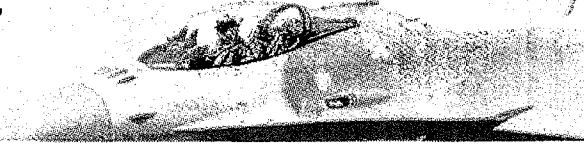


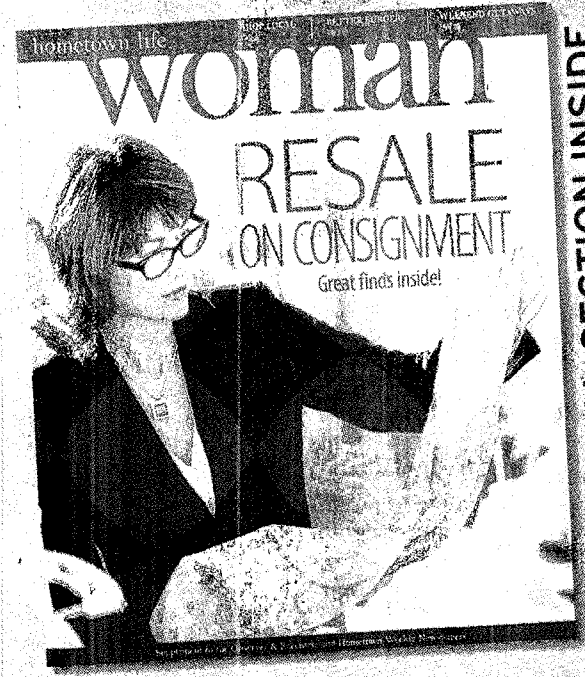
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## IN BRIEF

### Amazing race

Come ready to follow clues around the city of Westland when the William P. Faust Public Library hosts The Amazing Family Race: Westland, Saturday, Aug. 14. The event runs from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Families with children ages 7 and up will find new clues waiting at each stop. Members will have to work as a team to figure out where to go next. Once done, they will bring all the clues back to the library to finish the race and receive a family prize. Participants will need a vehicle to participate in the race. Registration started this week and is limited to 15 families. For more information, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

### What's growing?

Gardens are at their peak now, with tomatoes ripening, corn ready to pick and zucchini plants simply overflowing with tasty summer squash. If you're harvesting a backyard vegetable garden or fruit trees this summer, share the bounty - in pictures and recipes - with other Westland Observer readers. Send a photo of yourself in the garden and tell us how you prepare one of the vegetables or fruits you're growing. Send us a favorite recipe. We'll share the results with readers in an upcoming issue featuring Observerland gardeners and their recipes. Send jpg and e-mail to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com or write to her at the Observer & Eccentric, 615 W. Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226. Deadline for submissions is Aug. 24.

### School physicals

Officials at Oakwood Healthcare want to help get children ready for school, help their parents save a little time and help out with shopping, too. The Oakwood Healthcare Center-Westland, 2001 S. Merriman Road, Suite 100, is offering back-to-school physicals during the next four weeks to ensure children are ready for the new school year. Physicals will be offered Wednesday mornings Aug. 11, Aug. 18, Aug. 25 and Sept. 1. Appointments are required and last about one hour. Children also will receive a free school supply gift bag after their physical. Most insurance plans are accepted. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 727-1000.

### Play on

Musician/inventor Chris Badynee of Westland will perform a solo harmonica rendition of the national anthem at the Toledo Mud Hens baseball game at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, as part of Harmonica Night at the ballpark. Badynee is well-known for his invention of the Bogdon Box Bass, but also plays a mean harmonica. The club will give away 3,000 harmonicas for free.

## 'Rot in prison': Williams sentenced for killing wife

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Admitting responsibility for beating and strangling his wife to death nearly a year ago, George Williams was sentenced Wednesday to 20-50 years in prison.

Before sentencing Williams, who pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of second-degree murder in the death of Laura Williams, Wayne County Circuit

Court Judge Craig Strong heard statements from members of her family and also George Williams. About 30 family members and friends, several wearing T-shirts with a picture of Sarah Williams, crowded the courtroom for the sentencing.

"I would like to start by saying that there is nothing I can do or say to take back my actions or I would. I took responsibility for what I did, I've never said that I wasn't guilty," said

Williams, 34, a Livonia resident. "All I ask is that you give me a chance to be rehabilitated."

Strong noted that Williams had grown up with domestic violence - his father went to prison when Williams was 9 years old for assault with intent to murder and had abused his mother, who had a history of alcohol abuse. Reviewing the pre-sentencing report, Strong also noted that Williams had a severe problem with alcohol most of

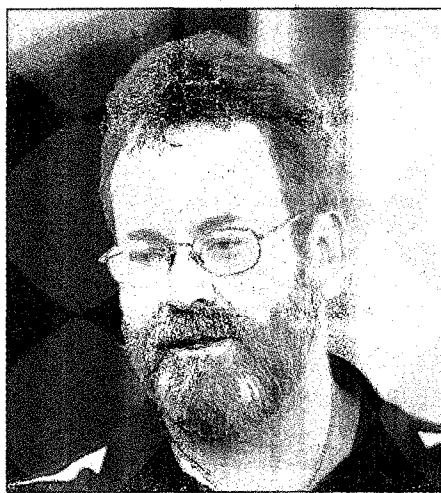
his life.

"In his own way, the defendant was a success story. He dropped out of school but got his GED. He was trying to make something of himself. He had great positions that showed leadership and hard work," said Strong. "That night he savagely beat his wife, his rage that he tried to suppress and the alcoholism that wasn't fully treated came

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## Bus tax, governor's race ...

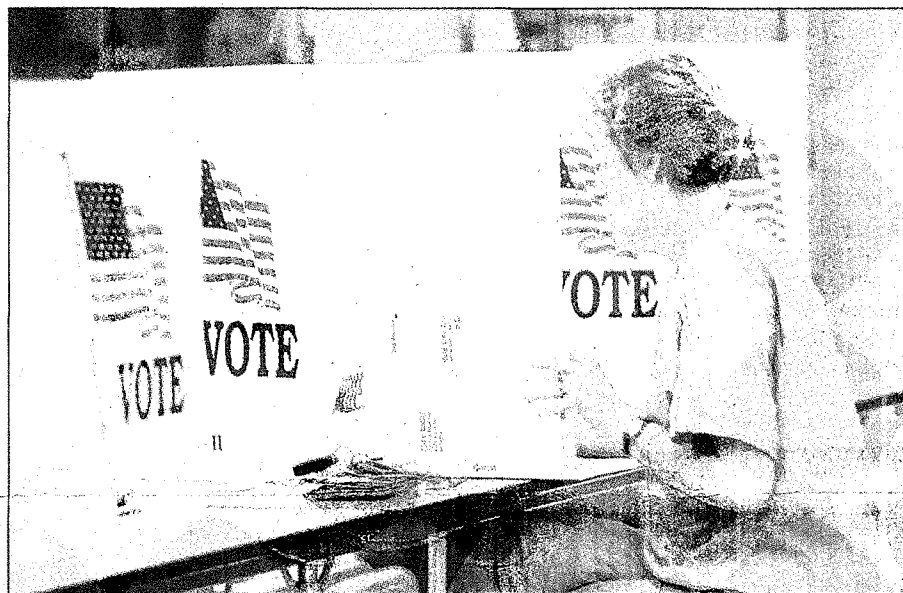
### Voters have their reasons for going to the polls



Renewal of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation millage brought Jack Profitt out to vote at Precinct 29.

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While Jack and Debbie Profitt always vote in general elections, Tuesday was the first time the Westland couple cast ballots in a primary election. "The SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation) millage was one thing that I was interested in," said Jack Profitt, after voting at Precinct 29 at Edison Elementary School. "I would vote for the candidates in the fall - I didn't know other things would be on the primary ballot. I thought that was



Lorene Reid looks over the primary election ballot. She was among Westland residents who voted at Edison Elementary School on Tuesday.

just the fall election. I always vote then." Also supporting the SMART millage, Debbie Profitt said she was particularly interested in the governor's race. "I voted for Rick Snyder. I like him, he's not a politician. He says he'll bring jobs. We'll see," she said. After casting his vote at Precinct 29, Paul Gonzales conceded that he didn't recognize half the names on the ballot and had nearly forgotten to vote. It was the governor's race that was a priority for

Gonzales. "I voted for (Oakland County Sheriff) Mike Bouchard. He had a (state Senate) set before and has been a sheriff," said Gonzales. "He is more experienced on both sides. Everyone says the same stuff - they want more jobs and to get more dollars here." One priority Gonzales would like addressed is the state's budget deficit.

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**2010 RESULTS**  
City of Westland

How your community voted. The results below only include vote totals for your community. Overall winners are denoted with a ✓.

**GOVERNOR**  
REPUBLICAN PRIMARY  
Mike Bouchard ..... 743  
Mike Cox ..... 1,216  
Tom George ..... 43  
Pete Hoekstra ..... 1,313  
✓ Rick Snyder ..... 1,931

DEMOCRAT PRIMARY  
✓ Virg Bernero ..... 1,996  
Andy Dillon ..... 2,025

**12TH COUNTY COMMISSION**  
REPUBLICAN PRIMARY  
✓ Michael W. Case ..... 1,534  
David James ..... 1,448

DEMOCRAT PRIMARY  
✓ Joan Gebhardt (I) ..... 3,201

**WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
REPUBLICAN PRIMARY  
✓ Mario Fundarski ..... 3,033

DEMOCRAT PRIMARY  
✓ Robert Ficano (I) ..... 3,352

**WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF**  
REPUBLICAN PRIMARY  
Taras Nykorjak ..... 1,104  
✓ Shelly Milton ..... 2,139

DEMOCRAT PRIMARY  
Luke Granberry Jr. .... 133  
✓ Benny Napoleon (I) ..... 2,579  
Danny Smith ..... 215  
Daniel Dean Sr. .... 158  
Walter Epps ..... 313

**WAYNE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY MILLAGE RENEWAL**  
✓ Yes ..... 6,549  
No ..... 1,951

## Voters say yes to SMART, no to James

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland voters followed the statewide trend of supporting businessman Rick Snyder as the GOP gubernatorial nominee but threw their support behind Redford native Andy Dillon in the Democratic race.

Dillon, the state House Speaker, edged ahead of Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero, who was the statewide top vote-getter and received the Democratic nomination for governor. Perhaps more surprising was the outcome of the Republican primary race for the 12th District Wayne County Commission. Former Wayne-Westland

school board member David James was defeated by Michael Case, who didn't campaign or appear to be an active candidate. Case didn't respond to requests for interviews prior to the election. James, who was recalled after being elected to the Westland council, couldn't be reached for comment Wednesday. Incumbent Joan Gebhardt,

D-Livonia, had no primary opposition in the traditionally Democratic district. Also following the area trend, Westland voters showed strong support for renewing millage for the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation.

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## Civic League plays host to annual Car Show for Vets

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There will be a chance to view more than 250 cars and motorcycles and help raise money to aid veterans Saturday at the Wayne Ford Civic League. It's the third annual Car Show for Vets, scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., but the first year the event has been held at the Wayne Ford Civic League located on Wayne Road south of Ford in

Westland. The previous two years, the car show was held at Canton UAW Hall. "This (the civic league) is a bigger place, so I expect it to be full," said Paul Jingoian, an event committee member. "We get real good attendance. We get good participation with cars and motorcycles." The show will draw a wide variety of vehicles, said Jingoian, including Model T's, military

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out. He did something we all recognize was terrible."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Rebecca Camargo read a written statement from Sarah Williams' younger sister Kristy Buchakian describing how George Williams had drunkenly terrorized her family, including Sarah Williams' young daughter Mariah. Sarah Williams, 28, had raised her sister after their mother, Brenda Ramsden, died of scleroderma in November 2002.

Williams constantly accused his wife of being unfaithful, Buchakian said in her statement, when he was actually the one having affairs. She also said that Williams had called to tell

her that he had just killed Sarah Williams early Sept. 27, 2009, outside Chatters Bar and Grill where she worked as a barmaid.

George and Sarah Williams had been married about one year at the time of Sarah Williams' murder. She was reported to have been planning to end the marriage at the time she was killed.

Sarah Williams' father, Ed Horn, recalled his daughter as a sweet person who had tried to make a life with Williams, who responded by beating her.

"She was leaving you, you were jealous. If you couldn't have her, no one could," said Horn. "You've destroyed our family. You should rot in prison."

Westland Police Chief Alan Ramsden, Sarah Williams' uncle, quoted testimony from the Wayne County medical examiner about the extensive and severe

injuries Williams inflicted on his niece. The autopsy report was that Sarah Williams had injuries head to toe including a shattered eye socket, a skull fracture and a liver so damaged it was in pieces.

"I've seen violence, I know what it is. I know there are two sides to each story. The best information often comes from an independent source," said Ramsden. "These injuries didn't happen instantly. This was a brutally violent murder committed by George against his wife, who was 5-foot-2 and weighed 100 pounds less than him."

While Strong agreed that Williams had the potential for rehabilitation, he said no one should have to suffer what Sarah Williams went through before she died.

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Poll workers Judy DeWulf, Marilyn McCash and Grace Lago work with the electronic poll book that was used for the first time in Tuesday's primary election.

## CAR SHOW

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vehicles and up to newer model custom cars. Prizes will be awarded in each class with a special best in show prize.

"You'll absolutely see a full range of vehicles. There is no charge for attendance," he said. "We will have silent auctions where you drop in tickets. We have hundreds of different items."

At the previous two car shows, the committee raised more than \$52,000 to benefit area veterans.

"Money goes to Voluntary Services — they use the money for toiletries, blankets or other items that the VA doesn't provide," said Jingoian. "The money has been used for the extended care unit — the palliative care."

Last year, proceeds from the car show were used to fly World War II veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the World War II memorial.

"We paid for a plane load of veterans from this and other donations," Jingoian said.

This year, half of the proceeds will go to support hospitalized veterans with personal care items. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds are earmarked for a Southeast Michigan Veterans Stand Down for homeless vet-

erans. Ten percent has been designated for Traumatic Brain Injury Association of Michigan (TBI), with 10 percent also going to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 310 to mail care packages to the troops and the remaining 5 percent allocated to Blum's Landing, which provides free vacations to returning Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)/Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The car show will have a 1960s flavor with a special appearance by Detroit disc jockey Lee "The Horn" Alan, who will do some disc jockey work as well as sign autographs. The world famous Monkeemobile will also be on display. Daddy G. Knight will be providing music for the day.

Along with a chance to check out or show off vehicles, the Car Show for Veterans also offers veterans a place to get assistance on a variety of issues.

The VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System and the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center have partnered to offer their annual Welcome Home Celebration to showcase services for returning OEF/OIF veterans. Their indoor event will include children's activities — facepainting, Michigan Child ID and clowns — along with VA health care resources and community programs, such as an Employment and Education Fair for returning OEF/OIF Veterans,

Active Duty and Guard/Reserve personnel. Bring your military ID or DD214.

• Door prizes worth more than \$1,000 will be given out. Proof of OEF/OIF service (DD214 or VA card) is required to be eligible for door prizes. There also will be free backpacks with school supplies for the first 100 children of OEF/OIF veterans.

• The University of Detroit Mercy Law School Project SALUTE will provide free legal aid services to low-income and homeless veterans. They will conduct free legal consultations with veterans who have been denied disability and pension claims. Project SALUTE does not guarantee placement with a pro bono attorney — they will direct veterans with first-time claims to county service officers and vets with other legal matters to other pro bono providers. Bring your Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty-DD Form 214 and any other documents pertinent to evaluating a federal veterans' benefits case.

Registration for participants will begin at 8 a.m. Pre-registration is \$15 or \$20 at the door for cars and \$10 or \$15 at the door for motorcycles.

For more information, call John Kinzinger at (734) 994-0444.

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## VOTERS

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"I would like more work on balancing the budget. I know it sucks but if I spent more than I made, I'd be in jail," he said. "I'd rather go through it now than later."

The governor's race was a top priority for Jan Chapman, who had voted at Precinct 5 which is also located at Edison Elementary School.

"I voted for (Lansing Mayor) Virg Bernero. I like that he is pro-choice and favors stem cell research," said Chapman.

Although she's not a SMART bus user, Chapman said she supported the transportation system millage.

"I supported it because if people can't afford a car, they should have a bus to ride to work," she said.

The four-year, .59-mill renewal for the public transportation system serving the elderly, disabled and general public of Wayne County, which would continue to cost the owner of a \$200,000 home about \$59 a year.

Longtime election worker Marilyn McCash, Precinct 29 chair, said there had been a pretty steady turnout at the polls throughout the day.

"There were only a few times without anyone (voting) — very few times," said McCash.

Election workers were getting adjusted to using an electronic poll book for the first time. For some voters, there was some confusion about voting rules for the primary — specifically, that voters can't split their vote between the Democrats and Republicans, unlike the general election.

"We had more spoiled ballots from people trying to split their ticket," said McCash. "It's gone pretty smooth otherwise."

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In addition to the SMART millage renewal, Debbie Profit also was interested in the gubernatorial race in Tuesday's election.

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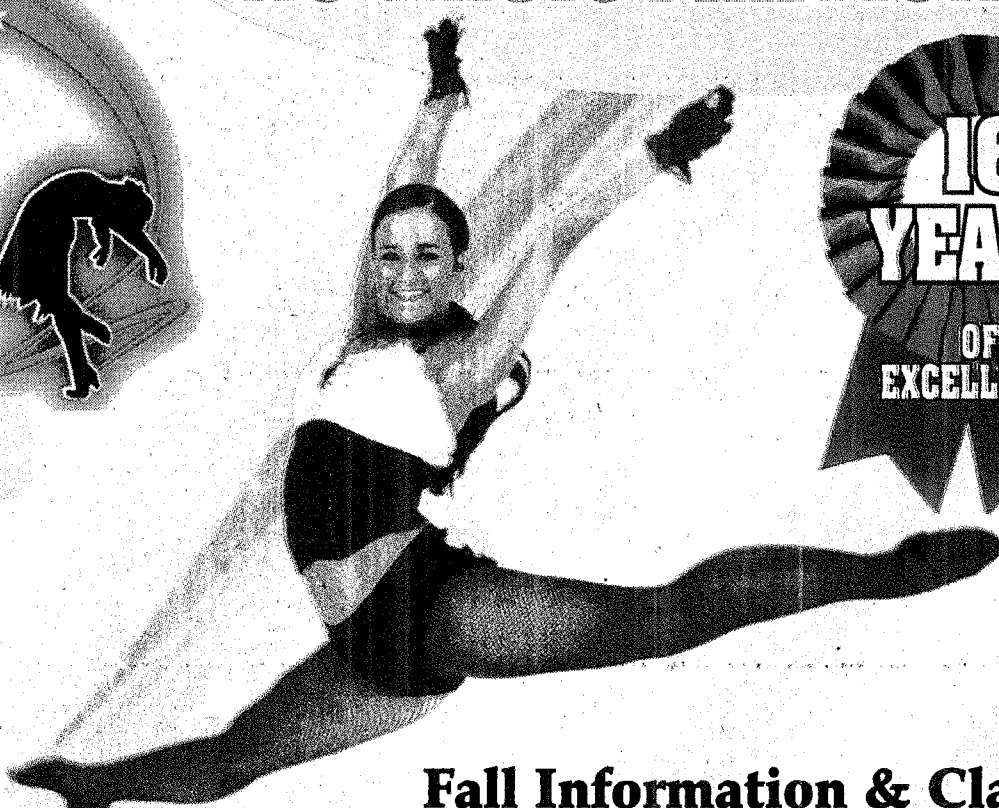
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# Lions Club ready for Cruisin' at Culver's

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Debbie Dayton will gladly tell you that the idea for the Westland Lions Club's Cruisin' at Culver's car show got its start when the general manager of the restaurant asked if they belonged to a car club.

A logical question, since Dayton and husband Bill were driving a 1971 Dodge Charger. They were on their way to a car show and were running late, so they stopped to get a bite to eat.

The question planted the idea in Bill Dayton's head who later suggested that the Westland Lions Club do something like that for the benefit of the Leader Dogs for the Blind.

"I asked if he'd help and he said he'd do the flier," said Dayton. "I put the care show together in six weeks."

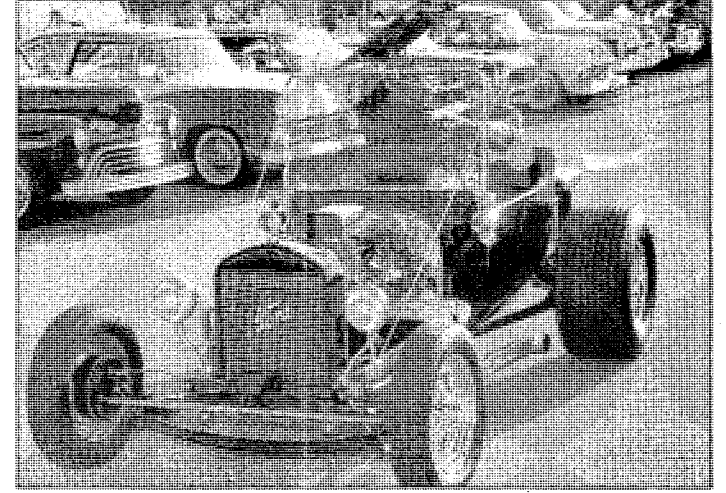
Five years later, the Lions Club is partnering with the Memories in Motion Car Club to hold the show at Culver's on Newburgh just south of Warren Road 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11. Cars will come from around the state for the show which will offer goodie bags and dashboard plates to the first 100 which pre-register for the show. The cost is a donation of \$15 per car. Five choice awards will be presented, included those sponsored by Westland Lock & Key and Juenemann Insurance.

While it's labeled a classic car show, Dayton said people with newer cars can participate.

"If you have a 2010 Mustang



Classic and not so classic cars fill the Meijer parking lot around Culver's for the 2008 Westland Lions Club Cruisin' with Culver's Car Show. This year's event will be Wednesday, Aug. 11.



A Ford street rod rolls down the aisle of classics lined up for the Lions Club car show.

PHOTOS BY TOM HOLMAN, EVENT PHOTOGRAPHER

and want to be in the show, we won't turn you away," Dayton said.

Kelly Dobson Photography of Plymouth will be the official show photographer, and Rockville Productions will be handling the DJ chores for the event. There also will be children's goodie bags with a coloring book, crayons and a fire hat.

There also will be a silent auction and bucket auction. Items include two sets of two tickets to Detroit Tigers games, radio-controlled cars and a helicopter as well as a variety of

gift certificates, including three different overnight hotel stays. Donations also have come from state, county and local officials. AutoZone provided a selection its products. Harlow Tire gave a certificate for a free front-end alignment, and Sears chipped in a large tool box and will have a car there to show show goers how to check over their vehicles.

"We're blessed to have the community step up and help us," said Dayton. "Without them, we wouldn't be able to have the car show."

The club also got help from

Great Lakes Trophies in Garden City which provided the trophies and dashboard plaques at a discounted price and West Metro Printing in Livonia which printed up 1,000 fliers for the show.

According to Dayton, the car show is a major fund-raiser for the club. She stressed that "every penny collected in the community goes back into the community."

"Not too many charitable organizations can say that," she said. "The services we provided, especially in this economy, is

show at the restaurant that day to be involved in the car show, Dayton said.

"It should be a fun event, there's a demand for it," Dayton said. "When I collect for Lions at the (Wayne-Westland Federal) Credit Union, people will ask me if we're going to have it."

The Lions Club also is holding its annual golf outing Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Polofields Golf and Country Club in Ann Arbor. The four-person scramble will have an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. The event will feature 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch and beverages at the turn and dinner. The cost is \$125 per person or \$450 per foursome. For more information, call George Marvaso at (313) 801-5321.

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## AROUND WESTLAND

### Open House

McKinley Co-Op Preschool will hold an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 28, at 6500 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The preschool offers programs for toddlers ages 2-5 years. For more information, call (734) 729-7222.

### Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at the at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month.

LeBlanc also invites residents to join him and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt for refreshments and an informal fireside chat 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at the library.

Residents who have any comments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517)-373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford on Monday, Aug. 9. Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone toll-free at (866) 262-7306; or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

### Bailey pool

When the weather gets too hot, cool off at the Bailey Outdoor Pool which is open daily through Sept. 6, weather permitting. There are two sessions daily - noon to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. The pool features a toddler swim area, a water slide and a climbing wall. Swim lessons are also available in the morning.

HAP sponsors free aerobic aquatic classes 3-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Birthday party packages, and evening private rentals also are available.

For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

### Class reunion

John Glenn High School Class of 1975 will hold its 35th reunion Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Livonia Marriott. Reservations and tickets can be purchased online at www.jghsclass75.com. For more information, contact Loren Zeidman at (248)877-0909 or by e-mail at l\_zeidman@americancredit.com.

### Spaghetti dinner

If you love spaghetti, then pencil it in on your calendar for Aug. 6. That's when the Wayne Masonic Lodge will sponsor a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser for the Special Olympics of Wayne/Westland. The dinner will be served 4-8 p.m. at the lodge at 37137 Palmer, west of Wayne Road in Westland. The cost is \$6 per person.

For more information about Wayne Lodge Masons visit their website at www.waynelodge112.org.

The Wayne Lodge Masons also will sponsor their free Child ID program 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 28 and 29 at the 2010 Wayne Wheelfest in Goudy Park in Wayne. More information about the Masons' Child ID program is available at www.michiganchildid.org.

### Summer Concert Series

Westland's 2010 Summer Concert Series is underway. All of the concerts begin at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at the pavilion behind the William P. Faust Library on Central City Parkway north of Ford.

Upcoming concerts include country music by the Waco Band on Aug. 5 and R&B by the Tyrone Hamilton All-Stars on Aug. 12.

The free concert series is funded in part by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

### 5 Star Expo

The 5 Star Business Group is inviting the public to a afternoon Community Expo 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Roma Banquets on Cherry Hill east of Venoy in Garden City. The cost to attend is \$2 per person.

Come and see what the area businesses have to offer, their products, services and promotions. No reservations required, walk-ins welcome.

### Fibromyalgia meeting

Metro Fibromyalgia and the CFS support group will have Dr. Katherine Gothard, a psychologist, speak at its Thursday, Aug. 12, meeting at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. The meeting will be 1-3 p.m.

The group has no dues, but donations are accepted. For more information, visit their website at www.MetroFibroGroup.com.

### At the market

Stop by the Garden City Farmers' Market to buy by fresh Michigan products and connect with local farmers and the community. Visit the Farmers' Market website at www.gardencity.org and click on farmers market to print off a coupon, valid through Aug. 11.

Market hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. rain or shine. The market is located at the northeast corner of Ford and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town Center Plaza. For more information, call the Garden City Chamber of Commerce at (734) 422-4448.

### Vacation Bible school

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

## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Call (734) 427-3660 for registration and additional information.

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## Defendant in officer's death has history of violent crimes

A Westland man charged with shooting a Taylor police corporal has a history of violent crimes dating back 20 years to when he was 16 years old.

Currently charged with felonies, including first-degree murder, which carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole, Tyress Mathews,



Tyress Mathews

36, was charged with three counts of assault with intent to commit murder and one count of armed robbery in September 1990, according to the Michigan Department of

Corrections website. He entered a guilty plea in 1991 and served eight years in prison.

Mathews also has a conviction for fleeing police in 2006 and a larceny from a person charge in 2005, based on MDOC records. He was discharged from MDOC supervision in May 2006

In the July 23 shooting of Cpl. Matthew Edwards, Mathews, 36, has been charged with first-degree murder which carries a mandatory sentence of life with no parole, assault with intent to murder, being a felon in possession of a firearm, felony firearm and habitual offender charges. Edwards was fatally shot as

he and a second Taylor police officer responded to a call about someone attempting to enter an apartment through a window.

Edwards was questioning Mathews, who reportedly attempted to get into his estranged wife's apartment, when the suspect identified as Mathews opened fire, shooting

the police officer. The other officer fired at Mathews, who was hospitalized after being shot several times.

Edwards was married and had two children. In 2008, he was honored by the Police Officers Association of Michigan as its Officer of the Year.

## Garden City woman caught with drug paraphernalia

### Drug paraphernalia

Garden City police arrested a 17-year-old Garden City woman about 1 p.m. July 27 after they found two marijuana pipes in her purse when they responded to a call about three people passing a pipe around at the park located next to St. Dunstan Parish, 1515 Belton.

A caller reported seeing two men and a woman passing around and smoking what was believed to be marijuana.

When the police responded, they saw the woman's cream colored purse with the pipes which she left on the playscape about 20 feet away from where she was walking. The woman admitted to possessing a baggie of marijuana and rolling papers.

The men, a 20-year-old Detroit man and a 20-year-old

Dearborn Heights man, were released at the scene, according to the police report.

### Property destruction

A resident in the 29810 block of Bock reported that someone drove a four-wheeler into her privacy fence and damaged a part of it.

When the police arrived to investigate, her neighbor said that his son's friend who has no experience driving a Yamaha four-wheeler lost control and ran into the fence though he wasn't driving very fast.

The woman just wants her fence repaired and doesn't want to prosecute. Her neighbor said that he will speak to the boy's family about repairing the fence.

An 18-year-old Garden City man believes that he is

suffering the wrath of his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend based on the damage sustained before 7 a.m. on his vehicle which was parked at his home in the 31570 block of Beechwood.

He said that the suspect previously warned him to watch his property and said that he saw the 18-year-old ex-boyfriend previously standing on the corner looking toward his home.

The police found that the back window of the 2002 Chevy Monte Carlo which was parked in the street was shattered. They also said that someone kicked in the windshield of the car by standing on the hood. They were able to lift a handprint from the hood.

The victim said that the car belongs to his grandfather who allows him to use it on a daily basis.

Someone slashed the front and rear driver's side tires of a 2003 Ford Taurus which was parked on the street in the 6800 block of Gilman before 6 a.m. Aug. 2.

The owner of a work van parked near the garage of a home in the 6000 block of Lathers reported Aug. 2 that someone broke the rubber neck leading to the gas tank. He told the police that he recently discovered the damage because he hadn't used the vehicle for about two weeks.

### No permit

The police arrested a 46-year-old Westland man for soliciting without a permit in the Garden and Marquette area of the city. When they arrived, they recognized the man as someone they had spoken to and arrested for no per-

mit several times before.

When the police arrived at a home in the 28800 block of Marquette, they saw an elderly woman handing over a \$10 bill to the solicitor who was wearing a dark shirt and a backpack. He was trying to earn money by painting street addresses. They confiscated his backpack full of painting supplies.

### Fraud

A 57-year-old Garden City woman came to the police station about 4 p.m. July 24 to report that someone fraudulently opened up two MasterCard applications. The resident said that she never applied for the cards which were not activated.

The police advised her how to reach the credit bureau, the Social Security Administration

and the Secretary of State office.

### Stolen car

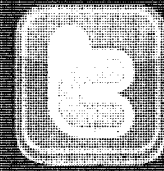
A 1994 Jeep Wrangler which was parked on the street was reported stolen from in front of a home in the 1640 block of Lathers sometime before 7 a.m. Aug. 1.

### Drunken driving

The police arrested a 55-year-old Dearborn Heights man for speeding, driving drunk and recklessly driving his 1999 GM Jimmy through an area of Ford Road and Merriman.

Part of the area is under construction and the man drove through lanes which weren't supposed to be used for traffic. They said that the man drove 68 mph in a 35 mph zone. -By Sue Buck

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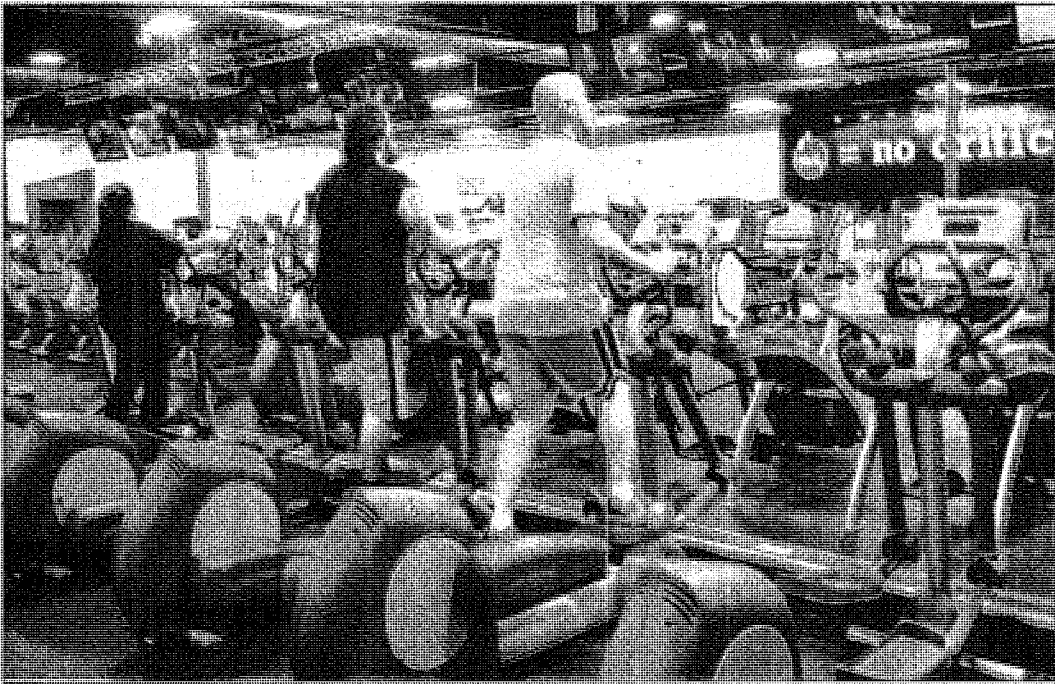


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Robert Theisen (right) of Wayne works out on the treadmills at Planet Fitness in Westland.

## Planet Fitness puts 'friendly' in workout

A Michigan franchisee has announced plans to develop 30 Planet Fitness locations in the Detroit area over the next several years, part of a rapid national expansion by a gym brand known for its extremely low prices and friendly atmosphere.

Currently, there are 10 Planet Fitness gyms operating in southeast Michigan, with several more in development.

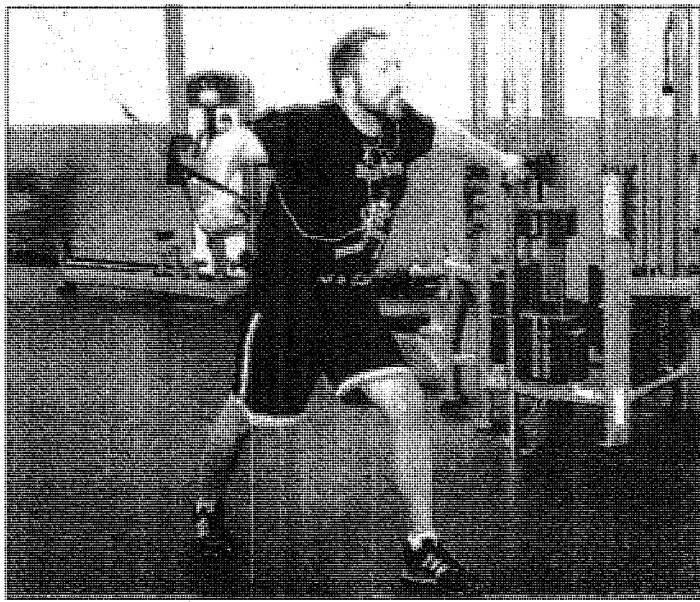
Michigan-based 2KR Development, LLC, owns and operates five of those Planet Fitness locations in Farmington Hills, Livonia, Sterling Heights, Troy, and Westland, and has another club under construction in Dearborn. Planet Fitness gyms range in size from 14,000 to 30,000 square feet in grocery-anchored shopping centers and power centers.

"We're aggressively looking for new locations in the tri-county area," said Bryan Rief, managing partner for 2KR Development. "We believe in Detroit and we feel that now is an opportune time to invest in the market."

Nationwide, New Hampshire-based Planet Fitness has achieved enormous growth - more than 340 clubs in 36 states - by focusing on the needs of occasional or first-time health club members rather than hard-core fitness fanatics. Prices at Planet Fitness are just \$10 to \$19.99 a month.

Billed as The Judgement Free Zone®, Planet Fitness also provides a relaxed, non-intimidating atmosphere, including a low tolerance for bodybuilders and a commitment to helping people of various fitness levels. The philosophy transcends everything at Planet Fitness, including details, such as the "Lunk Alarm," which is an actual beacon light and siren intended to deter members from the hard-core, look-at-me behavior found in some gyms.

The clubs has an extensive selection of cardio equipment, including treadmills, elliptical



Nick Aldrich of Garden City works his upper body on one of the many pieces of equipment available at Planet Fitness.

trainers, full- and lower-body arc trainers and stationary bikes (upright and recumbent). Every cardio machine is connected to an entertainment system consisting of multiple 50-inch plasma televisions.

Planet Fitness also offers a full complement of upper and lower body strength machines, a PF 30-Minute Express circuit, and tanning booths and massage chairs. In addition, free fitness instruction is included with all memberships. A certified fitness trainer is on staff weekdays to assist members with workout programs at no additional charge.

"The response to Planet Fitness here in Detroit has been tremendous," noted Rief. "The market has really embraced our Judgement Free Zone philosophy and the idea that a gym can be a friendly, non-intimidating environment. Combined that with memberships that start at just \$10 a month with no contracts, 24-hour access, facilities with a huge selection of brand new cardio and strength equipment, and you can see how Planet Fitness has revolutionized the fitness industry."

In Sterling Heights, Planet Fitness signed a lease with

Centro Properties at its 18 Mile and Ryan shopping center. The end-cap space formerly occupied by True Value Hardware has been transformed into a full-size fitness club complete with full locker facilities. Other amenities include a PF Express 30-Minute Circuit.

In Westland, the club occupies the form Michael's store in the Westland Crossings shopping plaza at Wayne and Warren roads. Opened in December, the 25,000-square foot club was the seventh Planet Fitness to open in metro Detroit.

The Dearborn club, at 18450 Ford, will be the 10th Planet Fitness to open in metro Detroit the last 18 months. The lease was finalized with Southfield-based Etkin Equities. The former Office Depot location will be the new home for a 25,000-square foot Planet Fitness, replete with more than 250 pieces of cardio and strength equipment, full locker facilities, a 30-minute express workout area, and much more. Located just off the Southfield Freeway (M-39), the location offers easy access to local residents as well as Ford Motor Co. headquarters and University of Michigan-Dearborn.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Backpack drive

Can you imagine the feeling of a child who doesn't have even the most basic supplies, such as pencils and notebooks, to start the school year? It's probably not too good. That's why Co-op Services Credit Union has teamed up with Volunteers of America, Fox 2 TV and 96.3 WDVD radio to host its second annual Operation Backpack drive.

"There are lots of families struggling with providing basic needs for their children, let alone school supplies," said Jeremy Cybulski, youth and community development officer for Co-op Services Credit Union. "We want to help students get the supplies they need so they can concentrate on what's really important—learning."

Cybulski, who oversees Co-op Services' student credit union program and gives financial education programs in several local elementary schools, understands firsthand the needs of students and their teachers.

From now through Friday, Aug. 13, the credit union has set up collection boxes in all of its branch lobbies to enable members and others in the community to donate backpacks and basic school supplies to help lower-income students in Michigan. The donations will be distributed through Volunteers of America and its Operation Backpack initiative.

Co-op Services will also participate in the "Stuff-a-Bus" collection drive, sponsored by the Volunteers of America and WDVD 96.3FM at Westland Shopping Center from Friday, July 30, through Sunday, Aug. 1.

For more information about the Co-op Services backpack drive, visit the credit union's website at [www.cscu.org](http://www.cscu.org) or call Jeremy Cybulski at (800) 321-



### Grand opening

Garden City Mayor Randy Walker joins Mary Hauk in cutting the ribbon for the grand opening of M's Gathering at 32293 Ford, east of Venoy, in Garden City. Hauk revamped her restaurant, Dario's Italian Eatery, to create a sports bar restaurant complete with flat screens TVs.

8570, Ext. 133.

### First TV commercial

Garden City Hospital recently aired its first television commercial - a 60-second spot that leverages the hospital's previous print, radio and billboard campaigns. The TV spot, which was shot on location at GCH in June, was designed to be a more strategic vehicle to heighten community awareness of the 323-bed facility.

"We chose to run the spot on cable TV, because we felt it was more efficient than broadcast," said Fred Cizauskas, GCH director of marketing and public relations, adding that "by airing it locally on a variety of cable channels, our message will reach most everyone in our service area."

"Some people in the commu-

nity do not know about GCH or what we can do for them," added Gary Ley, hospital president and CEO. "We hope this commercial will start to change that."

Like Garden City Hospital's previous advertising efforts, the commercial features the stories of people explaining, "Why did they choose Garden City Hospital?" The spot also highlights several physician testimonials, a nod to its status as a teaching hospital, the only such facility in southeast Michigan honored as a 100 Top Hospital.

To view the commercial online, visit Garden City Hospital's website, [www.gchosp.org](http://www.gchosp.org), searching under Press Room and Multimedia Gallery. People interested can also view the commercial online at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and searching Garden City Hospital.

## To do list: An effective tool

Hello, Michigan! To list or not to list, that is the question. We're talking about the infamous "To Do List."

Any time management book or seminar I've encountered has something to say about it. I've even heard the "Not To Do List," which by the way is an interesting concept to contemplate.

In my case, I have an Excel list on my computer where I jot down requests made of me - big or small - so they don't get



Clarity Patton Newhouse

### A SUNNY NOTE

forgotten in the hustle or fall through the cracks. But that long list doesn't help a bit with prioritizing or making effective use of my time.

The list that does help is the one I write right before going home at night, or worst case scenario, first thing the next morning to start my day. Three important items - just three - written in ink on a small pad of paper. It's a "quick start" list to get the day off to a productive start before the usual happens - you know, the calls, the e-mails - the usual that takes one's day in unexpected directions.

This simple technique makes morning the most effective part of my day. Because if not addressed first thing in the morning, the "important" will often lose out to the "urgent."

I hope your day is productive, enjoyable and sunny!

*P.S. "Better three hours too soon than a minute too late."  
William Shakespeare*

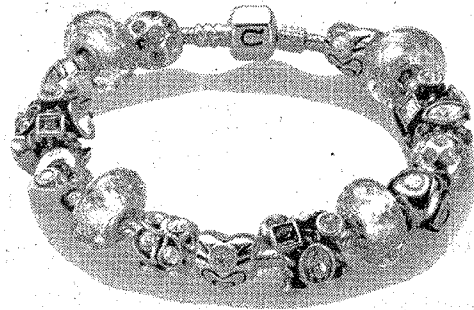
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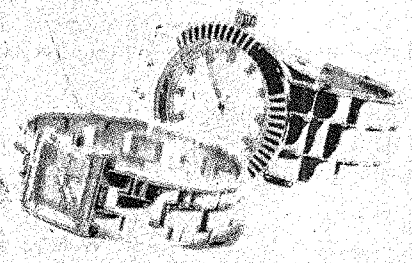
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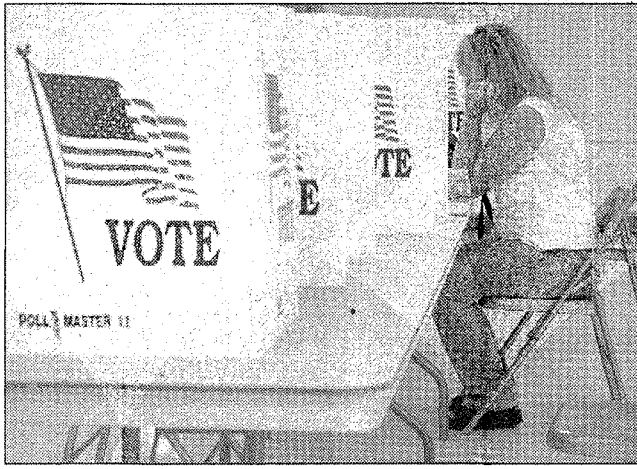




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## OUR VIEWS



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People have a lot of reasons why they don't vote, but the one reason they should is that we live in a democracy. Voting is how we determine our course of action at the local, state and national levels.

## Did you vote? There's no excuse for a low election turnout

On Tuesday, voters went to the polls to decide who will advance to the November general. To those committed to the democratic process and who went to the polls, we'd like to say thank you. To those who were no shows, we'd like to ask where you were.

It's a question we should ask at every election from the very local selection of a member of the school board trustee all the way up to president of the United States. The turnout for the former is pathetic at best, while the latter attracts more interest, but there are still a lot of registered voters who fail to participate in the elective process.

The decision of who will lead our state and who will represent our interests in Congress should be a decision of the all eligible voters, not a few. Nonvoters have their reasons for not going to the polls, everything from feeling their vote doesn't count and being too busy to not liking the candidates or lines that are too long at the poll places.

Lame excuses. Every vote matters. The smaller the election, the more an individual vote can count, and the more empowered the voter. Some of those candidates in Tuesday's election started out getting voted in at the local level, and that's one spot where we all can have significant influence.

Too busy? Lines too long at the polls? Try applying for an absentee ballot and do your voting at home. Don't like the candidates? How are they going to know, if you don't tell them, and the one way to do that is at the polls on election day.

Here's a few reasons that the Douglas County, Nev., clerk-treasurer came up with why people should vote. We like what he has to say and we think our readers should consider it in deciding if they'll participate in the November general election:

1) It's your money. The county commissioners, governor, state officials, legislators, president and members of Congress you vote for will decide how much of our wealth to invest in public services and how to fairly share the tax burden.

2) It's your children's education. You elect local and state school board members who set public education policy and budgets that will affect how well prepared your children and grandchildren will be for the future. Decisions by our legislators, governor, members of Congress and president also affect the public schools and the quality and cost of higher education as well.

3) It's your job. Congress, the president, the governor and your legislators influence what job training is available, minimum wage, pay equity, fairness in hiring, health insurance through your employer, job and pension security, and workplace safety.

4) It's your health care. Actions by the governor, legislature and Congress as well as their decisions on Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance laws determine your access to health care.

5) They're your highways. Your county commissioners, legislators, governor and members of Congress decide what highways are needed, what alternatives to highways such as public transit to support, and how to pay the bill.

6) It's your Social Security. The president and your members of Congress decide how much payroll tax you pay, cost of living increases and benefit schedules for your Social Security pension, and what Medicare services you receive and share payment for.

7) You live in Michigan. Your county, state and national elected officials set standards, enforcement strategies and budgets. They plan and zone where roads and industries will be built and how public lands will be used — decisions that can determine how and where you live and work.

8) It's your neighborhood. The elected officials and judges you vote to retain make daily decisions about crime prevention, laws and law enforcement, safe and affordable homes, traffic patterns, where to put schools, parks and recreation.

9) They're our children. We do our best to keep them healthy, fed, safe, educated and cared for. The officials you elect can help or hinder all families in achieving their goals and dreams.

And the most important reason why people should vote: It's your democracy. Make it work.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



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### The issue: Handling juvenile crimes

The letter about "Cruel and unusual punishment" must have been written by a promoter of one of these 'kiddies' that commits these serious crimes. This letter was wrong and way out of line! Someone has to finally get these people under control ... they need to be held accountable for their actions no matter how old they are. Because there is absolutely no guidance or help in "THESE KIDDIE KRIME KOMMITERS" homes, the state of Michigan should warehouse them to keep them off of the streets and to protect us people that want to live law abiding lives. I know that it

is really hard for some "DO-GOODERS" to believe, but there is a segment of people in our society that actually promote, praise, and encourage youngsters to commit and perpetrate crimes.

Example of this is that kid that shot and killed a man when he was only 11 or 12, was only sent to 'juvy' until he was only 21, got out and immediately started selling drugs. It's "BIG BOY PRISON" for him now!  
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### The issue: West Michigan's oil spill

This company is putting in another pipeline in Albun Hills!

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## LETTERS

### Lloyd Carr: One of the best

Well, it is official. Lloyd Carr is retiring from coaching football after 30 years with the University of Michigan, and not to mention the OTHER years of football. He has been a part of football in this area forever, and I am honored to say that I was fortunate to have played football for coach Carr while he was at John Glenn. Sept. 1st is going to be a VERY sad day for many people.

I have known Lloyd for almost 40 years, and it has been a pleasure. I want to tell you about coach Carr. He never forgets his former players whether it was high school, college ... no matter. He has helped me out so many times, I will never forget him.

I will never forget the look on his face when our team came home after a week of football camp in New Era, Mich. When we arrived, his former wife was there and told him that two of our coaches were involved in a car accident — Jerry Lutri and Dewey Cole. It was a look of sheer terror. They were bruised and hurt but were alive. Coach Lutri who played for the Dallas Cowboys picked up the car and pulled coach Cole out.

I coached Comet football for 10 years and he used to let us bring our team out to practices. He also let the Rocket teams go out and watch also. What a class act. He is an incredible man and will be truly missed.

Some things you don't know about coach — several years ago, I was in critical condition and in ICU. I almost died. Who was there for me: Lloyd Carr. Coach Gordon called him and he was there for me. I can honestly tell you, at that time, I was really scared, and when Lloyd called me, I cried like a baby. Here is a guy running one of the biggest college football programs and he takes the time out to talk to me. When my son, David, was going to Iraq, Lloyd had David in his office to wish him luck.

One of the best things he ever did for me was when I was living in California. He invited me and my sons to go to Azusa, Calif., to see the Wolverines practice for the Rose Bowl. He introduced me to Bo, Anthony Carter and many other players, then gave me a press box ticket to the Rose Bowl with the infamous Charles White touchdown. He dropped the ball at the three-yard line.

He also invited me to go inside the practice facility when they won the championship game. Besides Charles Woodson, I am probably the only person at that time to hold his Walter Camp award, but I also got to hold his Heisman trophy. It was fantastic.

Coach Carr never forgets. It has been a pleasure knowing him. He so deserves to enjoy his retirement so he and Laurie can be together and do whatever they want. When I think of football, I think of coach Carr. He taught me so much. On Saturdays, we would have a practice in the morning after our Friday game and watch films. He had a nickname for me — I won't say what it was, but I loved it — and he would rewind it over and over and over and got everyone going.

I am going to miss him. I have something in the works that will hopefully be happening at a Glenn game and it will be time to honor Lloyd again. He knows football, he has put many of his players into the NFL. He is and always will be a true gentleman. I, for one, will miss him.

Thank you, coach, for everything, for almost 40 years of friendship. I wish I could attend the retirement party, but you never know. I know someone, maybe he can get

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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me in to say goodbye and thank you in person. Enjoy your retirement, you deserve it. And you are always welcome out at Glenn for football anytime. Since I am one of the team photographers, I can promise some great shots.

Thanks again. You are a legend and what an honor it was playing for you and most of all being friends. You will always be John Glenn football and Michigan football, you are the best.

Chuck "Bud" Somerville #77  
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### Support Right To Repair bill

The Automotive Recyclers Association strongly urges Congress to pass the Motor Vehicle Owners' Right To Repair Act (S 3181/HR 2057) to ensure that the automotive repair industry remains competitive so that vehicle owners can affordably and conveniently have their vehicles serviced.

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The Right To Repair Act has bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress. Please send a letter urging your members of Congress to support the Right to Repair Act by visiting [www.righttorepair.org](http://www.righttorepair.org).

Michael E. Wilson  
CEO  
Automotive Recyclers Association

### Michigan at crossroads

An Open Letter to the next governor of Michigan:  
Michigan is at one of its biggest crossroads in more than 100 years. We are com-

peting in an ever-changing global economy, we are experiencing statewide leadership turnover at all levels with redistricting changes just around the corner, and we are struggling to provide vital services that our citizens need due to declining revenues in these tough economic times.

On top of these difficult realities, the next governor will also have to grapple with being able to create the good-paying 21st century jobs for our Michigan workers, at a time when the skill sets for those jobs keep evolving. While I am not a fortune teller, I have had the opportunity to observe and assist in developing some important economic growth strategies for Michigan as the chair of the House New Economy and Quality of Life Committee. From that experience, I would like to offer a few top 10 lists in key areas that might help our next governor hit the ground running:

- Top 10 Economic Sectors — these are initiatives that are already under way in Michigan and are showing positive results: High-tech batteries for electric vehicles, solar energy, agriculture, travel and tourism, film, defense, wind energy, information technology, life sciences and advanced manufacturing and manufacturing diversification.

- Top 10 pipeline Issues — these are projects, partnerships, early-phase opportunities that are already in one stage or another that are improving our states diversification: MSU Facility for Rare Isotope Beams, DOE potential National Laboratory, U-M Pfizer Campus / Environmental Protection Agency Lab, Wayne State University with Tech Town and NextEnergy, entrepreneurship/career training, access to capital/venture capital and angel investment/early stage business financing, new materials/composites research, new manufacturing processes, life sciences/medical schools/medical research and development, university research corridor, tech transfer, commercialization, intellectual property and clean tech/green tech/centers of energy excellence.

- Top 10 future assets — these are opportunities based on various Michigan assets and the ability to leverage them: Tribal business development, robotics, LED technology, photovoltaic standards development, government creativity and innovation, job training programs, aerospace engineering, supply chain technology and regional economic collaboration/statewide new economy commission.

- Top 10 quality of life projects — these are areas that will improve the quality of life for Michigan residents and help attract job creators to our state: Foundations/nonprofits, mass transit/high-speed rail, outdoors/agri-tourism/entrepreneurship, brownfields/historic preservation/green building, cultural/creative development, talent retention and attraction/knowledge job creation, tourism/entertainment marketing, niche higher education programs, Michigan alumni and international relations.

In these uncertain economic times, it is difficult to predict the future, but it is possible to position ourselves in a variety of fields to take advantage of opportunities when they arise. That's why I humbly offer these recommendations to the next administration, as well as my willingness to provide guidance on any of these issues. Thanks for listening and good luck to the new administration.

state Rep. Ed Clemente  
Lincoln Park



# See and hear vintage aircraft, aerobatic moves at Willow Run

The largest gathering of B-17 aircraft will be on display and in the air at the Yankee Air force Museum's annual Thunder Over Michigan air show, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 6-8, at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti.

About eight or nine of the 12 remaining B-17s in flying shape in the U.S. will be at the event, performing demonstrations that will culminate in a special salute to the legendary crewman who flew and maintained the B-17 during the war.

"Gathering of Fortresses & Legends," one of several highlights of this year's show, will include a reunion of WWII Bomber Command men, in addition to the bomber display. Guests will get a chance to meet the legendary WWII veterans who flew and maintained the famous B-17s and B-24s.

Air shows on Saturday and Sunday will include the U.S. Navy's F/A-18C Hornet Single-Ship Tactical Demonstration team and the U.S. Air Force's F-16C "Viper" Single-Ship Tactical Demonstration team. Both teams will put their jets through "hard core" demos, reaching speeds topping 700 mph — just under the speed of sound.

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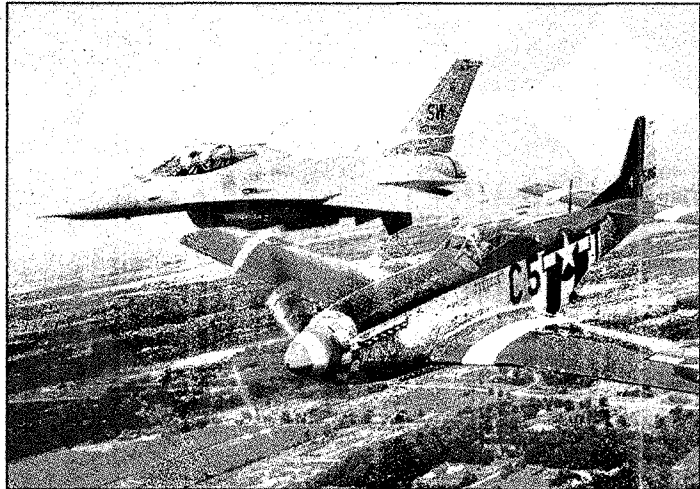
The ASB.TV Horsemen will fly historic World War II fighter planes in formation while performing aerobatic maneuvers at Thunder Over Michigan air show at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti.

Mustang formation aerobatic flight team, The ASB.TV Horsemen, will perform aerobatic maneuvers.

Sponsored by ASB.TV, a social networking website for aviation enthusiasts that features videos, photos, news and forums, The Horsemen are a three-person team of highly skilled warbird pilots — Jim Beasley, Dan Friedkin and Ed Shipley — who fly legendary P-51 Mustang airplanes in formation while executing moves only three feet apart. The P-51 Mustang is a World War II-era fighter plane flown by the Allied forces in Europe and the Pacific.

"We feel privileged and honored to be able to fly the P-51 Mustangs because we have a passion for the planes that made America great," Beasley stated. "These planes are memorials to those that flew

them during World War II, and we look forward to sharing them and our performance



The U.S. Air Force's F-16C "Viper" Single-Ship Tactical Demonstration teams will perform at Thunder Over Michigan in Ypsilanti.

with the fans at Thunder Over Michigan." Discounted tickets for the public can be ordered in

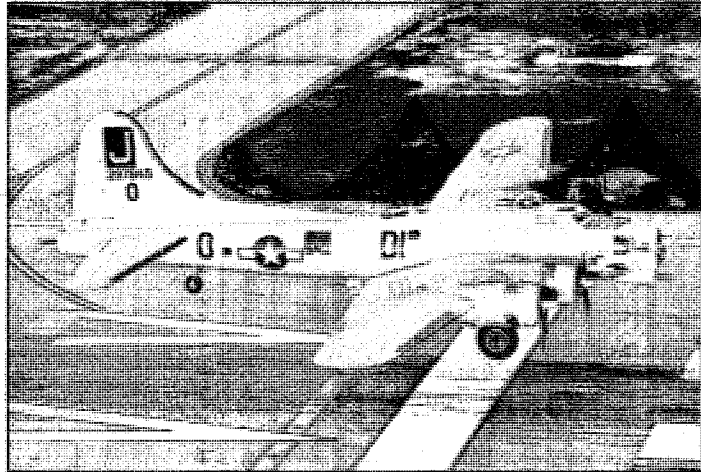
advance at [www.yankeeamuseum.org/airshow](http://www.yankeeamuseum.org/airshow).

Thunder Over Michigan kicks off with a free party

sponsored by Budweiser, 5-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6. Beer and food will be available at the event.

The air show runs 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. There's also a dinner and WWII Symposium from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. A Budweiser after-party, with free admission, runs 5-9 p.m. Saturday.

Symposium tickets are \$65 per person and \$600 for a table of eight. Dinner is included. Advance air show tickets are \$25 per adult, children 15 years and younger are free. Parking is \$5 per vehicle. Tickets at the gate are \$30 per adult and parking is \$10. Tickets are available at [www.yankeeamuseum.org](http://www.yankeeamuseum.org) or they can be charge by phone at (800) 585-3737. Show proceeds benefit the Yankee Air Museum.



World War II aircraft, like this B-17G Flying Fortress "Liberty Belle" will be on display at Thunder Over Michigan.

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(APPENDIX A)  
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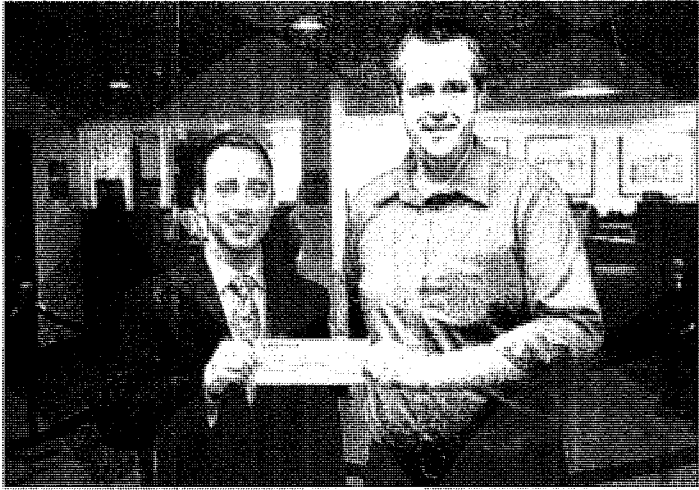
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# Credit Union's donation helps Forgotten Harvest



Peter Fezzey, director of major gifts and strategic relationships for Forgotten Harvest, accepts Co-op Services' donation of \$1,500, presented by Bryan Feldpausch, the credit union's marketing coordinator.

Forgotten Harvest has gotten a boost in its efforts to relieve hunger in the metropolitan Detroit area, thanks to Co-op Services Credit Union, its members and employees to help raise money for Forgotten Harvest.

The credit union utilized a combination of social media, employee casual days and collection points in all of its eight branches to raise nearly \$1,500 for the food rescue organization.

"Co-op Services donated \$2 to Forgotten Harvest for each person who became a Facebook fan of ours in June," said Bryan Feldpausch, the credit union's marketing coordinator. "Each \$2 donation provides at least

10 meals to people in need."

Co-op Services also welcomed donations from members, employees and others who understand the tremendous need in the local community. It is estimated that the total amount raised will provide more than 7,500 meals.

"We are very grateful to have partners like Co-op Services that enable us to fulfill our mission," said Peter Fezzey, director of major gifts and strategic relationships for Forgotten Harvest. "This year, thanks to increased donations of food and money, we've been able to deliver more than 19.4 million pounds of food to 158 emergency providers throughout metro Detroit, a 56 percent

increase over last year."

According to the 2008 U.S. Census Bureau, one in five children in the Detroit tri-county area live in poverty. In 2009, one in four households with children in Michigan lacked enough money to buy food the family needed, as reported by the Food Research and Action Center "Food Hardship" study.

Forgotten Harvest was formed in 1990 to fight two problems: hunger and waste. Forgotten Harvest "rescued" 19.4 million pounds of food last year by collecting surplus prepared and perishable food from 455 sources, including grocery stores, fruit and vegetable markets, restaurants, caterers, dairies, farmers, wholesale

food distributors and other Health Department-approved sources.

The donated food, which would otherwise go to waste, is delivered free-of-charge to 158 emergency food providers in the metro Detroit area. Learn more about Forgotten Harvest, visit its website at [www.forgottenharvest.org](http://www.forgottenharvest.org).

Headquartered in Livonia, Co-op Services Credit Union has more than 52,000 members and maintains eight full-service branch offices, including one on Ford Road in Westland. For more information about Co-op Services, visit the credit union website at [www.cscu.org](http://www.cscu.org) or call (800) 321-8570.

## Written contract best when making loan to family, friend

I had an interesting conversation with a client about loaning money to friends and thought it would be an interesting to readers too.

The client's dilemma is that a friend had fallen on hard times and asked him for a loan. The friend made it clear he would pay interest on the loan and that it wasn't a gift.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

I asked my clients if the friend did not repay the loan or missed a payment would he begin legal proceedings to collect the default? My client's answer was absolutely not.

Based on this answer, I told him the real issue was whether he could afford to take a financial loss if his friend did not repay the loan. My client said he could afford the loss, the only issue was how the transaction would impact his friendship.

I told my client this was not a financial matter but a personal one regarding his relationship with his friend. Since he want-

ed to loan the money, I recommended that the transaction be reduced to writing.

When you loan someone money it makes sense to formalize the understanding in a written agreement which includes payment terms, interest (keep in mind that even if you do not want to charge interest depending upon the amount of the loan you may be required by tax law to have at least a marginal interest rate) and what happens in case of default. Even if you have no intention to begin legal proceedings upon a default, it's still important to have these provisions in the agreement.

A written agreement lets the individual who is borrowing the money know he/she has a legal obligation to repay the loan. On the whole, when friends loan money to each other or to other family members, they must proceed with caution. All too often I have seen relationships ruined when family and friends have loaned money to each other and things don't work out. Of course, it can cause difficulties if you're asked to loan money and you do not. As adults, we all have to make tough decisions and sometimes when it comes to

loaning money to family and friends, it is difficult to say no.

If you decide to loan money to family or friends, the key is to have written documentation so there are no misunderstandings. Can someone draft a simple loan agreement themselves? The answer is yes. There are many websites with forms that can be used. However, if a significant amount of money is involved it may make sense to have an attorney draft a loan agreement. Hiring a lawyer confirms the seriousness of the matter.

We live in difficult times and many family and friends are asked to do things that they may not have normally been asked to do. However, when it comes to loaning money it is important to take some time, think about any other alternatives that may be more comfortable for all involved and make sure to proceed with caution.

Good luck!

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

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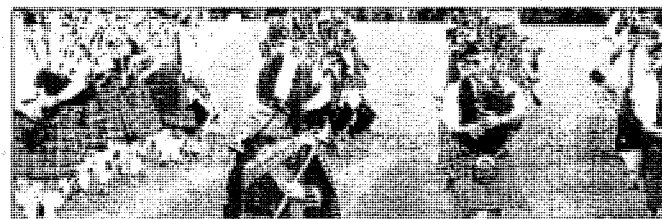
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# Back home again

## Westland's Mike Modano agrees to terms with Red Wings

BY HELEN ST. JAMES  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Mike Modano will be coming home after all.

According to the Detroit Free Press, the 40-year centerman from Westland and the NHL's all-time leading American scorer will join the Detroit Red Wings.

He will be introduced at a press conference on Friday afternoon at Joe Louis Arena. The former Dallas Stars captain, who wore No. 9 throughout his career, could be wearing No. 90, the report added.

The Wings had been in hot pursuit of Modano, flying him in from Dallas a month ago and wooing him over lunch and a Tigers game. He also had suitors in San Jose, Anaheim and Minnesota, but decided on Detroit.

The free agent, who has played all 20 years for the North Stars/Stars organization, has lived in Westland since 1993.

Wings coach Mike Babcock lobbied

for Modano, and on Tuesday, Wings General Manager Ken Holland said he was "cautiously optimistic" about making the deal.

"When Mike was in Detroit a couple of weeks ago and spent time here, and in all the conversations I've had since with him and his agent, Mike Liut, I think they understand all the positives to coming to Detroit," Holland told the Free Press.

Modano, reportedly in Scotland on golfing trip, has been offered a one-year contract for \$1.25 million to center the third line, instantly transforming the Wings into a team with three legitimate scoring lines.

He is expected to center a line that includes Dan Cleary and Jiri Hudler. Modano is also expected to add depth on the power play.

Modano made \$2.25 million last season for the Stars.

Modano's parents, Michael and Karen, still reside in Westland, but

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Mike Modano (left) could now be playing with Dan Cleary (right) of the Red Wings.

OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

## SIDELINES

### Special medalists

Team Michigan, spurred by Canton's Emily Campbell (swimming) and Julie Trobrowski (track and field), came away with 141 medals and ribbons in last week's Special Olympics 2010 USA National Games in Lincoln, Neb.

Campbell captured goal medals in the 25-yard butterfly (21.07) and 50 freestyle (38.54). She also won a sixth-place ribbon in the 100 freestyle (1:28.55) and participated in the 4 x 50 medley relay.

Trobrowski captured four bronze medals with thirds in the 100- and 200 meter dashes in 18.18 and 39.51, respectively, along with the long jump (2.04 meters) and 3-kilogram shot put (4.16 meters).

### O&E men's golf sign-up

Registration is still on for the upcoming Observer & Eccentric Open men's golf tournament.

The O&E Men's Open, a two-day, 36-hole medal event, will be Labor Day weekend, Sunday-Monday, Sept. 5-6 at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows courses, respectively.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 and will be open to the first 120 golfers. The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included). There will be a Senior Division (50-and-over) with a maximum handicap of 20 (U.S.G.A. index required to participate).

A total of \$2,500 in prizes, including money for the low and net scorers for each flight, will be offered.

For more information on both tourneys, call (248) 476-4493 or visit [www.golflivonia.com](http://www.golflivonia.com).

### Hole-in-one club

Two local golfers recently registered a hole-in-one in play at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford.

Gary Maki, 60, of Farmington, aced the 146-yard 17th hole with an 8-iron. It was Maki's first hole-in-one and he shot 42 for nine holes.

Philip DiPonio, 60, of Livonia, turned the same trick on the 158-yard 15th hole by using his trusty Warrior 6-iron. The feat marked the second time DiPonio has recorded an ace. He finished with a round of 90.

Kyle Kerkhof, 50, of Livonia, used a sand wedge to ace the 125-yard, No. 2 hole Saturday at Willow Creek Golf Course in Stockbridge. Kerkhof's team ended up 1-under in a 9-hole scramble.

### Women's golf champs

The Michigan Women's Golf Association staged its two-day championship finals, July 24-25, at Eagle Crest Golf Club in Ypsilanti attracting a 36-player field.

Low gross honors went to Joan Garety (Ada), first flight; Jean Murray (Mount Pleasant), second flight; and Joan Cleland (Bloomfield Hills), third flight.

Runners-up included Darci Stocker (Flint), first flight; Suzanne Madej (Detroit), second flight; and Lu Stockton (Canton), third flight.

Low net champions included Pam Tyler (Grand Rapids), first flight; Smita Bhatt (Orchard Lake), second flight; and Karen Stecher (West Bloomfield), third flight.

Among the runners-up were: Cindy Hill (Ypsilanti), first flight; Michelle Sroka (Livonia), second flight; and Barbara Coury (Plymouth), third flight.

# Prinstein ponders end of playing career

BY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While his playing career might be nearing an end, professional baseball will likely remain a part of Justin Prinstein's future.

The 26-year-old former Farmington Hills resident has achieved the goal he had when he went to play in Europe, and that was to pitch at the highest level.

Prinstein has played four seasons for the Almere Magpies in Holland, helping them win the Dutch First Division championship last year.

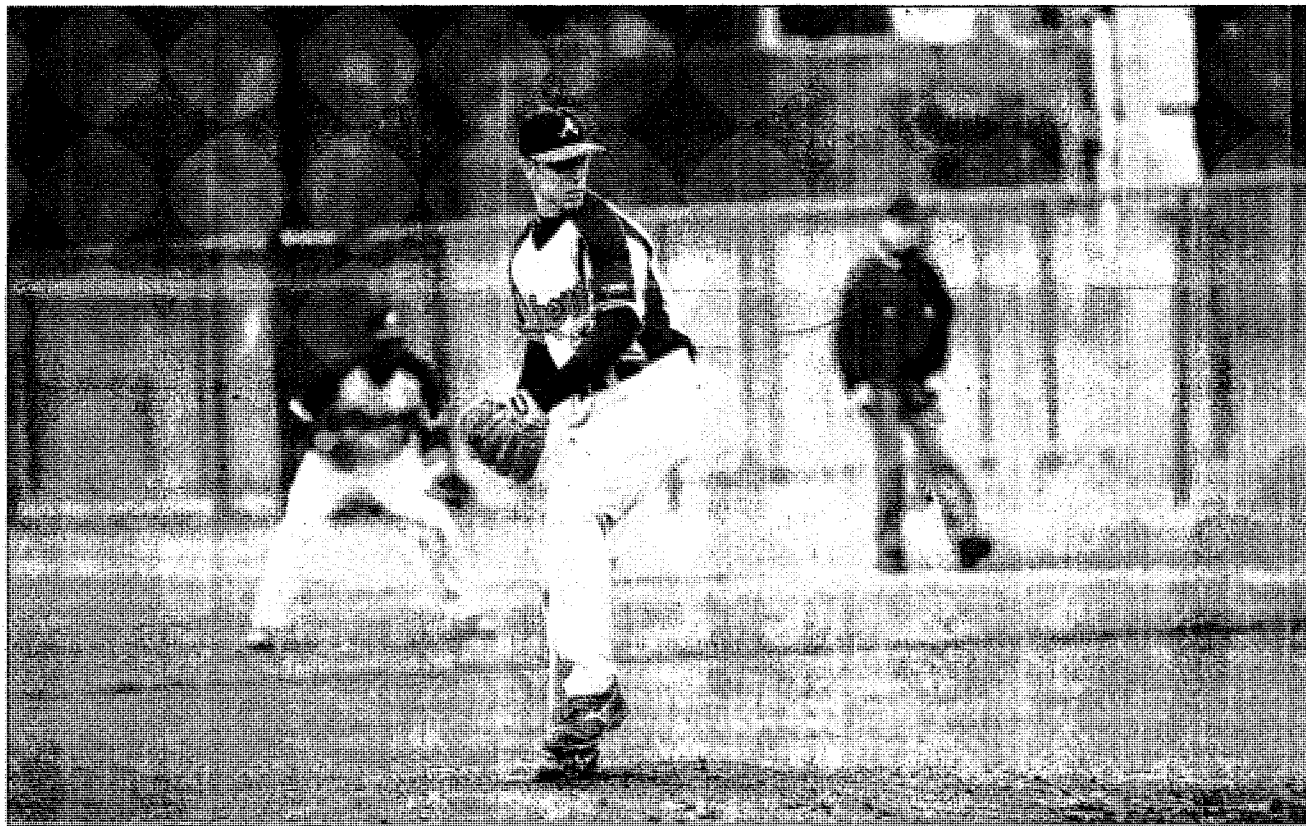
The Magpies were promoted this year to the Dutch Major League, considered the premier league in Europe, but it's been a rough go for Almere.

The team was mired in last place when Prinstein and the Magpies agreed to part ways over money matters during the July break.

That didn't leave the North Farmington High School graduate idle, however. He was off to scout the under-16 European Championships for the Houston Astros in the Netherlands.

"Recently, I had quite a few good starts in Europe's highest competition,

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Justin Prinstein has since left Almere and signed a 10-day contract with the HSV Stealers in Hamburg. They play in the German Baseball Bundesliga, the top baseball league in Germany.

MONIQUE RONNENBERGH

# Ford Field mound issue scratches Frontier twinbill

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite an hour rain delay on Saturday, everything seemed to be in order as the Oakland County Cruisers were set to take on the Washington (Pa.) Wild Things in a Frontier League baseball double-header at Livonia's Ford Field.

But Cruisers starter Joe Rodriguez alerted umpires that something was terribly awry after just making three pitches.

"The mound was unplayable," Rodriguez said. "The surface was sloppy and every time I tried to dig in the dirt, it would come out and there was a huge hole. It was not pitchable. I guess this field was not meant to be."

Cruisers manager Gera Alvarez then visited the trouble spot and confirmed what the pitcher from Indiana State already knew.

"We play on all clay or turf mounds," Alvarez said. "After one pitch you could see something was wrong and by the third (pitch) you could see he (Rodriguez) couldn't do it. It was unplayable. It's part of the game. Today is disappointing, but some things you just can't control."

The Cruisers, who are awaiting construction on a new stadium for 2011 in

Waterford, are currently in first place in the East Division of the Frontier League (41-24) despite playing 76 of their 96 regular season games away from home.

Saturday's twinbill was rescheduled for Sunday to the Cruisers' temporary home field - Eastern Michigan University's Oestrike Stadium - where the independent league team has played just nine games this summer. The final game of the series was played Monday at Oestrike as the Cruisers lost two-of-three to the Wild Things.

After Saturday's double-header was called and fans exited, three canopies, a concession trailer and the public address system were all quickly dismantled.

Ford Field is used primarily during the summer sandlot season by the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League as well as high school-age teams. The mound at Ford Field also appeared lower than normal.

In an e-mail sent Tuesday to *The Observer*, Assistant Superintendent of Livonia Parks and Recreation Lyle Trudell said he is aware of the "history of complaints of the Collegiate League."

"I do know that we use a slag material so that more games don't get rained

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# Western tankers make a splash at MICSA meet

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Western Golf & Country Club's youth swimming team is back among the upper echelon of teams in the Michigan Inter-Club Swimming Association.

Coach Bob Crosby's club will find itself competing against Blue Division opponents once again next season thanks to a solid showing at the recent MICSA Swimming Championships hosted by Western Golf & Country Club in Redford.

"We've been in this same mode now for about four years where we're either in the top seven or bottom seven teams," said Crosby, whose swimmers combined to capture seven first-place finishes and a host of other strong showings en route to scoring 474 points and a seventh-place team finish overall. "The top five teams are in a class by themselves and then it kind of thins out after that. But we had some real nice performances and it's good to be back in the top seven."

The 14-team event saw perennial-power Lochmoor Club easily outdistance the rest of the field by totaling 939.5 points. Great Oaks Country Club finished runner-up

with 746 points and was followed by Birmingham Athletic Club (735), Detroit Golf Club (721.5), Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (712) and Red Run Golf Club (486.5).

"You never know year to year what your personnel will be like," said Crosby, who recently completed his 35th year at the helm of the swim program. "What we did this year exceeded my expectations."

"I thought we could go 6-0 in the White (lower) Division, but not win the meets by the margins we did," Crosby continued. "Next year we'll be back in the Blue (upper) Division and sometimes you get humbled when you go up against the big boys."

For now, however, the veteran coach will relish the efforts put forth by a host of Western swimmers, including Maddy Loniewski, Matthew Krakowiak, Mary Dombkowski and, none other than his grandson, Parker Wasielewski. All registered individual triumphs led by Loniewski and Krakowiak with two apiece.

Loniewski, competing in the girls 11-12 age division, raced to two meet records when she touched

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# MODANO

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he knows it will be a big change in lifestyle to move. The fact the Red Wings are a veteran team also factored into his decision, he told SportsDayDFW.com last month.

"They are a group of 30-year-olds and not 20-year-olds, and I think that makes a difference," he said on July 20. "I do think I could fit in there."

As a youth, Modano played in the Compuware and Little Caesars hockey organizations. Modano attended Livonia Franklin High School before moving away to play for the Prince Albert Raiders



Mike Modano

(Alberta, Canada) in the Western Hockey League as a 16-year-old junior.

At age 18, he was the first pick overall in the 1988 NHL Entry Draft and went on to rack up 557 career goals and 802 assists (1,359 points) in 1,459 NHL games and 22 seasons.

The 6-foot-3, 212-pound Modano has appeared in 174 playoff games with 58 goals and 87 assists while appearing in two Stanley Cup finals (winning in 1999).

He also played for Team USA in three Winter Olympic Games (1998, 2002 and 2006).

The City of Westland also named its ice arena after Modano in July of 2003.

In 2006, Modano was married to actress Willa Ford.

Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons also contributed to this report.

# Coach's Corner is Johnstown-bound

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mission accomplished Monday for Coach's Corner/Canton Sports.

The Livonia Collegiate Baseball League representative, heavy-laden with Madonna University players, earned a spot in the 16-team All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament next week in Johnstown, Pa. with a convincing 15-0 win over Youngstown (Ohio) in the AAABA regional held at Gant Stadium in Zanesville, Ohio.

Coach's Corner advanced to the finals of the 20-and-under AAABA regional with a 7-5 victory Saturday over Youngstown followed by a nail-biting 6-5 triumph Sunday over Lansing.

"I'm very pleased," Coach's Corner manager Mike George said. "We played with intensity and focus. We played with a purpose."

"We were eight-for-eight on sacrifice bunts and five-for-five on squeeze bunts. We had some hit-and-runs and we got a lot of huge hits with two outs. It's fun to coach these guys. We've pitched well all year, but it was nice to get some runs on the board."

Coach's Corner unloaded for 17 hits in the seven-inning mercy rule win over Youngstown. They scored three times in the first inning and sent 12 batters to the plate during an eight-run second, which including eight hits, including four doubles.

Madonna's Brad Lineberry (Plymouth High) went 3-for-4 with four RBI and two runs scored. Garrett Gumm (Livonia Franklin) and Drew Adamiec (MU) each went 3-for-4 with three and two RBI, respectively.

D.J. Jaglois also added two hits, scored twice and had an RBI.

Winning pitcher Robert Fraser improved to 7-2 as he allowed just three hits and three walks in six innings. He struck out four before Cliff Buttermore finished up.

On Sunday, MU's Dan Stoney (Canton) went 3-for-4 with three RBI and MU's Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison) went 2-for-5 with two RBI as Coach's Corner overcame an early 5-2 deficit in the victory over Lansing.

Winning pitcher Tom Hansen (MU) gave up five runs over the first two innings, but settled down to pitch a four-hitter. In eight innings, Hansen (8-1) allowed just four

hits, walked four and struck out four.

Reliever Josh Wedesky got the save as he retired three batters in order to end the game after Hansen gave up a walk to start the ninth.

Wedesky also got the save in the 7-5 win Saturday over Youngstown as he posted a strikeout to end the game with the bases loaded.

Winning pitcher Jeremy Gooding (7-3) went the first seven innings, scattering eight hits and a walk. He struck out four before being lifted for Saginaw Valley State's Erik Wright (Canton) in the eighth.

Spencer Sarel (MU) led Coach's 12-hit attack going 4-for-5 with four RBI. Stoney added two hits and scored twice.

Coach's Corner overcame six errors to earn the opening-round win.

"It wasn't pretty," George said.

Coach's Corner will take a 31-7 overall summer record into Johnstown.

"We had to win our last five (Collegiate League) games just to get into tourney," George said. "I've been selling Johnstown all season long and now we've got a sniff of it."

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# PRINSTEIN

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and that garnered offers from a few U.S. independent pro ball teams, some rival teams in the Dutch Major League and a team in the top league in Germany," Prinstein said. "I also have a number of coaching offers in Europe to compliment my scouting responsibilities, so I have a lot to consider for 2011."

Prinstein plans to either accept a 14-day contract with the playoff-hopeful German team or return to Michigan and begin his second year of law school at the University of Detroit Mercy.

After rolling over the First Division competition last year, Almere played the last-place team in the Major League with a chance to move up. The Magpies overcame a 2-1 deficit to win the five-game series.

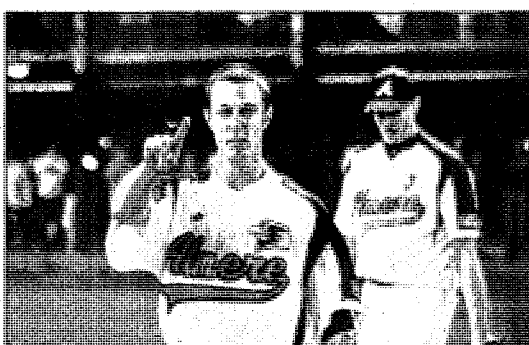
"We did something no Dutch First Division team has done in almost 25 years, and that is promote to the highest league in Europe through beating a team," Prinstein said.

"It's tough to do and so infrequent because of the size of pitching staffs. Playing twice a week, we had two starters and two main relievers. (A Major League team) has three starters and five or six relievers."

Prinstein started Games 2 and 3, and he came back to pitch six innings of relief in Game 5 and get the decisive victory.

"It was probably the highlight of my baseball career," he said. "With that win, we earned a promotion to the highest league in Europe, but it has been a struggle this year."

"We lost three of our four top hitters from last year to other clubs, and our offense/defense has really suffered. The chemistry that took us to the top last year is totally gone.



Justin Prinstein of Farmington Hills indicates the Magpies are No. 1 after winning the Dutch First Division last year.

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"We started the year surprising people, winning three of our first six games. But our Australian shortstop decided to leave the team (also for contractual reasons). Since then it's been a downward spiral."

With a lineup that produced just four or five hits per game, it's been the exact opposite of last season, Prinstein added.

He had a pretty good season and pitched better than his 1-7 record, he said.

In 43.1 innings as a starter, he allowed 42 hits and 17 earned runs for a 3.53 ERA. He had 27 strikeouts and 19 walks. The problem was a lack of hitting support — four runs on 18 hits.

"Even if my ERA was 1.00, I still would have lost six of the seven games I did," he said.

Prinstein's home-away stats were a contrast. In five starts each, he had a 3.25 ERA on the road with two losses and three no decisions. At home, he was 0-5 with a 6.86 ERA. There were two reasons for that, according to Prinstein.

"First, we have a great stadium and ballpark on the whole, but the mound is in terrible shape," he said. "I'm a shorter pitcher compared to most and, when I stride, I try to keep the length short. That allows me to stay on top of the ball and get good sink."

"When my stride gets too long, my elbow drops and my pitches tend to flatten out and become more hittable. The mound had a steep drop off,

and it was tough to keep my stride short.

"The other factor was facing one of the best teams in Europe, DOOR Neptunus, twice. Seven of their starting nine are on the Dutch national team."

Prinstein said it was difficult to leave the Magpies, but he didn't have much choice when the club was unable to meet its obligations. Poor decisions in the past and tough economic times worldwide put the club in a bad position, he said.

"Holland feels the effect, and companies cut expenditures that are essential such as sponsoring a baseball team in a soccer-crazed country," he said.

After achieving his goal to pitch at the highest level in Europe, Prinstein said he's ready for a change, but he hasn't ruled out playing again next year.

"After the high of winning a championship last year, I thought (this year) would be a good conclusion to my career," he said. "After four continuous years on the road in four different countries, I'm ready to start a new chapter and phase in my life with a bit more stability."

That he continues to develop as a pitcher will make it difficult to quit playing, however.

"A number of teams in different countries have approached me about playing next year," Prinstein said. "It's going to be real tough to turn down offers to come back if the situation is right."

# Rams' diamond season ends in Musial tourney

The Michigan Rams failed to get out of their pool Saturday in the unlimited-age American Amateur Baseball Congress Stan Musial Division state tournament in Battle Creek.

The Rams completed their season at 28-9-1 overall after splitting a pair of games at C.O. Browne Stadium in Battle Creek.

The Michigan Braves of Saginaw overcame a 1-0 deficit in the bottom of the sixth inning by scoring four runs with two outs to earn a 4-1 triumph.

Rams pitcher Tom Pierce, who took the loss, carried a no-hitter into the sixth while throwing just 62 pitches. He retired the first two batters, but walked the third batter after he fouled off six pitches.

After a single to broke up the no-hit bid, Pierce walked the next two batters and Mike Allen cleared the bases with a double.

Pierce allowed four runs on two hits. He walked five and struck out three.

Jeff Kinley was the winning pitcher in relief of starter Taylor Schriber, who went the first five innings allowing one run on four hits and a walk. Schriber hit two batters.

Kinley, meanwhile, went the final two innings allowing one run on two hits and a hit batsman.

Catcher Josh Schafer, a tournament pick-up from fellow Livonia Collegiate League member the Blue Knights, went 3-for-3 and scored the lone run for the Rams on an RBI by Brett Mazmanian.

The Rams rebounded to take Game Two, 5-1, over the Lansing Outlaws as starting pitcher Brady Cooper (Blue Knights) went three innings to pick up the win. He allowed one run on one hit while fanning five.

Tyler Higgins worked two innings in relief, while Neil Zalud and Joe Posler each pitched one frame.

Cam Walker knocked in two runs for the Rams, who collected a total of seven hits. Aaron Cieslak and Sam Ott each added an RBI.

Jeremy Stevenson and Ronnie Niesel each collected two hits for the Outlaw, who finished 0-2 in the pool.

Losing pitcher Jesse Gallimore gave up all five runs on seven hits and three walks in five innings of work.

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# BASEBALL

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composite (of the mound) can't handle the stress of our pitchers using the mound. There was a hole down there all the way to a rubber base."

Trudell then added: "As far as the mat we use on the mound under the slug — this was actually requested by the Collegiate managers a few years ago and keeps the pitchers from digging large holes in the pitchers' landing zone when they pitch."

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# SWIMMING

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ahead of the pack in the 50-meter breaststroke (34.28) and 100-meter IM (1:08.23). Krakowiak, meanwhile, proved superior in both

the Boys 9-10 100-Meter Freestyle (1:11.23) and Boys 9-10 50-Meter Freestyle (31.82).

"Matt really came out of nowhere this year and got serious about his swimming," Crosby said. "And Maddy swims with the Novi Sturgeons in the off-season and that had really helped her

become a better swimmer."

Dombkowski, who has been a welcomed addition to the squad in 2010, easily outdistanced the field in capturing the top spot in the Women's 15-17 100-Meter IM. Her 1:07.94 clocking in the finals was nearly two seconds faster than the runner-up in the event.

Wasielowski earned top honors in the Boys 9-10 50-Meter Backstroke with a sterling 39.70 finish.

Western also managed to bring home gold in relay competition when the 200-Meter Freestyle Relay tandem of Maddy Loniewski, Mya Loniewski, Sarah Dombkowski and Mary Dombkowski combined on a 1:56.77 showing.

"They just turned in a phenomenal race," Crosby said of the 200 free foursome. "They just touched ahead of the second-place team and really made it exciting."

"When you have the kind of kids we had this year and add the kids we did then it makes you a stronger team," Crosby went on. "I really do enjoy the sport and enjoy coaching swimming. Everybody here at Western has been very good to me and my family and coaching swimming is just the way I enjoy my summers."

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Members of the Livonia Storm-Gerou, the USSSA 14U World Series girls fastpitch runner-up squad, include (from row, from left): Elaine Gerou, Delainey O'Donnell, Celeste Fidge, Aubrie Cragg, Jacquelyn Murphy, Jessica Brandon, Kaitlyn McIntosh; (back row, from left) head coach Mike Gerou, assistant coach Kevin Bias, Catherine Porter, Hanna Warren, Shannon Watson, Casey Bias, assistant coaches Bob Warren and Jay McIntosh.

# Storm-Gerou runner-up USSSA 14-U World Series

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 14-and-under Livonia Storm-Gerou girls fastpitch softball can hold their heads high after a runner-up finish in last week's USSSA Class B World Series in Orlando, Fla. Playing their fourth game of day on Saturday, Storm-Gerou reached the finals of the 45-team tournament before falling to the Carolina (N.C.) Fusion, 2-1, at ESPN's Wide World of Sports complex. The championship game wasn't decided until the eighth inning under international tiebreaker rule. Storm-Gerou captured a 1-0 advantage into the top of the seventh before the Fusion rallied for the victory with a run followed by the game-winner in the eighth. Third baseman Celeste Fidge and shortstop Jessica Brandon each collected two hits in the loss, while Elaine Gerou pitched all eight innings without giving up an extra base hit. After capturing their first

five games (July 25-29), Storm-Gerou went 1-1 on Friday beating Rhode Island 14-U Lightning South, 2-1, before suffering its first loss of the tourney against the eventual champion Fusion, 7-3. Storm-Gerou then fought back with victories Saturday over Alabama Elite, 4-3; Orlando (Fla.) Aftershock, 6-1, and the Lakeshore Storm (Holland, Mich.), 4-3. Hanna Warren scattered six hits and Gerou picked up the save in the win over Lakeshore after Jacquelyn Murphy held the Aftershock in check with a complete-game two-hitter. Outfielder Catherine Porter and first baseman Shannon Watson each collected two hits, while Gerou got the victory with relief help from Warren against Alabama Elite. "We consumed 150 bottles of water, 144 bottles of Gatorade and used 100 pounds of ice on Saturday alone to help stave off the extreme heat and dehydration as the heat index exceeded

100 degrees every day and 110 one day," said Livonia Storm manager Mike Gerou, whose team finished 53-11-1 overall. Catcher Casey Bias caught 10-of-11 tournament games, while Gerou was named Offensive Tournament MVP and went 6-1 on the mound. Other Storm-Gerou team members included second baseman-outfielder Kaitlyn McIntosh, third baseman-outfielder Delainey O'Donnell and outfielder Aubrie Cragg. "The success formula included having 11 players who really like each other, who are talented, work very hard and put the team before themselves," the Storm manager added. "Having three legitimate No. 1 pitchers and a starting pitching rotation that we didn't deviate from all season was also a major factor. All of our pitchers started and stepped up in impressive fashion up to relieve when needed all season." bemons@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-6851

## YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

### Chiefs baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the 2011 Motor City Chiefs under-9 baseball club will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, and 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 at UAW Local 735 Field, 48055 Michigan Avenue, Canton. If unable to attend either tryout date, an evaluation can occur before Aug. 17. For more information, call (734) 377-3123, or e-mail motorcitybaseball@gmail.com.

### Pirates baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the Motor City Pirates, a 14-and-under independent travel baseball team in the Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads, in Plymouth. For more information, e-mail coach Angelo Lanava at alanava@wowway.com.

### Bulldogs tryouts

The Michigan Bulldogs Baseball Club, based in Livonia, has announced its tryout dates for the 2011 season including:

10-and-under - Sunday, Aug. 8 at Bicentennial Park (contact coach Lee Richards at leerichards12@yahoo.com); 11-and-under - Sunday, Aug. 8 at Bicentennial Park (contact coach Randy Weekley at weekley5@hotmail.com); 13-and-under - Sunday, Aug. 8 at Bicentennial Park (contact coach Scott Linser at coachscott@michiganbulldogs.com).

### Riversharks tryouts

The Motor City Riversharks of the Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association will host 2011 tryouts from noon-1:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15, and 2-4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at UAW Local 735, 48055 Michigan Avenue, Canton. Players do not have to attend all three tryout dates. Players must be willing to commit to 40-to-50 games including weekends and tournaments, with the schedule running from April through July. To pre-register or for more information, contact coach Bill Boyd - 734-718-7782; motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

### Livonia Travel baseball

Tryouts for the 1011 Livonia Travel baseball program will be Aug. 12-15, at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads. The tryout schedule includes: Under-9 - 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 (contact manager Matt Fournier at mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net; or mfournie@livonia.k12.mi.us); Under-10 - 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 (contact Bruce Rosen for manager opportunities at mblr1218@aol.com); Under-11 - 9-11 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 15 (contact Bruce Rosen for manager opportunities at mblr1218@aol.com); Under-12 - 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12 and 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 (make-up date; contact manager Brian Dewhirst at wd219@aol.com); Under-13 - 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 and Sunday Aug. 15 (make up date; contact manager Bruce Rosen at mblr1218@aol.com). For additional information, visit www.livoniabsa.com.

# Bakun sizzles at City Golf Challenge

BY BRAD EMONS  
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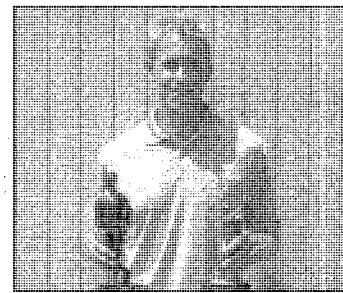
Talk about bringing his game to a sizzle on the grill. Livonian Mike Bakun brought it home Saturday and Sunday with a two-day total of 71-69-140 en route to individual medalist honors at the 53rd annual City Golf Championships & Challenge held at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. Bakun, who shot 4-under for 36 holes, is a graduate of Franklin High School and the University of Michigan where he holds a degree in Aviation Engineering. Bakun is ready to embark on a 12-year enlistment in the U.S. Air Force.

The winning team was Westland with a five-player total of 769 followed by Canton (821), Livonia (870) and Wayne (883). Leading the way for Westland was Brian Gabbear, 75-69-144; Kevin Ryan, 79-68-147; Mike Tolson, 79-78-157; Claud Johnston, 72-79-151; and Murray Brooks, 84-86-170. Sandy Felan shot 86-88-174 to repeat as Women's Championship Flight champion, three strokes better than Kathy Stellema.

Chris Kiehler was the Open Division champ with a 74-69-143, while Virginia Sexton captured the Women's Senior Flight. Other City medalists included Zach McCurley (Canton), championship flight, 74-75; Ken Eck (Canton), 90-89; first flight; Gabbear (Westland), championship flight; Johnston (Westland), senior division; Ted Salvadori (Wayne), 78-81-159, championship flight; and Bakun (Livonia), championship flight.



Sandy Felan (right) and Kathy Stellema (left) finished one-two in the women's division at the City Golf Championships & Challenge.



Franklin grad Mike Bakun shot a 69-71-140 total to earn individual medalist honors at the City Golf Championship & Challenge.

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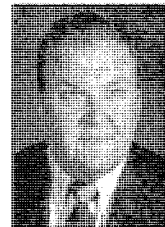
53rd annual CITY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS & CHALLENGE RESULTS July 31-Aug. 1 at Fellows Creek G.C. CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHTS Westland: 1. Brian Gabbear, 75-69-144;

2. Kevin Ryan, 79-68-147; 3. Mike Tolson, 79-78-157. Canton: 1. Zach McCurley, 74-75-149; 2. Tim McCurley, 76-82-158; Karl Janka, 82-82-164. Livonia: 1. Mike Bakun, 69-71-140; 2. Tyler Bledsoe, 84-87-171; 3. Matt Kowals, 89-91-180. Wayne: 1. Ted Salvadori, 78-81-159; 2. Bill Hawley, 84-80-164. Open men: 1. Chris Kiehler, 74-69-143; 2. Rosco Sloan, 76-79-155; 3. John Sobczak, 92-91-193. Open women: 1. Sandy Felan, 86-88-174; 2. Kathy Stellema, 92-85-177. FIRST FLIGHTS Canton: 1. Ken Eck, 90-89-179; 2. A.P. Singh, 90-96-186. SENIOR FLIGHTS Men: 1. Claud Johnston, 72-79-151; 2. Murray Brooks, 84-86-170; 3. Gary Dristy, 81-90-171. Women: 1. Virginia Sexton; 2. Darlene Hawley; 3. Linda Granfeldt. TEAM COMPETITION Westland (769): Brian Gabbear, 144; Kevin Ryan, 147; Claud Johnston, 151; Mike Tolson, 157; Murray Brooks, 170. Canton (821): Zach McCurley, 149; Tim McCurley, 159; Karl Janka, 164; Gary Dristy, 171; Ken Eck, 179. Livonia (870): Mike Bakun, 140; Tyler Bledsoe, 171; Matt Kowals, 180; John Jordan, 181; Mike Mato, 198. Wayne (883): Ted Salvadori, 159; Bill Hawley, 164; Sandy Felan, 174; Kathy Stellema, 177; Darlene Hawley, 209.

# U-M gridiron standout Wolter leaves legacy

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jim Wolter got the nickname "Moose" as a kid and it remained his moniker throughout his days as a stand-out guard on the formidable University of Michigan football teams of the late 1940s and early 1950s. The Livonian, who died Sunday at the age of 80 after three-year bout from a series of strokes, played alongside such U-M stalwarts as Don Dufek and Len Ford. Wolter was a three-year starter at guard and was a freshman member of the 1948 Wolverine national championship team. He also helped U-M to a pair of Big Ten Conference crowns (1949 and 1950). "My dad was big as a kid and



Jim Wolter

that's why if (Moose) stuck," said son Brad Wolter, who graduated from Stevenson High. "He was a fullback in high school (at Ypsilanti), but when he got to Michigan they needed guards and he could run. Back then they weren't that big." Wolter's crowning achievement as a U-M football player came in the 1951 Rose Bowl when the Wolverines defeated California, 14-6. "Back then a lot of guys played both ways," Brad Wolter recalled. "Ty Cobb came up to him after the game and was so impressed at how well he played that he asked for dad's autograph. My dad sent him one and was probably the highlight of his playing career." Wolter eventually moved his family to Livonia in 1968 and took root where he worked primarily for over 30 years as a chief appraiser for First Federal Bank. "The thing my dad was prob-

ably most proud about was the fact that he got two degrees - a B.A. and M.B.A. - from Michigan," Brad Wolter said. "He was a good family man. It was family and God first, but sports and school were right there, too. He was there. He encouraged us in sports." Jim Wolter was the beloved husband of the late Sandra Lynn and is survived by his four children - James Brad (Shona), Erik, Mark (Eileen) and Lynn (Richard) Renberg. He also leaves nine grandchildren, along with a brother (Fred) and sister (Fran Brockman). Visitation will be from 2-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6 at the funeral home. Interment is at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. bemons@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-6851

## SPORTS BRIEF

### Borsa places ninth

Philip Borsa, of Redford, earned a ninth-place finish Saturday in the FLW Bass Fishing League Michigan Co-Angler Division on the St. Clair River.

Borsa's five-bass limit checked in at 15 pounds, 8 ounces.

The winning take of 18 pounds, 12 ounces was shared by Jay Ahonen of Ortonville and Adrian Avena of Vineland, N.J.

The next BFL Michigan Division tournament is slated for Saturday, Aug. 28 on the Detroit River in Trenton. For more information on FLW Outdoors tournaments, call (270) 252-1000 or visit at www.flwoutdoors.com.

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Those denied can appeal on their own, but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.

In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

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## 161st Highland Games

See all things Scottish – from bagpiping to caber tossing – in Livonia

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you love bagpipe and drum music, you won't want to miss the opening ceremony at the St. Andrew Society of Detroit's 161st annual Highland Games Saturday, Aug. 7 at historic Greenmead in Livonia.

"The massed band parade around noon is the highlight," said Dave Martin, pipe major for the St. Andrew's Pipe Band and chair of the pipe competition at the Games. "I'm going to have about 16 pipe bands lined up in single lines with the pipe major in front. We'll have 16 columns coming down the field, marching toward the guests."

Visitors will find other entertainment – from Celtic rock bands to Highland dancers to pole-tossing athletes – at the Games, but pipes and drums, which will be heard in performances and competition, are the "epitome of Scottish culture" according to Martin, a Livonia resident.

"Piping and drumming is in-your-face Scotland. I don't know if there's another country in the world so represented by their music."

Although bagpipes are found throughout the world, the instrument varies slightly in terms of style and number of notes, from culture to culture. The Great Highland bagpipe has a one-octave range with no flats or sharps. Beginners learn to master the finger movements and notes on a practice chanter – a pipe without the bag – before progressing to the full instrument. The musician learns to breathe at a normal pace, blowing into the pipe, which in turn allows air to flow into the bag. The bag acts as an air reservoir, permitting the musician to play long or continuous notes without compromising breathing. The bagpipe player uses an arm like a "tension spring" to squeeze air out of the bag.

"Our instrument is unique because you get a constant flow of sound. You get a lot of music out of nine notes," Martin said. "We play music developed for bagpipe. People ask us to play all kinds of crazy things – let's say someone is asking for *Danny Boy* – we can't play it. We can't hit the high note. We can drop it an octave, but it won't have the same impact."



The massed bands during the opening ceremony are a highlight of the annual Highland Games in Livonia.

### STARTING YOUNG

Martin began learning to play bagpipes in 1954, two years after the St. Andrew's Pipe Band was founded. He was "about six or seven" when he began hearing bagpipe music coming from the basement of a neighbor's house. He'd sit outside on the front porch and listen, captivated by the sound. A few years later when he learned about a youth bagpipe class being taught in Detroit he "pestered" his mother to take him there.

"I was not a member of the St. Andrew's Society and I wasn't even Scottish," he recalled. "I didn't care." He took lessons at St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, practicing on a chanter for three years before play-

ing a full bagpipe and working his way into the band. He has taught bagpipes for many years and has seen more than a few students win pipe competitions. One of his students, Jacob Mack of Dearborn, has been named "Piper of the Day" at the Games for the past three years.

"He's a tremendous player, a very proficient young man. The pressure is on this year."

The Games will include solo competition for young players in both bagpipe and drums and full band competitions. Martin said the Games draw bands from throughout the Midwest.

The St. Andrew's Pipe Band won't compete because it's the "host band"

of the games, but it will perform during opening ceremonies and closing parade. It's mostly a concert band rather than a parade band. It plays for major St. Andrew's Society events, accompanies Scottish dancers and performs at church services.

"One thing people can do at the Highland Games is get an appreciation of what the bagpipe is supposed to sound like," Martin said. "What really gets a piper like me is to hear someone say, 'Oh, I heard a great bag piper,' and it turns out to be someone who just learned two weeks ago, all squawking and squeaking. At the Games, people are fairly proficient ... they play the bag pipe the way it's supposed to be played."

### 161ST ANNUAL HIGHLAND GAMES

**What:** St. Andrew's Society of Detroit presents two days of Scottish music, dance and food, along with a day of athletic competition

**When:** The Ceilidh, a kick-off party, runs from 5 p.m.-11 p.m., Friday, Aug. 6 and Highland Games are 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 7

**Where:** Greenmead Historical Park, corner of Newburgh and Eight Mile in Livonia

**Cost:** Ceilidh tickets are \$15 each and are sold in advance only. Children 5 and under are admitted free. The event is designed for adults. Highland Game tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the gate. Patron tickets range from \$10-\$50 and include admission to the Patron's Tent, where food and beverages will be served, and reserved parking. Buy tickets in advance at [www.highlandgames.com](http://www.highlandgames.com). Visitors buying \$10 advance tickets must pick them up at the will call table at Schoolcraft College, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile

**Parking:** On-site public parking is available for a \$5 fee. Free parking with continuous free shuttle service is available at Schoolcraft College

**Activities:** Entertainment by the Blaggards, The Kreezers, Glengarry Bhoys, Blaggards, Carl Peterson and the McCarville Brothers; dancers; pipe and drum performance and competition; living history troupe; genealogy tent; children's activity area with crafts, live animals, parade, cricket and "wee" caber toss; Border Collie demonstration; tug-o-war; and athletic competition including caber toss, hammer throw, stone put and weight throw

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**Contact:** (734) 420-0775

**Northville Art House**  
**Time/Date:** Aug. 6-28; artist reception, 6-9 p.m., Aug. 6  
**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville  
**Details:** "Conversations in Cloth," exhibit showcasing the work of fiber artists  
**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

### AUDITIONS

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18  
**Location:** Reno Hall's Studio 164 on the University of Detroit Mercy's McNichols Campus, 4001 W McNichols, Detroit  
**Details:** Non-equity auditions for "Proof." To audition, provide a recent headshot, resume, one modern monologue and be prepared for cold readings. Participants must register through the UDM Theatre Company's Facebook. Search for "Proof Auditions" at [www.facebook.com/udmtheatre](http://www.facebook.com/udmtheatre)  
**Contact:** Greg Grobis at [grobis@udmercy.edu](mailto:grobis@udmercy.edu) or at (313) 993-3273



# Author empowers Catholic parents to keep 'wolves' at bay

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Gary Michuta hopes his new book helps parents teach their children to recognize wolves.

"Who are the wolves? They can be self-help groups, economic, political groups, not just religious groups. They use forms of deception, half truths — they might even lie to your face and you don't hear the whole story. It's people who use deceptive means to pull you out of your religion."

Through *How to Wolf-Proof Your Kids* the Livonia resident aims to protect children and teens who are susceptible to recruiters from religious cults, sects and other groups.

"What I do is give parents the ability to raise kids and teach kids so it's a lot harder for people to manipulate them," said Michuta, 46, the father of three children, ages 10, 12 and 14. "There are a lot of personal experiences in the book. Over the years I thought what would be important would be to head them off at the pass and instill skill sets that at the front end would make it harder for people to recruit them."

Although the book is aimed at Catholic parents — Michuta is a member of St. Michael the Archangel in Livonia — its advice transcends denominational boundaries. Michuta suggests that parents train their youngsters to use critical thinking skills to evaluate the messages they hear from movies, music, television, the Internet or other individuals.

**He recommends that parents become 'good friends' with their child's pals because youngsters may notice unusual behavior changes before anyone else does. Out-of-the-ordinary paraphernalia or strange Bible translations found in a child's room or backpack might be another red flag. Keeping 'close tabs' on a child's social network can help identify coercive relationships and recruiters. Recognizing group jargon and learning about the history of pressure groups and cults also increases awareness.**

"The wolves count on you to receive information passively. They give you lots of information and deliberately overload you. Train them so that when they receive information they'll think it through."

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of pressure groups and cults also increases awareness.

Michuta said recruiters often disguise a coercive relationship as a friendship. The new friendship then leads to a group meeting or Bible study invitation where the new recruit is pressured to accept the group's views. If they do, they are "love bombed," and given positive response. If not, they receive negative reinforcement until they provide the "correct" answers.

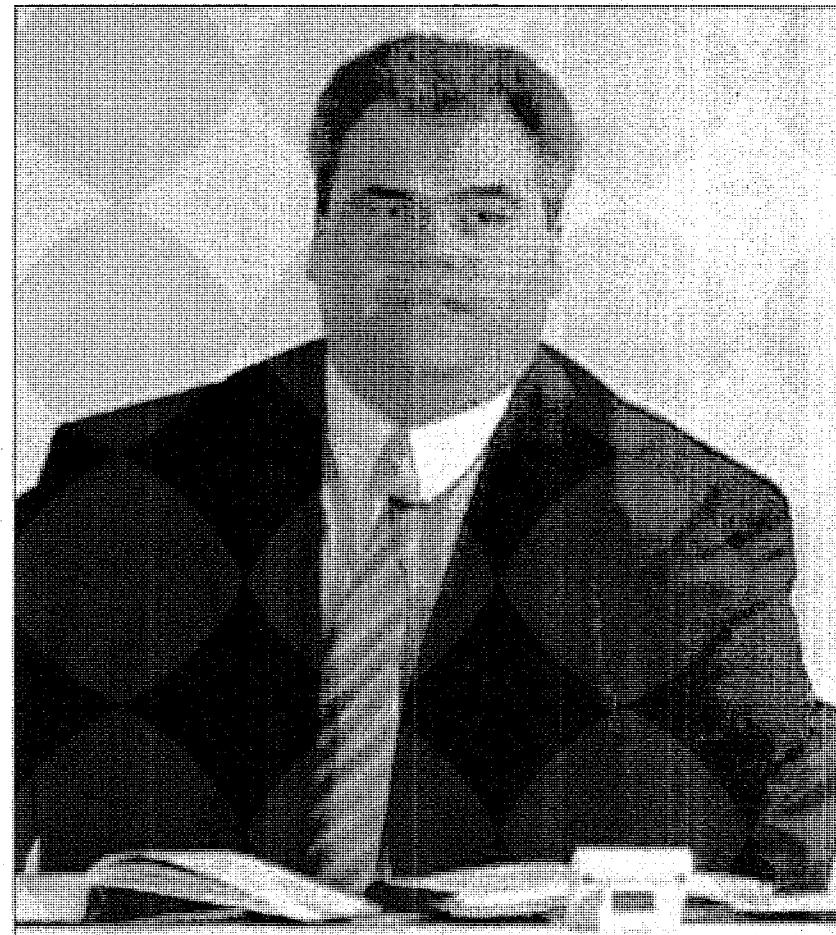
"Before you know it they're plugged into the group's social network."

Michuta knows firsthand about being pressured to stray from the Church. He was just out of college when a friend tried to convert him away from his lifelong Catholic faith.

"I did something most friends didn't do. I looked into her claims and what I found was some really compelling answers to her objections. That got me on the road to apologetics."

Michuta has studied Catholic apologetics — the theology of rationally defending the faith and its doctrines — since 1992. He started his own ministry, founding the apologetics group, Thy Faith, wrote two other books — *Why Catholic Bibles Are Bigger* and *The Gospel According to James McCarthy* — and maintains a Web site, [www.handsonapologetics.com](http://www.handsonapologetics.com). He has taught apologetics seminars, given parish talks and produced an apologetics magazine.

Through the years he also has responded to parents, grandparents and even spouses concerned about a



Gary Michuta of Livonia is author of 'How To Wolf-Proof Your Kids.'

loved one's relationship with a cult or pressure group.

"They ask me to come in and talk some sense into them."

Many of the scenarios in *How to Wolf-Proof Your Kids* are based on his experiences. The book is available

at [www.handonapologetics](http://www.handonapologetics), through Michuta's publisher, Grotto Press at [www.grottopress.org](http://www.grottopress.org), on amazon.com and can be ordered through many Christian book stores. It costs \$12.

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**AUG. 5-11**

**Church tour**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 7  
**Location:** St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Fifth annual church tour will visit National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Detroit. Cost is \$15 per person and includes lunch at Pasquale's in Royal Oak.  
**Contact:** Debbie Dufour at (248) 719-2535 or David Conrad at (734) 425-5950, Ext. 203  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m.-noon, Aug. 9-13  
**Location:** First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, northwest corner of Farmington Road and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Presented by First Presbyterian, Antioch Lutheran and North Congregational for children entering kindergarten through 5th grade. Children will learn about Joseph's time in Egypt, from prison to palace  
**Contact:** Register at [www.farmington-pres.org](http://www.farmington-pres.org) or call (248) 474-6170  
**Worship time change**  
**Time/Date:** 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 8  
**Location:** Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff, Livonia  
**Details:** The church is changing the time of its Sunday worship service and will celebrate Holy Communion

on the same day  
**Coming up:** The church will hold an outdoor service on Aug. 29, followed by a potluck. Participants should bring their own chairs  
**Contact:** (734) 421-5406

**AUG. 12-18**

**Bible text seminar**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-8:30 p.m., Aug. 13 and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Aug. 14  
**Location:** Berean Bible Church, 35375 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia  
**Details:** Dr. Daniel B. Wallace will present "The Gospel According to Snoopy - an interactive seminar on the trustworthiness of the biblical text." The seminar will have something of a CSI quality to it, requiring participants to think carefully, as if they were detectives evaluating evidence. Cost is \$25 per person and \$40 per couple  
**Contact:** Scott at Berean48150@sbcglobal.net  
**Blood drive**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 15  
**Location:** St. Damian Community Room, 30055 Joy Road, Westland  
**Details:** The American Red Cross needs all blood types. A pint of blood can save up to three lives. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome  
**Contact:** For more information or to make an appointment call Gary at (734) 716-2057  
**Mom to mom**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 14  
**Location:** Prince of Peace (ELCA) Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland  
**Details:** The event includes a bake sale and trunk sale. Proceeds from the bake sale benefit local service projects. Participants may donate clothes to sell, or fill a bag the church provides with clothing, for \$2. It does not accept or sell dresses or high heel shoes. Trunk sale participants park their cars in the park-

ing lot, open their trunks, set out tables and sell mom to mom items and other household wares. Prince of Peace members can rent one space for \$10; non-members rent for \$15. This includes one parking spot for a car and one spot for wares. Additional one-car spots are \$10 each for both members and non-members. Mom to mom sellers keep their profits. Prince of Peace uses all parking spot proceeds for its service work at organizations such as the local Salvation Army, Bolde Food and Clothing Center, Wayne County Family Center, and to fill Thanksgiving baskets and provide Christmas gifts to needy children in the Wayne-Westland school district  
**Contact:** Mary Rose Cartright at (734) 722-4363 to donate clothing and/or to reserve a trunk sale parking spot or for more information; or leave a message for her at the church at (734) 722-1735  
**Rummage and bake sale**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 13-14  
**Location:** 30000 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Huge selection to choose from. Free admission. Includes lots of kids' stuff, holiday and household goods, books, records, games, outdoors, sporting goods, appliances, and more  
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**Vacation Bible School**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 16-19  
**Location:** Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main Street, Plymouth  
**Details:** "Hero Headquarters" Vacation Bible School for ages 4-12. Program includes Bible study, games, snacks, songs and crafts; free admission. Registration begins Aug.  
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**AUG. 19-25**

**Family Fun Fair**  
**Time/Date:** 5-10 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 19; 5-11 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21; and 1-9 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22  
**Location:** Our Lady of Loretto, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** 51st Annual Family Fun Fair with rides, games, Las Vegas-style games in the gym, bingo in the church basement, \$4,999 raffle, craft booths, bake walk, dollar menu food booths. Entertainment includes Terry Bar and the Full Tilt Boogie Band on Friday, Hard Core and All Wheel Drive on Saturday and Terry Bar on Sunday  
**Contact:** (313) 534-9000  
**Summer-Fest**  
**Time/Date:** Aug. 20-22  
**Location:** Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland  
**Details:** Summer-Fest activities include basketball tournament, 3 p.m. Friday; battle of the bands, 6 p.m. Friday; craft show and sidewalk sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday; Kidzone, 3-6 p.m. Saturday; dinner, 6-7 p.m.; concert, 7-10 p.m.; outdoor worship under a tent, 10:30 a.m., Sunday  
**Contact:** (734) 968-9222 or (734) 458-7301

**AUG. 26-SEPT. 1**

**Financial Peace University**  
**Time/Date:** Begins at 7 p.m., Aug. 31  
**Location:** In the fellowship hall at Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Dave Ramsey's financial seminar includes 13 informative sessions on saving, spending, debt and investing.  
**Contact:** [www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locate-class/](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locate-class/) or call (248) 553-3380.  
**New church**  
**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m., Aug. 29  
**Location:** Holiday Inn Express, 46194 North I-94 Service Drive, Belleville  
**Details:** Life Pointe Church debuts with worship service, practical preaching, fellowship, food and back-to-school supplies giveaway  
**Contact:** The Rev. Billy J. Hales, (734) 486-3210; [RSVP@pastorhales@yahoo.com](mailto:RSVP@pastorhales@yahoo.com)  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**Time/Date:** Aug. 27-29  
**Location:** Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School; \$5 per child with a maximum of \$20 per family  
**Contact:** Register at (734) 464-0990

**SEPT. 2-15**

**Prayer service**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Unity World Day of Prayer involves people of all faiths joining in prayer for the health and well-being of the world, as well as for one another.  
**Contact:** (734) 421-1760; [www.unityoflivonia.org](http://www.unityoflivonia.org)

**ONGOING**

**AWANA**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays  
**Location:** Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills  
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**Contact:** (248) 426-0096  
**Classes/study**  
**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month  
**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia  
**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.  
**Contact:** Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to [jcook59@att.net](mailto:jcook59@att.net).  
**Livonia Unity**  
**Time/Date:** Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions  
**Contact:** (810) 813-4073 or [gary@energeticarts.org](mailto:gary@energeticarts.org).

**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491  
**New Life Community Church**  
**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays  
**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville  
**Contact:** (734) 846-4615 for information  
**Nicole's Revival**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m., Monday-Friday  
**Location:** YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Scripture reading  
**Contact:** (313) 531-1234  
**Our Lady of Loretto**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** (313) 534-9000  
**St. Andrew's Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 26701 Joy  
**Details:** Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey  
**Contact:** (313) 274-3820  
**Ward Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Mondays  
**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5920  
**Clothing bank**  
**Canton Christian Fellowship**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday  
**Location:** 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty  
**Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480, visit [www.CantonCF.org](http://www.CantonCF.org) or send e-mail to [info@cantoncf.org](mailto:info@cantoncf.org)  
**Crafters wanted**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 23  
**Location:** Eight Mile and Taft in Northville  
**Details:** 3rd Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at the church. A great opportunity for local entrepreneurs and artists to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Booking now  
**Contact:** For details and to reserve a place, e-mail to [Pat.Breslin@fumbazaar@gmail.com](mailto:Pat.Breslin@fumbazaar@gmail.com). Learn more about Village Banking at [www.FINCA.org](http://www.FINCA.org)  
**Time/Date:** Oct. 22-23  
**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Applications are being accepted for the annual fall craft show. Rental spaces are 8- by 5-feet and can be reserved for one day at a cost of \$20 or two days for \$30. Tables an additional \$5  
**Contact:** (734) 464-0990; download an application at [www.riverside-parkchurch.org](http://www.riverside-parkchurch.org)  
**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Time/Date:** Oct. 9  
**Location:** 555 South Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** Looking for crafters and vendors to participate in a fall craft sale  
**Contact:** (734) 721-5023  
**St. Thomas a'Becket**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4  
**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** Accepting applications for handmade crafts only for 20th annual Christmas Craft Show  
**Contact:** [craftshow@abecket.org](mailto:craftshow@abecket.org) or (734) 844-1232  
**Fellowship dinner**  
**St. James Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month  
**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Details:** Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals  
**Contact:** (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

**Food Bank**  
**New Hope Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only  
**Location:** is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton  
**Contact:** Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.  
**Moms**  
**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners  
**Contact:** Angie at (248) 427-1020  
**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope  
**Contact:** Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767  
**Prayer**  
**Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday  
**Location:** 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City  
**Details:** Prayer, spiritual healing  
**Contact:** (734) 427-3660  
**Nardin Park United Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday  
**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests  
**Contact:** (248) 476-8860  
**St. Edith Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church  
**Details:** Music, singing, prayer  
**Contact:** Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906  
**St. Michael's Church of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday  
**Location:** Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia  
**Details:** Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455  
**Senior citizens**  
**Riverside Park Church of God**  
**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m., third Thursdays  
**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Senior adults, age 50 and over, enjoy social interaction and food  
**Contact:** (734) 464-0990  
**Singles**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program  
**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0911 or visit [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org)  
**Steve's Family Restaurant**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4-mile north of Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.  
**Contact:** (313) 534-0399  
**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m., Sunday  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5920  
**Song Circle**  
**Congregation Beth Ahm**  
**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat  
**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.  
**Contact:** (248) 737-1931 or e-mail [nancyellen879@att.net](mailto:nancyellen879@att.net).



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**GENEVIEVE DRENNAN**  
 Age 88, passed away peacefully among family on July 25, 2010. Longtime resident of Swanton, Oh., formerly of Plymouth and Kalamazoo, Mi. Beloved wife of the late Howard (Spud) Drennan. Survived by children Bill, Mike (Glenna), Cheryl (Darrel) Baker, Patti (Denny) Wesenberg, John (Lyn), and Howard Lee (Paula). Also a very proud grandmother of 14, and great-grandmother of 7. Family and friends will gather for a "Celebration of Life" on Friday, August 20, 2010, at the American Legion Hall on Hallett St. in Swanton, Ohio at 3:00 P.M. A brief memorial service will be followed by music, food and drink. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted by Hospice of Northwest Ohio, or The Salvation Army.

**HELEN O. KEHOE, NEE EDWARDS**  
 Of St. Charles, MO formerly of Canton, MI, passed away peacefully July 21, 2010. Daughter of the late William J. and Martha E. Edwards, wife of the late Clifford M. Kehoe and beloved mother of Charles (Gail) Kehoe of St. Charles, MO and Karen Kehoe of, Poisy, France. Cherished grandmother of Donna (Michael) Jeffries and Kevin (Patti) Kehoe. Great Grandmother to Michael, Hannah, Nathan, Jonathan, and Stephen Jeffries; Lucas, Rachel, Kaiton and Aiden Kehoe. Her two sisters, Hazel Holston and Ila Long preceded her in death. Mrs. Kehoe worked at the Daisy Air Rifle plant in Plymouth and at Associated Springs of Plymouth Twp. A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 7, 2010 at 2 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. (btwn Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill), Westland. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association through the Vermeulen Funeral Home. To Share a memory or leave a message of condolence for the family visit: [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

**VIRGINIA D. FARMER**  
 Age 80 of Westland, July 30, 2010. Loving wife of the late Thomas. Dear mother of Patricia (James) McCloud, Brenda (Randy) Cleveland, Thomas (Mara), Randy (LeeAnn) and Karen (Chris) Johnson. Also leaves 10 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, 1 sister Ruth Crain and 1 brother Merle Schrepfer. Visitation and services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. To leave a message of condolence or share a memory with the family log on to [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

**GRACE L. WAACK**  
 Age 88, passed away peacefully on August 3, 2010. Spending her entire life in the Farmington/Livonia area, Mrs. Waack was retired from the Farmington school district. She resided and was actively involved in the Newburgh Village retirement community. She also volunteered at the Livonia Senior Center. Predeceased by her loving husband Russell, children Douglas and Michael, and 7 brothers. Survived by children Ruthann, Russell (Retia), Judith, daughter-in-law Kay, John (Dawn), Tim (Crystal), Jeff (Mark), and Ann (Liz); 15 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Also survived by her brother Harvey Chapman. Visitation Friday 3-9pm, In State Saturday 10:00am until Funeral Mass. Thayer Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Farmington. Interment at Clarenceville Cemetery, Livonia.

**IRIS V. MONTGOMERY**  
 July 29, 2010 age 83 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Donald. Dear mother of Donna Mae Swain, Kathryn Ann (the late Bill) Blair & Ginny Bradley. Sister of Helen (George) Sears, Wanda Angel & the late Kinard Snider. Sister-in-law of John (Stella) Montgomery. Also survived by 6 grandchildren & 6 great grandchildren. Funeral at the Uth Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland; Monday, August 2, 2010 at 1 P.M. Family requests memorials to Hospice of Michigan. Please visit and sign a tribute at [www.uthfh.com](http://www.uthfh.com)

**JACK D. PERRY**  
 Age 60, passed away, July 31, 2010 at his home in the care of his loving family. Jack was a very generous and loving husband, father and grandfather and always put others needs before his own. He is survived by his wife of 34 years Carol, his loving children, James and Christine, his beloved grandchildren, Hakim, Tahani and Alex. He is also survived by his mother Mabel and his brothers Ron and Tim. He was preceded in death by his father Glenn Perry in 2010 and his mother-in-law Beverly Koster in 1995. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2010 at 3:00 PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. The family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 PM. Online Guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

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# Scottish treat

## Bake your best shortbread recipe for Highland Games contest

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Peg Dunlop bakes a version of shortbread that she jokingly calls "cardiac cookie." It's the butter that takes the traditional Scottish treat "beyond sugar cookies" and the addition of an egg yolk that "makes it richer."

"It has tons of butter and egg," said Dunlop, who bakes the recipe a couple of times a month. "My family loves it. With my recipe you can do Christmas cookies, too."

Judges at the Highland Games in Chicago, Ill., loved it so much they awarded Dunlop first prize a few years ago for best shortbread. She liked the contest idea and brought it idea back to Livonia for the St. Andrew Society's 160th games last year.

"This will be our second year," said Dunlop, a St. Clair Shores woman who is coordinating the competition Saturday, Aug. 7 at the games, which take place at historic Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh. "It's open to anyone. Bring 10 to 12 shortbread (pieces) before 2 p.m. on the day of the games." She said participants can drop the treats off and register for the competition at the welcome center.

"Last year we only had seven entries. That wasn't bad for the first year. We're hoping to get a dozen people at least this year. We'd like to get a good turnout."

A Clarkston resident, Helen McInnes Brisson, won the first annual contest. This year's winner will receive a trophy and the St. Andrew's Society will post the recipe on its

Highland Games Web site.

"There are thousands of shortbread recipes. Everyone has their grandmother's. Helen's is traditional. It's triangle-shaped — called petticoat tails. It's yummy."

Dunlop said traditional Scottish recipes call for rice flour and "caster" sugar, which is confectioners sugar. She's toying with the idea of adding a second category, flavored shortbread, to the contest next year.

Rather eat shortbread than bake it?

Vendors will be on hand at the Highland Games with imported shortbread and other Scottish treats, such as Iron Brew, a sweet orange-flavored soda pop and cloutie, a steamed pudding. A variety of Scottish food and drinks will be available at both the

kick-off party, which is called a "Ceilidh," from 5-11 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 6 and 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Highland Games, on Saturday, Aug. 7. Scotch whisky tastings, part of a 45-minute educational seminar on the single malt beverage, are set for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday.

"Fish and chips is traditional for all of the UK, including Scotland," Dunlop noted.

"Scottish meat pies — that's huge. That's puff pastry with finely ground beef and salt and pepper. Those are the two biggest draws for hot meals."

Visitors also will find Scotch Eggs, a deep-fried combination of hard-boiled egg wrapped in sausage and an outer bread coating.

"I have made those for special occasions," Dunlop said, adding that she includes them



Helen Brisson, winner of last year's shortbread contest at the Highland Games in Livonia, shows off her award.

at Christmas brunch.

Here are a few other of Dunlop's favorite Scottish foods, along with Brisson's winning shortbread:

## CITY BITES

### Bring on the roast pig

Farmington Hills — Throw on your favorite Hawaiian shirt and "hang ten" at the Longacre House Porch Party, 6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20.

All ages are welcome to enjoy the festivities which will include a pig roast, traditional Hawaiian fare and luau music. The Hawaiian Luau costs \$8 per person at the door. A cash bar will be available.

The Longacre House is located at 24705 Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile. (248) 477-8404 or visit www.longacrehouse.org.

### For charity

Livonia — Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar's "Summer of Giving" series of fund-raisers will benefit the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund on Aug. 13 and First Step on Aug. 20. Both events run 5-7 p.m. at the restaurant, 17400 Haggerty. Both feature hors d'oeuvres and wine.

The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund benefit costs \$50. The organization aims to increase awareness and financial support for those in the Marines and U.S. Navy — along with Army, Air Force and Coast Guard members who have served in support of Marine forces — who have been injured in combat or training. For tickets, call the Fund at (810) 844-6604.

The First Step benefit costs \$100. The organization aims to reduce the incidence of domestic and sexual violence, provide services to victims and prevent domestic and sexual violence through education, advocacy and intervention. Call First Step for tickets at (734) 416-1111, Ext. 205.

### PEG DUNLOP'S SHORTBREAD

4 cup of white granulated sugar  
1 cup of butter  
1 egg yolk  
2 1/4 cup of flour

Beat sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Mix in one egg yolk. Add flour and mix until a semi-stiff dough forms. Press in 8- by 8-inch pan. Prick with fork at one inch intervals and bake in 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Cut in squares or rectangles while still warm.

This dough also makes good cut out cookies. Roll to 1/4 inch thickness and cut with cookie cutter. Or you can put it through a cookie press. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.

### CLAPSHOT

Serves 4  
1 pound potatoes  
1 pound yellow turnip (swede)  
5 tablespoons of cream or butter  
1-2 tablespoons sniped chives  
Salt and black pepper  
Freshly grated nutmeg

Boil the potato and turnip for about 20 minutes. Drain. Mash them thoroughly until smooth. Mix in the cream or butter and chives and season to taste with salt, plenty of black pepper and some grated nutmeg. Continue to mash. Turn into a warmed serving dish and serve immediately.

### CRANACHAN

Serves 4  
4 tablespoons pinhead oatmeal  
1 1/2 cups of whipping cream  
2 tablespoons whisky  
3 tablespoons liquid honey  
8 ounces raspberries

Put the oatmeal in a small dry frying pan and toast it over a gentle heat for about 20 minutes, shaking the pan from time to time until it is lightly browned.

Whip the cream until it is thick but not too stiff. Add the whisky and honey to taste. Reserve a few of the raspberries for garnish. Fold the rest into the cream. Spoon the mixture into four glass dishes and chill until ready to serve. Just before serving, sprinkle the toasted oatmeal on top of the cream and decorate with the reserved raspberries.

### BRISSON'S McINNES SHORTBREAD FAVORITE

1 teacup icing sugar  
1 teacup corn flour (corn starch)  
2 teacups flour  
1 good pinch of salt  
1 pound butter

#### Directions:

Melt butter in saucepan, then pour over dry ingredients and mix to a firm dough. Divide dough into three sponge tins (6 inch) and flatten with the back of a spatula. Prick dough all over with a fork. Bake in a moderate oven (375 degrees) until golden brown or to taste for approximately 20 minutes. Remove from oven and cut into wedges. Let cool in tin. Flip tin and tap gently on bottom until short bread releases. Sprinkle with castor (extra-fine) sugar. Eat and enjoy!

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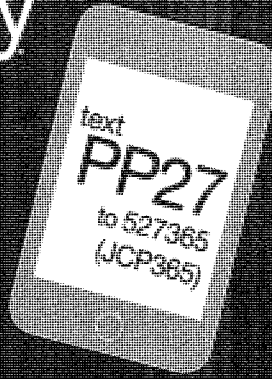


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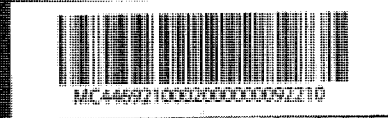
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**80% off**

NEW MARKDOWNS  
**50-70% off**

Represents in-store savings off original prices. Intermediate markdowns may have been taken. Selection varies by store.



Sale prices effective through Saturday, 8/7/10, unless otherwise noted. Percentages off regular or original prices, as shown. Actual savings may exceed stated percentage off. "Regular" and "Original" prices are offering prices that may not have resulted in sales, and intermediate markdowns may have been taken. "Original" prices may not have been in effect during the past 90 days or in all trade areas. "Sale" events exclude Best Value merchandise and items sold every day at a "2 or more" discount. Merchandise may not be available in all JCPenney stores or at jcp.com/catalog. Clearance items available while supplies last. In-store prices and discount offers may not apply to jcp.com/catalog orders.