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**IN BRIEF**

**Home buyers program**

Would-be homeowners are invited to a Habitat for Humanity Homeowners Orientation from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy, in Westland.

The session will last approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours and includes a video presentation, criteria to qualify, history of Habitat, question-and-answer segment and distribution of applications. Current Habitat homeowners will be present to talk about their experience.

Applicants must reside in the western Wayne County geographical service area. Criteria for the program includes ability to pay, need and willingness to partner with Habitat. Participants also must provide sweat equity as part of their home purchase.

Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County was formed in 1995, and by the end of the year, it will have built or rehabbed 50 houses in Canton Township, Garden City, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Redford, Romulus, Taylor, Wayne, Westland and Van Buren Township.

For more information, call (734) 459-7744.

**Summer picnic**

The Westland Friendship Center is hosting its annual summer picnic noon to 3 p.m. Friday. There will be food, fun and games. The cost is \$10 for center members and \$15 for non-members. The Friendship Center is at 1119 Newburgh, south of Ford.

For more information, call (734) 722-7628.

**Kids Olympics**

Looking for cheap family entertainment to get the kids out of the house?

The 2010 Kids' Olympics, sponsored by local church Ekklesia, will be held noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at Westland John Glenn High School. The free event is open to the public.

Baseball, soccer, and track and field are just some of the sports that will be offered. Kids who have recently completed first- through fifth-grades will compete with their respective grade levels in their quest to be crowned the 2010 Kids Olympics champion. There will even be free entertainment for adults, teenagers and small children.

To register for the event, visit [www.kidsolympics.com](http://www.kidsolympics.com).

**Golf outing**

The Westland Police Department will hold its 20th annual golf outing Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Hickory Creek Golf Club, 3625 Napier, Superior Township.

Registration is at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start scramble format at 8 a.m. The cost is \$125 per golfer and \$30 for dinner only with various sponsorships available. Included for golfers are 18 holes with cart, free range balls at the driving range, beer and pop on the course, lunch at the turn, buffet dinner, contests, prizes, goodie bags and more.

The proceeds from the outing will benefit the Westland Police Community Partnership Committee. For more information, call (734) 467-3226.

**Friends: Angelo Plakas was giving of time, self**

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Long-time Westland City Attorney Angelo Plakas is being remembered as an ethical, skilled attorney and someone who was giving of his time and himself.

A Livonia resident, Mr. Plakas, 70, died Tuesday morning following a nearly year long battle with cancer.

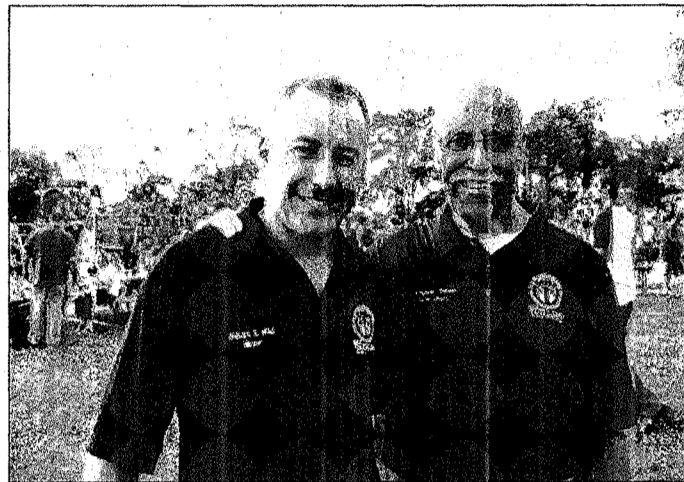
"Angelo lived in the city of Livonia but you'd think that he was from Westland. He just adopted the city," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "He had just such a positive influence on the city for over 20 years. He fought

tirelessly for the city and helped many of us. He helped me personally."

A 1960 University of Detroit graduate, Mr. Plakas was a high school teacher in Plymouth before studying law. He graduated from Wayne State University Law School in 1967. In addition to more than 30 years representing Westland, Mr. Plakas had also served as attorney for Southgate and Plymouth Township as well as providing legal services to other communities, including River Rouge, Riverview and Lincoln Park.

When first elected to the Westland

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Westland Mayor William Wild (left) poses with City Attorney Angelo Plakas during the mayor's Community Gathering at Tattan Park on June 24.

**Green Lots: Produce business looks for customers**

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Osam Ali and Amro Salih arrange a display of watermelons at the new Green Lot store Ali has opened in Westland.

When Osam Ali opened his Green Lots produce store next to a Big Lots store, he hoped to take advantage of the customers drawn by the discount store, but insists he wasn't copying the name.

"I just picked the name — it wasn't because of the Big Lots store. I have a Green Land store in Dearborn," said Ali, whose store opened about a month ago at the southwest corner of Ford and Wayne roads.

Previously, Ali had owned a trucking company, but sold the business after he broke his back. He moved into the produce business through his friend Jamel Al Husaney, who has 14 years in the business and serves as the store manager.

"It's a very nice corner. The Big Lots gets a lot of customers and we can provide one-stop shopping," Ali said. "They (Big Lots) don't have fridges, they don't have veggies."

After driving by the store, Westland resident Lori Atkins decided to stop in with her daughter Rachel Shockey.

"I was hoping for reasonable prices. If so, then I'll come back," said Atkins, shopping on her birthday for salad fix-

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**Monit tapped to lead Wayne-Westland school board**

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Monit

There will be a familiar face at the helm of the Wayne-Westland school board after the board voted to keep Skip Monit as president at its organizational meeting.

This will mark the second consecutive year Monit has headed up the district's legislative body.

"I feel that this shows the con-

fidence the full board has in me," Monit said. "This makes me feel renewed to handle the tasks ahead and accomplishing them will be a little easier. It's energized me to take on the work."

Recognizing that the district will continue to face financial problems, Monit said his goal for the coming year will be to maintain programs and staff.

"I don't want to cut anymore

from the kids and I don't want to lose anymore staff," he said.

He also plans to work on making the board function as a team and provide the newer board members — Carol Middel and John Goci, who have served a full year on the board — a better understanding of what it is to be a team.

He added that the board will look at using the district's cable channel as an information tool to get more

information out to people so they have a better handle on what's happening.

"I know it's not going to be a piece of cake this year," he said. "We've had two years of really serious issues and we're going to have serious issues this year. I don't know what those issues are, but I know we'll face some serious issues."

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**Get ready to rally — restaurant-style**

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland restaurants will get to show off some of their menu items at the annual Restaurant Rally sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Scheduled for 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, the cost is \$25 per person and includes a T-shirt which serves as the event ticket. This is the seventh year for the rally, which will include 13 restaurants providing free

samples to customers and offering drinks specials.

"We sell 500 tickets — about half are sold, so plenty of tickets are available. We do sell out," chamber President Brookellen Swope said.

This year's participating restaurants will include Applebee's, Ashley's Beer and Grill, Beaver Creek, Biggy Coffee, Longhorn Steakhouse, Malarkey's Irish Pub, Marvaso's Italian Grille, McDonald's (38481 Ford at Hix), Olga's Kitchen, Papa Romano's-Mr.

Pita, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Texas Roadhouse and Vizzy's Pizza Palace.

Participants in the restaurant rally can visit as many of the establishments as they wish and stay at any given location for as long as they want.

Restaurant Rally tickets can be purchased at the Westland Chamber of Commerce, 36900 Ford, west of Central City Parkway. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 326-7222 or send an e-mail to [westlandchamber@yahoo.com](mailto:westlandchamber@yahoo.com).

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# PLAKAS

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council, Wild recalled that he asked to be seated next to Mr. Plakas when then-Council President Charles Pickering was assigning seats at the council table.

"(Fellow new Councilman) Bob Stottlemeyer wanted the same seat, he's still mad that Chuck gave me the seat," said Wild.

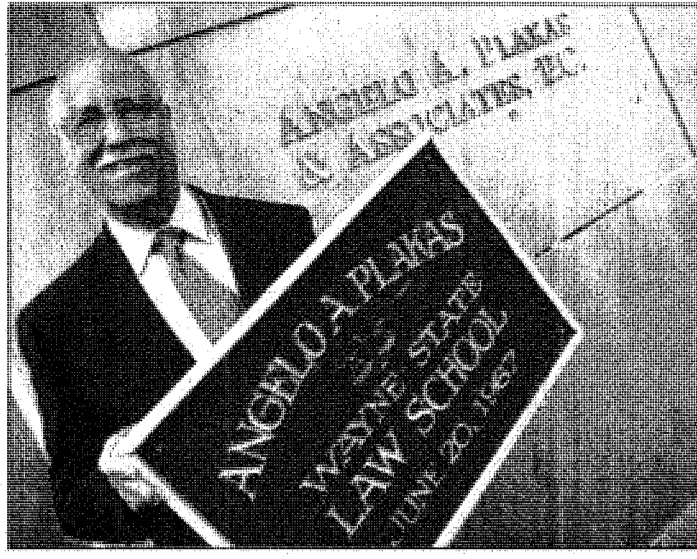
Wild's American Cancer Society Relay for Life team walked laps in honor of Mr. Plakas - Paces for Plakas - during the annual event, held in May.

Mr. Plakas's law firm has been a kind of university for judges, Wild said. Former

18th District Court judge C. Charles Bokos and current Judge Mark McConnell both practiced with Mr. Plakas, whose son, James Plakas, left the firm to become judge in Plymouth's 35th District Court. Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano also was a former member of the firm.

"We did everything we could do as brothers. If I was off course, he'd straighten me out and I would do the same, if he was off course," said Mr. Plakas' brother Jim, a former state representative and Garden City mayor and council member. "If he asked me why I was doing something, I'd say I was older. I didn't say I was wiser. He would do anything for me."

Like others, Jim Plakas said



FILE PHOTO

One of Angelo Plakas's favorite photos was taken when he was honored as Westland's Business Person of the Year for 2008.

he couldn't ever recall hearing his brother speak ill of anyone. Beyond his work as an attorney, Mr. Plakas was also

involved in community service working with the Westland Community Foundation. An alumni of Detroit McKenzie

High School, Mr. Plakas gathered friends to form the Friends of McKenzie to help raise money need to continue athletic programs. Mr. Plakas also was honored in 2008 as Westland Business Person of the Year.

"Some people may give you the shirt off their back, but my dad's generosity went way beyond that," said his daughter, Elaina Kielbaso. "He would give to anyone in need and never ask for a thing in return. He was an extraordinary man."

Mr. Plakas was best known for his detailed storytelling, Kielbaso said, adding that her father was extremely proud of his Greek heritage and the traditions of his culture. He adored his grandchildren and loved teaching them new things through fun adventures, she said.

Mr. Plakas is survived by

Sandra, his wife of 47 years; children Jim (Pam) Plakas and Elaina (Jim) Kielbaso; grandchildren Cameron, Braden, Drew, Emma and Jack; and brother Jim (Dorothy).

Visitation will be 4-9 p.m. today (Thursday) and 1-9 p.m. Friday with a Trisagion at 7 p.m. at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile, Livonia between Merriman and Middlebelt.

Mr. Plakas will be in state 9:30 a.m. Saturday until a 10 a.m. service at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy, Westland.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church; C.S. Mott Children's Hospital or Angela Hospice.

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Osam Ali is looking to attract customers to his Green Lots store located at Ford and Wayne Road next to the popular Big Lots store.

# STORE

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ings. "From what I've seen so far, we'll be back."

Noting Green Lots adds produce daily, Ali said the store has lower prices than Randazzo's and has easier access. Atkins agreed.

"We like Randazzo's, but I've had a lot of surgeries. Sometimes you just want to run in and get a few things," Atkins said. "I like the pita bread, you can't always find good pita bread. So far, I'm pleased. I hope they make it."

Along with fresh produce, milk and bread, Green Lots also offers a variety of canned goods and prepared goods. As business improves, Ali said he would be adding more produce and other products. So far, business has been slow.

"I would love to make it bigger. I don't buy that much — half of it goes into the trash. I don't know what the problem is — we have lower prices and less traffic than Randazzo's," Ali said. "I'm waiting for EBT (food stamps). I applied and now I have to wait."

Like Big Lots, Green Lots faces Ford, but sits some distance from the street and also from Wayne Road. Ali isn't happy that Westland won't allow him to put any signs out along the road.

"He's been allocated the amount of signage that is legal under our ordinance like all the other businesses there," Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale said. "The city will continue to work with him and look at other options."

Green Lots is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily except Sunday, when it closes at 7 p.m.

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# MONIT

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Joining Monit as board officers are Shawna Walker as vice president, Cindy Schofield as secretary and Goci as treasurer.

Continuing a long-standing tradition, Supt. Greg Baracy recognized Monit for his work as board president during 2009-10 by presenting him with a President's Plaque.

"It's been a real pleasure working with you," he told Monit. "Through everything, you've maintained your focus. I appreciate that and we all appreciate that."

In congratulating the new board officers, Trustee Martha Pitsenbarger had a message for her replacement as board secretary.

"I hope you enjoy being secretary as much as I did," she told Schofield. "I think I did it for 13 years, and even though I couldn't say the names right, I enjoyed it."

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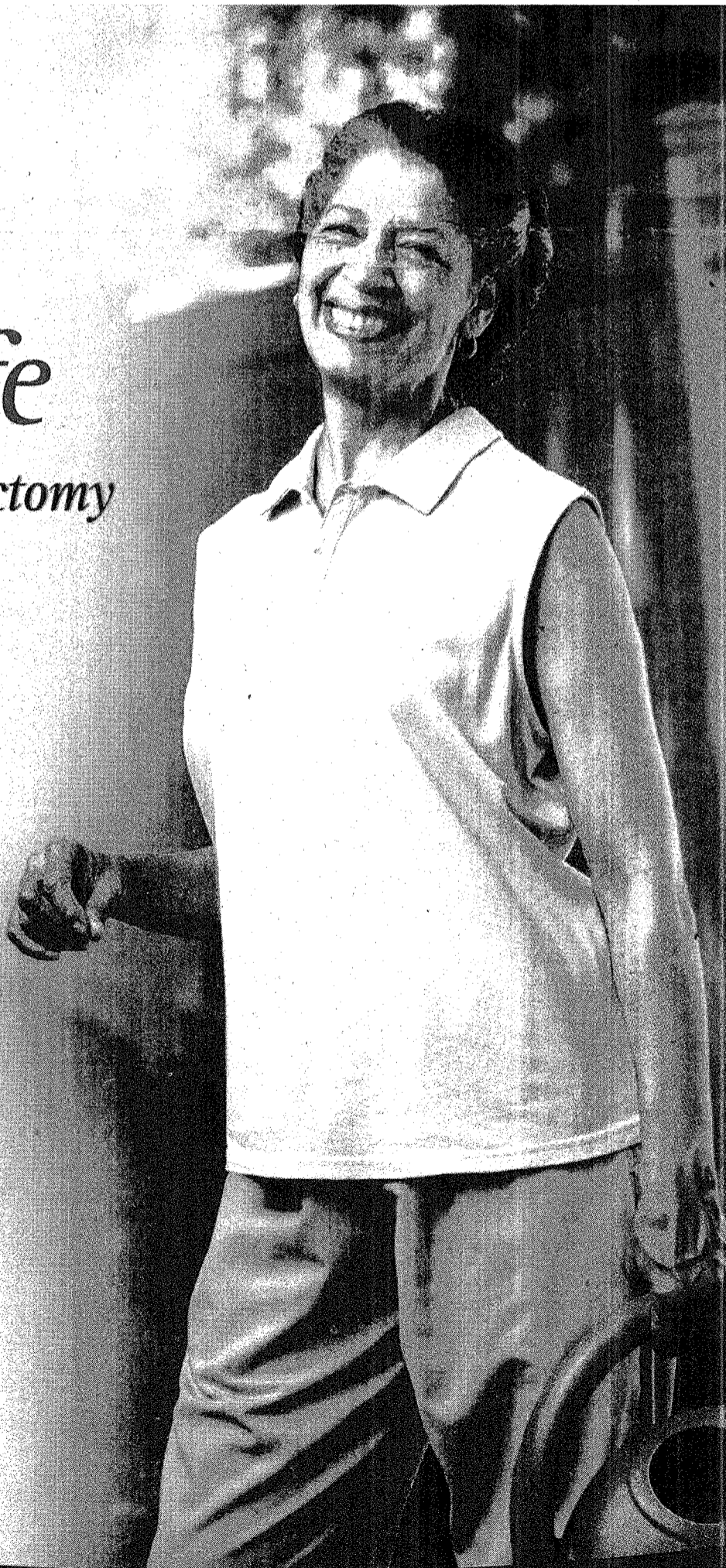
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AROUND WESTLAND

Wrestling camp

The Glenn Wrestling Program will hold its annual "Rocket Camp" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 19-23 in Gym 4 of John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, in Westland.

The camp is open to high school students. It costs \$100 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is 9:30 a.m. Monday, July 19.

There will also be a Youth Camp from 1:30-3:30 p.m. July 19-23 for kindergarten through eighth-grade, also in Gym 4. The cost is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is 1 p.m. Monday, July 19.

Registration forms are available at www.glennwrestling.com. For more information, contact Coach Bill Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595.

Used book sale

The Friends of the Westland Library will hold their first ever mini used book sale in the Friends Shop from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 22. Prices are two hard covers for \$1, eight paperbacks for \$1 and three large paperbacks for \$1.

The library is on Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren Road. Money raised help fund library programs for

all age groups.

Car show for vets

The third annual Car and Bike Show for Vets is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, 1645 Wayne Road, Westland. This is a new location for the show.

Proceeds from the event, which last year raised \$27,000 for the Ann Arbor VA Hospital

and the Wayne County Stand Down or Homeless Vets, benefits local veterans.

Vendors needed

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army is looking for sales consultants from direct selling companies to display and sell their products at a sales event Oct. 18.

Rental space is \$20-\$30 for the sale which will be held at the Salvation Army

building at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. The event is a fund-raiser for two of the corps' youth groups which are working toward a week-long trip to the Northwoods Camp in Finlayson, Minnesota.

For more information, contact Sandy Kollinger at sandra\_kollinger@usc.salvationarmy.org or Josh Hubbard at joshua\_hubbard@usc.salvationarmy.org.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Schools of Choice

Schools of Choice applications for the 2010-2011 school year are available on the Garden City Public schools' website at www.gardencityschools.com. They will be accepted through Friday, July 23, for positions in kindergarten through 11th grade.

Grade openings include six for kindergarten, 12 for first grade, 17 for second grade, five each for third and fourth grade, three each for fifth and sixth grade, 10 each for seventh and eighth grade and 15 for ninth through 11th grade.

For more information, call Student Services at (734) 762-6342.

Coffee hour

Join the Friends of the Garden City Library for their coffee hour at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, in the library inside the Maplewood Community Center, on Maplewood west of Merriman. Membership in the Friends is not required.

Vacation Bible schools

It's going to be a "High Seas Expedition" vacation bible school at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, and from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7. A \$5 donation is requested but not required. Call (734) 427-3660 for more information.

For the first time, the Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church is offering a vacation Bible school that includes a program for preschool children in addition to one for children ages 5-13.

Raindrops to Rainbows is scheduled from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 19-23, and will feature a weather station, a science laboratory and a puppet show in addition to the Bible stories, crafts and snacks. There is no cost or obligation.

Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church is at 33144 Cherry Hill, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 524-0880 or visit www.CherryHillFellowship.com.

Flea markets

The outdoor flea market season is in full swing at the Straight Farmhouse where people can sell their goods from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second and third Saturdays of the month.

Spaces are available inside the farmhouse for \$15 which includes the table. Outside spaces are \$10 and sellers have to bring their own tables. Sellers can register and pay the day of the sale.

The flea market helps support the Straight Farmhouse, home of the Garden City Historical Museum, and the Maplewood Center. The markets run through Sept. 18.

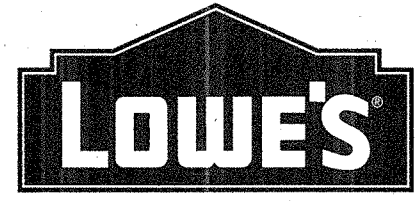
For more information, call (734) 793-1850.

Donations sought

Have a used video, book or DVD you're looking to pass on? Well, consider donating it to the Garden City Library which is looking for donations of books, videos and DVDs in good condition. For more information, call the library at (734) 793-1830.

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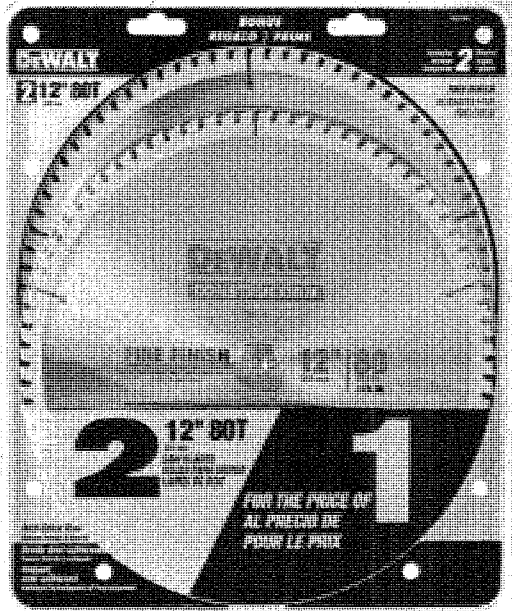
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# Doctor sent to prison for drunken crash

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The man who caused a January crash that left a Canton Township woman partially paralyzed and in need of long-term care will spend the next 31 months behind bars.

Jason Choos, 46, was sentenced Monday to two years in prison and seven months in jail, plus five years on tightly supervised probation, by Judge Daniel P. Ryan in Wayne County Circuit Court. The sentence had been called for in a plea agreement.

A podiatrist who practiced in Westland, Choos last month pleaded no contest to four felony and two misdemeanor charges in the Jan. 29 crash in Plymouth Township that severely injured Dawn Hengesbaugh, 41. Police and prosecutors said Choos was drunk and had marijuana in his system when he crashed his Lincoln MKX, a sport-utility vehicle, into a Chevrolet Trailblazer carrying Hengesbaugh and her family. The crash occurred at Ann Arbor Road and I-275.

Hengesbaugh spent several weeks in a coma and, paralyzed below the waist and unable to remember the crash or anything before it, remains at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Family members, including her husband, Larry, their 12-year-old son, Zachary, and her mother, Claudette Hays, attended the sentencing.

Choos, also of Canton, was remorseful in a statement he read before being sentenced. He said he had made a "terrible mistake" and acted with "complete recklessness" and that he would do whatever he had to do to remain sober.

"I cannot conceive of any time in the future that my thoughts will not be consumed with what I have done and how it could have been prevented," Choos said. "However inadequate it may be, I am



Tara Hays is the sister of victim Dawn Hengesbaugh. Robert and Christine Sands are the victim's brother and sister-in-law and Zachary Hengesbaugh is her son.

truly sorry for what I have done."

Larry Hengesbaugh also read a statement, expressing anguish at his wife's condition and the hardships the crash caused his family.

"I wish I could truly put into words what Dawn has meant to all of us," he said. "She was the center of the family and has always been the one to hold us together."

He added later: "In an instant, everything has changed."

Larry Hengesbaugh also expressed anger at a legal system that allowed Choos to be free on bond while awaiting resolution of the case, and urged Ryan to reject the plea agreement and impose more prison time.

He said he was not able to forgive Choos.

"There is no need for him to apologize unless he can undo

what he has done," he said. "There is nothing that he can say or do that will ever allow us to forgive him for this tragedy."

Choos, who had no supporters in the courtroom, signed court papers and left with Sheriff's Department deputies.

He had pleaded no contest last month to two counts of causing an injury while driving drunk, one count for injuries suffered by Dawn Hengesbaugh and the second for injuries suffered by Zachary Hengesbaugh. He had also pleaded no contest to one charge each of using a gun during a felony; drunken driving, carrying a concealed weapon and marijuana possession. Police found both a pistol and marijuana in Choos' Lincoln.

Choos was actually sentenced to more time, but the additional sentences run

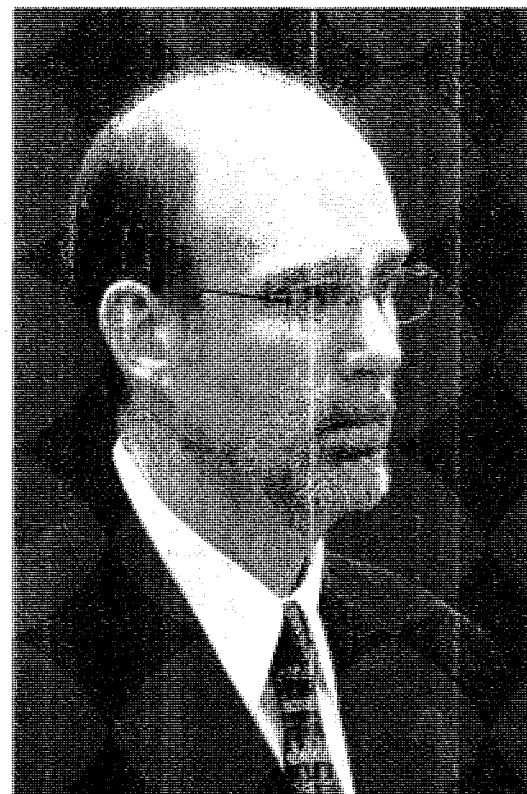
concurrently with the 31 months, meaning his actual incarceration time was not increased. His medical license could be suspended, Michigan Department of Community Health spokesman James McCurtis Jr. said, but no complaints had been received as of Tuesday.

Outside the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit, Larry Hengesbaugh called on state lawmakers to increase the punishments for drunken drivers who cause serious injuries. Current guidelines call for between seven and 23 months' imprisonment for causing an injury while driving drunk, he said, no matter how serious the injury.

"It's a legislative issue and it has to be addressed," he said. Claudette Hays said that



At right, Larry Hengesbaugh, husband of Dawn Hengesbaugh, reads a statement about the impact the crash had upon the family. Defendant Jason Choos, Wayne County Sheriff Deputy Shelly Milton, and prosecuting attorney Robert Moran listen.



Jason Choos was sentenced Monday to 31 months in prison for driving drunk and causing the crash that left Canton resident Dawn Hengesbaugh in need of long-term care.

although her daughter's condition has improved, she needs around-the-clock care, has memory problems and often has trouble making sense when speaking. Sometimes, she said, she cries out in frustration.

But Dawn Hengesbaugh's gradual improvement since

the crash offers hope for further improvement, Hays said.

Like her son-in-law, Hays sees Choos' sentence as inadequate.

"He should suffer what my daughter suffered — the loss of everything," Hays said.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND**  
**PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**AUGUST 3, 2010**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties and non-partisan candidates for the following offices will be voted upon: **Governor, U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, County Executive, Sheriff, County Commissioner, Delegate to County Convention and Judge of the 3rd Circuit Court (Non-Incumbent - Vote 1).**

Also on the ballot will be a Wayne County Transit Authority Millage Renewal which will read as follows: **Shall the tax imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Transit Authority area which expired with the 2009 tax, be levied for four (4) years, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, inclusive, at 0.59 mill (59 cents per \$1,000 taxable value), for the purpose of making contributions in aid of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) and its purpose of serving the elderly, handicapped and general public in the County of Wayne? It is estimated that 0.59 mill would raise approximately \$12,158,000 when levied in 2010. Yes or No**

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS  
OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, **RAYMOND J. WOJTCOWICZ**, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of March 29, 2010 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Date of Election	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2009
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2011
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2005	0.25 mills	2010
Wayne County Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2010
Wayne - Westland	May, 2010	18 mills	2026 (non homestead only)
Community Schools	February, 2003	1 mill	2012
Garden City Pub. Sch.	June, 2002	18 mills	2012 (non-homestead only)
Inkster Sch. District	May, 2006	21 mills	2015 (non-homestead only)
	May, 2006	6 mills	2015
Livonia Pub. Schls.	February, 2005	18.4568 mills	2010 (non-homestead only)
	February, 2005	.63 mill	2010
	February, 2005	1.12 mills	2009

Dated June 4, 2010

Raymond Wojtowicz /s/  
Treasurer

The places of voting for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, will be as follows:

Precincts	Locations
1, 13, 18 & 19	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
2, 11, 23 & 32	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
3 & 7	Stottlemeyer School, 348801 Marquette
4 & 8	Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road
5 & 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
6, 9 & 19	Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
12 & 25 & 35	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail
14	Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
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16	Holliday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.
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27 & 36	Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz-
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34 & 38	Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing - 36745 Marquette
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
40 & 41	Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant.

Eileen DeHart, CMC  
Westland City Clerk

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### IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Owner Rocky Domovic said running his own diner is his version of the America Dream.

## Marko's Cozy Diner owner living the American Dream

**Observer:** Tell us about your business, including the type of products or services you offer?

Rocky: I've mentioned some of our numerous menu items. We only use the finest, fresh, ingredients available. We make superb home cooking and we top that off with a friendly down-home environment.

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

Rocky: To me it is the American dream. I love people and associating with people. I have been a chef for many years, this is my dream.

**Observer:** Why did you choose Redford?

Rocky: I have experiences in New York and all over Michigan. I have found that the people in Redford are hard working and extremely

#### DETAILS

**Business name:** Marko's Cozy Diner

**Name and title:** Rocky Domovic, Owner

**Home town:** Westland

**Number of employees:** 16

**Business address:** 27140 Plymouth Road

**Business opened:** 2006

**Hours of operation:** 6 a.m. to 10

p.m. Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

**Specialty:** We have a full menu, starting with breakfast specialties, our deluxe hamburgers, mouth watering prime rib, grilled lamb chops, Italian pastas, spinach pie and fresh salads, just to mention a few.

**Telephone number:** (313) 937-8470.

nice. I am very happy I chose Redford.

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

Rocky: As I mentioned before, we have quality products. We have lower prices, and things like dinner for two, along with our other specials. Basically it comes

down to good customer relations.

**Observer:** How has your business changed since it first opened?

Rocky: It is actually growing more every day. I have listened to what my customers want and I will change the menu whenever I can.

### CHAMBER CHAT

On June 15 Chamber members and friends gathered at Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia for the annual Golf Classic. The weather was great and the company outstanding for this fun annual outing.

The winning team included Westland Councilman Bill Johnson and Council President James Godbout. Their score of 57 earned first place trophies.

I'd like to extend a thank you to our sponsors:

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President and CEO

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**Contact:** If you haven't enrolled yet and would like to, sign up online at [wwfcu.org](http://wwfcu.org) or call (734) 721-5700.

#### Sweet pecans!

**Time/Date:** The month of July  
**Location:** Dairy Queen of Garden City, 28825 Ford, Garden City

**Details:** Now's your chance to enjoy a Pecan Pie Blizzard®, it's the Blizzard® of the Month at Dairy Queen. Savor the taste of pecans, crispy pie crust pieces and roasted, nutty caramel blended with creamy vanilla DQ® soft serve. Get to your local DQ, because when July is gone so is the new Pecan Pie Blizzard® treat.

**Contact:** (734) 427-7850

#### Downtown Days

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to -9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, and noon-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8

**Location:** Downtown Garden City  
**Details:** The Downtown Development Authority is sponsoring Downtown Days Aug. 7-8.

#### SEND IT

Are you having a special event, a sale or just want to let people know where you are? Interested in being featured in our Business Q & A? It's as easy as sending your information to or requesting a Q & A form from Sue Mason at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com). You can also mail it to Sue Mason, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226.

All events will be located in the Garden Plaza area. Free live entertainment, action demonstrations by Garden City's finest, garage sale, Treasure Mart, specialty vendors, beer tent, Diamond Dig, children's events, food and fun for all are planned. The garage sale will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Vendor and garage sale space applications are available at the DDA office on Ford east of Middlebelt or on its website at [www.downtowngardencity.org](http://www.downtowngardencity.org) and at the City Clerk's office in Garden City Hall on Middlebelt, north of Ford. The cost is \$20 for both days, and proceeds will benefit the 50th Annual Garden City Santaland Parade. The deadline for applications is 3 p.m. July 30.  
**Contact:** (734) 261-2830.

#### Restaurant Rally

**Time/Date:** 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 27

**Details:** Tickets are going fast for the Westland chamber of Commerce's annual Restaurant Rally. A limit of 500 people will enjoy at a record number of 13 restaurants - Applebee's Restaurant, Ashley's Beer & Grill, Beaver Creek, Biggy Coffee, Longhorn Steakhouse, Malarky's Irish Pub, Marvaso's Italian Grille, McDonald's at 38481 Ford, Olga's Kitchen, Papa

Romano's - Mr. Pita, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Texas Roadhouse and Vizzy's Pizza Palace. Tickets which are \$25 each are going fast. Call the Chamber to get yours.  
**Contact:** For tickets and more information, call (734) 326-7222.

#### 20th anniversary

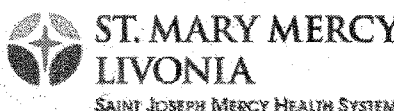
**Details:** Westland Mayor William R. Wild has recognized Benny Jet on his 20th year anniversary of performing in the City of Westland. Benny is known for his classic rock and blues band, Benny and the Jets, which recorded three LPs in the 1970s and continues to play every Tuesday at the Wayne Road Pub in Westland. Early on Benny and the Jets spent a lot of time with people like Jerry Patlow, Freddy Boom Boom Cannon, Bo Diddley and Chubby Checker. More recently the band has opened for entertainers, such as Eddie Money, Ted Nugent, John Michael Montgomery, Mountain, Mitch Ryder and the Kentucky Headhunters. Benny and the Jets have even played at the pre-game winter fest of the 2006 Super Bowl.

**Contact:** For a calendar of play dates and information on booking the band, visit their website at [www.bennyandthejets.com](http://www.bennyandthejets.com).

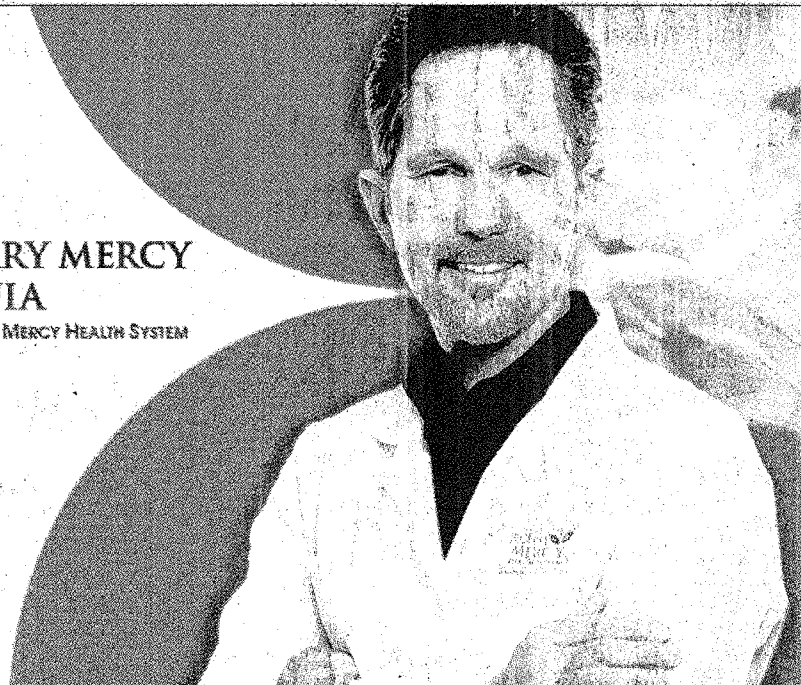
#### Blood Pressure Screenings

**Location:** Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, and Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood

**Details:** Get your blood pressure (free) and have a cholesterol testing (\$5) noon-2 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the main lobby of Garden City Hospital, or get free blood pressure checks at 10:30 a.m. every other Wednesday (next date is July 21) at Maplewood.  
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## OUR VIEWS

# Gift of life

## Need for blood is critical this summer season

It's the middle of summer and vacation time is in full swing. But while we're off enjoying fun in the sun, someone somewhere may be in need of something you have — your blood.

According to figures provided by the American Red Cross, some 32,000 pints of blood are used every day in the United States. It could be a child battling cancer, a person having emergency surgery, a mother giving birth or a young man injured in a car accident who need that blood, but unfortunately only 5 percent of the 60 percent of adults eligible to give do so.

In the summer, blood donations are at their lowest. People are out of town, busy with their friends and families. The idea of donating blood is the furthest thing from their minds. But summer is when the Red Cross truly needs people to roll up their sleeves and give the gift of life.

People have many reasons not to give. For some, the idea of donating a unit of blood is scary; for others, the idea never crosses their mind. If all blood donors gave at least twice a year, it would greatly strengthen the nation's blood supply. Giving blood will not decrease your health. Quite the contrary, it'll make you feel good about yourself and the three people that unit of blood will help.

Each unit of blood can be broken down into its components — red blood cells, plasma, platelets and cryoprecipitate, which is used to treat hemophilia and other clotting disorders. An adult undergoing heart surgery uses an average of up to six units of red blood cells, four units of plasma and 10 units of platelets. The average liver transplant needs up to 10 units of red blood cells, 10 units of platelets and 20 units of plasma. An average bone marrow transplant may need hundreds of platelets and more than 20 units of red blood cells. One car accident victim alone can require up to 100 units of blood.

Every two seconds, someone in America needs blood and it's volunteer blood donors who provide nearly all of the nation's blood supply for transfusion. Anyone in good health, who is at least 17 years old and weighs 110 pounds or more may safely donate blood. Any company, community organization, place of worship or individual can host a blood drive.

While all blood types are needed during the critical summer months, Type O negative is always in high demand because it can be transfused to patients with any blood type, especially in emergency situations. Type O negative donors can make the difference between an adequate blood supply and a summer shortage.

You can donate at a Red Cross Blood Donation Center or stop by a mobile blood drive. Need a few locations? Here's a sampling of local blood drives taking place over the next few weeks:

- 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, July 16, at Dorsey Schools, 35005 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne.
- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at Divine Savior Catholic Church, 39375 Joy, Westland.
- 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Gordon Chevrolet, 31850 Ford, Garden City.

If you're too shy to go one of those locations, you can also stop by the Livonia Blood Donation Center on Five Mile east of Newburgh.

We urge you to make time for a blood donation. It only takes about an hour, not much time when you think about the three people you'll be helping. Call the Red Cross at (800) RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.



Only 5 percent of the 60 percent of Americans eligible to donate actually give blood.

## LETTERS

### Vote yes on SMART request

Voters will be asked to approve the renewal of the SMART millage on the Aug. 3 primary ballot. A YES vote is crucial to the continued availability of public transportation in our region. SMART relies on the millage for nearly half of its operating funds and as the local match for a substantial portion of its federal funding.

SMART has been a vital means of transportation for southeastern Michigan residents for 40 years. Approximately 14 million people ride SMART buses yearly. Whether it's a student attending school, a person going to work, or a senior traveling to a doctor, shopping or church, SMART has become a necessity for millions of people living in 75 communities in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties.

SMART service is important to the region's economy. More than 54,000 businesses are located within a quarter mile of a SMART bus route, giving access to more than 916,000 jobs. In addition, SMART's "Get a Job - Get a Ride" program provides a free one-month bus pass to people starting a new job.

Not only does SMART provide reliable transportation for citizens, but it's also making strides to be "Green." This year the entire SMART fleet switched from diesel fuel to a bio-diesel blend and also introduced hybrid electric buses that lower emissions and improve fuel mileage.

SMART is seeking a 0.59-mil property tax renewal. This equates to \$1 in tax for each \$1,000 of taxable property value, approximately one-third of the tax required by other public transportation systems. It is an investment well worth making! Every \$1 spent on public transportation is multiplied six times in the regional economy. No new taxes are proposed.

The renewal of SMART millage will allow the

system to continue to be the primary hub of transportation, connecting southeast Michigan communities, providing an accessible, efficient way to travel, and contributing to the economic vitality of the region.

The SMART choice is to vote YES on Aug. 3 for continued convenient public transportation in southeastern Michigan

**John Mogk**  
 President  
 Citizens For A SMART Future

### Dangerous to neighborhood

Are the residents and business owners in the Ford/Wildwood/ Hunter areas of Westland aware that the City of Westland is converting its ice arena plant from using Freon (Safe) to Ammonia (toxic and dangerous)?

This is another example of the arrogance of power of the existing city of Westland's administration to trample individual rights and property values and put the city's citizens and businesses in harms way.

Ammonia is very toxic and explosive and a small ammonia discharge or leak at the city arena in our neighborhood could lead to serious injuries and loss of life. Does anyone care about us?

**Dennis Clos**  
 Westland

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The Franklin High School Senior All Night Party Committee would like to thank the following donors for helping to make our party such a huge success. Your commitment to our community is greatly appreciated. We could not have done it without you!

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We would also like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who went above and beyond to make this night a special one for our students. And last, but certainly not least, thanks to our fantastic administration and custodial staff. Your support meant so much! We are blessed to be a part of such an awesome school!

**Becky Wood**  
 Franklin High School Senior All Night Party Committee chair

## GUEST COLUMN

# In Wayne County, old approaches don't work

Recently I submitted the fiscal year 2011 budget to the Wayne County Commission. As we developed the budget, we did so with a clear understanding of this new reality we face. This reality is not unlike what the citizens of Wayne County confront daily: less money available to pay rising bills.



**Robert Ficano**

Property taxes — the backbone of our revenue stream — fell for the second consecutive year. Consequently, the past two years were challenging for the metropolitan area and especially Wayne County. Government must revise the way it carries out its duties and responsibilities. We are at Wayne County. Old approaches simply don't work any longer.

I believe the budget goals for 2011 prioritize the actions needed to benefit our citizens today, while laying a solid foundation for future generations.

Even with a projected \$90 million deficit, our goals remain the same: right size Wayne County government; diversify and strengthen our economy through economic development; use technology to streamline county operations; implement

long-term financial planning; eliminate county deficits and build reserves; and restore confidence in government.

These goals form the basis of my administration's commitment to the people of Wayne County. However, one must be mindful that Wayne County is one corner of a larger economic picture. As we strive to accomplish these goals, it's unlikely the state of Michigan will make the tough fiscal decisions necessary, in a heightened election-year, to address the struggling economy.

So what does this mean for Wayne County government and residents?

The state will ultimately have to make cuts in discretionary programs, which include many programs operated by counties on its behalf. Wayne County expects continued decreases in some economy-based revenues, and anticipates that the state may continue to "creatively" shift costs to local government in the form of unfunded mandates. These mandates are state controlled, yet funded by Wayne County taxpayer dollars, and unfortunately, the county has no say in their implementation. In the end, these unfunded mandates result in the decrease and, in some cases, complete loss of programs and services our citizens depend on.

As we consider the future, I am committed to taking proactive steps to ensure stability for citizens today and future generations. Therefore, I'm proposing an ordinance to move the county from a one-year budget cycle to a two-year budget cycle.

This ordinance would improve the county's budgeting and financial planning. It would allow us to anticipate declines. This approach would ultimately alleviate abrupt cuts necessary to maintain a balanced budget. Additionally, the ordinance would bring the county in line with standard financial planning practices. I strongly encourage the Wayne County Commission to approve this ordinance.

Even with these challenges, I remain committed to ensuring safety and prosperity of our citizens.

This sobering budget cycle presents us with the opportunity to make the case once and for all that government must get leaner. This shift in attitude must happen now. I think it's time that all county stakeholders recognize our new realities. Only then will we begin to move forward.

**Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano** serves as executive of Wayne County, the largest county in Michigan, and oversees an annual budget of more than \$2 billion.

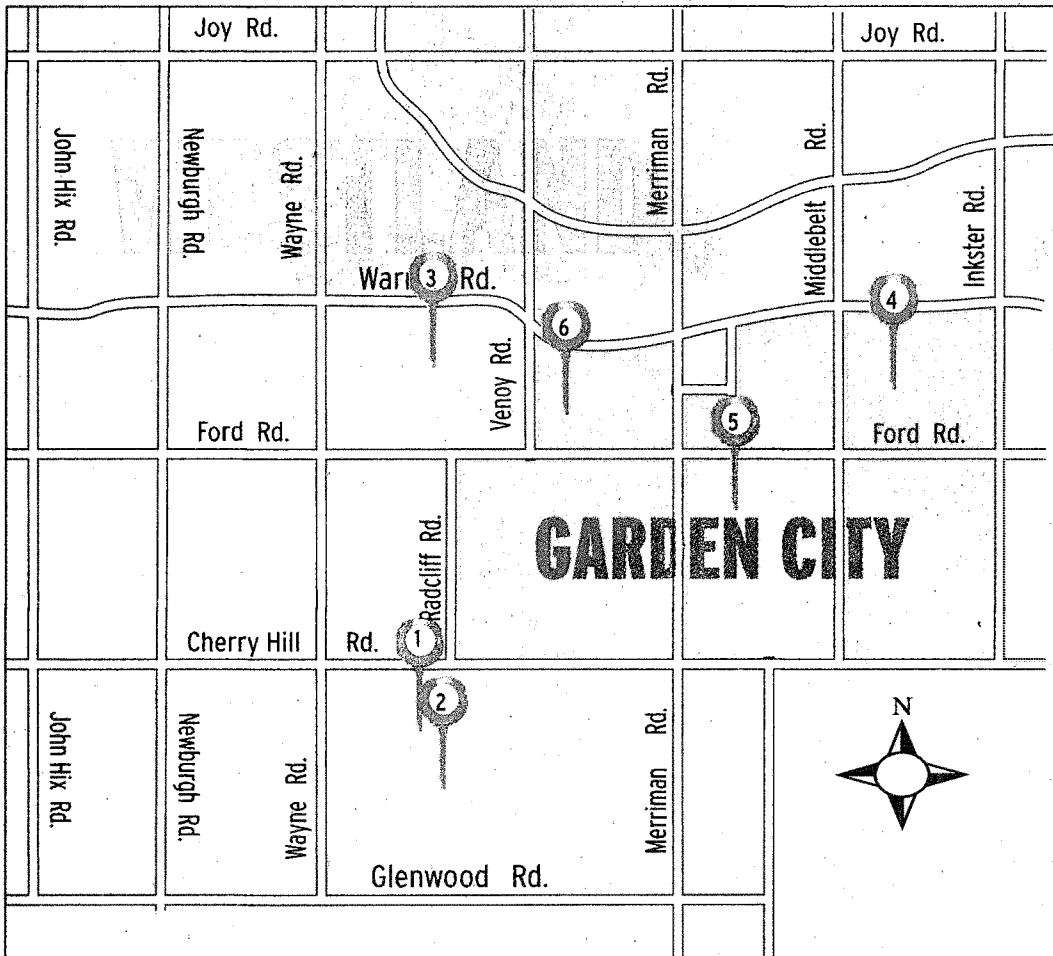
# It's time to tweak smoke-free law

It's been just over two months since Michigan's ban on smoking in most public places went into effect. The ban was a good idea and long overdue but something should be done to help struggling bar and restaurant owners, many of whom claim that once faithful customers are now staying away because they can no longer smoke, drink and eat in the same place.

Making matters worse, some bar owners have had to hire bouncers to keep an eye on smokers who seek refuge in the parking lot. Based on anecdotal reports, smokers who do show up aren't staying as long or ordering as much because of the inconvenience of having to go outside for a smoke.

While many bar owners would like to see the smoking ban repealed, that isn't warranted at all. However, there is a compromise that would be amenable to most — tweak the law to allow bars and restaurants to establish outside seating that permits smoking. Separate sections should be required for nonsmokers who want to dine or drink outside but other than that, the rules shouldn't be overly complex because restaurant/bar owners need help now. It's not a cure-all, but it would certainly help improve the bottom line for business owners who have been hurt by the smoking ban.





## Report: GC man assaulted, robbed at Westland home

### Strong arm robbery

A Garden City man told police that he was robbed of more than \$1,500 in cash and assaulted while visiting friends at a home in the 33000 block of Fernwood early July 12.

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The man said he was with a group of friends at Rock Starz Bar near Ford and Radcliff in Garden City.

After the bar closed, the man said the group decided to go to one person's home on Fernwood to swim and hang out. On the way, the victim and a Westland woman stopped to purchase cigarettes at the CVS Pharmacy at Cherry Hill and Merriman. While buying the cigarettes, the man said he produced a large amount of cash — \$1,580 — which he had in anticipation of paying for car repairs.

The man told police he was aware that the suspects, both Canton residents, had seen the cash. While heading to the home, the man told police he placed the cash in the crotch of his underwear as a precaution.

The woman and most of the others in the group were swimming in the rear yard, the man said he went to the front yard to smoke. A group of suspects approached, he told police, one pulling his legs out from under him knocking him to the ground.

Four suspects stood over him, the man told police, as he curled into a fetal position. One of the men reportedly told him not to make any noise or he'd be killed, so the man said they should take what they wanted.

One man, whom he had met earlier, reportedly went through his pockets taking his cigarettes, house keys, cell phone and wallet, then

checked his pants finding the cash which he took.

The suspects reportedly fled on foot to a nearby vehicle and left.

The victim and a witness provided descriptions and nicknames for the suspects. Another officer, who had worked in narcotics, reported a previous contact with one of the suspects.

The victim later called police to provide information about a third suspect who he believed had his house keys and half of the stolen cash.

### Mail fraud

On July 12, a resident in the 33000 block of Blackfoot told police that he had discovered someone had illegally changed his mailing address from his Westland home to a home on 23rd Street in Detroit. The man said he had been in the hospital for two weeks and returned home June 21 to find a notice that his address change had been successful but he didn't pay attention to it.

On July 12, the man said he went to pay his telephone bill he was informed that his mail was being forwarded to Detroit. He said that he had contacted the U.S. Postal Inspector's office. No notice of fraudulent activity had been received, the man said.

### Vandalism

A resident in the 700 block of S. Hawthorne told police July 12 that the neighbors who live behind her in the 700 block of Forest had been shooting a gun at the back of her garage. Noting there was loud music coming from the garage at the other home, the officers said there were numerous holes in the siding on her garage.

Looking over the fence, the

officers reported seeing a pop can sitting on the ground that appeared to have been shot numerous times. The barrel of a rifle was sitting on the picnic table near the garage, the officers said.

The officers called to whom-ever was in the garage to come to the fence but received no response despite hearing two males arguing. The officers then climbed over the fence.

A 19-year-old resident of the Forest home and a Taylor man, also 19, were found standing in the garage, police said. The officer noted a gun case on the floor with a 12-gauge shot gun and three shells sitting inside. The resident attempted to kick the shot gun case under a nearby table, police said. The weapon on the picnic table was identified as an air powered BB gun, which was confiscated along with the shot gun, police said.

Police said both men were intoxicated and told the officers that they were shooting at cans with the BB gun but placed a board behind the cans and were unaware of causing any damage. The men were arrested for underage drinking.

The Forest resident was wearing a tether and on probation for armed robbery, the officer said. After the officer noticed the shot gun barrel had been cut to make it shorter, the Forest resident was also facing a charge of possession a short barrel shot gun.

The Taylor man reportedly told the officers he was on probation for being a disorderly person. He was also facing a charge of disturbing the peace, discharging a weapon and vandalism, police said.

By LeAnne Rogers

## Report: Would-be purse snatcher nabbed

### Stolen purse

An employee at Garden Cafe on Middlebelt, north of Ford, helped a 64-year-old female customer get her purse back after it was reportedly stolen about 10 a.m. July 11.

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The customer told police she was sitting in the outside patio with her 65-year-old husband when a man, who had been pacing back and forth, grabbed her purse from the chair beside her and ran off.

He was chased by the restaurant employee who was joined by a Redford Township man driving northbound on Middlebelt who reportedly saw a man running and clutching a purse, police said. The two men reportedly caught the suspect at the back of Albert's on the Alley which is on Middlebelt across from Garden Cafe and held him until the police arrived.

When a police officer arrived, he reportedly recognized the suspect as a man released from lockup about 40 minutes earlier.

The purse was report-

edly found near Bible Holiness Church.

During booking at the police station, the 18-year-old Detroit man was reportedly uncooperative and raised his fist to the police officers. He was subdued and placed back into the Garden City jail, police said.

### Strong arm robbery

Two teenagers, ages 14 and 15, reported an assault and one reported a strong arm robbery about 6 p.m. July 8 in the 29700 block of Barton.

They told police they were offered "weed" for sale at Memorial Elementary School earlier. Then, while walking on Barton, they were approached by a car driven by a 16-year-old male they recognized as a Garden City High School student. They told police the driver was never involved in the incident.

A car passenger reportedly got out and stole an iPod from one of the teens. When his friend tried to get it back, he was reportedly punched.

The boys went home and reported the incident to a parent, who called police. The

14-year-old had a bloody nose; the 15-year-old had no visible injuries, police said.

The father called police and said he wants to press charges against the attackers, pending police investigation.

### Stolen car

A 1989 Chevy Caprice was reportedly stolen from an apartment complex parking lot in the 7950 block of Venoy.

When the police arrived at 1 p.m. July 9 they found glass where the car was parked. The vehicle's 23-year-old Canton Township owner said there was also a set of golf clubs in the car.

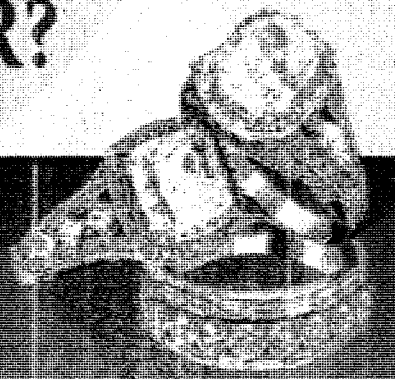
### Home invasion

A Dearborn Heights woman renovating a home in the 1700 block of Brandt told police it was broken into sometime before July 8.

The woman told police she found the side door kicked, the dining room and bedroom windows broken, and a five-gallon bucket of paint spilled on the dining room floor.

By Sue Buck

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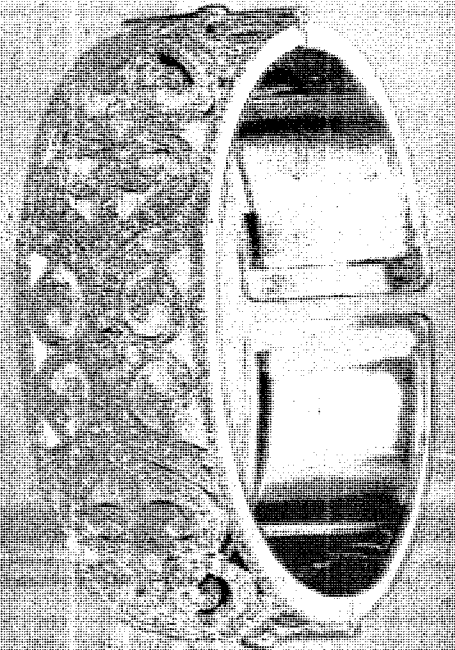
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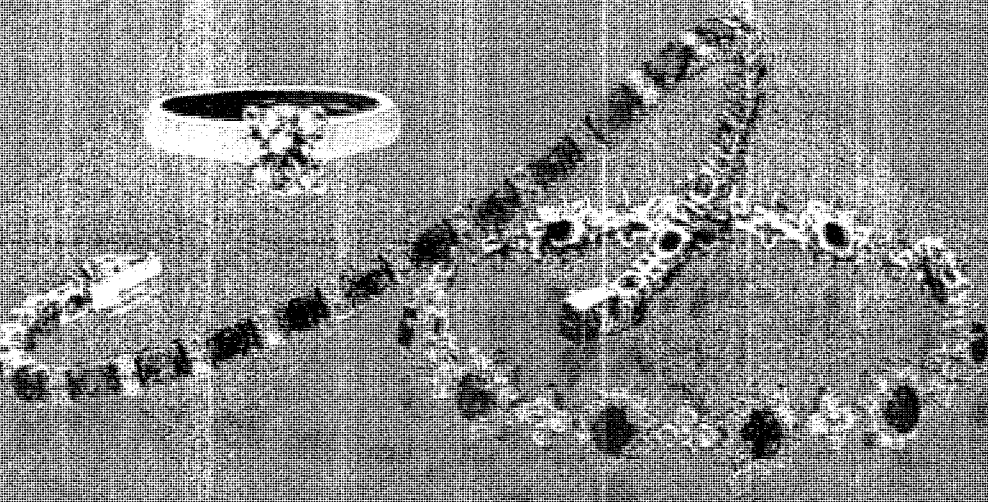
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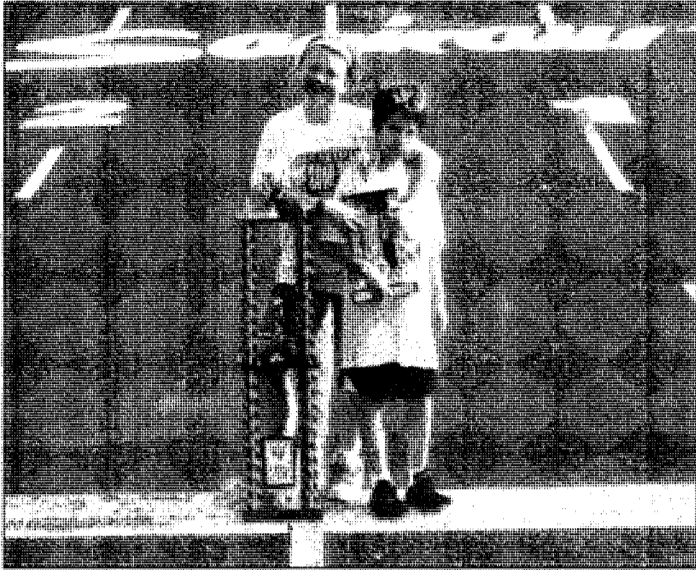
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Canton's Samantha Howell (left) and Michael Sheko celebrate after recently earning first- and fourth-place trophies, respectively, at the Saginaw All-American Soap Box Derby Race. With that win, Samantha qualified for the July 24 race in Akron, Ohio, where she will compete for the world championship.

## Canton girl awaits title race

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It hasn't been an easy time for Canton's Samantha Howell. Both of her grandfathers died over a nine-month period.

But the East Middle School student is using the loss of Michael Zinda (who died in June 2009) and Walter Howell (who died this March) to give her just a little extra push when she gets into her Soap Box Derby car — recently painted purple and nicknamed the "Bad Apple."

"She knows that her grandfathers are watching," said James Howell, Samantha's dad and crew chief. "... She says it's powered by angels." Maybe so, but Samantha Howell is doing quite a bit on her own.

In mid-June, she won the All-American Soap

**In mid-June, Samantha Howell won the All-American Soap Box Derby Race in Saginaw and qualified as a result for the world championships set for July 23-24 in Akron, Ohio.**

Box Derby Race in Saginaw and qualified as a result for the world championships set for July 23-24 in Akron, Ohio, described by her dad as "the great big one."

"I think it's a very great chance," Samantha said. "I get to race with people (from) all over the country. ... I'll just race my hardest and hopefully win."

In addition, the soon-to-be eighth-grader

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## SIDELINES

### State games recap

The Metro West region hockey team competed late last month at the first annual Meijer State Games of Michigan in Grand Rapids.

Following opening ceremonies patterned after the Winter Olympics, the team comprised of players from Plymouth, Canton, Salem, North Farmington, Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson defeated Metro North 5-4 on June 24 in a Griffins Division clash.

But the offense dried up in the next three contests.

On June 25, Metro West dropped a 3-2 decision to Team West and fell 4-2 on June 26 to Team North in Griffins Division matchups.

Although Metro West did not reach the June 27 medal rounds, the team did play a cross-divisional semifinal against Team East — dropping a 5-1 decision to finish 1-3 in the tournament.

### Just for kicks

Redford Soccer Club's Summer Soccer Camp will be held July 19-23 at Bell Creek Park for players U6 through U19. Cost for the weeklong camp, which runs from 5:30-8:30 p.m. daily, is \$130. Waza FC's professional coaches will instruct youngsters in various aspects of the game. Participants are asked to bring shin guards, a soccer ball and a water bottle.

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### Cougar camp

The Garden City High School Cougar football coaching staff will host its youth football camp for 8- and 9-year-olds July 19-22 from 5:30-8 p.m. and for 10- and 13-year-olds July 26-29 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Cost for each camp is \$55 and all campers will receive a t-shirt.

For more information, visit [www.gccougarcountry.com](http://www.gccougarcountry.com) and click on the 'camps' section to print a registration form.

### Holes in one

Suzanne Gamache of Canton had a hole-in-one on the 3rd hole of the Michaywe Pines Course in Gaylord. She used a 5 wood on the 97 yard par 3.

Bob Brocius, 62, from Plymouth aced the 129-yard 13th hole at Redford's Glenhurst Golf Course on Sunday. He used a 9 iron for his hole-in-one, which sparked a score of 77. It was the sixth ace of his 40-year golf career.

Hoon P. Lee of Farmington Hills, 48, collected a hole-in-one on July 5 at Mystic Creek Golf Club in Milford. Lee aced the 128-yard 4th hole.

## Reault hooked on battling the best anglers

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's summertime in Michigan and it's a good bet you can find Livonia native Dave Reault aboard his reliable 20-foot Ranger Bass Boat determined to come away with the biggest and most talked about catch of the day.

Broker by day and fisherman by all other remaining hours, Reault, 53, will again put his skills up against the best anglers and co-anglers around when he travels to the East Coast and Lake Champlain to take part in the 2010 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Northern Open July 22-24. Normally, Reault would be a participant in this weekend's FLW Bass Fishing League on the Detroit River, but the close scheduling of the two tournaments wasn't going to allow the veteran angler to give his best at both sites.

"I like to fish them all, but this time I just had to make a choice," said Reault, who estimates he takes part in some 15-20 fishing tournaments each year. "I'm competitive and I enjoy fishing, so it's a pretty good match."

"I've been fishing in tournaments for about 20 years — back when Red Man (chewing tobacco) was sponsoring them," Reault continued. "I won my first tournament back probably 40 years ago on Newburgh Lake."

Reault said he enjoys competing in the BFL sanctioned events because it is the "top level local trail" fielding various divisions ranging from novices to grizzly veterans.



Livonia resident Dave Reault proudly displays his catch from recent tournament action.

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## Local players spark 14U Dodgers to district title, feature local flavor

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sparked by Observerland-area talent and many players new to travel baseball, the Concealed Security 14U Dodgers are one step closer to reaching the American Amateur Baseball Congress pinnacle.

Concealed — featuring a near perfect game by pitcher Austin Stevens of Livonia Stevenson — went 5-0 July 7-10 at the 14U Sandy Koufax District Tournament in Coldwater.

That propelled the team to this week's regionals in Rockford, Ill., against teams from Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa and Michigan. The Dodgers were slated to open the double elimination tourney with a Thursday game.

If the Dodgers (coached by Stevenson's Rick Berryman and assistant Lou Pirronello) get through the regionals, they will move on to the AABC World Series.

In the championship game Saturday, Concealed (18-13) rolled to a 10-2 romp over the Kalamazoo Storm behind a 17-hit attack.

Leading the charge with a 3-for-4 performance was Kevin Nisun (Livonia Franklin), who batted .615 for the districts.

Stevenson's Rodney Bies went 2-for-3, while Mitch Sykes (Livonia/Novi Catholic Central) and Brandon Waack (Plymouth Canton) each registered one hit and two RBI.

Picking up the win was starter Brett Davis, with 1 $\frac{2}{3}$  scoreless relief from Alex Deyonker (Franklin).

Stevens' no-hit gem Friday against Coldwater keyed an 18-0 victory in Round 4, advancing the Dodgers into the district final.

Only a walk on a full count came between Stevens and a perfect game. Ball four came on a sharp bender that the umpire later told Pirronello clipped a corner of the plate and should have been a strikeout.

"The umpire said he blew the call on a 3-2 pitch that fooled him," Pirronello said.

Nisun had a 3-for-3 day, scored three runs and drove in two to again pace the offense. Sykes tripled in

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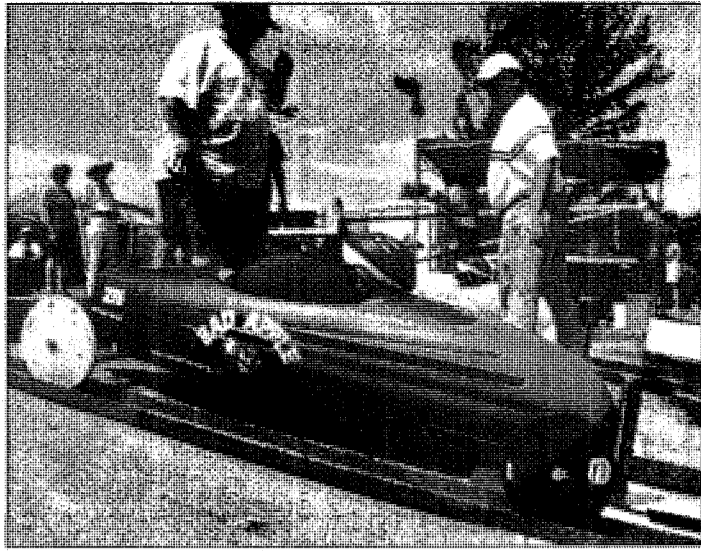
has amassed 405 points in the National Derby Rally Series, good for first place in the United States. She tacked on points during recent visits to Iowa (Sioux City, Des Moines) and Kansas City, Mo.

"They say she's the one to watch," her dad said. "... It's nice to hear that. She's had several people comment that in the four years she's been racing she's come from a nobody to one of the top five drivers in the country.

"That's saying something. She is determined to come out a winner."

Samantha said the trip to Akron is nothing new, having participated in previous national competitions. But this year's Michigan champion has fine tuned her technique, which could spell trouble for opponents.

"I think I've improved by being able to drive straight and get lower in my car," Samantha noted. "And to be more focused at races."



Samantha Howell gets ready to roll at last month's All-American Soap Box Derby Race in Saginaw. Her car now sports the nickname "Bad Apple" and was repainted purple by Canton High School students. The paint job earned second place at the recent Detroit Autorama.

James Howell said his daughter is able to do that because "she's stretching, so she gets lower in the car and gets better aerodynamics."

He added that when Samantha won the All-American race in Saginaw, "we didn't have the fastest car of the day. But she outdrove the other driver. Experience

took over and experience won the race for her."

Meanwhile, the Howells hope there will be many more races around the corner, which is why they are looking for a sponsor to help their "Bad Apple" soap box derby entry continue competing.

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**Riverside skaters roll into nationals**

Eight local figure skaters from Riverside Arena Skating Club in Livonia have qualified to compete at the 2010 USA Roller Sports Figure Skating National Championships to be held in Lincoln, Neb. from July 25 through Aug. 8.

These skaters represent Riverside Arena Skating Club and practice at Riverside Arena in Livonia.

Qualification for the national championship occurred from June 26-30 at the Great Lakes Regional Championships held in West Chester, Ohio. The Great Lakes region represents Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

The skaters who have qualified and will be competing in the national championships are:

- Pirro Marko, gold medalist in Primary Boys Figures and qualifier in Primary Solo Dance.
- Jayanthesh Kalmat, silver

medalist in Primary Boys Figures and bronze medalist in Primary Boys Free Skating.

- Chloe Lamay, gold medalist in Elementary Girls Loops and qualifier in Primary 'A' Girls Figures.

- Valentyna Stadnik, silver medalist in Juvenile/Elementary 'B' Team Dance (with partner, Ryan Heersink).

- Ian Heersink, gold medalist in Juvenile 'A' Boys Figures, bronze medalist in Elementary Boys Loops and qualifier in Juvenile/Elementary Boys Free Skating.

- Ryan Heersink, gold medalist in Juvenile 'B' Boys Figures and silver medalist in Elementary 'B' Team Dance (with partner Valentyna Stadnik).

- Jillian Heersink, qualifier in Sophomore 'A' Women's Figures and Freshman/Sophomore 'B' Women's

Figures.  
• Alexei Castillo, gold medalist in Open 'A' Inline Creative Solo Dance.

The 2010 USA Roller Sports Figure Skating Championships will be available for viewing live online. More details on the live broadcast will be available on <http://www.usarollersports.org>.

Skaters enter events in one or more categories (Singles, Pairs, Figures, Solo Dance, Team Dance, Precision, or Show skating) and are judged on content and manner of performance.

This includes the skater's ability to do identifiable, difficult content items, like jumps, spins, and footwork, while utilizing those movements in an artistic interpretation of accompanying music.

Skaters may choose to skate in a variety of categories or concentrate on only one.

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"You make quite a few friends out on the water meeting people from all over, and I really enjoy that social part," Reault said. "The reason so many people like coming over here is because we have so many great places to fish. Lake St. Clair is stocked with fish

and the Detroit River is always enjoyable."

Reault said he has four BFL titles to his credit, including a pair of wins on the Detroit River. The others have come on Lake St. Clair and the Grand River.

This past May, Reault hitched up his trusty Ranger Bass Boat and headed down to Arkansas and DeGray Lake to participate in the BFL All-American Tournament. It was

the second time Reault qualified for the prestigious event, and even though his finish was less than stellar, the experience will be treasured forever.

"Sometimes when you win and do well things just end up going right," Reault said. "It seems to be just destiny. Other days don't go so well and it's not that you did something wrong, but it just wasn't going to happen that day. All of it is self-enjoyment."

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**Hot Hawks**

The U13 State Cup Champion Michigan Hawks girls youth soccer team can now add Midwest Region Champs to their resume. Teams from 14 states recently traveled to Beavercreek, Ohio to compete for the coveted title of Midwest Regional Champions. The girls defeated teams from Minnesota, Ohio, South Dakota and Kansas to make it to the finals against Missouri which resulted in a 2-0 win. While the older age groups will travel to the National Championships, this is the highest level this age group can achieve. Front row (left to right): Taylor Lambouris, Lexie Shamoun, Olivia Hartman, Erin Emmanuel, Shannon Magnan and Claire Allen. Middle row (left to right): Nickie Zuckerman, Sydney Kettlewell, Rylee Jayson, Mackenzie Travis and Courtney Petersen. Back row (left to right): Coach Dave Hicklin, Holly Hermans, Kylie Knight, Kelly Sweeney, Cassie Phillips, Laekyn Jaciuk and Assistant Coach Tony Phillips.

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two runs, while Waack chipped in with a 2-for-2 performance along with two runs and three RBI. Commerce Township's Brett Davis (five RBI) homered among three hits.  
Concealed's earlier wins in the districts were 4-1 over Kalamazoo, 21-5 over Freemont, Ind., and 12-7 over Olivet.  
In addition to Nisun, locals who stung the ball throughout the districts included Stevens (.538), Waack (.417) and Deyonker (.333).  
No matter what happens at the regionals, Pirronello said it has been a rewarding season of "overachievement" because of all the first-year travel players.  
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Kylie Miller (left), shown from the 2010 season playing for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team, took part in the June 19 GLAM Hall of Fame game at Detroit Country Day. She also received a \$1,000 college scholarship from the PCS Boosters Board and will attend Michigan State University in the fall. At right is Lady Warriors' teammate Sarah Coleman.

## Kudos cap Lady Warriors' swan song

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Steve Nyquist is slowly getting used to the idea of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Lady Warriors combined girls lacrosse team closing up shop.

Beginning next season, separate varsity squads will represent each of the three high schools located at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

But Nyquist said the swan-song season featured plenty of things to remember, including a very competitive record (10-9, including 1-1 in the regionals. PCS defeated Northville 11-10 in double overtime for the team's first-ever regional win).

"The 2010 season was fairly successful," Nyquist noted. "As with most teams, unless you go undefeated, we could have won a few more games."

"But we were competitive in most of the games this year."

Others noticed, too. For example, seniors Kylie Miller,

Lauryn Ebersole and Jennifer Herzfeld represented the Lady Warriors in the Girls Lacrosse Association of Michigan Hall of Fame Game. The GLAM showcase took place June 19 at Detroit Country Day.

Miller, meanwhile, was named recipient of the PCS Booster Board's annual scholarship award. She will use the \$1,000 award toward her college career at Michigan State University, where she is considering a career in the medical field.

"While many times we judge a successful season by the wins and losses," Nyquist emphasized. "I think that awards such as All-Conference, team recognition, Academic All-Conference, Hall of Fame (Game) participation and academic scholarships are what truly indicate a successful season."

Four members of the team were named to the All-KLAA team, including Ebersole,

Katie Hill, Stephanie Bower and Lauren Allard. Meanwhile, Miller, Lauren Manner and Taylor Birman were honorable mention picks.

The solid season and individual achievements have Nyquist excited about the growth of lacrosse on campus in 2011, even though the Lady Warriors are no more.

"Next year we will have three teams, Plymouth, Canton, and Salem," he continued. "Each team will hopefully also have a JV team as well. We are hoping for a big turnout in the spring to for this exciting sport."

"This year we had over 80 girls on the (Lady Warriors) team and next year we are hoping for at least 40 to 45 at each of the three schools."

For updates about the girls lacrosse program, please visit <http://www.eteamz.com/pcsladywarriors/>.

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## Rams climb to top of league standings

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Rams surge to the top of the Michigan Collegiate Baseball League standings has certainly been spearheaded by pitching.

It was a little more than one week ago that right-hander Brandon Sinnery tossed a no-hitter in a thrilling 1-0 triumph by the 20-and-under Rams over the 22-and-under Blue Knights. And now Monday evening, Rams hurler Tyler Higgins proved nearly as unhittable as he allowed only one hit and no earned runs in six innings of work in the Rams 8-1 victory over the 20-and-under Thunder. Sixteen of the 18 outs Higgins recorded were on strikeouts.

The Rams staked Higgins to a quick 2-0 lead with a pair of runs in the first inning off loser Javon Bean. Four more in the second upped the margin to 6-0 and gave Higgins all the run support he would need to lead his teammates to their 20th win of the season.

Offensively, the Rams (20-6-1) were paced by Brad Guenther and John DiLaura with three hits apiece. DiLaura drove in four runs and Guenther knocked in two and scored three times.

Aaron Cieslak, Sam Ott, Cam Walker and Evan Piechota each added a hit to the Rams 10-hit attack.

On Sunday, the Rams took both ends of a doubleheader with the 22-and-under Bulls, squeaking out a 4-3 triumph in the opener before needing just five innings to capture the nightcap 10-0.

In game one, the Rams pushed across the tying and winning runs in the top of the seventh inning. Down by one at 3-2 heading to the seventh, the Rams got a lead-off double by Cam Walker, who promptly moved to third on a ground out by Jeff Sorenson, and came home with the tying run on a single by Scooter Williams.

Following a walk to Brett Mazmanian, Brad Guenther delivered the winning RBI with his second hit of the day, a dou-

ble down the rightfield line. Starter Mike Schypinski made the lead stand up as he tossed a hitless seventh to help the Rams to their 18th win of the season. Schypinski scattered seven hits, fanned 10 and did not yield a walk in the complete-game performance.

Game two saw the Rams snap a scoreless tie with four runs in the fourth inning. That outburst was too much for the Bulls to handle as they yielded six more in the fifth to hand the Rams the mercy-shortened victory.

Walker, Cieslak and Bobby Thomas were the hitting stars for the Rams as they each cracked two hits in three trips to the plate. Walker drove in two runs and scored once, Cieslak scored two runs and Thomas chipped in with one run scored and one RBI.

Sorenson, Williams, DiLaura and Piechota all contributed to the heavy-hitting Rams attack.

Sinnery notched the victory on the mound, tossing five innings of three-hit baseball. He struck out seven and walked none.

### SPORTS CAMPS

#### Youth grid camp

Powerhouse Gym of Farmington Hills will sponsor a youth football camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Harrison High School.

The camp is part of an effort to re-establish ties between the Farmington Rockets and Harrison football programs, according to Tim Mumford, manager of Powerhouse Gym and a former Harrison player.

The camp is open to all players in the 7-14 age group, however. The cost is \$35. Lunch and a Powerhouse Gym T-shirt are included.

Instructors will include the Harrison coaching staff, former Detroit Lion Ron Rice and former MSU and Harrison star Mill Coleman. There will be a cheerleading camp the same day.

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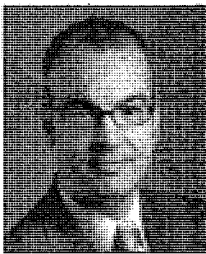
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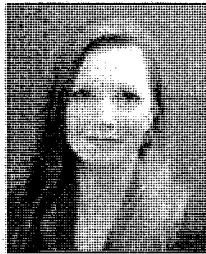
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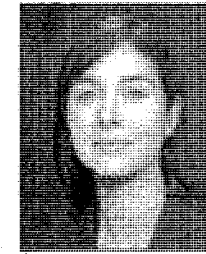
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# ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, July 15, 2010



## Take a step back in time at Founders Festival

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Fairy hoop toss and ball-in-a-cup will be all the rage this weekend at Warner Mansion in Farmington.

If you visit, you'll get a chance to play the two games, along with the "big hoop roll," and the more easily recognized badminton, croquet and horse-shoes.

"They were popular in Victorian times, in the late 1800s and early 1900s," said Sharon Bernath, a docent at the former home of Michigan's Governor Fred Warner. She's also in charge of the vintage lawn games, one of several activities held during Founders Festival at the Farmington landmark.

"This is the second year we're doing them. We did them on Sunday last year, but we're going to do it all three days this year because they seemed popular. They are nothing real spectacular but I think people enjoy them and they are something different."

Just because they're "simple" games, it doesn't mean they're easy to master or aimed solely at children. Bernath encourages adults to visit the various game stations that dot the mansion lawn during the festival, which began today, Thursday, July 15 and runs through Saturday, July 17, in downtown Farmington and at the mansion, located on Grand River Ave., northwest of the downtown district.

Miss Oakland County and her court will assist with the games on Saturday and anyone who tries all six can take home a prize.

Bernath said some of the games aren't as easy as they look.

"The big hoop roll — you try to roll the hoop as far as you



Youngsters play with a vintage game during Founders Festival at Warner Mansion in Farmington.

can without it falling down. You use a stick and you have to run with the hoop, keep it balanced. I enjoy trying the hoop roll but I'm not very successful. It takes a lot of energy."

Fairy hoop toss consists of two sticks and two ribbon-decorated hoops, about 12 inches in diameter. Players toss their hoops to one another, catching them on their sticks.

The wooden cup was a popular toy for boys in the mid-1800s. The objective is to place the ball in the cup without touching it.

"I tell them to hold cup in hand and with the ball on the string hanging down, to try to lift it up and get the cut under the ball. That way it won't bounce out," Bernath said.

"The amusements of the time are simple, but they are kind of fun."



The Warner Mansion is decked out in red, white and blue during Founders Festival in Farmington.

### CAKE AND PARASOLS

In addition to the games, the mansion will be open for tours, a flea market will be held Friday-Saturday, and birthday cake, celebrating Gov. Warner's 145th birthday, will be served Thursday.

Storyteller Rosie Chapman will bring history to life at 1 and

2 p.m. Saturday. Maria and Annika Taylor will take on the roles of Warner's daughters in vignettes they've written about the family at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the mansion gazebo.

The parasol drill team, Warnerettes, will march in the Botsford parade at 10 a.m., Saturday, along Grand River Ave. from Brookdale to Liberty.



ARCHIVE PHOTO

The fashion show is the centerpiece of activities at Warner Mansion during Founders Festival.

Bernath created the group specifically for the parade last year.

"It's just to get together, be in the parade and have a good time doing something different. Sometimes we twirl our parasol, open and close it, point it this way and that."

Members dress in long black skirts and white blouses and sport Gov. Warner buttons and straw hats.

Mansion volunteers have considered using vintage clothing in their Founders Festival fashion show, but opted for contemporary styles to save on cost. The second annual fashion show will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, in front of the mansion. City clerk Sue Halberstadt said the show will take on a "home grown" twist this year by showcasing fashions from Dress Barn and hair and make up styling from Beyond Salon.

"Rachel Willnus will provide derby hats. They are incredible," added Halberstadt, who will join other local women to model the fashions. "It was a stunning fashion show last year, but this year we decided

we wanted to do something for Farmington businesses."

In addition to the activities at Warner Mansion, events will be held throughout downtown Farmington. A sampling:

- Crafter's Marketplace will offer works by more than 135 artists.

- A four-mile run starts at 9 a.m., at Shiawassee Park, located at Power and Shiawassee roads.

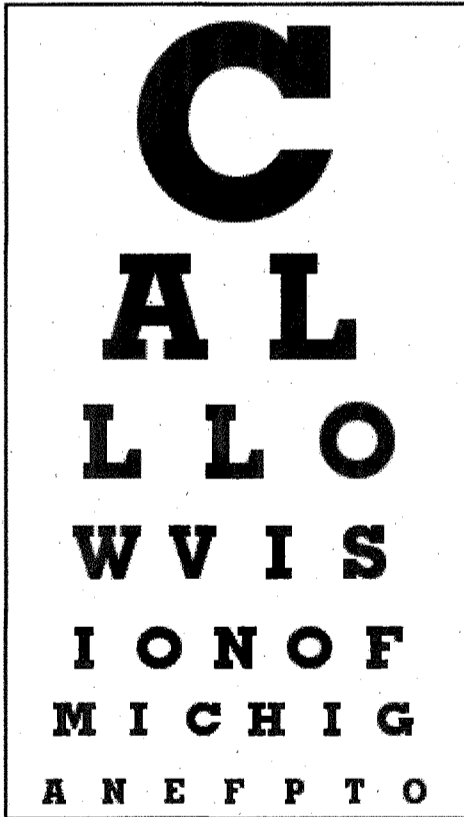
- The Meijer Go Playground, located on State Street and adjacent parking lots, offers family-oriented interactive entertainment, playground, crafts and more.

- Uprizing Steel Band, Killer Flamingos and Infinity Hour are among the bands scheduled to play.

- Thousands of rubber ducks will float down the river at 3 p.m., Saturday, in Shiawassee Park. The Rubber Duck Race is a fund-raiser for the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation.

For more festival information and schedules visit [www.foundersfestival.com](http://www.foundersfestival.com).

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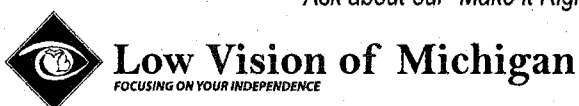
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Two Farmington Hills artists will exhibit their works July 21-24 at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs.

Andrea Anderson weaves all of her own material — some of it is made from recycled plastic — and will be on hand with fiber art. Sandra Happel of Farmington Hills will exhibit ceramics.

The Ann Arbor Art Fairs is actually four art fairs in one taking place simultaneously throughout the city. Each is independently juried and has its own character. They are the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, located in the streets surrounding Burton Carillon Tower at North University; the State Street Area Art Fair located in the center of the action; the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair with two locations on State Street and Main Street; and the South University Area Art Fair filling out the entire South University area.

There will be children's supervised art activities throughout the art fairs. The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair will host the Art Activity Zone with hands on projects for adults and children at the north end of the Ingalls Mall Lawn and The State Street Area Art Fair will offer the Art Activity Zone on Maynard and Jefferson.

Stages with continuous entertainment will be located at the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair under the tent on the Ingalls Mall Lawn. Street performers also will be scattered throughout the Street Art Fair. Ann Arbor's South University Art Fair will host

the 107.1 Main Stage at Church and Willard and the The Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair's performance stage will be on Liberty between Main and Ashley.

Art demonstrations will take place throughout the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair and Ann Arbor's South University Art Fair. Look for the emerging artists areas in the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, Ann Arbor's South University Art Fair and the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair.

Art fair hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, July 21-23 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 24. For visitor information call (800) 888-9487 or visit [www.a2art-fairs.org](http://www.a2art-fairs.org).

New at this year's art fairs are the A2 Art Trolleys presented by VisitAnnArbor.org. The fleet of authentic trolleys will travel a loop between all of the four art fairs. The trolleys will run from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and will have eight different stops. A one-day wristband for the trolley is \$1. Children 12 and under ride for free.

Also new this year is a fourth park and ride shuttle giving fairgoers the opportunity to park conveniently and ride to the art fairs in air conditioned comfort. The new shuttle will be located at The Maple Village Shopping Center at Jackson and Maple Roads, just off of M-14. Parking is free and the round trip cost for the shuttle is \$4.

Other park and ride shuttles are located at Pioneer High School, across from U-M Stadium, on Main Street near Stadium Boulevard



Wearable art by Andrea Anderson of Farmington Hills

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Featured artists are Bethesda, Chosen, The Cast and Crew and Please Promise. These young, energetic Christian-based bands will perform a variety of musical styles, including rock, punk, independent and praise. Their music is geared for the young and young at heart.

First Step and Cass Social Services will be on hand along with representatives from several local churches, as well as service groups from Plymouth First United Methodist Church. Each will staff a display table.

The local Kiwanis Club will sell popcorn, candy bars, water and soda pop from its Snack Wagon.

For more information call the church at (734) 453-5280 or visit [www.pfumc.org](http://www.pfumc.org).



Chosen is one of four bands that will play in a free concert Saturday, July 17, at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

# Church fills backpacks for needy students

Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia is collecting school supplies for families that need a little economic help this fall.

"As the economic conditions are still difficult for some families, we want to find as many ways to help as possible," said the Rev. Todd Lackie, pastor.

The church partnered with Webster Elementary School, a Livonia Public School, the past year by giving backpacks to kids, supplies to teachers and Christmas presents to needy families. Members also cleaned the school grounds, donated books for March is Reading month and brought ice cream to the school's end-of-the-year party.

"We feel very fortunate to have a partner in the community like Principal (Shellie) Moore and Webster Elementary," Lackie said.

The church is collecting pencils, paper, spiral bound notebooks, erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers, glue sticks, colored pencils, markers, and small Kleenex packs. The collected items will go to needy students in the Livonia Public Schools and Webster Elementary.

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## Olive oil makes summer dishes sizzle

## The emphasis is on olive at new oil and vinegar store

Italian food tops the list of favorite cuisine for many individuals — and for good reason. Chef Fabio Viviani, a contestant on the Bravo network's



Chef Fabio Viviani

**Top Chef** and owner and executive chef of Firenze Osteria Italian Restaurant and Martini Bar in Los Angeles, Calif.,

knows that the combination of fresh ingredients, flavorful herbs and healthy, high quality olive oil makes Italian cuisine a go-to choice for al fresco summer dining.

To bring families together for a summer meal, Chef Fabio has created delicious summer recipes that can be made indoors or on the grill. All of them include olive oil, which is revered for its taste and has long been a part of healthy cooking.

Because olive oil is low in saturated fat and is naturally cholesterol-free, it adds flavor while boosting nutritional value.

You can swap it out for butter or margarine and cut fat in recipes by 25 percent. Use three-quarters of a teaspoon of olive oil for every one teaspoon of butter or margarine.

Olive oil is rich in antioxidants, also known as polyphenols, which have cancer-fighting properties, especially when consumed as extra virgin olive oil.

Enjoy the classic Italian taste of olive oil every day:

- Serve a simple appetizer of fresh bread with extra virgin olive oil. Pour the oil in a bowl for dipping and season with cracked pepper or fresh herbs.

- Create a simple yet flavorful marinade of classic pure olive oil combined with either lemon juice or wine vinegar to flavor meats, poultry and fish.

- Toss your favorite unsalted nuts in a sandwich bag with extra light tasting olive oil to coat lightly, then add a sprinkle of salt for an extraordinary taste.

For more recipes created by Chef Viviani, visit [www.BertolliOliveOil.com](http://www.BertolliOliveOil.com).

### ROASTED TOMATO & ZUCCHINI SALAD

by Chef Fabio Viviani

Serves 4

- 6 Roma tomatoes
- 4 zucchini
- Extra virgin olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- Salt and pepper (to taste)
- 2 6-ounce balls of buffalo mozzarella, cut into 1/2-inch slices
- Approximately 10 large leaves of fresh basil
- Shaved Parmesan cheese
- Dressing
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika

Cut tomatoes into 1/2-inch slices, and zucchini lengthwise into 1/8-inch ribbons. Season both with minced garlic, salt and pepper and drizzle with olive oil. Roast on grill with cut side up for about 10 minutes, or until nice and evenly roasted.

To assemble the salad: Place the tomato, zucchini (folded) and mozzarella on top of each other, like a tower, with a basil leaf in between layers. Season layers with salt and pepper and a drizzle of dressing. Sprinkle with shaved Parmesan on top.

### GRILLED CHICKEN SKEWERS WITH SAUSAGE AND PANCETTA

by Chef Fabio Viviani

Serves 4

- 3 chicken breasts (cubed)
- 5 to 6 sausages
- 8 to 10 thin slices of pancetta
- Sauce
- 20 cherry tomatoes (cut in half)
- Handful of fresh basil (chopped)
- 4 tablespoons extra light tasting olive oil
- Salt and pepper (to taste)

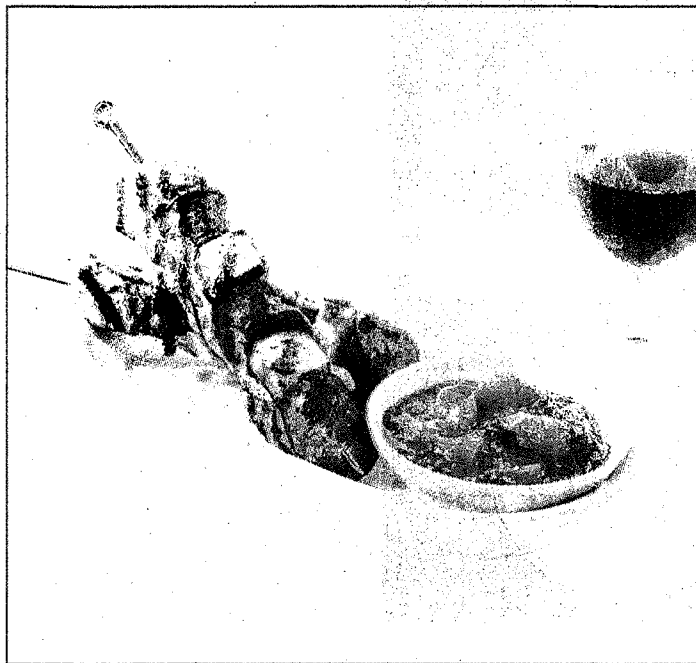
Alternate pieces of chicken and sausage on metal or bamboo skewers and brush with olive oil. Wrap skewers with slices of pancetta, approximately two pieces per skewer.

Place on grill. Grill until chicken is cooked, approximately 5 to 10 minutes.

In a cast iron pan on grill, place cut tomatoes, basil and olive oil. Sauté until tomatoes are almost stewed. Season with salt and pepper.

Place the cooked skewers on a plate and top with cherry tomato sauce. Garnish with fresh chopped basil.

Note: If using bamboo skewers, soak skewers in water for one-half to one hour, to avoid burning on the grill.



Grilled Chicken Skewers with Sausage and Pancetta



Roasted Tomato & Zucchini Salad

### FILET WITH FARRO SALAD

by Chef Fabio Viviani

Serves 4

- 1 8-ounce filet mignon
- 8 ounces farro or couscous
- 10 cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 1 zucchini, diced
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 5 to 6 leaves basil, sliced in half lengthwise
- 1 cup shaved Parmesan
- 1/2 cup pine nuts
- Salt and pepper

Season filet with salt and pepper and grill to medium rare. Let the meat rest. Slice meat when you are ready to serve.

Prepare farro by cooking in salted boiling water for 12 min-

utes and drain.

Mix farro with the remaining ingredients in serving bowl. Serve on plate and place sliced filet on top.

- Courtesy of Family Features



BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Shelve the fudge sauce and hold the butter.

Shasta Fase can introduce you to healthier, tasty alternatives for your ice cream sundaes, that next stack of pancakes and everything in between.

Fase and Cory Delong, opened their second Old World Olive Press store in downtown Plymouth last week. Both the new location and their existing store in Rockford, located north of Grand Rapids, carry cooking oils — with the focus on olive — balsamic vinegar, spice blends and rubs.

"People come in and have various levels of experience with olive oil," Fase said. "Some have a little knowledge and some are more expert. We pride ourselves in working within their realm of knowledge."

Chefs may know exactly what they want, with little assistance needed. Others rely on the store owners' expertise.

"We ask what types of foods they like to eat. It helps in choosing an olive oil. If they make a lot of sauces, for example, there is one oil I know that is specifically good for sauces," she said.

The store's owners work with an importer to obtain oils and vinegar from around the globe. They look for "first press" oils from quality olives.

"Commercial grade oil is often pressed two or three times. They're just looking at how much oil they can get out of the olive. What we want is, we press that olive one time, so we get the purest, freshest oil."

Fase said one of her favorite oils is made in central California from arbequia olives.

"It's exciting when you get

people in the store and you say, try this. It's from the U.S. Oil from each country has its own flavor because of how the olives are cultivated and grown, how it's pressed. All of those factors determine how the oil tastes."

Fase also sells flavored oils and vinegars, including a chocolate vinegar and a natural butter flavor oil.

"I've used the natural butter flavor on pancakes in place of butter. The chocolate vinegar is wonderful over fresh strawberries or ice cream."

Fase encourages customers to taste the store's products.

"It's like a tasting room, with cups out for sampling."

The Old World Olive Press is located at 467 Forest; (734) 667-2755. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday; and noon-5 p.m., Sunday. The Olive Grove, 23622 Farmington Road in Farmington, also offers natural olive oils, vinegars and artisan pasta; (248) 476-4460

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