the KLAA website.

**Big stops**

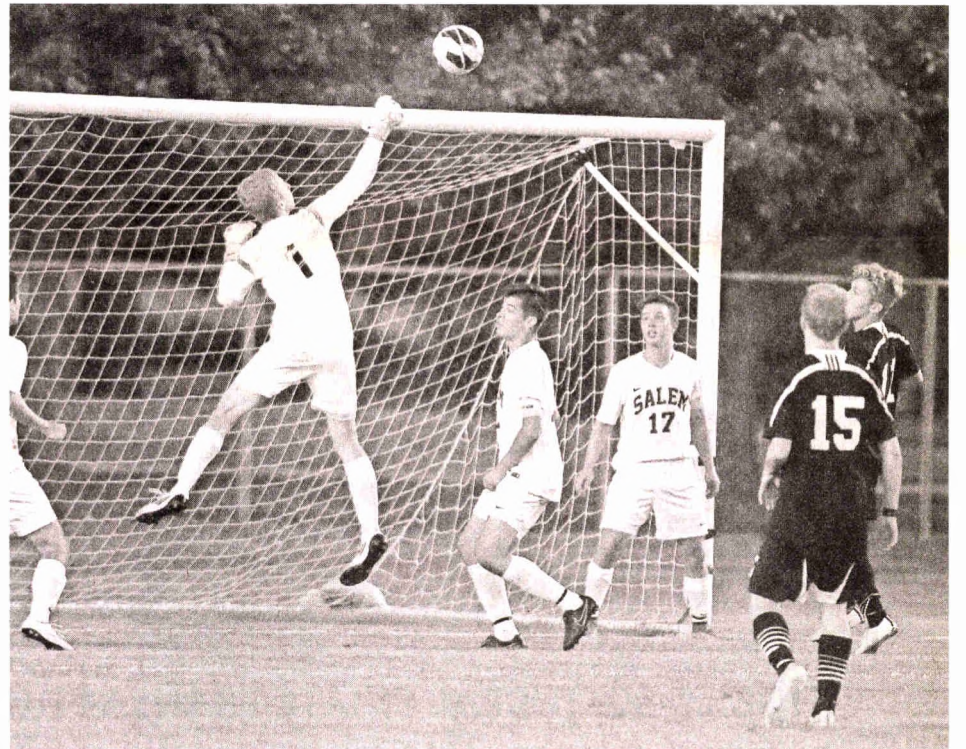
Neschich noted a spectacular stop by his goalkeeper, Damon Favero, that kept the KLAA Kensington Conference crossover game scoreless long enough for his team to earn the victory.

With about seven minutes to play, dangerous Salem forward Nick Massey cut in tight from the left side of the box and ripped a shot that Favero was able to jump up enough to get a hand on.

The ball glanced off the crossbar and the Rocks tried to punch in the rebound, only to be denied by Favero and his defense.

"Huge save. They had about three opportunities in a row to score there," Neschich said.

Also coming up big in



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Showing some serious hops to deflect a Plymouth shot over the net is Salem goalkeeper Karson Gregory. Among other players pictured is Rocks midfielder Max Kummer (No. 17) and Plymouth forwards Mike Blake (No. 7) and Keaton Hegarty (No. 15).

goal was Gregory, particularly on Huxtable's free kick from about 30 yards out with 4:40 to play.

Huxtable's laser beam of a shot was ticketed for the top-left corner, but Gregory dove to his right and batted the ball aside.

A factor for the Wildcats emerging victorious was shadowing Salem's speedy offensive threats such as Massey and Max Kummer.

**Defensive clinic**

"Nick's a really smart player, I play with him during club," Plymouth center-back Van Nguyen said. "Just keeping him in front, I just don't let

"They (Rocks) didn't go to the ball, simple as that. We stood around while they went and won the game."

SCOTT DUHL, Salem coach

him get past you because he's got speed. Just got to contain him.

"We're working together, staying connected, our mids did good work checking back, keeping the ball in front."

Neschich pointed to the job Nguyen and Andrew Liakos did in the back as instrumental in holding Salem off the scoreboard.

"I think our two center-backs did a great job, Andrew Liakos and Van Nguyen," Neschich said. "Our outside-backs put initial pressure on them, but I think those guys cleaned up for the outside-backs."

Kummer said it was frustrating to lose on a late goal.

"I thought we played hard, we just couldn't connect as a team very well," Kummer said. "We fought hard through the

game, we just couldn't close it out."

Thrilled with how his team did just that was Huxtable, who brings a lethal combo of speed and power to the field.

"We've done it more than once," Huxtable said about how the Wildcats came through in the clutch. "Against Brighton, we scored with five minutes left in the game. We were down a man the whole game."

"We just like to persevere through it. That's what I love the team for doing."

**MICHIGAN SHOWCASE:** Canton finished 1-1-1 Saturday at the Michigan Showcase, held at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

The Chiefs bested Warren DeLaSalle 3-2 and tied Ann Arbor Skyline (1-1) before losing 1-0 to Clarkston in the finals.

Against DeLaSalle, Jimmy Walkinshaw collected a goal and an assist, while Luke Kurli and Hunter Olson also scored. The team received an assist from Josh Posuniak and strong midfield play by Ryan O'Meara and Jason Ren. In goal was David McGraff.

Canton tied Skyline thanks to Caleb Moraw's goal, assisted by Avery Olson, as well as defensive work from Matt Rockefeller, Jordan Percy, Beau Hoffman and Trevor Turko. In goal was Steven Paige.

Scoring two of those goals was Keaton Hegarty, with Dylan Dwyer chipping in one goal and two assists.

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| Birmingham Seaholm (1-1, 1-2) at Farm. Harrison (2-0, 2-1)      | Southfield   | Southfield   | Southfield    |
| Farmington (1-1, 2-1) at Rochester Adams (1-1, 2-1)             | Harrison     | Harrison     | Harrison      |
| Canton (1-0, 3-0) at Wayne Memorial (0-1, 0-3)                  | Adams        | Adams        | Adams         |
| Livonia Churchill (1-0, 2-1) at Plymouth (1-0, 2-1)             | Canton       | Canton       | Canton        |
| Salem (1-0, 2-1) at Novi (0-1, 0-3)                             | Plymouth     | Churchill    | Plymouth      |
| Livonia Stevenson (1-0, 3-0) at South Lyon East (0-1, 0-3)      | Salem        | Salem        | Salem         |
| Westland John Glenn (0-1, 0-3) at Liv. Franklin (0-1, 1-2)      | Stevenson    | Stevenson    | Stevenson     |
| Livonia Clarenceville (1-0, 1-2) at Romulus (1-0, 2-1)          | Franklin     | Franklin     | Franklin      |
| Dearborn Fordson (0-1, 1-2) at Garden City (0-1, 1-2)           | Romulus      | Romulus      | Clarenceville |
| Redford Thurston (1-0, 2-1) at D.H. Robichaud (1-0, 3-0)        | Fordson      | Fordson      | Garden City   |
| Redford Union (0-1, 1-2) at Belleville (1-0, 2-1)               | Robichaud    | Robichaud    | Robichaud     |
| Lutheran Westland (1-0, 1-2) at Lutheran Northwest (0-1, 1-2)   | Belleville   | Belleville   | Belleville    |
| <b>Last week's record</b>                                       | <b>11-1</b>  | <b>10-2</b>  | <b>10-2</b>   |
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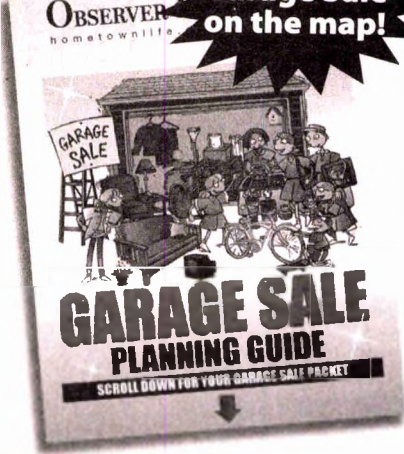
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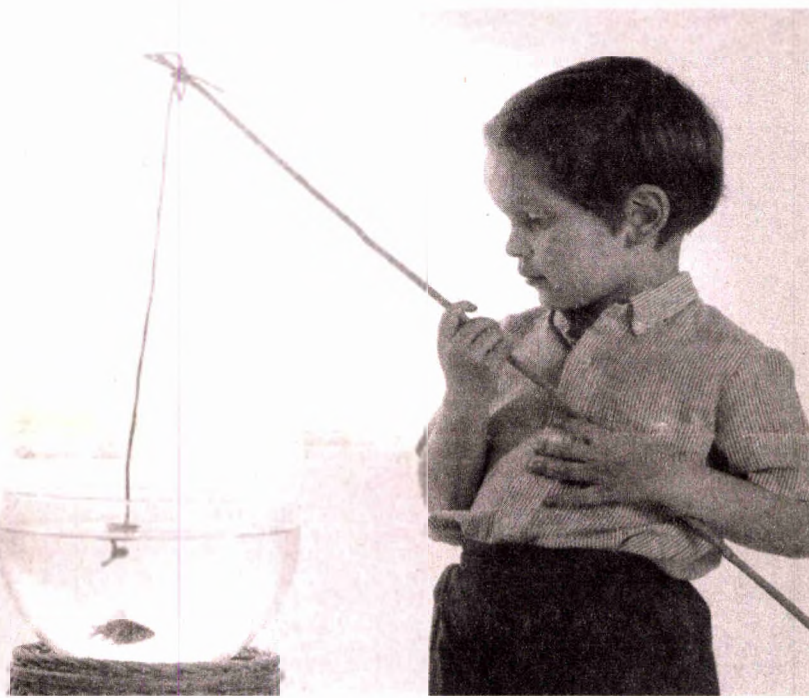
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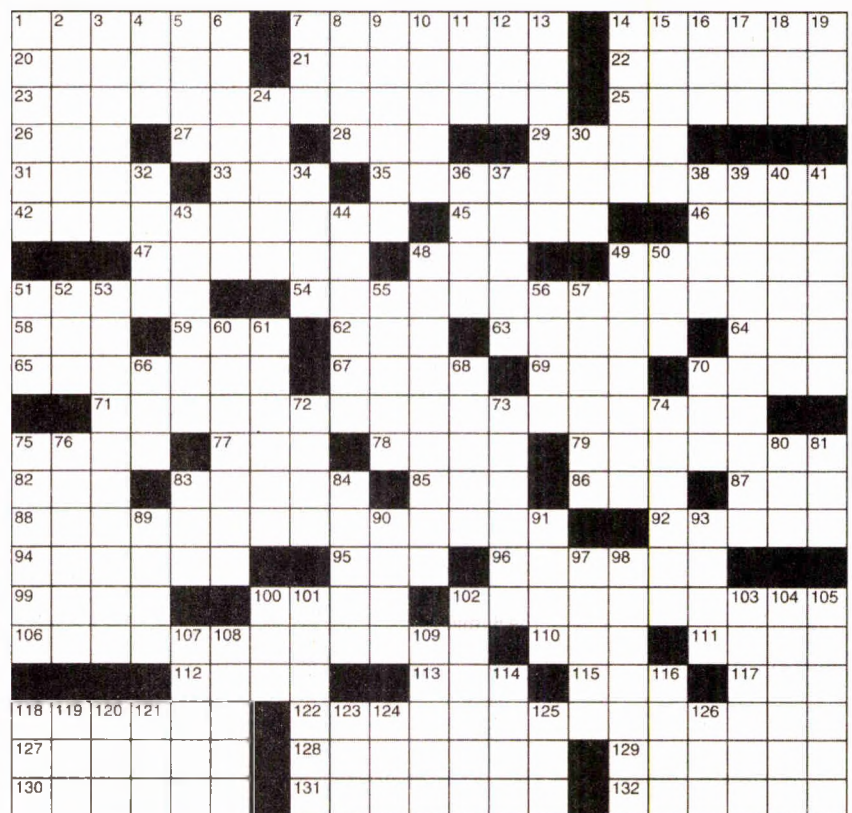
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# THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- Thick-skinned river critters
  - Women's soft hats of old
  - Crouches, as a catcher
  - Dream up
  - Turkey's landmass
  - Career-track type
  - British hero sandwich?
  - Cut in half
  - Aunts, e.g.
  - Magpie of the old Giants
  - Be sickly
  - Give off
  - Certain tennis edge
  - "America" contraction
  - Person born to be an apartment manager?
  - Car made in an Alabama port?
  - Schoolyard rejoinder
  - Gap
  - Small brawl
  - "Drop — line"
  - Place for petri dishes
  - Hold tightly
- DOWN**
- "October Sky" memoirist Homer
  - Eager volunteer's repetitive response
  - Ballpoint tip
  - Butter unit
  - Big name in elevators
  - State political bodies
  - GQ target
  - Take — loan
  - Brief mental glitch
  - Arum lily
  - Equine beast
  - More, to a maestro
  - Duel tools
  - 1976 Sally Field title role
  - Packs it in
  - FedEx rival
  - Kong, e.g.
  - Small jerk
  - TV unit
  - Koteas of "Crash"
  - China's — Zedong
  - Future lice
  - 1973 novel by Toni Morrison
  - Theater level
  - Data plan datum
- ACROSS**
- Syringe causing a bad skin reaction?
  - Gmail rival
  - World finance org.
  - Holiday quaff
  - Thin, white mushroom
  - CBS drama
  - Advil rival
  - "Yipes!"
  - Printer resolution stat
  - Kids' author Silverstein
  - Very busy checkout area?
  - "— to You" (2009 Lady Antebellum hit)
  - Lamprey lookalike
  - Pepsi or RC
  - Easily duped sort
  - Body filled with eau
  - Old TV's Desi
  - The, to Jules
  - Pitchfork-shaped letter
  - Trim grass
  - Put-down during a visit with the doc?
- DOWN**
- John of plows
  - Takes as one's own
  - Tar's "Help!"
  - Doofus
  - Any of three English rivers
  - Purr that
  - Gregarious protester?
  - Beloved big rig?
  - Pal, to Jules
  - Big name in faucets
  - Process part
  - "As I see it," online
  - Ending for percent
  - Harass
  - Like rabbis and shuls
  - PC shortcut used by inflation calculators?
  - Broad road
  - Celestial body
  - Let the wind freshen
  - Not as bold
  - Deluge
  - Vagabonds
- DOWN**
- "Whoops!"
  - Multicolored
  - Tick by
  - Bring past a simmer again
  - Idea of old films
  - Early online protocol
  - Units of a million watts per ampere
  - Skimpy swimsuits
  - Here, to Jules
  - Gun, in slang
  - Senator
  - Blunt
  - Very versatile
  - Rationale
  - Inner: Prefix
  - Like bit-free orange juice
  - Folks not living in the past
  - Spoken with ease
  - Suffix with northeast
  - Struck out in editing
  - Realize
  - Quahog or geoduck
  - Spot for slots
  - Big small-screen star
- DOWN**
- Sgt. Friday catchphrase
  - Get from a pitcher anew
  - "—easter
  - Sheep
  - British islet
  - Gives relish
  - Big oil gp.
  - Muzzle part
  - "The Bicycle Thief" director Vittorio De —
  - Dutch cheese
  - Act like
  - Denounces
  - Stage signal
  - Angle
  - Playwright de Beauvoir
  - PFC, e.g.
  - Rip to shreds
  - Bullion bars
  - Time release
  - Alternate
  - Underage
  - Arab country
  - Arab bigwig
  - Gridlock
  - Day before
  - Really little
  - Sign
  - Cote sound
  - Rink great
  - Bobby
  - Banjo finale?
  - Coaching great
  - Parseghian



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

### Here's How It Works:

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

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| 7 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 1 |
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## CARDIOVASCULAR WORD SEARCH

### WORDS

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

**Crossword Answers**

1. Hippopotamuses  
2. Beret  
3. Crouches  
4. Dream  
5. Turkey  
6. Career  
7. Stiff  
8. Cut  
9. Aunts  
10. Magpie  
11. Sickly  
12. Off  
13. Edge  
14. America  
15. Manager  
16. Car  
17. Schoolyard  
18. Gap  
19. Brawl  
20. Drop  
21. Petri  
22. Tight

**Word Search Answers**

ABDOMEN, ALVEOLI, ANGINA, ANNULUS, AORTA, ARRHYTHMIA, ARTERY, ATRIUM, BEAT, BLOOD, BRADYCARDIA, BYPASS, CAPILLARIES, CARDIAC, CAROTID, CATHETER, CIRCULATORY, CORONARY, DEFBRILLATOR, ECHOCARDIOGRAM, ENZYMES, FAILURE, FLUTTER, HYPERTENSION, HYPERTENSIVE, HYPOTENSION, ISCHEMIA, MITRAL VALVE, PERICARDIUM, PRESSURE, PULMONARY, VEIN, VENTRICLE



# Heart, soul, hands



Roger Kashou of Westland plays the doubek drum during an interview in his Westland home.

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## Open mic draws friendly crowd at BaseLine Folk Society

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

BaseLine Folk Society will try a new format for its monthly acoustic concerts this year. "Up until this point we had open mic until 9 p.m. and then the featured performer for a half hour. We found out the open mic was running long. So, the featured performer would wait and wait and wait. We decided to split up the open mic," said Cathy Fitzpatrick, BaseLine president. "I think it's a good plan."

Open mic performers will take the stage for an hour before and after the featured musicians this year. The new format will start in October, although BaseLine's first show of the new season — which features all open mic performances — is 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 Sheldon, Plymouth. Open mic registration runs from 6:15-6:40 p.m.



Cathy Fitzpatrick

Fitzpatrick, a Northville resident, will emcee the show, kicking it off with two original songs. She joined BaseLine, which is starting its 11th season, in 2007 after singing during open mic. She's also part of a trio, the Folk Laureates, that will perform as featured artists next year. BaseLine, headed by an eight-member board, chooses the main act for each monthly session. Thirteen open mic spots are available at each show, but if more than 13 performers sign up a lottery is held.

"If there's a new person, we let them play. It takes a lot of courage to bring yourself to that point," Fitzpatrick said, adding that shows draw an average 60 music lovers the third Saturday of the month. She doesn't get nervous in front of a crowd if she has her guitar in hand, but Fitzpatrick recalls being a little edgy the first time she performed for open mic.

"My fear was that I would goof or they wouldn't be receptive. I wasn't sure what I was getting into. But it was wonderful. The audience is so welcoming and appreciative and forgiving that you really feel at home," she said.

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"Music, stories" Maggie Zakem of Plymouth strummed guitar and her husband played banjo for their first open mic appearance in 2005 at BaseLine. They've since appeared as featured players and have both held board positions.

"What I love about folk music is I love telling stories with music," Zakem said, pointing out that the BaseLine series draws a "friendly" audience.

She encourages musicians to sign up for open mic. Her advice is to practice, be prepared, and bring sheet music on stage if needed.

"Don't be proud. Just go up there and give it your best. We'll respect that," she said. "I remember one incident when an open mic person got nervous and couldn't go on. The audience said, don't stop, keep going. He finished. That is the kind of atmosphere there."

Fitzpatrick tells newcomers that playing a BaseLine show is like "sitting in the family room and playing at home."

"If you're there singing what you love, and you love it, the audience will, too," Fitzpatrick said. "It's a great place to pour out your heart in a song."

Admission is \$5. Yearlong family and individual memberships also are available. Visit BaseLine Folk Society on Facebook or at plymoutharts.com and click on the "programs" tab.

## Westland man puts heart, soul, hands into Middle Eastern drumming

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Roger Kashou's fingers flew across the stretched plastic skin of a goblet-shaped drum resting on his lap.

They coaxed a bright, melodic series of "tek tek tek" sounds from the sweet spot along the rim of the drum. Then they flicked and tapped the center of the skin, alternating with strokes along the edge, making the drum sing in rapid-fire pops and raps as Kashou's hands seemed to blur with acceleration.

"They don't bleed anymore. This used to cut open when I used to hit," he said, showing his fingers and open palm after a drum demonstration during an interview at his Westland home. "So I went through the pain to get my hands to accept what they are doing. I have been playing a long time so all the cuts I used to have are calloused. Now it is smooth sailing."

The Wayne Memorial High School graduate has played the Middle Eastern doubek drum in the National Arab Orchestra since 2010. He's one of five percussionists in the group and will perform with the Orchestra during the Haflah Arab Fusion Festival concert, Saturday, Sept. 19, at The Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit. The show features the National Arab Orchestra and the Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra, along with the world premiere of a composition by Kareem Roustom, Emmy Award-winning composer.

Kashou's fascination with Middle Eastern drums formed years before he joined the National Arab Orchestra. His father, Raja Kashou, drummed during the 1970s and 1980s, playing in clubs, at weddings and other gatherings. Kashou said he remembers feeling chills just watching his father perform.

### Teaching himself

When he was 9, and his father was on a trip to visit his native Jerusalem, Kashou asked his mother, Hala, where his father kept his drums.

"I picked it up and never let it go since that day," he said. "I used to practice every single day. I'd lock myself in the bathroom. I tried to keep it private, especially when I was young. I liked to focus on my craft. No one really showed me the guidelines on the drum. I just picked it up and never let it go. It's like a love."

He said he felt embarrassed at first to let anyone watch him play. He eventually

showed his parents and older sister, Jaclyn, and occasionally played at family gatherings.

After high school he took on a temporary job with a wedding band after its percussionist got sick. His first gig was in New York playing with the band that also took him to New Orleans, La., and Iowa.

"That was my first experience on stage and he was the best around, too. I was lucky to play with him."

He played in a club for about a year and then joined another wedding band. Four years later, he was at another club when Michael Ibrahim asked if he wanted to join his new orchestra. Kashou told Ibrahim, founder and director of the National Arab Orchestra, that he would join.

"It's beautiful, beautiful music. I love the Orchestra because it taught me to be disciplined on the drum, because I was a little wild monkey," he said, with a laugh. "The Orchestra taught me to respect every musician."

### Feel, sound

Kashou buys his drums from Egypt through the Internet. He's not sure what happened to his father's drums, which were made of fish skin, a material that broke easily.

"You have to put me in a room with 100 of them so I can feel them. It's all about feel and sound," he said. "I'm ordering from overseas. Every time I buy them it's a chance I'm taking."

Although he played clarinet while in school, Kashou hasn't read music in years. Familiarizing himself with it is his next big challenge, along with increasing his knowledge of the Arabic language. He understands some Arabic, but isn't fluent like his parents.

"You can play a little better if you understand the words. Now that I am surrounded by more Arabic people, I'm picking it up. I'll get there. Every day is a challenge."

When he's not practicing, Kashou helps out behind the customer counter at his family's shoe repair store in Canton. He also teaches doubek.

What makes a good drummer?

"Good ears, good tone and not to be too much with the drum because you don't want to hear blap blap blap all day. Discipline on the drum is very important."

Tickets for the Haflah concert range from \$30-\$65 and are available at michiganphil.org.

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BIRMINGHAM STREET ART FAIR

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 19 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 20

**Location:** Downtown Birmingham

**Details:** More than 150 jury-selected artists are featured, including Wan-Chuan Kesler of Northville, a painter, Eric Cooper of Farmington Hills, a ceramic artist, Doug Remien of Farmington Hills, a photographer, and Autumn Aslaksan of Novi, a ceramic artist

**Contact:** BirminghamStreetArtFair.com; 734-662-3382

CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Oct. 2

**Location:** The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Artist Sue Majewski commemorates her love of food and flowers through intricate bead and tile work in a solo exhibit called "Things I Love"

**Contact:** 248-473-1859

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through Sept. 26.

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** "Ten to One - Interpretations of the Studio Model," features works by 10 artists who meet weekly at the studio of artist Mary Step to paint models in costume

**Contact:** 248-344-0497 or www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org

PCAC

**Time/Date:** Runs through September

**Location:** 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth

**Details:** Photographers John Angus, Amy Lockard and Sylvia Ford exhibit "Different Perspectives." Refreshments will be served, art will be for sale and the photographers will be on hand at the reception

**Contact:** 734-416-4278; plymouthart-s.com

VILLAGE THEATER

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



The Russian band, Otava Yo, plays the Russian Festival Sept. 19-20.

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** "Tell Me, Berenice Abbott," is a fine art digital photography exhibit by Tim Ruane

**Contact:** 734-394-5300

VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

**Time/Date:** 6-9 p.m. Sept. 18

**Location:** 37653 Five Mile, in the New Five Shopping Center, Livonia

**Details:** During "Friday Night Paint Party," participants will choose one of two paintings to serve as inspiration for creating their own work. They may choose the paintings in advance. Janus Benda leads the session, which costs \$35 and will include instruction, canvas, supplies, savory snacks, and beverages including wine

**Contact:** 734-838-1204; vaalart.org

AUDITIONS

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Sept. 21-22

**Location:** 240 N. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** The gothic thriller, *Rebecca*, has roles for six men and two women. Find character descriptions at just-gobarefoot.com

**Contact:** Craig Hane at 734-276-9075

FESTIVAL

TIN CAN TOURISTS

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26

**Location:** Camp Dearborn, 1700 General Motors Road, Milford

**Details:** Annual fall gathering and open house of vintage trailers and motor coaches. Camp entrance fee is \$5

**Contact:** tincantourists.com

RUSSIAN FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19; 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20

**Location:** St. Vladimir Orthodox Church, 9900 Jackson Road, Dexter

**Details:** Performers from Russia include

the band Otava Yo and vocalist and dancer Anastasia Klimzo. The event will include a children's puppet theater, chess tables, church tours, Nikolai Morschakov with Russian Vaganova-style ballet, Moscow Nights, a Russian folk music group, Diana Turner, a Ukrainian vocalist, St. Vladimir Adult dance group and bell ringing at the opening ceremony. Children's activities will include hair braiding, a bounce house, crafts and games. An infused vodka tasting will be held 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday. Food includes Russian specialties such as borsch soup, piroshki, blini, shashlik and more. \$1 admission

FILM

PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 and Thursday, Sept. 24; and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** *Minions*, \$3

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

REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Sept. 25 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 26

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

**Details:** Three Stooges Festival includes *Half Shot Shooters*, *I'll Never Heil Again*, *Spook Louder*, *If a Body Meets a Body*, *Sing a Song of Six Pants*, *Cents Without Cents*, \$5

**Contact:** 313-898-1481

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Nov. 29

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

**Details:** "Passionate Curiosities: Collecting in Egypt & the Near East, 1880s-1950s," focuses on the individuals



Wendy Hedstrom, left, of Clarkston, Nancy Penvose of Davisburg, Amy Morrissey of Northville, and Sonja Marquis of Brighton rehearse a scene from "Always a Bridesmaid" at Two Muses Theater.

who helped to build the Kelsey Museum collection

**Contact:** 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

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

**Details:** Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17.

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

**Nostalgia sale:** Buy artifacts no longer needed at the museum along with donated items, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 17-19

**Antiques appraisal:** Doug Dalton Auctioneer will appraise antique furniture, art, and small objects, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23. No jewelry, coins, or stamps will be considered. Oral evaluations will be given for \$10 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15-minute time slot. Call the museum for an appointment

**Contact:** 734-455-8940

MUSIC

BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE VIVACE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26

**Location:** 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** The Aeolus Quartet with Steve Wogaman on piano; tickets are \$28 general admission, \$25 for members and seniors, and \$10 for students

**Contact:** Joyce Cheresh at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348

BLUES@THE ELKS

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

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

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

**Contact:** 734-453-1780

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19

**Location:** Seligman Performing Arts Center, on the Detroit Country Day School campus, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills

**Details:** Violinist Pinchas Zukerman and pianist Angela Cheng open the 2015-16 season; tickets from \$32-64 for adults and \$16-32 for students

**Contact:** 248-855-6070; chambermusicdetroit.org

CORSI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 17

**Location:** 27910 W. Seven Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin tribute dinner show; tickets are \$35 and include dinner and show

**Contact:** 248-473-7777

FRIENDS OF UNITY

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3

**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** "Posipalooza" features four singer/songwriters, Daniel Nahmod, Sloan Wainwright, Glen Roethel, and Sue Riley. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for students with ID

**Contact:** 734-635-6949; friendsofunity.org

ITALIAN AMERICAN CHORALE

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Oct. 8

**Location:** Italian American Club of Livonia, 39200 W. Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** The Chorale, directed by Viviana Garabello, will debut at Pasta Night. The event will include a pasta dinner from 6-7:30 p.m. Members, \$10, nonmembers, \$15, children, ages 5-12, \$5

**Contact:** 734-953-9724



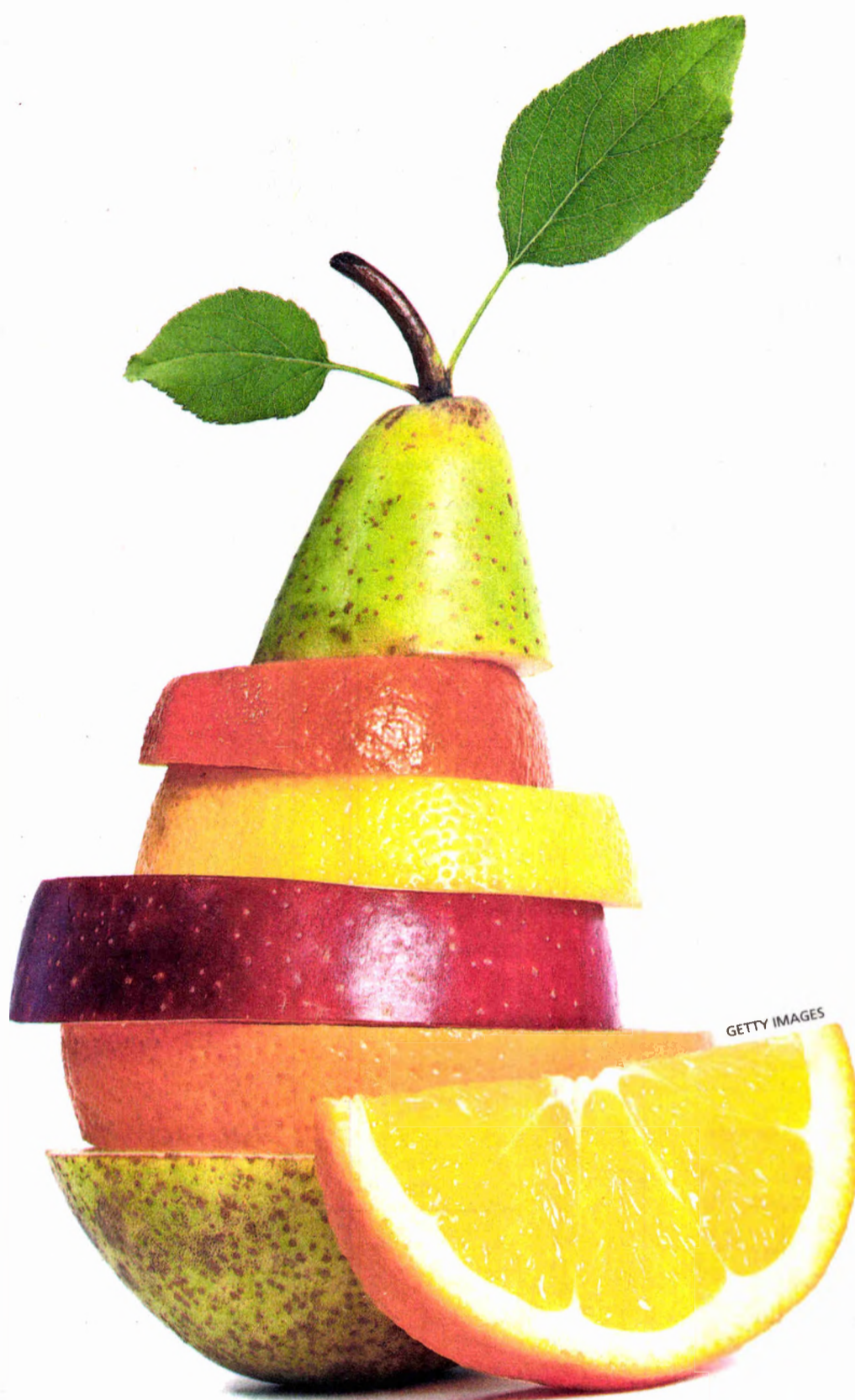
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## Fruit snacks

Add more fruit to your diet with easy-to-make treats

**W**hen you're snacking, it can be tempting to skip the fuss and grab a bite on-the-go. Keeping healthy and convenient snacks at the ready helps you stay disciplined without sacrificing taste and enjoyment.

These three-step healthy snack ideas show how easy it can be to serve up a variety of tasty treats in just a few minutes while adding more fruit to your diet. Make the most of your snacking experience with this advice:

» Stock the pantry with versatile options that let you prepare a range of snacks, from sweet to savory combinations.

» Look for quick solutions that help trim prep time and skip the cutting, peeling and mess.

» Avoid worrying about waste or spoilage with convenient, re-sealable lids that let you use what you need for a single serving and save the rest for later.

Find more quick and easy snack ideas at [dole.com/jarredfruit](http://dole.com/jarredfruit).



### BANANA SPLIT ON-A-STICK

Serves: 1

**1/2 cup Dole Jarred Pineapple Chunks, drained**  
**1 slice pound cake, cut into 6 cubes**  
**1/4 small banana, cut into 4 slices**  
**2 teaspoons bottled chocolate sauce**  
**2 tablespoons light whipped topping**  
**1 maraschino cherry**

1. On two wooden skewers, alternate threading four pineapple chunks, three cubes of pound cake and two banana slices.  
2. Drizzle each skewer with one teaspoon chocolate sauce.  
3. Serve skewers with whipped topping and a maraschino cherry.



### LEMON-BLUEBERRY PARFAIT-TINI

Serves: 1

**1 cup reduced-fat or fat-free cottage cheese**  
**1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel**  
**1/2 cup Dole Jarred Mixed Fruit, drained and diced**  
**1/2 cup fresh blueberries**  
**2 teaspoons sliced almonds**

1. In small bowl, combine cottage cheese with lemon peel.  
2. In another small bowl, combine mixed fruit with blueberries.  
3. In martini glass, alternately layer lemon cottage cheese with blueberry and mixed fruit combination. Top with sliced almonds.



### ORANGE-CHIPOTLE AVOCADO TOAST

Serves: 1

**1 slice whole-wheat bread**  
**1/2 avocado, diced or smashed**  
**Salt and ground black pepper, to taste**  
**1/2 cup Dole Jarred Mandarin Oranges, drained**  
**1/2 teaspoon chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, finely chopped**  
**1 lime wedge**

1. Lightly toast bread and top with avocado. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.  
2. In medium bowl, toss oranges with chopped chipotle peppers.  
3. Spoon oranges over avocado toast and finish with a squeeze of lime.  
Note: For a spicier flavor, include pepper seeds. For more mild heat, remove seeds. A sprinkle of ground chili pepper can also be used to easily add spice in place of chipotle peppers.



### PEACHES AND CREAM WAFFLE BITES

Serves: 1

**1 whole-wheat frozen waffle**  
**2 tablespoons reduced-fat whipped cream cheese**  
**1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon**  
**1/2 cup Dole Jarred Sliced Peaches, drained and diced**  
**2 teaspoons chopped walnuts, toasted**

1. Toast frozen whole-wheat waffle and cut into quarters.  
2. In small bowl, combine cream cheese and cinnamon. Spread over waffle bites.  
3. Top each bite with peaches and sprinkle with walnuts.



### PINEAPPLE AND SHRIMP SKEWERS WITH THAI PEANUT SAUCE

Serves: 1

**1/2 cup Dole Jarred Pineapple Chunks, drained**  
**6 medium cooked shrimp**  
**1 small lime, halved**  
**1 teaspoon chopped fresh cilantro**  
**2 tablespoons bottled Thai peanut sauce**

1. On two wooden skewers, alternate threading four pineapple chunks and three shrimp.  
2. Squeeze lime over prepared skewers and sprinkle with cilantro.  
3. Serve with bottled Thai peanut sauce for dipping.