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## AROUND TOWN Outstanding

Wayne Memorial High School's JROTC Zebra Battalion had several of its cadets honored at the recent JROTC Leadership Challenge.

Some 600 JROTC cadets from more than 50 Michigan schools participated in the Leadership Challenge which included a week of barracks life with chow hall food, rock climbing, river rafting, marksmanship and leadership training.

At a graduation ceremony held at the conclusion of the challenge, Wayne Memorial cadets were honored nine times, according to retired U.S. Army 1st Sgt. Steven LaHaine, Wayne's senior instructor.

"In addition the four awards given to first-year cadets for being the top male or female cadet in their company, we also had three of the top cadets in the camp," said LaHaine. "When it was over, Cadet Roger Tanner was named the best male cadet in the state of Michigan and Cadet Briann Winn was named the best female cadet."

On hand for the ceremony was the general in charge of the Michigan National Guard, instructors from all the schools and hundreds of parents.

LaHaine added that it was rewarding to receive the compliments after the ceremony on behalf of the school, the city of Wayne and the district.

## Video contest

First it was a video, *Did Jesus Fart?*, that won an honorable mention in the iFartMobile Commercial Contest. Now Ekklesia, an interdenominational church in Westland, is sponsoring its own video contest.

Launched in March, the church solicited videos communicating the message, "Satan Hates Ekklesia." The top 20 videos, submitted from across the country, were chosen by the church and posted to the Web site, [www.ekkleiadetroit.com/contest](http://www.ekkleiadetroit.com/contest).

Visitors to the Web site can vote on their favorite video or videos, as well as blog about the entries until July 31. The winner, determined by the most votes, will receive a cash prize of \$700.

According to Ekklesia pastor Chris Lambert, the contest was created with four objectives in mind: to increase interest in Jesus; to break down Christian stereotypes, especially for the benefit of non-Christian followers; to develop an online community of creativity that will continue to do more projects like this in the future; and to inspire other churches to artistically proclaim the Kingdom of God in ways that will engage unreached cultures/subcultures.

# Thompson aims for full count committee

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After sending out reminder letters to everyone who attended or those who weren't able to attend last month, Bruce Thompson is hopeful for good participation at Westland's U.S. Census Complete Count Committee meeting Monday.

"I'm hoping to pick up some of the folks who were not able to make it to the first meeting. I've sent them personal letters," said Thompson,

Westland's planning director who is serving as the CCC chairman.

The committee is gearing up to make sure everyone residing in Westland is counted in the 2010 census.

"Our goal is 100-percent participation. I'm asking Rotary, the Lions, etc., all our nonprofits and community groups to come forward to assist us," said Councilman Dewey Reeves, who attended the first meeting.

Getting an accurate count can have a financial impact on a community.

Census population figures are used to allocate much federal and state funding.

"It comes down to \$1,000 per person. It means a lot to the city," Reeves said.

Anyone interested can attend the CCC meeting, but invitations targeted a variety of service organizations and community service-related groups. Some CCC groups establish committees, but Thompson is hopeful that a strategy can be worked out without splitting into smaller groups.

"I'd like to keep it as simple as possible. The more committees, the more work you make," Thompson said. "I'd like to see us do it on a consensus basis. If committees are necessary, great, or we could work it out at the meeting. If we need another meeting, we could schedule it."

The CCC meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday in the council chambers on second floor of Westland City Hall.

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A little over year after having adult stem cell treatment in Thailand for her damaged heart, Tammy Henderson is getting in shape, riding her bicycle and walking, two things that were difficult before the procedure.

## On the mend

### Stem cell therapy helps heal ailing heart of area woman

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tammy Henderson can ride a bike. It might not sound like a big deal, but for a woman who was a hair's breath away from being placed on a heart transplant list two years ago, it's huge ... really huge.

To Henderson and her family, it's a sure sign that the adult stem cell therapy she had in Thailand in April 2008 is slowly repairing her severely damaged heart.

"My doctor fully believes this is working," said Henderson. "My echo showed at least a 5 percent improvement in ejection fraction — how well the heart pumps — and my heart shrunk by 3 mm, which is terrific. Usually, the heart enlarges as it gets worse."

"My oxygen level went up three points. I have been feeling really great, and I'm back to bike riding and walking," she added.

For the Garden City resident, the road to recovery started in 2007 when she and her family started fund raising the estimated \$40,000-\$50,000 needed for the stem cell therapy. She decided to try the treatment at the suggestion of her cardiologist and flew to Thailand last year where she received immature stem cells created from her own cells. The stem cells were injected by catheterization into her body close to her heart.

"It's been eight years since I had my massive heart attack and double bypass," she said. "They told me that without a transplant, I wouldn't live six months and here I am. I've improved. Up to a year ago I think I was using up my reserves, I wonder what they would say now."

A bad heart isn't all Henderson has had to deal with over the years. In 1990, she was diagnosed with stage II Hodgkin's lymphoma. She underwent radiation and chemotherapy and was cancer-free for 11

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TAMMY HENDERSON

years, when she suffered a massive heart attack July 23, 2001. Five days later, she had another attack, so doctors operated to install a heart pump. That evening, she had a mini-stroke. The next day, she had emergency bypass surgery.

In January 2002, she was told by the Henry Ford Transplant Center to start the tests and process for a heart transplant. She went through the process and was within a week of being added to the list when doctors determined she had improved her heart's pumping power by taking a CoQ10 supplement.

Kelly Moyer said her sister, who grew up in Westland and graduated from John Glenn High School, is amazing and the improvements "are exactly what we hoped for."

"In April, her family and I walked the Kensington Park path — 8.5 miles — that includes many hills, I was very impressed with her strength," Moyer said. "A couple of years ago I would have never thought that kind of experience would be possible. Her heart is getting smaller and pumping better, clear medical signs of improvement. I couldn't be more pleased."

While her heart has shown signs of healing, Henderson said she has been cured of chronic sinusitis. She used to spend \$25 month for Zyrtec, but stop taking it in April 2008.

"I have not had a sinus infection since then," she said. "I think the stem cells took care of it. That's a major extra plus."

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## CANDIDATE PROFILES

The following are the first two profiles of nine candidates for city council in the Tuesday, Aug. 4, primary election.



**ELECTION 2009**

Voters will decide which eight will advance to the November general election, when four terms — three four-year and one two-year — will be filled. Vying for a spot are Christine Cicirelli-Bryant, Hal Dunn, Sam Durante, Janet Frederick-Wilson, Adam Hammons, Meriem Kadi, Kenneth Mehl, Dewey Reeves and Mark Rodriguez.

## Hammons: Service is top priority

Why are you seeking a position on Westland City Council?

As a 15-year resident of Westland, I have made community service a top priority of mine. My dedication to community involvement and my commitment to the needs of the citizens of Westland have led me to seek



Hammons

public office. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the council, if elected?

My experience as chairman of the Westland Planning Commission has shown that I have a proven track record to build a consensus among people

Please see HAMMONS, A2

### ADAM HAMMONS

Age: 33  
Employment: Realtor at RE/MAX Classic in Canton, seven years.  
Family: Married to Melissa; son Nolan, 18 months  
Education: Graduate of Grand Valley State University, bachelor's degree in political science, economics and history in 2000  
Community involvement: Current chairman of the Westland Planning Commission; former member of the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals. Also a member of the Westland Rotary, Westland Chamber of Commerce, Mayor William Wild's Foreclosure Task Force and Westland Mission Green.

## Bryant: Dedicated to city's growth

Why are you seeking a position on Westland City Council?

I was born and raised here in Westland. I am proud of my city, and I am dedicated to its success and continued growth. With these tough economic times upon us, I believe that I have the necessary skills and commitment to represent the residents of Westland. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the council, if elected?



Bryant

As a teacher, I have the passion to help families and make a difference in my community. My work experiences have allowed me to work with a variety of people to create new and innovative ways to solve problems and achieve goals.

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### CHRISTINE CICIRELLI BRYANT

Age: 36  
Employment: Wayne-Westland Community Schools  
Family: Married to John Bryant; sons Zachary, 13, and Adler, 5  
Education: Graduated from John Glenn High School in 1991, received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2008  
Community involvement: Currently a member of the Westland Youth Assistance Advisory Board, Rouge River Cleanup volunteer, Relay for Life participant, Goodfellows volunteer.

# Guitar to golf, Lyman Foundation works for autistic program

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Take your pick: You can grab your clubs and head to the Hickory Creek Golf Course on Saturday, Aug. 8, or pay \$10 for a raffle ticket for a Steve Yzerman-autographed Detroit Red Wings guitar. Whatever your choice, you'll be helping the Lyman Foundation in its support of the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City.

"There's no funding available that we're aware of to enhance the programs at Burger," said Becky Viola, president of the Lyman Foundation. "We able to give \$10,000-\$15,000 to Burger to fund school activities."

Burger School is a program drawing students with autism from throughout Wayne County. The Lyman Foundation evolved from an annual golf outing held in honor of the late Gary Lyman. While its focus is on the autistic program offered through the Garden City Public Schools, its members come from as close as Garden City to as far away as Ann Arbor and Milford. Viola is among six foundation members that hail from Livonia.

"All of our members are just members," she said. "We all learn a lot by doing. We're not a closed organization, we're always looking for members."

On average 260 golfers turn out for the annual golf outing which, with several other fund-raisers, helps finance a Cub Scout pack, a Princess Club, track and field day, the school choir and a talent show. The foundation works col-



Lyman Foundation members Becky Viola (from left), Melanie Burkett and Donna Lober show off a customized Fender Startocaster guitar which is being auctioned off to raise money to continue the non-profit's work at the Burger Center for Students with Autism.

laboratively with the Burger Association for Students with Autism on long-term projects like renovating three teaching kitchens and refurbishing the gymnasium for the Burger program housed at the Cambridge Center. It also provides four \$500 grants to Burger staff members "to do projects that enhance the curriculum," Viola said.

This year's golf outing will be

held at the Hickory Creek Golf Course in Ypsilanti. It will have two shotgun starts — 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Some spots are open for the morning tee time and registrations are being accepted for the afternoon round. The outing costs \$100 per person. People interested in playing can call Sharon Lundie at (734) 728-4919.

The outing also is providing the backdrop for the guitar

raffle. Custom made by Tom Miller of Farmington Hills, the guitar features the Detroit Red Wings logo and has been signed by soon-to-be Hall of Famer Yzerman. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Fanatic U, 30409 Ford Road, Garden City. The drawing will be at 6 p.m. at the golf outing, and the winner doesn't need to be present.

Miller makes custom-

ized guitars as a hobby. He's connected to Burger School through his wife Donna, who teaches there. Working with Tom Voyles of DPI Graphics, Miller transformed a Fender Startocaster guitar into the Red Wings collectible. Voyles, also a Farmington Hills resident, is licensed to use the Red Wings logo and does most of the Red Wing graphics seen around Joe Louis Arena.

"He took the body and matched it up with a Red Wing logo," Miller said. "I striped down the guitar and painted it red or white. Most people seem to like the red with the white logo."

He got the idea for the Red Wings guitar when guitar manufacturer Fender came out with limited edition guitars for each of the NHL teams. Miller saw one and investigated how to do it.

He's done Red Wing guitars in red and in white for his daughters, who have been able to get Chris Chelios, Kris Draper and Gordie Howe to autograph them. He credits Darlene Jablonowski of Garden City with getting Yzerman to sign the guitar. Jablonowski's son Connor attends Burger and had Donna Miller as his teacher.

"She took it upon herself to take it to a game," he said. "He was in the room, she presented it to him and he said he'd be happy to do it. I think that's cool."

For Viola and her fellow foundation members, work begins in late September or early October. That's when grants start coming out and the group starts planning for its bowling fund-raiser and a family fun day. Viola admits that there's so much work to do that being on the foundation could be a full-time job.

"We're not a closed organization — we're always looking for members — but we want members who like to work," she said. "But we believe strongly in the students. That's why we do this."

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## AROUND WESTLAND

### Flea market

If you have items you're interested in selling bring them to the Westland Bowl Parking lot located at 5940 N. Wayne Road for its Outdoor Flea Market 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 18-19. Daily reservation rate is \$15 (does not include table) for a nine-foot by 18-foot space. Space must be reserved prior to date of event and spaces are on a first come-first serve basis. For more information, call (734) 732-6895.

### Free seminar

The public is invited to attend a free seminar on downsizing at Westhaven Manor in Westland at 1 p.m. Friday, July 24. The seminar, "Simplify your Life: A Moving Experience," is for seniors and anyone else who would like to know how to downsize their possessions and pack their valuables. It will be held in Westhaven's Cards and Games Gallery. Refreshments will be served. The retirement community

is at 34601 Elmwood Ave., off Wildwood north of Ford in Westland.

### In concert

There'll be a familiar face at Sunday evening's summer concert at the Performance Pavilion of the William P. Faust Public Library Sunday, July 19. Scott Cramer, band teacher at John Glenn High School, will be directing the Novi Concert Band when it performs a variety of music, beginning at 6 p.m. Bring your own chairs or blan-

kets. In the event of rain, the concert will be rescheduled, if possible.

The library is on Central City Parkway, just north of Ford. For more information, call (734) 722-7620 or (734) 522-3918.

### Senior Olympics

The deadline is Monday, July 27, to register for the fifth annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics. The event is scheduled for Aug. 17-21, and is being hosted by Plymouth, Plymouth Township and

Redford Township. The event includes a variety categories and competitions. Opening day festivities include the opening ceremony and breakfast with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

For more information, call the Westland Senior Resources Department at (734) 722-7628.

### Fire Academy

The application deadline is Wednesday, July 22, for 2009 Citizen Fire Academy. Individuals who want to learn

more about how the Westland Fire Department is organized and operates, are invited to participate in the 32-hour program.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and either live or work in Westland. Sessions are approximately 3-4 hours in length and will be held on July 31, Aug. 2, 7 and 9.

For more information, visit the city website at [www.cityof-westland.com](http://www.cityof-westland.com) or contact Scott Neal of the Westland Fire Department at (734) 467-3182.

**WESTLAND CAR CARE TOWING**

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction July 21, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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**BRYANT**  
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What do you see as the issues facing the city at this time?  
 The biggest issue facing Westland right now is the city's budget. Continued cuts in state shared revenues to the city and other decreases in city revenue will require innovative ways to cut costs while

preserving essential services. Other priorities of mine include filling empty buildings, encouraging residents to participate in the new recycling program, working toward re-opening Central City Park and preventing blight. These are the issues many residents have expressed to me during my door-to-door campaigning. How would you address those issues?

I will thoroughly examine the budget to find ways of keeping essential services without raising taxes. The number of vacant homes is on the rise. We must hold banks and property owners accountable for maintaining foreclosed property. Actively promoting all that Westland has to offer will draw in new families and businesses

**HAMMONS**  
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and that I have the ability to work well with others. My business background has given me the experience and knowledge to work with and develop budgets. What do you see as the issues facing the city at this time?

We must maintain a balanced budget that continues to have a general fund surplus. This must be done without a reduction in essential services, such as police, fire and EMS. We must also address blight that is created by foreclosed properties and vacant commercial properties. How would you address those issues?

A three-year budget would make the city more fiscally responsible. We need to start analyzing our long-term cost immediately. Continue to fully fund our police and fire departments. Stronger ordinances that levy steep fines against banks, lenders and vacant property owners who fail to maintain property.

creating revenue and jobs. What do you want voters to know about you?  
 If elected, residents will find me accessible to them. I will be dedicated to resolving any issues to the best of my ability and they can expect that my votes will have their best interest in mind. I am eager and excited to serve my community and make a difference.

What do you want voters to know about you?  
 I am an honest, dedicated and an experienced leader that is committed to making the city of Westland a clean, safe and prosperous place to live. My enthusiasm, hard work and ability to think outside of the box will be a great benefit to the city and the citizens of Westland.

**CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING**

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

**Case #1092G, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Yun's Village Expansion, Hunter Park Plaza, 32868 Warren Road, Parcel #011-99-0027-700, Northeast Corner of Warren Road and Venoy Road, Yun Chiu Wong.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., August 4, 2009.

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Adams Hammons, Chairman  
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

**Case #1382I, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Kroger Fuel Station, Parcel #056-99-0001-724, West Side of Merriman Road, South of Cherry Hill Road, Chris Rogers (Gary M. Tischler).**

**Case #1531J, Proposed Land Division, Parcel 015-99-0011-702, West Side of Wayne Road, North of Warren Road, Westland Shopping Center, Andrew Wiggers (Scott M. Boggio).**

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WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

**Case #1932C, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed 24 Hour Convenience Store Use, 8755 N. Middlebelt Road, Parcel #005-01-1260-000, Southwest corner of Middlebelt Road and Joy Road, Mike Saad (Jim Safiedine).**

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Open Door Ministry volunteer Sue Smith packs canned goods for distribution to hungry people. She is a resident of Westland.

## Ministry finding ways to keep its doors open

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton food bank has found a way to continue serving hundreds of financially troubled families, including Westland residents, as its leaders work with township officials to address building-code problems.

Open Door Ministry, spearheaded by Canton-based Connection Church, has initiated a plan officials hope will ease any lingering fears of whether the food bank will survive.

"Things are moving quite rapidly in a favorable direction," ministry Director Steve Darr said.

Until the organization can fix dozens of building issues, it has halted its practice of having families come inside

the building — a former cardboard factory on Lilley south of Michigan Avenue — to pick up their donated food.

Instead, families drive up near a garage door, and volunteers standing outside use a two-way radio to place an order that is brought from inside the building to the waiting recipients.

It's essentially a drive-through service, Darr said. "They don't come in the building."

Open Door provides food for about 320 families — or around 1,000 people — every Thursday. It has put other services, such as job-hunting assistance and a clothing bank, on hold for now.

The ministry already has taken certain steps to address building problems,

such as having its fire extinguishers certified, tearing down old interior walls and ripping out aging stairways that didn't meet township codes, Darr said.

Open Door also has initiated plans to improve and mark its exits with proper lighting, and Darr said the organization is exploring with township officials all the steps that may be required before people can be allowed to congregate inside the building.

"That's still being worked out," he said.

Township officials were stung by earlier concerns that they might shut down Open Door Ministry, saying that was never their intention. Rather, they said they simply wanted to work with ministry leaders to fix building-code problems and

ensure a proper certificate of occupancy.

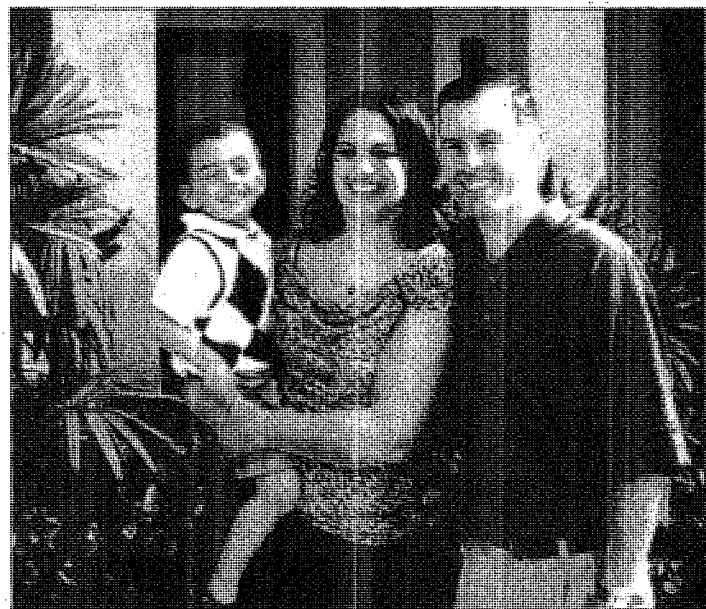
To that end, the township even found an architect firm to work without pay to help the ministry address the issues.

"We're doing everything we can to assist them," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Thursday, adding that Open Door Ministry provides a "very important" service to people struggling with basic necessities.

Darr remains hopeful the entire situation could be resolved within two to four months, although he couldn't say with certainty.

LaJoy had previously said that while there may be obstacles, "we think we can work through those."

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The Fletcher family, son Drew, Stephanie and Don.

## E-newsletter winner off to see Beyonce

Stephanie Fletcher, a computer systems administrator from Plymouth, won the Hometownlife.com Beyonce ticket contest and received two tickets to the July 18 show at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"Wow I can't believe that I won something and Beyonce at that!" said, Fletcher.

Fletcher, pictured with husband Dan and son Drew, 3, signed up for our new E-newsletters at Hometownlife.com in the first days of the contest and waited to see who would win the random drawing with hundreds of other readers. Fletcher — a subscriber to the *Plymouth Observer* for the past three years — was randomly selected Friday.

The Beyonce tickets have been awarded but there are plenty more concerts this summer so the contest goes on.

*Garden City* and *Westland Observer* readers still have a chance to win tickets to Dave Matthews Band, Randy Travis, American Idols Live and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Anyone who signs up for our new E-newsletter will be entered into a random drawing for two tickets to one of the concerts. Drawings will take place a week before each show. The DSO's Tchaikovsky Spectacular is July 25 at Meadow Brook Music Festival so hurry and sign up for a chance to win.

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## HENDERSON

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Henderson still gets a call from Thailand every few months to see how she is doing and keeps in contact with other patients on Facebook and MySpace on the Internet. People also contact her to "see what my opinion" is about stem cell therapy.

And she still receives donations. Recently, a couple sent her a check for \$200 and postage stamps. The message was simply, "Do something nice with your family." Henderson set the envelope aside, but said she now knows what she will do with the money — take a vacation to the Wisconsin Dells and maybe a trip to Frankenmuth.

"I haven't been on a real vacation with my family for years," she said. "In the past I didn't want to be to far from Henry Ford Hospital. You never know, especially with your heart. I was afraid to go to far away."

Moyer hopes that some day the stem cell therapy will be available in the United States. Her sister said there's a possibility it could be done at Henry Ford within a year.

"I pray that this treatment will be available in the U.S. as soon as possible," Moyer said. "For someone sick to have to travel around the world for treatment is just absurd, especially living in the U.S. We live in the best country in the world, it doesn't seem right."

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Police hope 'black box' will answer questions

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Police won't be completely finished this week with the investigation into the train-car collision that killed five young people July 9 — for instance, toxicology reports are still likely weeks away — but investigators are hoping to have a lot more answers.

One key source of potential information, according to Canton Police, is the "black box" from the Ford Fusion driven by Daniel Broughton, who tried to beat a 530-ton Amtrak passenger train across the railroad crossing on Hannan.

Police sought a search warrant for the box, a move that became necessary, Canton Police Department spokesman Sgt. Mark Gajeski explained, once the car was removed from the accident scene. The car, which belongs to Broughton's mother, Donna Broughton of Woodhaven, was taken to Westland Car Care Center.

Surveillance video taken by a nearby company showed Broughton passing a white SUV already stopped at the tracks, where video and witness accounts say the gates were down and lights were flashing. The train struck the



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A makeshift memorial is at the Hannan Road railroad crossing where five young people died.

Fusion as it tried to cross.

What the video doesn't show is whether Broughton attempted to slow or at what speed he was traveling, questions Gajeski said police hope the black box will answer.

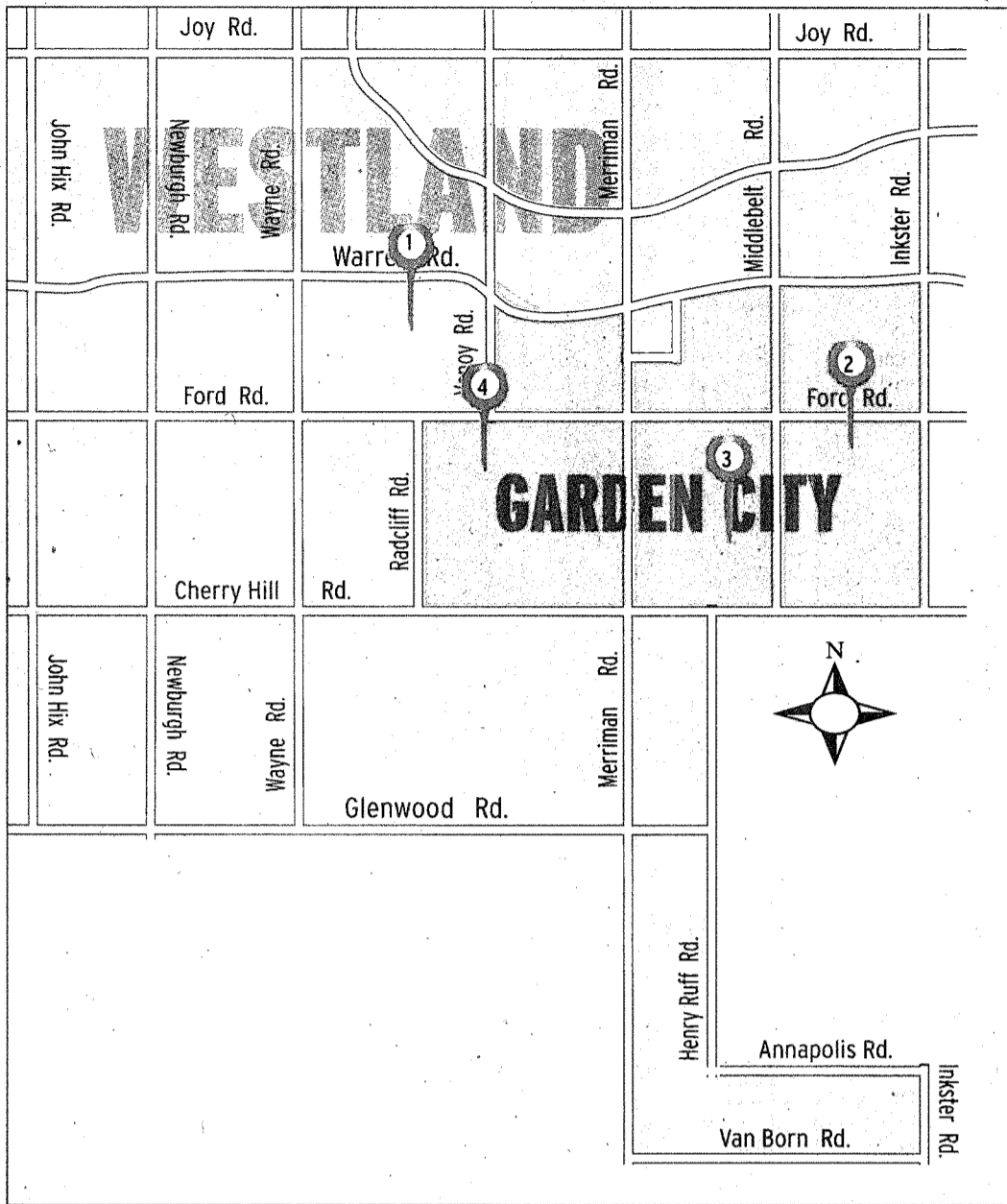
"Right now, we're waiting for that box," Gajeski said. "Hopefully, they'll be able to download the data from it."

The medical examiner's report, which will come when toxicology results are in, should show whether alcohol or drugs were a factor. Gajeski

said at the scene the day of the accident there was "nothing to indicate" anything of that nature.

Published reports have since said Broughton, 19, was hurrying to avoid being late for work. Killed with him in the accident were Jessica Sadler, 14, of Wayne; brothers Sean Harris, 19, of Taylor and Terrence Harris, 21, of Stafford, Va.; and Eddie Gross, 17 of Taylor.

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## Teens robbed of cell phones, money

### Armed robbery

Police were called to an apartment in the 7000 block of East Bonnie just after 3 a.m. July 10 when two teens reported being robbed at gunpoint.

The pair, a 16-year-old Westland resident and a 15-year-old from Garden City, told officers they were in the parking lot waiting for a ride when a vehicle pulled up and two men exited. The men approached and one ordered them to empty their pockets, the teens told the officers.

The teens each reported a cell phone stolen and one also said \$10 had been stolen.

The two told the officers that the men, one of whom was carrying what appeared to be a gun covered with a red rag, got back into a vehicle driven by a third man and containing a female passenger.

### Property damage

A surveillance tape at Chase Bank, 28925 Ford, caught a man defacing the building with what Garden City police described as vomit placed in a plastic bag.

Bank security, a bank employee and the police were able to identify the culprit as a 52-year-old Dearborn Heights man.

The tape showed the man carrying the foul smelling liquid material about 11 p.m. July

8, which was poured in the vestibule near the ATM machine. He also poured the substance on the ATM machine and on its keyboard and made an effort to squish more of under the door.

The tape also showed the man returning later to the bank with a woman to presumably show her what he did. The police located the bag in a nearby bush.

The bank employee said that a lot of time was spent trying to clean up the damage. He said the entire ATM machine may have to be replaced.

### Home invasion

A resident in the 29500 block of Sheridan returned home July 10 after a two-day vacation to find his TV and some cash gone. The police were investigating who had keys or access to the home during that time.

### Larceny

When an 81-year-old man went to pick up a pizza at 3:30 p.m. July 6, he noticed that the grill on his 1988 Mercury Marquis was missing. He was parked in the Kroger lot at 5866 Middlebelt.

### Vandalism

The owner of a 2003 Ford Taurus who lives in the 33200 block of John Hawk told

police someone shattered the car window July 8.

He said that he has had troubles with juveniles in his neighborhood in the past who have egged his property and who pound on his doors, according to the police report.

### Larceny

A resident in the 29500 block of Florence said that on July 12 someone stole some amplifiers from his 1995 Dodge Dakota that was parked in his driveway.

There was no signs of forced entry.

### Expired plate

When the police stopped a 21-year-old Dearborn driver July 13 at Marquette and Middlebelt because he had an expired plate on his Nissan Altima, they also learned that his license was suspended and he had warrants out of Redford and Dearborn.

### Larceny

A thief stole items from two vehicles parked July 13 in the driveway in the 33000 block of Donnelly. Change was taken from a 1993 Ford Taurus and an iPod was taken from a 2007 Ford Explorer.

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# Loyalty, love not part of investment equation

It's hard to believe that in six weeks General Motors declared bankruptcy, developed a reorganization plan, had the plan accepted by the creditors and now has become the new General Motors.

The new GM is supposedly leaner and meaner and better able to compete in the worldwide economy. Hopefully, this will be the case, however, it is still too early to tell. After all, worldwide the entire auto industry is experiencing difficulties and the new GM will undoubtedly face certain challenges.

While in some ways the new GM looks the same as the old yet in other ways it will be totally different. One way is ownership. One new owner — the U.S. government — has received very little publicity. The U.S. government owns a majority of the new company. In addition, the Canadian government, along with the United Auto Workers Health Trust, will also be major shareholders in the new General Motors.

The fact that governments are now the major shareholders will certainly have an effect, good or bad, on how the company is managed.

You may be asking what happened to all the individual shareholders that owned General Motors stock before it went into bankruptcy. The short answer is they received nothing from their investment. Their investment in the old GM is worthless and they have no ownership interest in

the new company.

Lost in the discussion of the General Motors bankruptcy has been the individual shareholder. The individual shareholder virtually had no rights in the bankruptcy.

I believe it is important to understand what happened to the individual shareholder because, unfortunately, too many individuals continued to retain GM stock even as its finances continued to fail, not

because they thought it was a solid investment but out of loyalty. Loyalty is a great attribute in many situations. However, as an investor loyalty should not factor into the decision making process. Your investments don't love you, so you shouldn't love them.

Never forget we invest money to make money. That concept should be the guiding light when it comes to investing. Unfortunately, many investors

forget about that and let other things such as loyalty enter into the equation. The result is that investors who were loyal to GM now find their investment is worthless. They have no ownership interest in the new company and all they will receive is a tax write off.

The fact that shareholders will have no interest in the new GM is not surprising. It wasn't too long ago the same thing happened to Kmart shareholders.

Investors have to realize that in a bankruptcy preceding the shareholder is last in line. When a publicly held company declares bankruptcy, shareholders will not benefit.

Whenever you buy a stock and invest in equities there is a risk that if the company does run into financial difficulty, your investment may become worthless. This is a risk that every investor has to accept. After all, if it can happen to GM, it can

happen to any company.

Even though investors cannot prevent companies from going into bankruptcy, they need to be monitor their investments. Loyalty should not be a consideration in deciding to sell.

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).



Money Matters

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## Complex to host Special Olympics

Athletes from around the state will gather this weekend when the 2009 Special Olympics Michigan State Summer Sports Classic tees off Friday and Saturday.

The golf competition is set for Friday at the Pine View Golf Course in Ypsilanti, with the softball competition set for Saturday at the Canton Softball Complex.

The golf competition will involve a nine-hole course play, including an individual skills contest and a Unified format, which involves Special Olympics athletes participating on the same team with non-Special Olympics players.

It's the 19th straight year Canton Softball Complex has been the home of the Special Olympics Michigan State Softball Tournament.

Competition for both days begins at 8:30 a.m. The two-day event can be a stepping stone toward the National Games in Nebraska in 2010. In the past, teams have been selected from this competition to participate in the Special Olympics National Games.

The State Summer Sports Classic is one of seven annual state-level competitions for athletes of Special Olympics Michigan. The Special Olympics Michigan programs are offered at no cost to athletes or their families.

"Through these various competitions Special Olympics Michigan provides, athletes are given continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other athletes and the community," said Kimberly Purdy, public relations manager for Special Olympics Michigan.

The State Summer Sports Classic "would not be a success without all of the people involved, including athletes, volunteers and sponsors," Purdy pointed out. The State Summer Sports Classic brings together over 100 volunteers who help the athletes compete in their respective sports.

The presenting sponsor for this year's event is Amerisure Insurance. Statewide partners include Spartan Stores, Real Estate One, Wertz Warriors, Water Warriors, Law Enforcement Torch Run and Knights of Columbus.

For more information, directions or schedules for the State Summer Sports Classic, visit [www.somi.org](http://www.somi.org)

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HOSPITAL WELLNESS CALENDAR

**Garden City Hospital**, at 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup includes:

**Monday, July 20**  
Childbirth Education (second of six classes) at 6 p.m. The six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. There is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 to register.

**Tuesday, July 21**  
Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The exercise program is designed to

help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. Fee is \$30 per month. Call (734) 458-3242.

**Diabetes Self-Management Education** (third of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. A comprehensive series, participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans.

Call (734) 458-3481 to register. **Strength and Stretch** at 2 p.m. is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help strengthen and define muscles, as well as increase flexibility. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

**Cerebral Aneurysm and Stroke Club** at 7:30 p.m. Support is offered to those who have had an aneurysm or stroke as well as to their family and friends. The club meets in Garden City Hospital's Rehabilitation Unit dining room. Call (734) 458-4392.

**Wednesday, July 22**

**CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic** at 5 p.m. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, from 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 for more information.

**First Aid (ARC)** at 6 p.m. This American Red Cross class teaches how to care for injuries, sudden illness and other emergencies at home or on the job. The class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health and Education Center at 6701 Harrison, north of Maplewood. There is a \$25 fee. Participants will receive a

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**Eating Disorders Support Group** at 7 p.m. is for individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Men, women and teens invited to attend. Call (734) 458-4330. **Diabetes "Summer School"** at 6 p.m. Garden City Hospital is offering its seventh annual Diabetes Summer School as an alternative to the Diabetes Support Group. This group will meet at the Westland Specialty Center, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Each

session will include speakers, presentations, discussions, displays, and book sales. Light refreshments (30 grams of carbohydrates) will be offered. There is no fee. July 22 session is Garden City Hospital's fourth annual Diabetes Olympics - an evening of fun, games, prizes and education. Call (734) 458-4330 to register.

**Thursday, July 23**

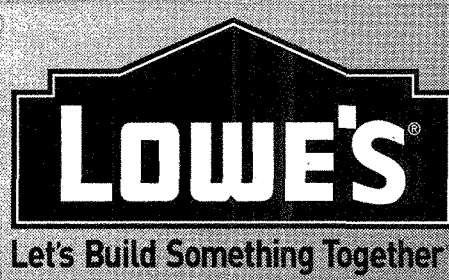
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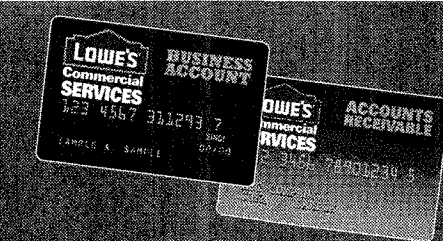
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Storytelling is the most ancient of art forms and, perhaps, the most respected because of its abilities to entertain and educate, relating experiences, cultural traditions and morals. Because each story is related in the words and gestures of the speaker, the listener is receiving the story in the most intimate and animated of interactions.

The oral form of storytelling may have lost some of its original appeal because of peoples' busy lives and the need for a more compatible way (like books) to carry our stories with us, but most people still like being entranced by the work of a good storyteller - and most people continue to tell stories to their families and friends, if only to relate our experiences and our understanding of those experiences. Children, especially, take well to the transporting effect of a good storyteller using his or her bag of tricks to keep the listeners' eyes and imagination on their tale.

But what makes a good storyteller and how can the non-storytellers among us become better storytellers to our children and friends? In "Improving Your Storytelling" Doug Lipman shows it is not just having a great voice which makes a great storyteller. There is a definite sense of timing needed, as well as the ability to convince an audience of particular time through your language (which admittedly is a lot easier if you are talking about your own family or regional traditions). Also important is the storyteller's physical presence conveyed through his or her gestures, clothing, and body language.

If you are interested in learning more about storytelling, the Westland Public Library is hosting a free storytelling workshop hosted by storyteller and educator Rob McCabe. The workshop will be a one-day affair, running from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 22. If you cannot attend the workshop, but would still like to learn more, check out the above-named storytelling book in addition to Pete Seeger's "Storytelling Book and Storytelling: Art and Technique."

The Reference Desk would be glad to help you find any of these books and also to sign you up for the limited-space workshop. Please call (734) 326-6123 for help or visit the Reference Desk inside the library. The library website - www.westlandlibrary.org - has information on this and many other great programs being hosted there.

**Highlighted Activities**  
**Dog Training with Michael Burkey's Canine Behavioral Services:** 11 a.m. July 18  
"Dog behavior problems, such as aggression, anxiety, or biting can be replaced with good behavior with effective and humane dog training. Internationally recognized Michigan dog training expert, Michael Burkey, will show you how." (www.michigandogtrainer.com) Michael will give examples with his dog only (no other dogs, please). Sign up at the Reference Desk to reserve your spot.

**Information Central** was compiled by reference librarian Andy Schuck. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

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## OUR VIEWS

### 'Change or Die': Let panel do job

The Internet is one of those places where people can hide behind fictitious names and post comments that can range from accurate and well-informed to outlandish and asinine. A case in point are those posted on a story about the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' 21st Century Committee beginning its work of planning for the district's future.

If you believe Debi911, the district is using "a Communist dictator as a model" and his propaganda creed of "Change or Die." Debi911 also urges "government schools to be closed down once and for all."

We have to wonder what Debi11 thinks about the changes that Chrysler and GM just went through. Both companies were on the brink of extinction when they filed for bankruptcy. Their choice was "Change or Die." Both companies chose the former over the latter, and they have emerged from bankruptcy, a lot different from when they entered it.

And even more businesses are facing the same choice in this current economic climate. Because it was used by Mao Tse Tung, it doesn't mean "Change or Die" is communism. It's a reality. If you want to survive today, you have to adapt, and that's the mission of Wayne-Westland's 21st Century Committee.

Wayne-Westland is facing several problems. It is losing students — 1,800 since the 1990s — and the losses continue. The lack of jobs is forcing families to leave the state. Each child that leaves the Wayne-Westland represents a loss of close to \$8,000 in state school aid, which is the district's primary funding source. The state budget is in shambles and being propped up by federal stimulus money. When it's gone in two years, the holes in the budget will be in the billions of dollars.

The district has used up its fund equity to keep its current educational program intact. It cannot go out and ask for new millage to replace the lost revenue. It has to find a way to continue to provide students with a quality education.

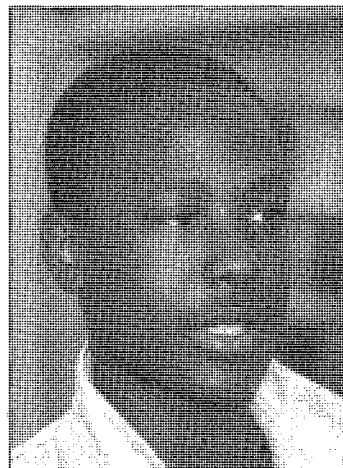
Wayne-Westland can't continue down the same road it's on now. Status quo will leave the district up to its eyeballs in deficit and hacking away at the educational program won't help. You need only look to the Garden City Public Schools, where they've cut staff and programs, but still face an uphill battle to get out of debt.

It doesn't matter who said it or what his or her political beliefs were, we believe the school district is on the right course. It has to "Change or Die." It understands that it must transform itself to meet the needs of its students. We urge people, including Debi911, to hold off on their comments until the committee has done its work. Now is not the time to be throwing stones.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

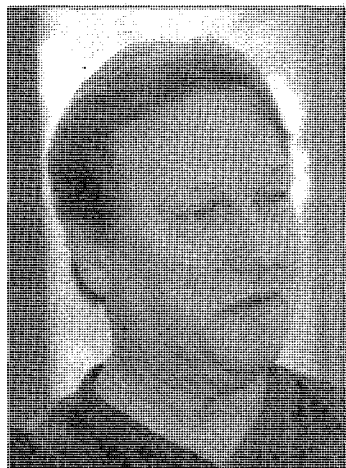
Recently there was talk in Lansing about the state adding more days to the school year. What do you think about having a longer school year?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



"I don't like it. If we have school six-seven days a week, people won't come."

Daquon Thomas  
Detroit



"I don't have any idea. They could leave it as is and improve our image. Image is part of creating jobs."

Matthew Slaughter  
Wayne



"Actually, I believe schools should be privatized. It's three months off in the summer, if you have public schools. It should be more like the real world."

Steve Belfari  
Garden City



"That's bad, it'll make the summer shorter."

Dustin Clark  
Garden City

## LETTERS

### Cruise was a success

Thank you to everyone who showed up, sponsored, advertised with or just passed the word around about Cruisin' Michigan Avenue. I have no idea how many cars and spectators showed up, but I would have to say we easily doubled the count over last year.

More businesses joined in, more parties appeared along the route and WOMC did a great remote at Village Ford.

The Emergency Vehicle Show, hosted by Anthony J. Rzcuidlo, was a great success, second to none as part of a cruise. Anthony put this show together with the support of Priority One in Livonia.

And as you can see, we are already working on promoting next year's show. If you would like to get on board for next year drop me a note and we can start working on your promotions.

A limited supply of T-shirts, polo shirts, calendars and license plates are still available. Call me at (734) 658-5296.

Don Nicholson  
Westland

### We're doomed, huh?

Well, those conservative Republicans just keep putting us in doom and gloom. Phil from Westland has us going right to the poor house. Barack isn't doing anything right. He is actually trying to reform health care? Why, it is great just the way it is. And then, of course, he is to blame for the unemployment problem. It has nothing to do with the previous administration ignoring the fiscal problems we faced with him in office.

And gas will go up to \$8 a gallon. Wow, last year at this time it was well over \$3 for us summer travelers and now, just six months into Obama's presidency it is under \$2.40.

Yesterday I got my IRA statement and I actually made money for the first time in over a year.

Maybe we're better off being cursed by Obama then blessed by Bush.

Skip Wehrle  
Garden City

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voice, on the Web at hometownlife.com.

### • Saving the Quo Vadis

Maybe the group led by those two young men that thought the old building should be saved have an idea. Here is their chance - or did they just want to save the old building just to watch it sit there as it is? Well, gentleman, what is your plan?

rodneyfield

I am one of the two young men who attempted to save the building, and we are currently attempting to get ahold of the developer and discuss a price for the property. Once established, we shall begin fund-raising events to attempt to purchase the building and then restore and clean the building and reopen it to a working long-term business in the community.

Last I talked to Mayor Wild, he said the Sonic was having troubles getting money as well, but is pretty sure that it will still put its business in Westland.

ziggytoast

## Value your hometown newspaper

What if our local newspaper went out of business? What would we lose as a community the day our newspaper dies? If our local paper dies, could it be resuscitated?

It hit me watching the Fourth of July parade in downtown Northville. I thought I would enjoy reading the local newspaper, the *Northville Record*, next week to capture the simple joys of a parade — kids marching, the smiles on young and old faces as the clown came by, and the salutes from the war veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the recent



Tom Watkins

heroes back from fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But what if our hometown paper ceases to exist? No, I haven't even heard a rumor to this effect — but given what is happening to the newspaper business across the country, but the thought is not that far-fetched.

We are losing great newspapers and writers to budget cuts. What makes us believe our local community paper will be immune? This would be an enormous blow to our collective freedom and our democracy. The great news reporter Walter Cronkite remarked, "Freedom of the press is not just important to democracy; it is democracy." We need to know what is going on in our world, nation and state — but no one covers our hometown like the local paper.

What if the *Observer & Eccentric* and the *Hometown* weeklies go the way of far too many good newspapers across the country and disappear with the latest wave of economic bad news? Sure, you will still get the Tigers, Lions and Red Wings scores, the latest problems from our State Capitol and updates on the most recent national scandal. You don't need the local press to be inundated with the Michael Jackson stories of the world — unless you want the "local angle."

Our newspapers and our democracy are dependent on the economy and advertising dollars. Both are in a sharp decline. The reality is that ad revenue is down for newspapers. Advertising reportedly represents 75 percent to 80 percent of most newspaper companies' revenue. It is a sad and unfortunate reality that the cost of our freedom and knowledge is dependent on the bottom line.

But a community that loses its local paper loses part of its community soul.

No, our world will not come to an end if we don't read about the newest flavor at Guernsey's Farm Dairy, that the cow had a new calf at the farm in Maybury State Park, the Tuscan Cafe's women's softball team made the playoffs (even though all teams that sign up make the playoffs), what's happening at Jack's Barber shop, what is playing at the Tipping Point or Marquis Theater, the father-daughter St. Valentine Day's dance will be held at the Rec Center again this year,

or our local schools produce nationally recognized students while struggling financially due to the state's economic woes.

This is our hometown community, family, friends, connections. The true simple pleasures in life that happen close to home are what truly matter. It is good to see the news about our local businesses, and what our hometown mayor, City Council, County Commission or Township Board are doing.

The *Detroit News*, the *Detroit Free Press* and the *Oakland Press* all do an admirable job attempting to cover the multitude of small communities that make up southeast Michigan. Yet, as hard as they try, they cannot capture the local culture and makeup, nuances and the small things that make our local communities unique. Nor will they devote the ink or newsprint to cover the PTA, VFW, Rotary, Optimist, Lions, Moose, new school bus routes, police blotter, the new technology at our local library and the many other events that document the wonderful things about our local community.

### DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU GOT TIL IT'S GONE

What can you do to help? Do you believe having a hometown newspaper adds value to your hometown? If the answer is yes, I highly encourage you take the following action:

1) The first and easiest thing we all can do is to renew or take out a subscription to your hometown paper.

2) Encourage your neighbors to sign up for a subscription.  
3) Advertise in the local paper.

4) Frequent the local merchants that advertise. These businesses give back to our community in many ways and need our support and help to stay in business during these tough economic times.

5) Send news to the local editor. Like most businesses, our local papers have cut back and don't have enough reporters to "dig up" the news — so send it to them. Tell them about how Grandpa is turning 100, that the new baby has arrived, the baseball team went undefeated, how the robotics or Odyssey of the Mind team did at the national competition, and the acts of kindness shown by the local high school students.

6) Send a letter to the editor telling him or her how you value your hometown news.

The time to act is now. Our community newspaper is a business. Like all businesses it needs our support to survive and prosper. We should do all we can to help keep our local newspapers alive and covering the good, the bad and ugly to keep us informed about our town.

Let's not let the ink go dry in our community.

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Susan Yerebeck of Brighton and Last Chance Animal Rescue (from left), Andrew Baum at the drive-through window, Jason Smith of Novi and Silver Dairy Operations Manager Gary Bernstein of Farmington enjoy a cool break with their furry friends while planning for this weekend's pet adoption day and fundraiser at the Farmington ice cream store.

JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Retailers, businesses, offer summer camps, activities for kids

An Old Navy camp shirt might be just the thing for this camp.

From July 20-24, Old Navy is partnering with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Canada as well as other youth serving non-profit organizations to offer teens a chance to explore career opportunities in retail and develop valuable job skills.

In more than 450 Old Navy stores across the U.S. and Canada, teens ages 13-18 will become campers at Camp Old Navy, now in its ninth year. Teens will spend the day getting a behind-the-scenes look at how a retail store operates and gaining hands-on experience in retail management, sales and merchandising as they "job shadow" employees.

Participating Old Navy locations are: Novi at the Novi Town Center, Romulus BGCA; Auburn Hills at Baldwin Commons, Detroit Salvation Army; Troy at Midtown Square, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Detroit; and Ann Arbor, Arborland Shopping Center, BGCA of Ypsilanti.

Observer-area Old Navy stores include Old Navy in Farmington Hills.

Also offering youth an insider's look at their business this summer is Uptown Entertainment, an Ilitch-owned company that operates three metro Detroit movie theatres. It will host Harry Potter enthusiasts ages 9-12 for a special, one-time-only Harry Potter Movie Day Camp at the Palladium 12 theatre in downtown Birmingham from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. July 20.

The event features a special showing of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," which hits theatres this week. Participants will also tour behind-the-scenes areas of the theatre, enjoy lunch and movie concessions and dress up as their favorite Harry Potter characters for their own big screen performance. Uptown Entertainment will provide the costumes, as well as gift bags and a DVD of the kids' performances for them to take home.

Tickets are \$50, available at the Palladium 12 at 250 North Old Woodward Avenue in Birmingham or by phone at (248) 723-6220.

Retailers are also offering plain old fashioned fun. Kids Days is a two-day shopping event, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 21 and 22 at Parisian Laurel Park, Livonia.

"We have partnered with local businesses to create a fun and exciting Back to School shopping day for families. All activities are complimentary and will be located in our children's department and our mall courtyard. We will also have a few non-profit organizations for children and animals visiting as well," said Jill Engel, Parisian spokeswoman.

Also, the more Parisian customers buy, the more they'll save that day: from 20 percent for spending \$25 to 30 percent for spending \$75 and more.

Retailers offering activities for the entire family will include: Max & Erma's, Zap Zone Extreme, Livonia Family YMCA, Lightning Speedway, Borders Express, Pump it Up, D&M Art Studios, Michigan Flag Football and Just Baked Cupcake Shop.

### MALLS & MAINSTREETS BENEFITS

#### Pendleton aids Golden Retrievers

Pendleton in Downtown Northville is partnering with the Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan - GRRoM - in a special fundraising sales event. From July 16-18, when you designate your purchase to GRRoM, 10 percent will be donated to GRRoM. A representative from GRRoM, along with a foster Golden Retriever, will be there from 12-3 p.m. each day to answer questions.

For more information about Pendleton, call (248) 596-9820. For more information about GRRoM, visit www.grrrom.com. Ice cream social and pet adoption From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 19, Silver Dairy, 32323 Grand River Ave., Farmington, will host a pet adoption day and fund raiser for Last Chance Rescue Animal Rescue of

Howell, Brighton and Flint. There will be animals to adopt and partial proceeds of sales will go to the organization. Dogs are welcome, cones for dogs are available. The event is being held on the weekend of the Farmington Founders Festival. (248) 474-6609

#### Coffee for a cause

From noon to 5 p.m. July 18-19, Biggby's Store 241, 1952 South Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, will celebrate its one year anniversary by donating \$1 for each drink sold to Variety Far Conservatory. Students will also sell products they created and there will be a Far Band and vocalists, among other activities. Variety FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts enriches the lives of children and adults with special

needs and serves over 2000 individuals in school and community-based programs.

#### Bowl-4-Animal-Rescue

The 4th Annual Bowl-4-Animal-Rescue! is a night of family fun at Aleta Sill's Bowling World, Country Lanes, 30250 W. 9-Mile Road, west of Middlebelt Road in Farmington Hills. The event is 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit the Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network. Tickets are \$25 and include three games, food and shoe rental. There will be auctions, raffles, door prizes, music, karaoke and cash bar. For tickets, call 248-615-9060 or via e-mail: Michelle@YourBowlingCoach.com. Or visit www.YourBowlingCoach.com/Community

## Have fun shopping, exploring downtown areas during festivals, fairs

Summer is great for shopping in downtown areas and having fun at their festivals and fairs, too. Following are a few:

#### FARMINGTON FOUNDERS FESTIVAL

The Farmington Founders Festival is this week, July 17-19. The weekend is one of music, art, and fun for all ages.

The festival is well known for its one-of-kind shopping. In addition to great finds at Art On The Grand and the Crafters Marketplace, the festival is the perfect opportunity to explore downtown Farmington shops and boutiques. There will also be sidewalk sales.

The kids will love the activities. This year's festival has a circus theme. The Meijer Go Playground will feature the Ringling Brothers.

From 5 to 11:30 p.m. each evening, the over 21- crowd can enjoy fine wine, food, and live music in Alley Regalley, in the big white tent on Grand River near Farmington Road. The \$5 cover charge benefits charity partner Make A Wish Foundation.

Find out more at FoundersFestival.com.

#### ANN ARBOR ART FAIR

There'll be lots of art to buy at the 50th annual Ann Arbor Art Fair through July 18 in the heart of the central campus of the University of Michigan. The fair features 150 juried artists, an array of free art activities and performances for the whole family to enjoy.

#### BUY MICHIGAN NOW FESTIVAL

Downtown Northville is the host location for the official "Buy Michigan Now" Festival, July 27-Aug. 2.

Participating organizations will all be Michigan-based. Vendors and exhibitors will be on hand all week to describe services, offer tastings and to demonstrate and sell their products.

Weekday themes draw attention to emerging industries and opportunities. They are: Monday - Going Green in the Eco-Peninsula; Tuesday - Family, Fun, and Food; Wednesday - Wellness Wednesday; Thursday - Creating

Commerce; Friday - Cultivating a Creative Economy; Saturday & Sunday - Made in Michigan Exploration & Celebration.

Hiller's Market in Northville is one of the participants. It will host local companies and products, with samples for shoppers.

"There is so much talent in the state of Michigan - as a business owner, I am honored to highlight the hard work of my neighbors and support our economy by buying their products," said Hiller's Markets CEO Jim Hiller. "Working together, we ensure the viability of this region that much faster."

Hiller's Michigan Food Fair is 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 1-2. Hiller's Michigan stores include a Plymouth location.

Buy Michigan Now Festival attendees will also enjoy downtown Northville events happening throughout the week and sidewalk sales July 31 and Aug. 1.

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## League-leading Rams sweep Eagles

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Scoring early and often was the recipe for success Sunday as the Michigan Rams twice made easy work of the Detroit Eagles in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League play. Backed by a three-hit showing from Aaron Cieslak and strong mound performances by Brady Cooper and Taylor Robson, the Rams rolled to an easy 8-1 victory over the Eagles in game one. Game two wasn't much different as

Cieslak again led the hitting parade with three hits and left-hander Tom Hansen tossed five shutout innings of one-hit ball as the Rams took the nightcap, 10-0, in five innings.

In the opener, the Rams jumped on Eagles starter Chris Whitney for three runs in the second inning. They added two more in the fourth and two in the fifth, knocking Whitney out of the game.

Cieslak drove in three runs in the game and teammate Joe Barnes chipped in with a two-hit performance

that resulted in two RBI and two runs scored. Andrew Ciennik singled, knocked in one run, walked twice and scored two times, while Jake Rhodes singled and scored two runs. Nick Plinka and Justin Forster added to the nine-hit Rams attack with a single each and combined to score three runs.

Cooper earned the victory in the contest with three scoreless innings of work. He faced just 10 batters, striking out four, walking none and not allowing a hit. Robson took over in the fourth and yielded one hit and three walks.

Jeff Beckles had the only hit and RBI for the Eagles.

In the nightcap, the Rams scored two runs in the first, pushed across four more in the second and put the game away with two in each of the third and fourth frames to rack up the win.

Cieslak clubbed two singles and a triple, scored three times and drove in two more to highlight the nine-hit offensive attack. Forster, meanwhile, hammered a double and triple, drove in

Please see **RAMS, B2**

## Moldovan leads area winners at Kingsbury tourney

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia's Bianca Moldovan was a late entry into the 11th annual Jud Kingsbury Memorial Junior Tennis Tournament hosted by the Livonia Family YMCA.

Rated No. 2 in the Girls 12s and No. 16 in the Girls 14s in the latest Southeast Michigan Tennis Association rankings, the unseeded Moldovan moved up two age flights last weekend to earn the Girls 16s singles crown with a 6-1, 6-2 triumph Saturday over Ann Arbor's Courtney Lymburner in the finals at Stevenson High School.

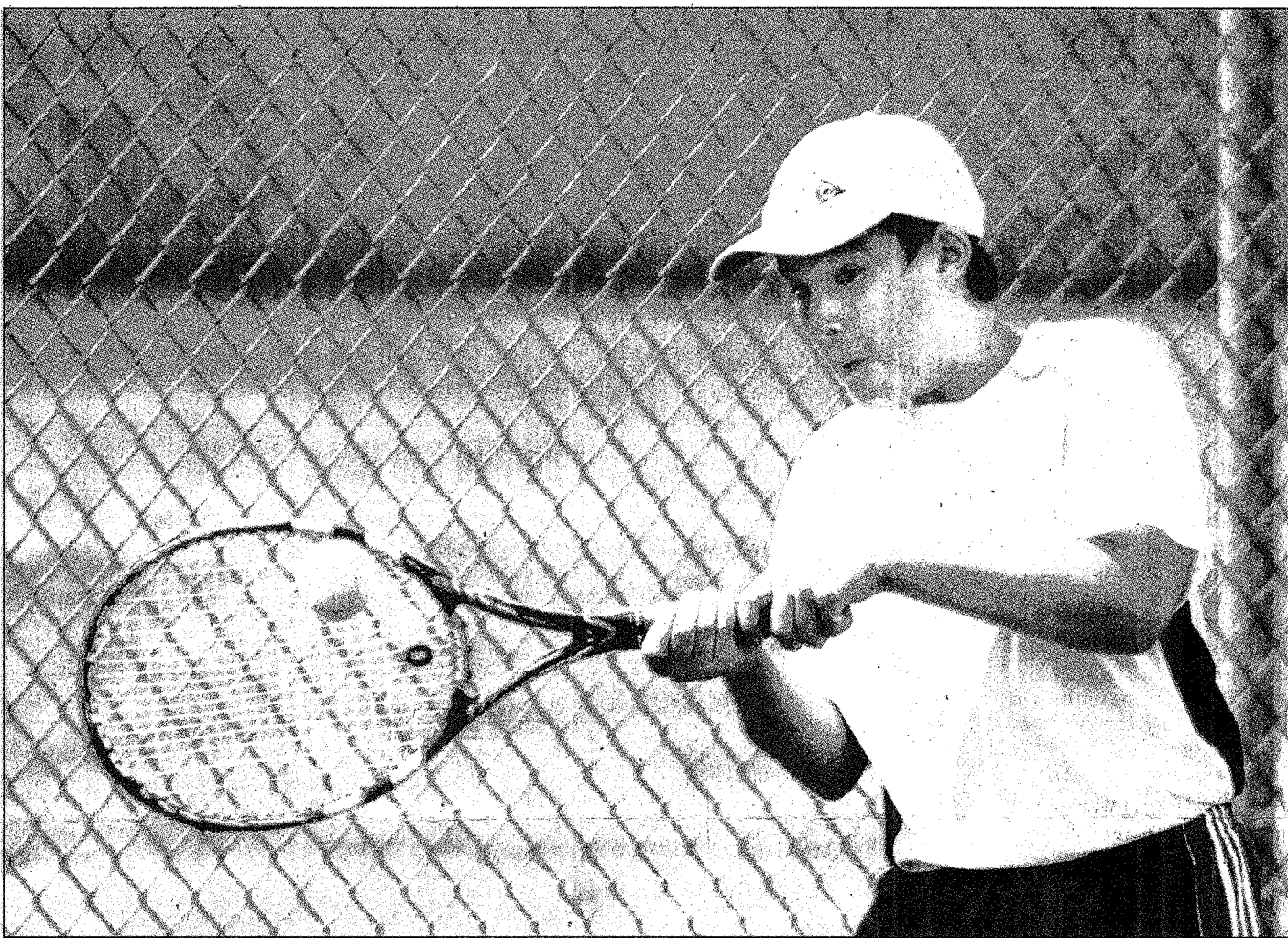
Moldovan, who recently captured the Girls 14s singles title last month at the Schoolcraft College Spring Open and won the SEMTA District Muthig Girls 12 qualifier in May, now sports a 12-month overall record of 45-5 dating back to July of 2008.

Other girls singles winners at the Kingsbury Tournament, included unseeded Emily Nghiem, Franklin Village (Girls 14), who beat Westland's Carolyn McCullen; top seed Marybeth Hurley, Novi (Girls 12); and unseeded Madalyn Winarski, Rochester Hills (Girls 10).

In the Boys 18 singles, unseeded Garrett Halpert of Ann Arbor won in straight sets, 7-5, 6-2, over Michael Fitzgerald of Grosse Ile. Halpert is ranked No. 11 in the Boys 16 SEMTA rankings.

Top seed Andrew Cahn of West Bloomfield rolled to the Boys 16 title with a 6-3, 6-4 win in the finals over second-seeded Kevin Chang of Ann Arbor. Cahn is ranked No. 12 in the SEMTA Boys 16 rankings.

The top seed also captured the Boys 14 title as Rishi Patel of Bloomfield Hills defeated Jason Mondry, also of Bloomfield Hills, 6-3, 6-1.



Michael Martz of Farmington Hills looks for a successful return during recent play in the 11th Annual Jud Kingsbury Memorial Junior Tennis Tournament held in Livonia. The event crowned champions in five different age categories.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Bianca Moldovan moved up two age flights last weekend to earn the Girls 16s singles crown with a 6-1, 6-2 triumph Saturday.**

The Boys 12 singles title also went to No. 1 seed Franklin Brozovich of Fort Gratiot. He defeated Brendan Dillon of Birmingham, 6-3, 6-1, after Dillon toppled second seed Jonathan Martin of Livonia in a third-set tiebreaker, 11-9.

The Boys 10 singles featured a round-robin format with Troy's Anthony Ciraci winning all three of his matches to take the title.

### KINGSBURY RESULTS

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#### FINAL AGE-GROUP SINGLES RESULTS

**Boys 18s:** Garrett Halpert (Ann Arbor) defeated Michael Fitzgerald (Grosse Ile), 7-5, 6-2; **semifinals:** Halpert def. Michael Zieck (Bloomfield) 7-6 (7-3), 1-6 (10-4 third set tiebreaker); Fitzgerald def. Tyler Marengo (Fort Gratiot), 7-6, 6-2.

**Girls 16s:** Bianca Moldovan (Livonia) def. Courtney Lymburner (Ann Arbor), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** Moldovan def. Katelyn Blumberg (Farmington Hills), 6-1, 6-2; Lymburner def. Abby Wang (Novi), 6-2, 6-4.

**Boys 16s:** Andrew Cahn (West Bloomfield) def. Kevin Chang (Ann Arbor), 6-3, 6-4; **semifinals:** Cahn def. William Wilson (Commerce), 6-1, 6-2; Chang def. Stephen Payne (Livonia), 6-4, 6-4.

**Girls 14s:** Emily Nghiem (Franklin) def. Carolyn McCullen (Westland), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Nghiem def. Kerry Hu (West

Bloomfield), 6-2, 6-1; McCullen def. Maria Vicini (Farmington Hills), 6-1, 6-1.

**Boys 14s:** Rishi Patel (Bloomfield Hills) def. Jason Mondry (Bloomfield Hills), 6-3, 6-1; **semifinals:** Patel def. Michael Ciraci (Troy), 6-4, 7-5; Mondry def. Phillip Kovalev (Bloomfield Hills), 6-4, 6-2.

**Girls 12s:** Marybeth Hurley (Novi) def. Reehma Kumar (Ann Arbor), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Hurley def. Nina Zhang (Troy), 6-2, 6-0; Kumar def. Mausam Patel (Ypsilanti), 6-3, 7-6 (7-2).

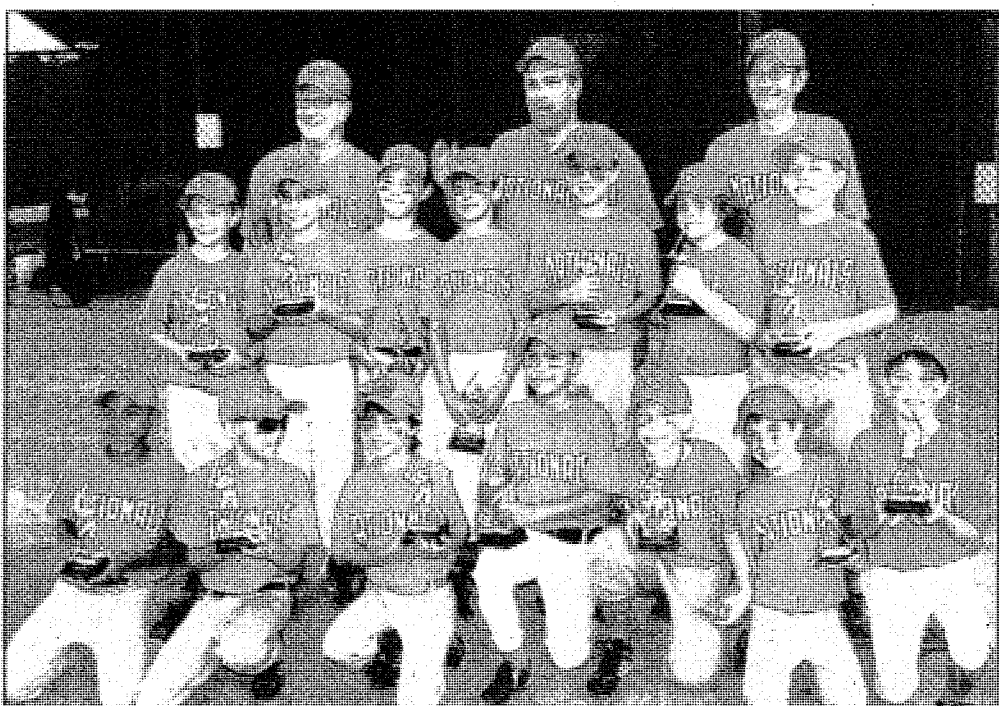
**Boys 12s:** Franklin Brozovich (Fort Gratiot) def. Brendan Dillon (Birmingham), 6-3, 6-1; **semifinals:** Brozovich def. Kobie Mueller (Ann Arbor), 6-1, 6-0; Dillon def. Jonathan Martin (Livonia), 3-6, 6-2 (11-9 third set tiebreaker).

**Girls 10s:** Madalyn Winarski (Rochester Hills) def. Allona Yutzy (Northville), 6-2, 6-4; **semifinals:** Winarski def. Lily Zhang (Troy), 6-2, 6-3; Yutzy def. Tara Shetty (Ann Arbor), 6-1, 6-0.

**Boys 10s (round robin):** 1. Anthon Ciraci (Troy) def. Sean Mulka, 6-0, 6-1; def. Brad Silverman (West Bloomfield), 6-3, 4-6 (10-7 third set tiebreaker); def. Brendan Allen, 6-0, 6-0; 2. Silverman def. Allen, 6-1, 6-2; def. Mulka, 6-2, 6-3.



Morgan Spencer of Plymouth goes to the backhand to return a shot in junior tennis play.



### Spring champs

The 9U Spring Baseball Playoff Champions in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association are the Nationals. Members of the team include (front row, from left) Colin Troup, Joseph Vespaziani, Tanner Tracy, Gabe Segovia-Plate, Matt Breda, Grant Harmer and Alex Schafer. In the middle row (from left) are Jacob Paton, Davey Farhat, Matt English, Mitch Harber, Jacob Seipenko, Nathan Faur and Brett Caldwell. The back row includes (from left) coaches Scott Schafer, Don Harber and Brian Paton.

## Bucks seek must-wins on the road

The Michigan Bucks dominated the offensive statistics on Saturday night, but as the story of their season goes, they failed to finish their chances when they needed to score.

The Chicago Fire Premier punched their Premier Development League playoff ticket with a 2-1 win in front of an enthusiastic crowd of 989 fans at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Chicago improved to 9-1-5 in the PDL's Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference, tied for first with the Kalamazoo Outrage (10-2-2, 32 points).

The loss leaves the Bucks looking on the outside for the third and final playoff spot at 7-5-2 (23 points), five points behind third-place Forest City of London, Ontario (8-3-4).

"The players responded well and never gave up," said Livonia native and Bucks CEO/Chairman Dan Duggan. "We just didn't have things go our way when we needed them. As I replay the season in my head, I can tell you of four games if we finish one of those chances we change the entire situation so that we are not in a position to have a 'must win' at this point in the season. The fans got their money's worth tonight, and saw at least six future Major League Soccer (MLS) players on the field. Unfortunately, this year most of them were wearing the wrong color jersey."

Chicago jumped out to a 1-0 lead on striker Andre Akpan's goal from Rich Balchin in the

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## GAME WRAPS

### Marecki at USAs

Livonia Stevenson High grad Brynn Marecki, who will be a sophomore this fall at the University of Buffalo, qualified for the 100-meter breaststroke at the USA Swimming Nationals last week in Indianapolis, Ind. where she wound up 59th overall with a time of 1:14.65.

The 2008 MHSAA Division 1 state champion in the 100 breaststroke and 200 individual medley also earned All-Mid-American Conference honors this past season with the Bulls.

At the MAC Championships, she swam the breaststroke leg of the record-breaking, first-place 200-yard medley relay and was also a member of the record-breaking 400 medley relay (3:44.39).

The freshman made an NCAA 'B' cut in the 100-yard breaststroke, breaking her own school record for the fourth time this season with a clocking of 1:01.81, good enough for a third-place finish. Marecki also earned sixth place in the 200 breaststroke with a school-record time of 2:15.99.

### All-Academic baseball

Six area players were among 65 state-wide recently selected to the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Division 1 Academic All-State Team.

Among those selected were Livonia Churchill seniors Jimmy Szymanski and Jimmy Tyler, along with junior Christian Leathley.

Livonia Franklin was represented by Jack Chinavare and Nick Hopson.

Also selected was Westland John Glenn junior Andrew McGrath.

### Fall ball signup

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball/Softball Association is accepting registration from youth between the ages of 4-14 and for the Fall Baseball season. Games begin in mid August and continue through early October.

For more information, call (734) 483-5600 or email cott@canton-mi.org.

### Ace shooters

Glen Garry, of Garden City, recently notched his first hole-in-one as his 5-iron to the 114-yard eighth hole at Rolling Meadows Country Club found the bottom of the cup.

Steve Wheeler, of Canton, also scored a hole-in-one. Wheeler aced the 149-yard fifth hole at Snow, Snake, Ski & Golf in Harrison Township on June 28.

### Motor City Junior Golf

The Motor City Junior Golf Championship, sponsored by Caddyshack and Top Flite Golf, will be Wednesday, July 29 at Whispering Willows Golf Course, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh roads, in Livonia. The event is open to boys and girls ages 12-17.

Included in the \$49 entry fee is 18 holes, practice rounds (prior to the event), driving range balls (day of the event), lunch ticket and gift pack.

All entries are due by Friday, July 24. (Checks should be made payable to T.J.W., Inc.)

For more information and tee times, call (248) 476-4493.

CAMPS/CLINICS

Football

• North Farmington High School will have a football skills camp 8 a.m. to noon July 27-30 for any football player entering the ninth through 12th grade in the 2009-10 school year.

The cost is \$75. The camp will be conducted by the North coaching staff. Each player will need football cleats, gym shoes, workout clothes and helmet with mouth guard. Helmets should be provided by the player's high school.

To register contact coach Todd Schultz at either Todd.schultz@farmington.k12.mi.us or 248-888-6263.

• The Pops QB Tutor summer camps will be making stops in the area including:

Plymouth/Canton Area QB-WR - 1-2:30 p.m., July 27-30, at Heritage Park (grades 3-12).

For more information, visit popsqbtutor.com; or e-mail Richard Popp at: theqbtutor@yahoo.com.

All sports

• Schoolcraft College will offer a series of summer sports camps for ages 10-18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, including:

Boys and girls soccer - July 20-23, 27-30 (cost \$150); boys and girls basketball - July 20-23 (cost \$150); girls volleyball - July 27-30 (cost \$150).

For more information, call the Schoolcraft College Athletic Department at (734) 462-4804, Ext. 3; or e-mail

athletic director Sid Fox at sfox@schoolcraft.edu.

• The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of summer sports programs and several clinics.

The summer programs, through Aug. 17, will focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through instruction and include "Kickers and Shooters" soccer, preschool and youth basketball, preschool soccer class, preschool and youth baseball.

Morning and evening classes are available; ages vary by program but there is something for children between ages 3-9. Programs are open to YMCA members and community members.

Three sports clinics also are on tap through Plymouth Family YMCA.

Those include baseball (July 21-25, for ages 9-11), soccer (July 28 through Aug. 1, ages 6-9) and basketball (Aug. 4-8, ages 6-9).

Call (734) 453-2904; or visit www.ymcadetroit.org for information.

Soccer

• Midwest Soccer Academy, one of the most respected and experienced soccer training organizations in the United States, will be conducting soccer training camps for boys and girls July 20-24.

Hosted by Our Lady of the Good Counsel in Plymouth, the week-long camp will feature members of the MSA staff

working with youngsters in improving their overall skills.

Cost is \$125 per camper. Sessions for girls will be held 9 a.m.-noon daily, while the boys will run from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

More information can be obtained by contacting Midwest Soccer Academy at 1-800 714-5575 or toll free at 1-877-714-5575, or by email at info@midwestsoccer.net, or by signing up online at www.midwestsoccer.net.

Basketball

• Madonna University will be staging its 35th annual All-Star camp for boys (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 27-31.

The cost is \$175 per player. For more information, visit madonnacrusaders.com.

Cross country

• Madonna University will stage its summer 2009 base cross country camp from 8-9:45 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 27-31, at cost of \$70.

MU will also stage long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. each Saturday, July 11, 18, 25; Aug. 1 and 8; at Cass Benton Park (\$2 for each session).

For more information, call MU cross country coach Pat Daugherty evenings at (734) 658-0226 (cell); or (734) 432-5634 (office). You can also e-mail pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

For more information, call (734) 642-6664.



Storm rules tourney

The 16-and-under Livonia Storm softball team recently captured the Warren Fury Tournament. Members of the Storm include: Katie Bone, Lauren Brenner, Anna Burch, Nicole Emery, Jessica Emery, Amber Gelinias, Sidnee Mattison, Naomi Oxendine, Amanda Shaltis, Anna Plumley and Breanna Taylor. The Storm is coached by Mark Bone, Brett Emery, Kathie and Joe Taylor and Dennis Mattison.



Turning up the Heat

The Livonia YMCA Heat recently captured the Western Suburban Soccer League's Recreational High School Open Division 1 with a 6-1-1 record for the spring 2009 season. Members of the Heat include (top row, from left): head coach Todd Francisco, Jeff Dombrowski, Kevin Francisco, Chad Stevens, Tyler Brown, Aiden Yee, Michael Dolunt, Neil Culbertson, Tyler Ruchala, Zach Miller, Scott Vasko, Tim Talty, assistant coach Steve Vasko; (bottom row, from left) Jake Allen, Kyle Keller and Tony Ianni. (Not pictured is John Falkowski.)

BUCKS

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14th minute.

The Bucks, meanwhile, mounted constant pressure but were denied by Fire goalkeeper James Maurer, who made four spectacular saves.

The Bucks, however, tied it on Mauro Fuzetti's penalty kick after teammate Kenny Uzoigwe was knocked down in the box to make it 1-1 at intermission.

In the second half, the Bucks continued to pound at the Fire defense and had several golden opportunities to take the lead but were denied by Maurer or his defenders.

The goalkeeper's best friends cleared two balls off the line before the Bucks could finish their chances as the game went into the final quarter hour. Bucks coach Dan Fitzgerald threw all his players forward the last 10 minutes, desperately trying to get the go-ahead strike while the disciplined Fire side patiently waited for a Bucks mistake.

That happened in the 86th minute when the last Fire counter-attack started deep in their own defensive end. Three passes later, Akpan was in alone on Bucks keeper Steve Clark to put an end to the Bucks' chance of winning. Michigan did have several more opportunities to tie the game, but could not get the final equalizer.

"This game was a snapshot of our entire season," Fitzgerald said. "We played one of the best teams in the PDL even and had at least five great opportunities to put them away, but couldn't finish. Give them credit; they are an intelligent, disciplined team. We outshot them 18-10 but could not get anything past them other than the PK. Credit their goalkeeper for saving the game, and the finishing of Akpan was outstanding. We wish them well as they move on to the postseason."

Duggan, meanwhile, was not pleased with the outcome, but proud of the effort his team displayed against a difficult opponent.

"It's always difficult when

we lose a game," he said. "It really hurts when you have such a great crowd on a night when the outcome of the game means so much to both teams. Everyone in the building knew we had to win this game, as a tie or a loss did us no good in trying to get that last playoff spot."

The Bucks have the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever to thank for their extended playoff lives, as they played London to a 1-1 draw on Sunday, leaving the door open for the Bucks to sneak past the first-year club by winning its final two matches of the season.

The Bucks travel Friday to FC London and then finish their 14th regular season in the PDL on the road Sunday against the host Toronto Lynx. The Bucks have qualified for the PDL playoffs 12 of the last 13 years.

But to qualify this year, they will need to win both road games this weekend. If the Bucks do anything but win both games, then FC London will clinch the final playoff spot in their inaugural season.

RAMS

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three runs and scored twice.

Barnes, Plinka, Ciennik and Alex Trojan all added a hit apiece.

Hansen (Madonna) faced only 18 batters in his five innings of work, striking out seven and walking only two. The only hit off the lefty in the mercy-shortened contest came from lead-off batter Corey Chapman in the first inning. The win moved Hansen to 5-

1 on the season and kept his ERA a perfect 0.00.

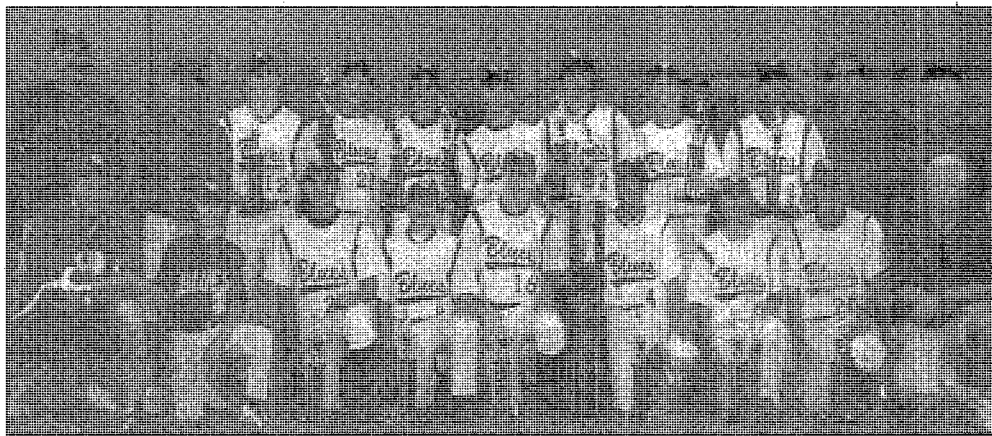
A single game slated with the Eagles for Monday produced much the same result as a five-run third inning by the Rams triggered a 10-0 triumph in six innings and a sweep of the three-game series.

Trojan paced the 12-hit Rams attack by going a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate and knocking in four runs. Rhodes clubbed two hits and also drove in four runs and Cieslak's hot bat produced

a single and double and one RBI. Forster, Barnes, Ryan Abraham, Kyle Vesey and Brett Mazmanian each chipped in a hit apiece.

Starter Erik Wright was just as overpowering on the mound as the Rams hurler fanned seven in four scoreless innings of work. James Bertakis came on to clean up the final two frames, allowing only one hit during his time on the mound.

The Rams now stand 16-8 on the season with eight games remaining in the regular season. The Eagles fell to 5-19.



Blues win Major Elite crown

The 14-and-under South Farmington Blues won the Michigan Major Elite tournament June 12-14 in Monroe and Flat Rock. The Blues went 3-1 in pool play and were the fourth seed in the championship bracket. The Blues defeated the NFWB Cobras and Illinois Sparks to make it to the semifinals game against the Up to Bat Titans from Cleveland. The Titans took a 12-5 lead. With two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Blues scored eight runs to advance into the final. The Blues defeated the Cincy (Ohio) Flames to win the title, 6-4. This is the fourth tournament the Blues have won this year. The Blues placed second in the Michigan Super NIT and qualified to play in the USSSA Elite World Series at Disney World in July. The Blues are (bottom row, left to right) head coach Pat Malzone, batboy Nate Wenson, Matt Stojkov, Jason Gluck, Connor Mohr, Bobby Lett, Alex Peczynski, Sal Cipriano, coach John Perry, (top row, left to right) coach Kevin Lowery, coach Dave Peczynski, Jake Lowery, Carmen Benedetti, Nick Malzone, John Perry, Harrison Wenson, Randy Kuzdak, Sterling Sharp, coach Paul Wenson and coach Joe Stojkov.



Mud Hens win second championship

The Farmington Hills Mud Hens won the Fowlerville 10-and-under tournament June 27-28. The team posted a 3-0 record, defeating the Pinckney Pirates and the Hartland Eagles in pool play and beating the New Lothrop Hornets in the championship game. The Hens needed a dramatic come-from-behind victory to win the championship. Trailing 9-1 in the bottom of the sixth, the boys scored eight runs to tie the game and send it to extra innings. Trailing 11-9 in the bottom of the seventh, the Mud Hens again rose to the challenge and scored three runs to bring home their second championship in the month of June. The Mudhens are (front, left to right) Colin Repasky, Ben Kucharski, (second row) Joe Majoros, Blake Kocsis, (third row) Dov Seifman, Charlie Ciaramitaro, Blake Bean, (fourth row) Drew Sheckell, Jack Politowicz, Dillon Champagne, Jared Fish, JadyN Hodges, (back row) coach Tom Champagne, coach Steve Sheckell, manager Steve Bean and coach Brian Seifman.

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## Who's who of Golf Associations

By David Graham

Have you ever wondered who all those golf associations are? The PGA, USGA, LPGA, GAM, PGA of America, Michigan Section PGA, MGCOA, MTF, MiGCSA, R&A, WGA, etc. It seems like we have more initials and abbreviations that make it "easy" for us in the business to talk in shorthand but confuses the bejabbers out of the vast majority of "golf fans." Who is responsible for what? Here is a quick tour of the statewide and leading national organizations that support our favorite sport in Michigan.

**Golf Association of Michigan**  
Classified as a State and Regional Golf Association, the GAM is the only association that is dedicated to interests of the individual golfer. Founded in 1919, the mission of the GAM is to "promote, preserve and serve amateur golf in Michigan." Accordingly, we support a broader range of stakeholders, from golf facility operators, to golf professionals, to course

superintendents... all key participants in this industry. The GAM also serves as the licensed representative for the USGA to administer the USGA course rating and handicapping systems in Michigan and GAM administers all of the state amateur golf championships as well as qualifiers for the USGA's national championships including the U.S. Open and the U.S. Amateur.

**United States Golf Association**  
Founded in 1894, the USGA is the national governing body of golf in the USA and Mexico. The USGA administers the national championships including the U.S. Open, writes the Rules of Golf, conducts equipment testing, maintains the official Handicap System, provides a Turf Advisory Service and administers an ongoing "For the Good of the Game" grants program.

**Professional Golf Association Tour**  
The Tour is where the best golfers in the world compete for huge sums of dollars. "The mission of the PGA Tour is

to expand domestically and internationally to substantially increase player financial benefits while maintaining its commitment to the integrity of the game. The PGA TOUR events are also committed to generating revenue for charitable causes in their communities." In Michigan, we have had the Buick Open contested for over 50 years hosted at Warwick Hills Country Club in Grand Blanc.

**PGA of America and Michigan Section PGA**  
This is the association of club golf professionals who work at golf facilities, private clubs, driving ranges, teaching academies, et. al. These professional golfers pass rigorous examinations of not only their golf skills, but also facility operations, retail merchandising, staff management, golf instruction, etc. The country is divided into districts and within districts, sections. We have the Michigan Section based in East Lansing that serves the member professionals around the state.

**Ladies Professional Golf Association**  
This is the professional tour for the best women golfers in the world. Their stated mission is "to be a leader in the world of sports and to promote economic empowerment for our members. We will also serve as role models on and off the course." The Oldsmobile Classic was a LPGA tournament hosted at Walnut Hills Country Club in East Lansing for a number of years.

**Michigan Golf Course Owners Association**  
The MGCOA is "the voice of Michigan's Golf Business." This statewide organization is affiliated with the National Golf Course Owners Association and serves public golf facilities. Special purchasing programs are available to the members as well as leadership on marketing initiatives. In addition, the MGCOA pursues needed lobbying efforts in Lansing to insure the golf course operator's voice is heard by our legislators.

**Western Golf Association**  
The WGA is best known for

overseeing the Evans Scholar Foundation that has provided college scholarships for deserving caddies who could not afford to go to college otherwise. In addition, the WGA has hosted the Western Open Professional Golf Championship (now known as the BMW Championship) and the Western Amateur and Junior Championships.

**Michigan Golf Course Superintendents Association**  
The newest of the statewide associations, the MiGCSA serves as the voice of golf course superintendents throughout the state. Until this statewide group was established in 2008, the needs of these professionals who really understand how to "keep our courses green" were organized into regional chapters all linked into the national association. The stated mission is "to provide leadership for Golf Course Superintendents and other golf industry partners on the economic, environmental and recreational vitality of golf in Michigan."

David Graham is the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan.

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

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

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

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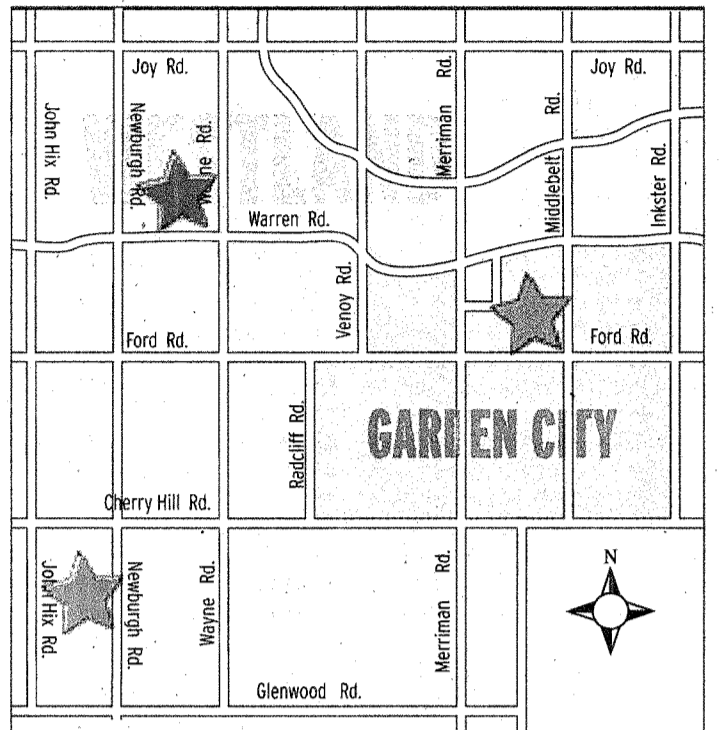
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BUSINESS MILESTONES

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 Members of the Westland Chamber of Commerce are invited to watch the Detroit Tigers play on Friday, Aug. 7. Tickets are priced at \$20 each and must be reserved by July 15. Game time is 7:05 p.m. vs. the Minnesota Twins. You can order tickets through the chamber Web site at www.westlandchamber.com or by calling (734) 326-7222.

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United Home Health Service in Canton, has received a \$1,000 donation from Sam's Club in Canton for its Patient Support Fund.

"We are so very grateful to Sam's Club for their generosity and support of United. We see so many patients in need on a daily basis — their donation will help us to provide food, clothing, emergency medications, transportation, and medical equipment to patients who cannot afford these items,"

President Penny Rhein said. "With the struggling economy, we are also providing more home care services to individuals who do not have health insurance, so this donation is very timely."

Sam's Club has also been providing fresh flowers occasionally for United Home Health Services' patients.

"The flowers really brighten our patients' day. They get such a big smile on their face when I walk into their home with a big bouquet!" nurse Kathy Pastoria said.

Affiliated with Garden City Hospital, United Home Health Services is a not-for-profit, Medicare-certified home care company that has been provided skilled nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, home health aide, social work, and registered dietitian services in the comfort of clients' own home. It also provides caregiver and companion services.

For more information, call Mary Jane Swanson at (734) 981-8820 or go online to www.uhhs.org.

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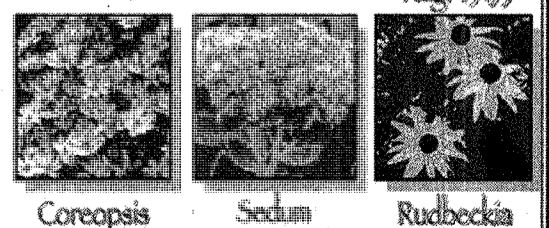
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# Physical therapist assistant comes to the rescue for Detroit Zoo flamingo

The Detroit Zoo's keeper staff had to think outside the bird's nest recently when it came to treating the bowed leg of one of its flamingos. A therapeutic taping method most commonly known for its use on athletes at the 2008 Beijing Olympics turned out to be the perfect solution.

While hand-rearing Ashton, a male Chilean flamingo born in October 2008, bird care staff noticed a progressive rotation in one leg as he continued to grow. When regular exercise did not solve the problem, it became evident that alternative treatment would be necessary. If left untreated, the condition can lead to scar tissue formation and a painful arthritic condition from bone-on-bone contact.

Zookeepers and veterinary staff thought Ashton's leg abnormality could be remedied noninvasively and enlisted the help of Stacey Lonser, a local physical therapist assistant trained in the Kinesio Taping Method. The therapeutic taping method, using Kinesio Tex Tape, is traditionally used on humans to decrease pain, increase circulation and restore tissue normality. The tape drew worldwide attention last year when it was used on prominent athletes — including USA Olympic beach volleyball gold medalist Kerri Walsh — at the Summer Games.

Kinesio Tex Tape, which is durable, elastic and waterproof, uses stretch to re-educate the neuromuscular system. Once applied, the tape gently recoils toward its anchor, providing non-restrictive support and allowing a full range of motion. With the Kinesio Taping Method, Ashton is able to engage in regular activity while the tape encourages proper bone alignment.

Once a week, Lonser visits the Detroit Zoo on her own time to measure Ashton's progress and

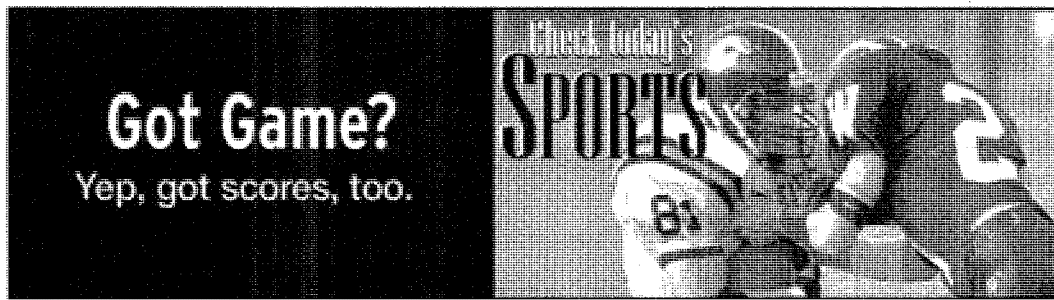
re-apply the tape. Since beginning treatment in April, the flamingo's leg has improved from being twisted at a 12-degree angle to a 4-degree angle. Zookeepers plan to continue Ashton's treatment for a few more weeks, at which time a full recovery is anticipated.

"We are pleased with the results of the taping method and feel fortunate to have the opportunity to work with Stacey to noninvasively improve the health of the flamingo," said Director of Conservation and Animal Welfare Scott Carter.

Detroit Zoo visitors can see Ashton — still sporting his Kinesio Tex Tape — and the other two dozen Chilean flamingos in the South American animals habitat across from the Horace H. Rackham Memorial Fountain.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a non-profit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, the Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October (open at 9 a.m. May 1 through Labor Day) — with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August — and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March.

Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit [www.detroitzoo.org](http://www.detroitzoo.org). The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round and provides educational programming with interpretive staff support from the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. Admission is free. For more information, call (313) 852-4056.



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# FILTER

## Feel the thunder, see the speed, precision at air show

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

Watching the Blue Angels perform is something you feel as much as you see as the jets roar above performing awe-striking maneuvers.

If your breath isn't taken away by the enormity of the machines and the blasts of the rumbling engines, the skill and precision of the pilots certainly will during Thunder Over Michigan Air Show, beginning at 9 a.m. July 18-19 at Willow Run Airport. Tickets are \$20 and children 15 and younger are admitted free.

The performance by the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels is sponsored by Chrysler Jeep Superstore and the Yankee Air Museum.

"It's an overwhelming response when the Blue Angels come to town," said Kevin Walsh, Air Show director for Thunder Over Michigan.

Between 80,000 and 100,000 people are expected to watch the show featuring the F-16 East Coast Demo Team and Herc Invasion, a line-up of C-130 Hercules aircraft in celebration of the Herc's 55 years of global airlift power.

Maj. Nathan Miller of Lapeer is flying in his third and last year with the Blue Angels.

"Some people say it's a rush," Miller said. "I wouldn't call it that. It's exhilarating. You're mentally and physically involved in the 40-minute show."

Watching the planes dive and flip prompt many to wonder about the danger.

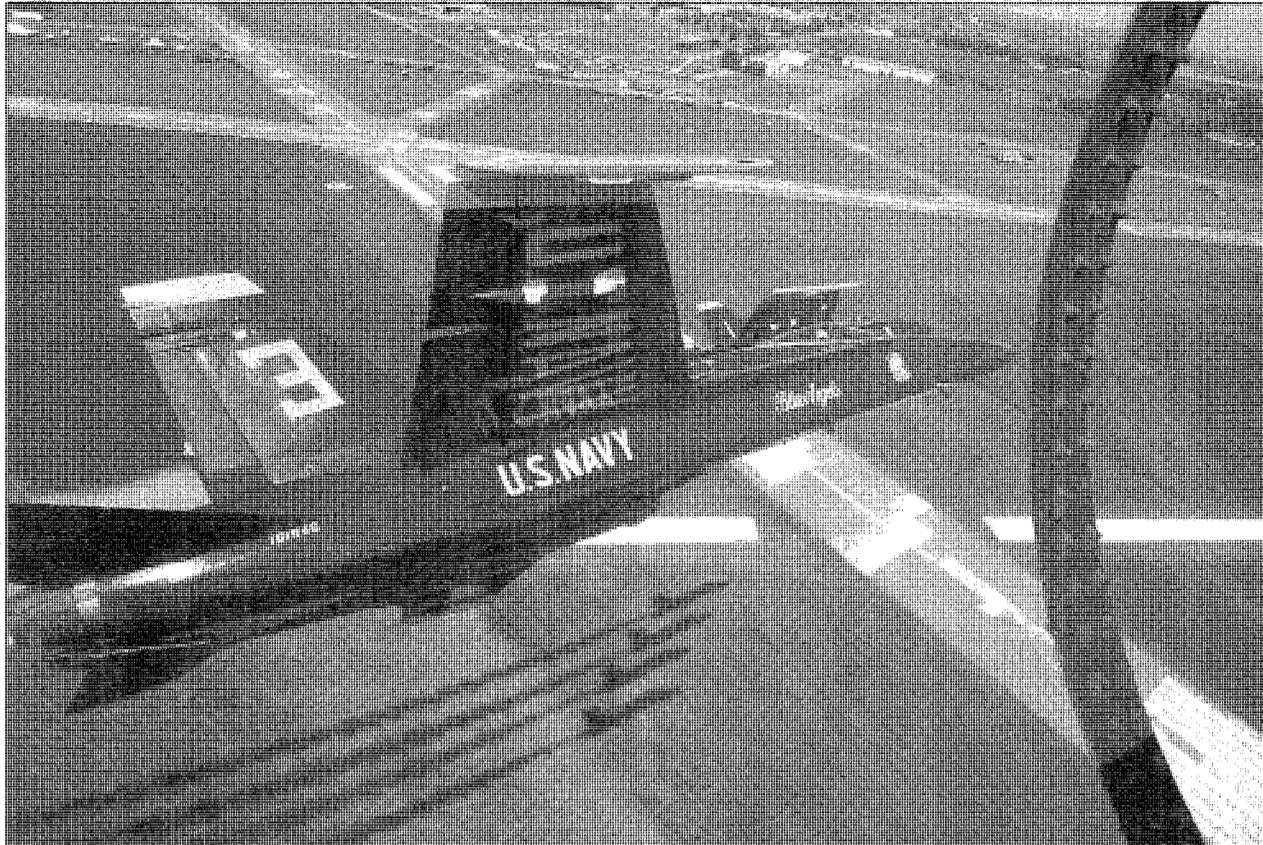
"You take the risk out by reviewing the tapes every flight," Miller said.

### NEW MUSEUM

Blue Angel fans will see top fighters and bombers of World War II, a special salute to Vietnam and modern aerial demos.

Proceeds will go to rebuild a new museum complex following an October 2004 fire that devastated the entire WWII hangar and most of its contents. The museum is housed in Hangar 2 on the southwest side of Willow Run.

The fire destroyed a prototype North American YOY-10A Bronco, Waco CG-4A Glider, Republic F-105,



Blue Angels airplanes fly in tight formation.

Aero L-39, Link Trainer, artifacts, spare parts, tools and the museum's library.

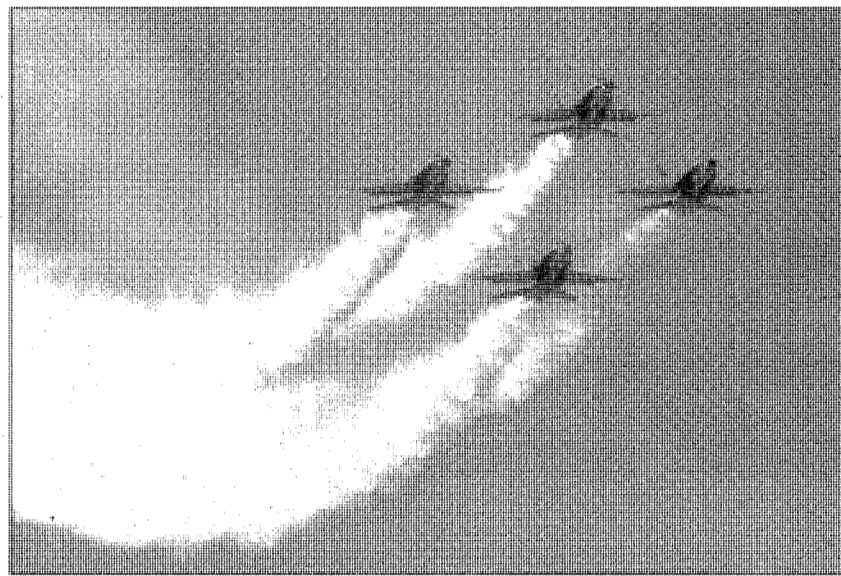
Reconstruction plans are under way and the objective of the Michigan Aerospace Foundation Inc. is to build a greatly expanded, state-of-the-art aviation museum and aerospace facility to replace what was lost.

Thunder Over Michigan is expected to raise between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

"Our main goal is always to break even and then make money on the back side," Walsh said. "Fund raising in this economic climate is tough. We are at a point where we're back on our feet."

The Blue Angels are scheduled to fly 69 air shows at 35 air show sites in the United States from March to mid-November. Last season, more than 13 million spectators watched the Blue Angels perform.

"The majority of our crowds are non-aviation enthusiasts," Walsh said. "The Blue Angels are a big



The Blue Angels fly in a diamond formation.

name. People know they're going to see a great show. By having the non-aviation buffs out there that gives us a chance to introduce them to the

Yankee Air Museum and get them to become members and become involved."



Blue Angels pilots ready for a flight.

### DREAM CAREER

The Navy and Marine Corps also use the Blue Angels as a recruiting tool.

Blue Angel pilots practice 150-175 hours before performing in their first show, Miller said.

"Then every practice is a show and every show is a practice," he adds. "Our mission is to recruit. We have been told there are spikes (in recruitments) after the shows. We have those kids who dream about what they want to be. And we provide hope to older people. They tell us, 'Thank you for your service in the military.'"

A Blue Angels flight demonstration exhibits choreographed refinements of skills possessed by all naval aviators. It includes the graceful aerobatic maneuvers of the four-plane Diamond Formation, in concert with the fast-paced, high-performance maneuvers of its two Solo Pilots. Finally, the team illustrates the pinnacle of precision flying, performing maneuvers locked as a unit in the renowned, six-jet Delta Formation.

The team is stationed at Forrest Sherman Field, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., during the show season. However, the squadron spends January through March training pilots and new team members at Naval Air Facility El Centro, Calif.

Since inception in 1946, the Blue Angels have performed for more than 455 million fans.

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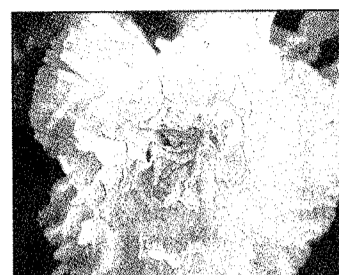
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Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

Callahan's Music Hall
Time/Date: Summertime blues concerts, 8 p.m. Tinsley Ellis, July 24
Location: 2105 South Boulevard, south of the Palace, Auburn Hills
Contact: www.atcallahans.com, (248)858-9508

Clutch Cargo

Time/Date: 8 p.m., July 17, Peter Murphy with special guests, Venus Infers
Location: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac
Contact: (248) 645-6666

Comerica Park

Time/Date: Kid Rock, July 18; Vans Warped Tour, July 31
Contact: 1-800-745-3000, Ticketmaster.com, www.warpedtour.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 & 8:30 p.m.
Location: 5200 Woodward Ave
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Heritage Park

Time/Date: "Stars in the Park" Thursday nights
Location: Heritage Park, 24915

Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Rain-out site, Costick Center
Contact: (248)473-1857, www.fhgov.com

Magic Bag

Time/Dates: The Original Waiters, Aug. 7; The Why Store, Aug. 14; 40oz. To Freedom, Aug. 16; A.J.A., Aug. 21
Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale
Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Meadow Brook Music Festival

Time/Dates: ABBA The Tour, July 16; Lyle Lovett & His Large Band, July 17; Chris Isaak, July 19; Gordon Lightfoot, July 23; Detroit Symphony Orchestra, July 25, 26 & 31 and Aug. 1-2; Jackson Browne, July 27; Comedian Jim Gaffigan, Aug. 7; George Thorogood & The Destroyers/Jonny Lang, Aug. 16; Peter Frampton, Aug. 22; O.A.R. with special guest Brett Dennen, Sept. 4
Location: 3554 Walton Blvd Rochester Hills
Contact: (248) 377-0100, Ticketmaster.com

Northville Friday Night Concerts

Time/Dates: 7-9 p.m., The Kris K Band, July 17; Soul Academy, July 24; Fifty Amp Fuse, July 31
Location: Town Square
Contact: (248) 349-7640, www.northville.org

Oakland Community College

Time/Dates: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Highland Lakes Campus. July 21, Jim Dignan & Swing Shift; July 28, Partly Brothers; Aug 4, Pamela Wise and the Latin Jazz All Stars; Aug. 11, Cats and the Fiddle; Aug. 18: Blackthorn
Details: Free summer concerts
Location: 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford



Alan Parsons will perform July 17 at DTE Energy Music Theatre in the Alan Parsons Live Project.

DTE Energy Music Theatre

Time/Dates: 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Alan Parsons Live Project with special guest The Orchestra, featuring former members of Electric Light Orchestra and Electric Light Orchestra Part II
Location: 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston
Contact: (248) 377-0100 or Palacenet.com

Palace of Auburn Hills

Time/Dates: Beyonce, July 18; Jonas Brothers w/Jordin Sparks and Honor Society, July 26; The Wiggles, Aug. 14; AC/DC, Aug. 16; Aerosmith w/ZZ Top, Sept. 16; Frank Caliendo/Bill Engvall, Oct. 24
Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills
Contact: (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com

Riley Park

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Fridays
Details: Rhythyz in Riley Park
Location: Downtown Farmington.
Contact: www.DowntownFarmington.org

FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays
Details: Jazz for Kids Program
Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit
Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays
Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Marquis Theatre

Time/Dates: "Rumplestiltskin," Aug. 8-Sept. 20; "Pinky the Flying Ghost," Oct. 17-25; "Pinocchio," Nov. 14-Jan. 24, 2010, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up
Location: 135 E. Main, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

Northville Tunes on Tuesday

Time/Dates: Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express, July 21; Palamazo, July 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Location: Town Square
Contact: (248) 349-0203, www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Annual art fair offers smaller alternative to Ann Arbor fests

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for a small, "accessible" art fair this weekend, you won't have to drive farther than Farmington.

The community's Art on the Grand runs Friday-Sunday and offers more than 50 art booths, along with entertainment and children's activities.

Nancy Coumoundouros of Farmington Hills Culture Arts Division, says that although the Ann Arbor Art Fair is scheduled for the same weekend, Art on the Grand, a juried show, will draw its own, albeit smaller, crowds.

"We've found that we bring people in from outside our area," Coumoundouros said. "It's small — Ann Arbor's is mammoth — but ours is very friendly and it's an interactive one."

Artists, both local and from out of state, will sell their works in 55 booths. Coumoundouros said about 80 artists will be represented in total, because the Farmington artist tent will show a mix of works from its members.

New this year is Odds and Ends, a couple that creates "fantastic" face painting.

"We've always had face painters, but I've seen their work and I was impressed. They have their own special style. They do large pieces on faces."

A henna artist also will be on hand this year to create intricate, temporary tattoos.

The entertainment schedule offers musically diverse performers. A fan dancing troupe from Farmington Hills will execute their moves in colorful Korean dress. Rock and Soul, a local duet, sings pop and oldies, and Simpatico plays jazz.

A returning favorite to the fair, Robert Shangle, will impress with his ability to mimic a statue.

"Isn't he wonderful? He's one of the best highlights of the festival," said Coumoundouros, adding that this is Shangle's third year at Art on the Grand.

"It's a riot to see his effect on the crowd. Some can't believe he's not a statue. We keep inviting him back. I've seen a lot of living statues, but he is the best."

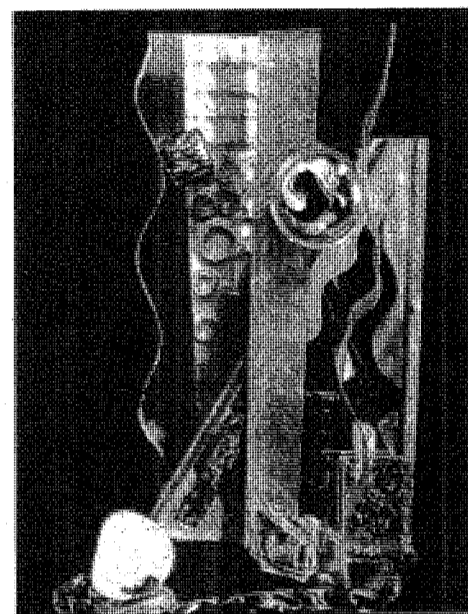
"He's from Oklahoma and he says this is one of his favorite fairs."

Look for Shangle from 1-7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Here's the rest of the entertainment and activity schedule:

- Friday, July 17
Noon to 8 p.m. free children's art tent; 4-9 p.m. artistic face painting; 4-5 p.m. Max Reid & Tommy Brigham; 5-6 p.m. Rob Hayes; 7-8 p.m. Steve Schriemer, 8-9 p.m. Bob Young Band
Saturday, July 18
11 a.m. to 8 p.m. free children's art tent; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. artistic face painting;



Robert Shangle, "the Living Statue" holds his pose, sitting next to Alyssa Costyk.



Glass art by Steve Brewster, one of the artists who will exhibit at Art on the Grand.

2-2:30 p.m. Korean fan dancing troupe; 2:30-4 p.m. David Nefsh; 4:30-6 p.m. Bobby Pennock Band; 7-9 p.m. Rock & Soul.

Sunday, July 19
Noon to 5 p.m. free children's art tent and artistic face painting; 1-2 p.m. Darwin Mamassian; 2-3 p.m. John Natiw; 3-5 p.m. Simpatico.

ART ON THE GRAND

What: More than 50 artist booths with more than 80 artists showing their works; entertainment; children's activities

When: Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 19

Where: Downtown Farmington, in the park at Farmington Road and Grand River Avenue

Admission: Free



The Korean fan dancing troupe will perform at Art on the Grand.

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CITY BITES



West Michigan-based Hudsonville ice cream is now available in the Detroit area.

Ice cream

**Wayne County** — If Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes brings to mind caramel and chocolate covered cashews, chances are you've tasted Hudsonville Creamery & Ice Cream Company's chocolate ice cream named in honor of west Michigan's natural tourist attraction.

Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes Hug, Mackinac Island Fudge, Grand Traverse Bay Cherry Fudge and Michigan Deer Traxx are among the Holland-based company's ice cream flavors that are now available on the east side of the state.

"Hudsonville Ice Cream has been enjoyed in West Michigan and Northern Michigan for generations," stated Bruce Kratt, the company's director of sales and marketing. "We regularly receive requests from Metro Detroiters who have tasted our ice cream while traveling in the state and want to be able to purchase it when they are at home."

Now they can. Busch's Fresh Food Markets, Hollywood Markets, VG's, Sav-on Drugs, Shopper's Market and Walgreens are carrying

the product. Other stores include Westborn Market in Livonia, Value Depot in Westland and Harvest Fresh Market in Farmington.

In addition to the Michigan theme flavors, Hudsonville also sells limited edition ice cream, such as Pumpkin and Cake Batter; creamery churned including Chocolate Cashew Bark and Turtle Sundae; as well as traditional favorites.

New location

**Novi** — Zoup! Fresh Soup Company has opened its newest restaurant at 47996 Grand River Avenue, across from Providence Park Hospital. The new 2,000 square foot Zoup! seats 50 customers and features all of the company's signature menu items.

The new store will serve 12 always-rotating soup varieties each day from Zoup!'s hundreds of proprietary recipes. Customers can select from the restaurant's "Something for Everyone" nutritional categories, including low-fat, vegetarian, dairy-free, gluten-free and low-points options. The menu also will feature made-to-order GreenZ! Salads; Try!wo! Combs, grilled and rolled SandwichZ! and an array of beverages and desserts.

Pub Crawl

**Northville** — Mark your calendar for Northville's 5th annual Pub Crawl, 6-10 p.m., Tuesday, July 28, in downtown Northville.

Twelve restaurants will offer free samples of appetizers and entrée items along with cash bar specials for participants. "Crawlers" can use free shuttle transportation to each restaurant or "crawl" on their own. Participants must be 21 and over.

2009 Participating restaurants are Brann's Steakhouse & Grill, Claggagh Irish Pub, Deadwood Bar and Grill, Five Restaurant, Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse, Genitti's, Little Italy Ristorante, Northville Sports Den, Pool's Tavern, Rusty Bucket Corner Tavern, The Turning Point Grill, and Wine Sync/Red Pepper Deli.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person and are available at Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

Involve guests in food prep at cookout

If you're throwing a backyard barbecue, encourage your guests to join in the fun of preparing their own foods at several "build-it-yourself" stations.

Bush's Beans' Grill U Web site offers a few ideas: Grill the chicken and steak for fajitas and burritos and supply other ingredients, such as cheese, lettuce and salsa. Let guests choose what goes on their tortillas.

Skip the bottled marinade and set out ingredients, recipes and utensils for two or three different homemade sauces. Let guests mix up their own. Judge the best version and award a prize.

Arrange a buffet line with the grill at the start so guests can choose their own entree straight from the coals. Place sides next, followed by utensils and beverages.

Try a sundae bar for dessert and let guests create their own ice cream extravaganza with red, white and blue sprinkles, gooey toppings, nuts, chocolate shavings and whipped cream. Arrange cookies, cupcakes and brownies nearby.

Go green by serving on reusable melamine or bamboo dishes and bowls. Ask guests to write their names on one cup and use it throughout the party.

Visit [www.grillu.com](http://www.grillu.com)

Entertain guests with fare featuring Michigan beans

Here are several other recipes from the Michigan Department of Agriculture which also feature beans, in this case, Michigan dried beans.

BEAN SALAD

- 16 ounces (2 cups) dry Michigan Navy Beans, soaked
  - 6 cups water
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 cups celery, diced
  - 1/2 cup onion, chopped
  - 1/2 cup green pepper, chopped
  - 1/2 cup oil
  - 1/2 cup vinegar
  - 1/2 cup Michigan sugar
  - 1 teaspoon dry mustard
  - 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
  - 1/2 teaspoon paprika
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - Pimento strips for garnish
- Drain beans. Place beans and fresh water in large saucepan. Bring to boil and cook about 2 hours, or until tender, adding more water if needed. Drain well and chill.
- Combine all remaining ingredients and pour over beans. Stir gently.
- Chill at least 4 hours before serving.

BEAN DIP

- 2 15-ounce cans Michigan Pinto Beans, drained and rinsed
  - 1 pound ground beef
  - 1 medium Michigan onion, chopped
  - 1 package taco seasoning
  - 1/2 cup water
  - Milk
  - Salt and garlic salt
  - 1 each Michigan green and red pepper, chopped
  - 1 tomato, chopped
  - 1 avocado, sliced
  - 1 cup salsa
  - 1 pint sour cream
  - 1 pound grated Cheddar cheese
  - 1 can black olive slices, drained
1. Brown ground beef with onion. Drain and add 1 package taco seasoning mix and water; simmer 15 minutes. Place in bottom of oblong pan.
2. Mash Michigan Pinto Beans with enough milk to make spreadable. Add salt and garlic salt to taste. Spread over beef. Top beans with green and red pepper, tomatoes, slices of avocado, and salsa. Spread sour cream over top of vegetables. Sprinkle cheese and black olives over top.

MICHIGAN BAKED BEANS

- 16 ounces (2 cups) Michigan dry navy beans
  - 2 quarts cold water
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 cup molasses
  - 1/2 cup brown sugar
  - 1 teaspoon dry mustard
  - 4 ounces salt pork
  - 1 medium Michigan onion, chopped
- Rinse beans; add to water in saucepan. Bring to boiling and simmer 2 minutes; remove from heat. Cover; let stand 1 hour. (Or add beans to cold water; soak overnight.)
- Add salt to beans and water; cover and simmer till beans are tender, about 1 hour. Drain, reserving liquid. Measure 2 cups liquid, adding water if needed; mix with molasses, brown sugar, and mustard. Cut salt pork in half; score one half. Grind or thinly slice remainder.
- In 2-quart bean pot or casserole, combine beans, onion and ground salt pork. Pour molasses mixture over. Top with scored pork. Cover; bake in 300-degree oven for 5-7 hours. Add more liquid, if needed. Makes 8 servings.

Baked beans is a favorite side from 'cousins' concoction

Bob Westbrook of Livonia always has copies of his baked bean recipe on hand when he serves it.

Whether he takes the dish to a church social or potluck "the pan is licked clean" and everyone begs him for the recipe.

"So now I just take printed copies with me," he says. Westbrook's dish was "borne out of necessity for something quick and filling to feed the masses" at his aunt's lake home.

"Us cousin's were delegated to the cooking when we were old enough to give our folks a rest, so my cousin Frank and I created this recipe out of what was on hand," he explains.

"Try them out. I think you will love them."

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THE COUSIN'S STOVETOP BAKED BEANS

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 pound smoked bacon, diced

- 1 large Spanish onion, medium chopped
- 1 large green pepper, medium chopped
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 3 tablespoons dry mustard
- 4-6 ounces salad mustard, to taste and color
- 4-6 ounces pancake syrup, to taste
- 2-4 ounces unsulphered molasses, to taste
- 1 large 40 ounce #10 can of Busch's Baked Beans, drained, reserve the liquid

Brown the ground beef, bacon, onion and green pepper, and drain excess grease. Add brown sugar, white sugar and dry mustard, and cook until syrupy and near caramelized. Add drained beans, 4 ounces pancake syrup, 2 ounces molasses, 4 ounces salad mustard. Beans should have a light brown to slight yellow color. Adjust flavors to taste, and thin to desired consistency with reserved bean liquid. Simmer on low at least one hour — but the longer the better — stirring to prevent sticking

Makes 4 quarts of beans

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