

IN BRIEF

Identity theft
 Approximately 15 million American residents have their identities used fraudulently each year, with financial losses totalling upward of \$50 billion. On a case-by-case basis, that means approximately 7 percent of all adults have their identities misused, with each instance resulting in approximately \$3,500 in losses.

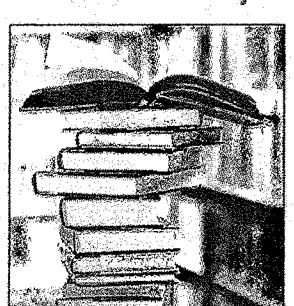
At the top of the list of types of identity theft, 28 percent involves credit cards. But that isn't the only type. Phone and utility services, banking, employment and even loans have been impacted by identity theft.

One way to stop identity thieves in their tracks is by shredding any document, receipt, address label or piece of paper with identifying information like account numbers. You can do it with a crosscut shredder at home or bring the documents you need shredded from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 29, to the Westland Friendship Center at 1119 N. Newburgh.

An industrial shredder will be on site for residents to have their documents shredded and disposed of. They can drive up with their bags or boxes of documents - three bag or box maximum - and watch them be shredded for free.

Need more information? Call the Friendship Center at (734) 722-7628.

Children's challenge



Summer reading fun at the William P. Faust Public Library continues in August with the Children's Nonfiction Challenge.

Children will read books at their own reading level from different subject areas. Each category completed will earn an entry for a chance to win a jar of treats, a gift card or another cool prize. Youngsters also earn weekly coupons and other prizes along the way. Finishers can choose a free book to keep.

The Nonfiction Challenge runs from Aug. 1 through Sept. 2. Pick up a challenge sheet at the Children's Desk.

The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford. For more information, call the Children's Department at (734) 326-6123.

Deadline extended

The Westland City Council has extended the deadline to pay summer taxes without penalty until Aug. 31.

Residents who pay taxes themselves received bills the first week in July. Residents who haven't received their tax bill or who have questions can call (734) 467-3172.



Livonia residents Pat Waterstardt and Bob Jankowski the a sampling of the food provided by Malarkey's Pub for the Westland Chamber of Commerce's eighth annual Restaurant Rally.

Yum, yum: Rally brings out 300 hungry diners

Diners found plenty to like at the Restaurant Rally, Page A6.

BY SUE MASON
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Brookellen Swope couldn't have been happier. Six weeks of planning came off without a hitch Tuesday evening as 300 black T-shirt-clad people ate their way around Westland at the eighth annual Westland Chamber of Commerce Restaurant Rally.

"I think it's a great way to integrate the residential and business communities," said Swope, the chamber president and CEO. "It's great exposure for the businesses."

The event featured nine restaurants - Ashley's Beer & Grill, Beaver Creek, Biggy Coffee, Malarkey's Irish Pub, Marvaso's Italian Grille, Texas Roadhouse, Famous Dave's, Panera Bread and Indian Flavors LLC - and of the five or six Swope had visited by 7:30 p.m., "everyone seemed happy."

Among them was Mo Elfakir of Biggy Coffee. This is the third year the coffee house is participating in the Restaurant Rally, serving guests such frozen delights as Biggy's Caramel Marvel signature drink and frozen hot chocolate.

"Any of our drinks can be made hot, over ice or frozen," said Alfakir as he personally welcomed the guests.

Also in the same strip mall, Arvind Desai were explaining to guests the two vegetarian foods, Batata Vada and Khoparapak, that his wife, Devayani, had prepared for the rally.

"She's definitely a good cook," said Desai, adding that business is improving for Westland's only Indian restaurant.

"I hired a new person today," he said. "We've gotten a good response from local people and from people from Ann Arbor, Farmington and Novi."

People who bought alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages at the participating restaurants received a raffle ticket for each purchase and were entered in a drawing for prizes.

Winning prizes were Gary Bulson, a cheesecake from Manny's Cheesecakes; James Godbout, \$25 gift card from Ameriprise Financial; Dr. Ken Colton and Jessica Bailey, one-hour massage from Dr. Amanda Apffelblat of Michigan Chiropractic Specialists; Kim Cecil and Ed Duprey, one-hour massages at the Garden City Hospital Massage Clinic; and Dan Stachow, Robin Clark, Shirley Mills and Jim Kollar, \$25 gift cards from Co-op Services Credit Union.

As Swope ate her way through the event, she admitted that "it takes a lot of organizing before hand, but once it starts, it runs itself."

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City creates capital fund for Taylor Towers

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Plans to generate money for capital improvements by refinancing Westland's Taylor Towers are moving ahead.

The council has voted to establish a for-profit limited liability company with the City of Westland as the sole member to hold ownership of the 266-unit low-income senior citizen housing located on Marquette.

The city expects to generate about \$8 million from the refinancing. The council authorized the application to seek refinancing and also established a capital improvement fund where proceeds from the refinancing will be placed once the loan closes.

"The auditors asked us to set up the capital improvement fund so we can put the money there," said Mayor William Wild. "We had to bring it back to council."

A 35-year mortgage with an interest rate expected to be

around 4.5 percent would generate \$8.1 million - 80 percent of the value of the building which was appraised at \$10.2 million.

The debt service would be about \$60,000 monthly, paid with income generated by rents paid at the federally subsidized senior housing. St. James Capital will be the lender and service the loan with mortgage insurance provided by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The previous mortgage on the more than 30-year old building was paid off two years ago and since that time revenue from rent has been placed into an escrow account.

"We also are taking \$1 million from the escrow account to do improvements to the building. We are replacing the elevator, we're looking at the roof, the generator and will probably replace the windows," said Wild.

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Win cash to shop!

Westland Observer readers can beat the heat this summer by winning some cool cash for a "Christmas in July Shopping Spree."

It's easy to win. Just find the beach ball icon on the pages of the July 21 edition of Hometown Life Inspire. Observer subscribers received

a copy of Inspire inside last Thursday's newspaper with an entry form and directions on Page 4 (of Inspire). Or you can enter online at hometownlife.com. Look for the "Win a Christmas in July Shopping Spree" under the Don't Miss section online.

Deadline to enter is midnight July 31. All entries that



correctly list all the pages on which the beach ball appears have a chance to win one of three shopping sprees for \$250, \$125 or \$75.

Happy Christmas in July and happy hunting for the holiday beach ball.

Don't delay, enter today. Only one entry per household. Contest is limited to Michigan residents only.

W-W board delays decision on hiring consulting firm

BY SUE MASON
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Helping get the word out about the Wayne-Westland Community Schools for many years has been the job of consultant Group Fifty-Five Marketing. But its approval as the district's public relations consultant is on hold as the Wayne-Westland school board looks at what the firm provides the district.

The recommendation came up as part of the school board's organizational meeting last week and ran into difficulty when Vice President John Goci questioned the services provided and the cost.

According to Supt. Greg Baracy, the district will pay Fifty-Five \$80,000 for 2011-12. Of that money, more than 40 percent will be used for the cost of informational pieces that are mailed out to residents living in and around the school district.

"They are our consultant for our brand. They get out the good words about the district," Baracy said.

"Without a question, \$80,000 is a small investment for the huge return by keeping students in the district and bringing in schools of choice students. We average 80-100 new students per year and that brings in around \$800,000. I feel that's a significant

amount of money for the cost."

The firm, which counts among its clients Comerica, Lear Corp., the Michigan Lottery, DMC and St. John's Health System, does the school district's ads for radio and TV and video for cable TV shows. It also does the mailers for schools of choice and kindergarten roundup.

Goci sought to have the recommendation tabled until the September board meeting to allow for further study.

"I had a lot of complaints as to where the billboard placements are," Goci said, indicating that he didn't believe the district was getting the most for the

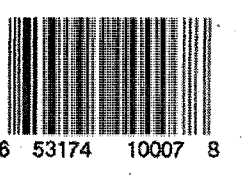
money it spends with Group Fifty-Five.

His initial motion failed by a 3-3 vote, as did a second motion to table when Treasurer Andrea Clawson changed her mind after learning that the agreement can be recommended at a later time.

Baracy has agreed to provide board members with data showing what Group Fifty-Five has done for the district and the how it has benefitted Wayne-Westland.

"I ask that you get us the information as soon as possible," Trustee Thomas Buckalew said.

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Charming ...

Mom helps create memories one fingerprint at a time

BY LINDA SPARKMAN
CORRESPONDENT

It's not just love and urgency that prompted 32-year-old Carrie Stanley to begin her business endeavor, Pixie Printz. Anger played a big role.

When she found out how much it cost to purchase fingerprint jewelry, "it made me mad," said the determined entrepreneur.

Looking for a fingerprint charm to capture what she calls, "God's signature" on her 4-year-old daughter Leiryn, who has cancer and is currently on hospice, Stanley faced charges between \$500 and \$700.

"That's not something families in our situation can usually afford," said the Garden City mother of four.

Fortunately, she found an out-of-state crafter who offered the precious mementos at a more reasonable price. So, Mom, Dad and their four little ones made a mini-vacation out of the event, and came back with treasured memories in the form of several charms imprinted with their only daughter's fingerprint, and something else Stanley finds priceless. They made a treasure-chest-full of family-time memories.

Because of this wonderful experience, Stanley stresses the importance of being physically with family members when they imprint the charms.

"You're creating a keepsake but a memory at the same time," says Stanley, who recounts one recent mother-son pair whose experience was unforgettable.

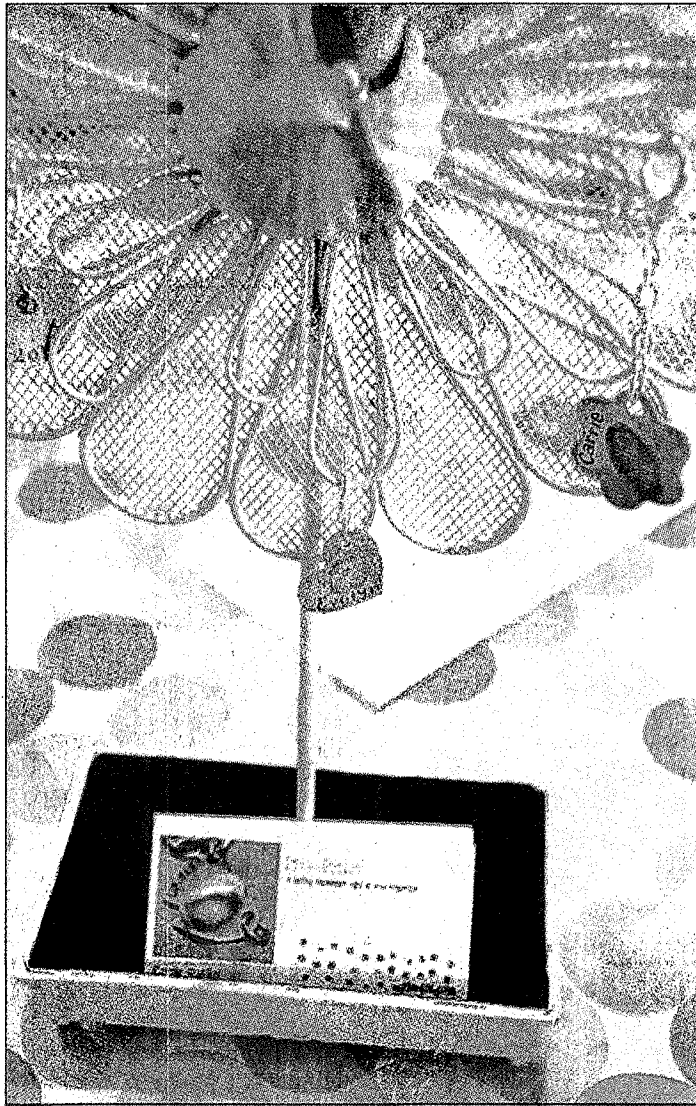
"The little boy's mom was literally wrestling him to get this fingerprint," said Stanley. "It took both of her hands, and mine to hold his finger on it long enough to get a fingerprint. That for sure is a memory. I will never forget it."

In less than a month Stanley has solidified her idea, created a logo, made Facebook page, developed a website, took a precious metal clay class, purchased supplies, and had an open house to launch her business.

"It's been a whirlwind," she said.

INDIVIDUALLY SHAPED

The charms are made of precious metal clay (PMC) that is individually shaped, imprinted,



Stanley is able to create charms in a variety of styles from heart shaped to flowers to circles.

sanded, fired, coated with a chemical to highlight the imprint, and then polished. The entire process takes over an hour of hands-on work, and overnight to allow for firing and cooling. Elements allowing the silver to be pliable are burned away during the firing process, leaving a pure silver charm.

The exuberant Pixie Printz owner and founder is now on a mission. She doesn't want any family facing the loss of a loved one to be unable to obtain this one-of-a-kind keepsake because of the cost.

"To have that unique portion of a family member captured in precious metal to me, is priceless," said Stanley. And literally, priceless is what she's determined to make it.

In addition to, and in conjunction with Pixie Printz, Stanley has formed Imprints of the Heart, a separate business intended to be nonprofit, that

offers to make up to two fingerprinted charms for families with a terminally ill loved one, free of charge.

"I wanted to take what I had learned through this experience and make a difference by helping others in a tangible way," said Stanley.

To fund Imprints of the Heart Stanley dedicates 10 percent of Pixie Printz profits and accepts donations.

Mott's Children's Hospital and Arbor Hospice are two of Stanley's connections, helping to spread the word about what she is offering to families facing the loss of a loved one. Other ways Stanley promotes both Pixie Printz and Imprints of the Heart is on Facebook, by word-of-mouth, craft fairs, cancer events, farmer's markets and children's play-dates.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

"I'm really hoping parents



Carrie Stanley of Pixie Printz works with precious metal clay to shape and create individual fingerprint charms for parents.

use this opportunity," said Stanley, who brings all necessary supplies to small, informal get-togethers, making a nice memory, while creating lasting keepsakes. "It's a perfect opportunity."

If all goes well, Stanley hopes to be able offer personal charms to people through the mail, and perhaps one day have a store front where customers could design their own charms.

Thanks to a donation, Stanley also has purchased supplies that give her the ability to use a handwritten, drawn, or ink print of a hand, foot, or paw to make a charm.

"I have a few moms who lost babies and I am using the ink prints from the hospital to make some charms for them," said Stanley.

The Pixie Printz Facebook page lists where Stanley will be and times she'll be there. Products and prices are available on her website, www.pixieprintz.com, where Stanley welcomes questions and comments. Items available include charms for jewelry, rings and keychains. Prices begin at about \$35 dollars and are based on the amount of silver in the piece.

Stanley's husband, Charley,

who grew up in Garden City and now teaches at Wayne Memorial High School, supports his wife's efforts. As far as the business goes, right now, "he helps by being a sounding board," said Stanley.

"Eventually I might have to put him to work sanding and polishing," she said. "We're trying to make this a full-time job for the summer, so Charlie doesn't have to look for another full-time job between the school years. If we can work this full time, then he won't have to be away from the family so much this summer. Time is precious at this point."

TOWERS

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If approved by HUD, the timeline calls for the closing on the loan to take place in December.

The city also expects to sell housing income tax credits on the Taylor Towers in 2012. If that is successful, proceeds from that would be used to upgrade individual apartments with a price tag of \$20,000-\$30,000.

"Between the two transactions, we should be able to rehabilitate the building," said Wild, adding the building ownership would eventually revert back to the city.

The Elderly Housing Services Commission serves as the management company for Taylor Towers and shares

a board with the Elderly Housing Commission.

When Taylor Towers was built, the intent was for the building ownership to eventually come to the city, said City Attorney James Fausone.

"When the EHC was created in 1978, they probably thought they would never get here," he said.

The new for-profit company is needed to be able to distribute profits from the refinancing — the EHC is a nonprofit group. Members of the EHC board will also serve on the for-profit company board.

Clerk Eileen DeHart School, who chairs the EHC board, said that residents would not see any change in operations at Taylor Towers due to the refinancing.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Storm chaser

Teens can sign up now for the Mid-Michigan Storm Chasers Teen Program planned for 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1, at The William P. Faust Public Library on Central City Parkway north of Ford Road.

Teens will have the opportunity to meet a real-life tornado chaser and founder of the Mid-Michigan Storm Chasers. She will talk about her experiences as a storm chaser and show video from her epic chases.

Sign up online at www.westlandlibrary.org or by calling the library at (734) 326-6123.

Rain barrel sale

The City of Westland in conjunction with the Alliance of Rouge Communities is hosting a Rain Barrel Truckload Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 30, in the parking lot of the Westland Department of Public Services, 37137 Marquette, just east of Newburgh.

The sale is one day only and limited quantities will be available while supplies last. The rain barrels retail for \$150 each, but will be offered for a discounted price of \$60 (taxes included) with

\$1.50 of each purchase benefiting the Alliance of Rouge Communities. Cash, Check, Visa, MasterCard and Discover Cards will be accepted.

Farmers Market

Westland Farmer's Market is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday in the Westland City Hall parking lot at 36601 Ford Road, through Oct. 25. Stop by and enjoy a wide array of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, jams, flowers, crafts and many other great items.

For more information, call

Robert Kosowski at (734) 722-7620.

Summer bowling

Westland Youth Assistance Program is hosting a free summer bowling league for Westland youth, between the ages of 10 and 16. The league meets 6-8:30 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 12 at Westland Bowl, at 5940 N.

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Riding on a 'Wish'

Cyclists take 300-mile trip to make dreams come true

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Bob Polzin's daughter, Theresa, was diagnosed with leukemia when she was 15 years old and benefitted from a young organization called "Make A Wish Foundation of Michigan" to get a new bedroom set from F&M of Canton.

A couple of years later, Polzin, looking for a way to give back, got involved in one of MAW's biggest fundraisers, Wish-A-Mile, a 300-mile bicycle trek from Traverse City to Chelsea.

And he's been riding ever since. Polzin — and the other two-dozen members of his team, Team Header — are in Traverse City for Friday's start of the 2011 WAM, Polzin's 17th ride.

His reason for riding is pretty simple.

"To give back to the kids," Polzin said. "(Make A Wish) is an opportunity to give families a day or a week to forget about the illness. They do a good job for the whole family, not just the child with the illness. It's all about the kids. It's a tough ride, but it's all worthwhile."

Team Header, which has raised some \$40,000 this year, features some 25 riders from divergent backgrounds. The team includes Theresa's sister, Christina Adkins, and her father-in-law, John Henning.

And Lisa Rozum of Canton said Polzin "sucked me in three years ago" and will once again join Team Header. The girl to whom Team Header is dedicating the three-day ride, Kelsie Cullen, is the niece of one of Rozum's good friends. That makes the ride even more special to Rozum.

"It gives it more of a personal touch," Rozum said. "We've made some wristbands with Kelsie's name on them. We want to show our support and remember why we're riding."

The grueling, 300-mile ride — the Make A Wish Foundation's



Rider Lisa Rozum with Kelsie Cullen at last year's Wish-A-Mile event. Rozum's Team Header is riding on behalf of Kelsie in this year's event.

largest fundraiser — takes a commitment on a couple of different levels for the riders. First, they're required to commit to a minimum of \$900 in donations to get into the ride. Secondly, it's a 300-mile ride, requiring training and perseverance.

Team Header trains locally, Polzin said, using local trails and Hines Park as riding grounds. It doesn't necessarily prepare riders for what lies ahead — "It's not a walk in the park," Rozum said — particularly at the northern end, which is far more hilly.

But sticking to it isn't that tough, Rozum noted, taking into consideration some of the illnesses the kids suffer. For instance, Kelsie Cullen, now 11, was born with Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation, a rare genetic disorder of which only 500 cases have been reported worldwide.

"You mentally walk your-

self through it," she said. "You remind yourself if they can go through what they're going through, you can do this. You realize what they're going through and you just suck it up."

The three-day ride comes to an end at the Chelsea Fairgrounds, at the annual "Heroes Hurrah," when some 800 riders cross the finish line between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

That's the point where Rozum first got attracted to the ride several years ago. And it's what keeps her coming back.

"It's so awesome to see them coming in, and the kids get so excited," Rozum said. "Watching that, you just want to be a part of it. You want to come back every year and raise more money and help more kids. You want to put more smiles on their faces."

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Friends Kylie MaQuire, 4, of Westland, and Ellie Kogelmann, 3, a Dearborn Heights resident, sport their newly painted tiger faces at the Garden City Downtown Development Authority's recent Arts & Stars event.

Painters brings art to youngsters' faces

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kaden Kogelmann took on another persona during the recent Arts & Stars event in downtown Garden City. Thanks to Detroit face painter Lori Singleton from What's Your Face painting, the 4-year-old became Spider-Man.

The DDA brought Singleton to the event and she was sponsored by the Garden City Rotary.

Singleton believes downtowns and communities are more vibrant with public artwork.

"While my designs are only temporary, they help to transform an experience for a child and bring art right up close and personal," Singleton said.

She has only been face painting for one year but has been painting in other media all her life.

"Kids really enjoy seeing themselves transformed, and I really enjoy all the smiles," she said.

The DDA arts event, which



A butterfly "landed" on 7-year-old Autumn Jennings's face thanks to the artwork of Detroit artist Lori Singleton.



Kaden Kogelmann, 4, of Dearborn Heights, likes his Spider-Man face.

Putt Putt miniature golf.

• Erica Podwoiski — The Apple of My Eye tickets for two to attend the Michigan Apple Trail Gala at the Eastern Market.

• Yvette Broda — a pair of Detroit Tigers tickets.

• Amy Devlin — an annual family pass to The Henry Ford.

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Juveniles suspected of school break-in

Break-in

A school custodian told Westland police that sometime between 4:30 p.m. July 22 and 6:30 a.m. July 25 someone entered Elliott Elementary School, 30800 Beechwood, through an unsecured construction site at the rear of the building and stole \$50 from a filing cabinet in the school office.

The suspects, believed to be juveniles, also broke a mirror in the office and smashed a laptop computer, belonging to the school, inside the building.

According to the custodian, there is a surveillance video of the incident. The computer was valued at \$500.

Larceny from vehicle

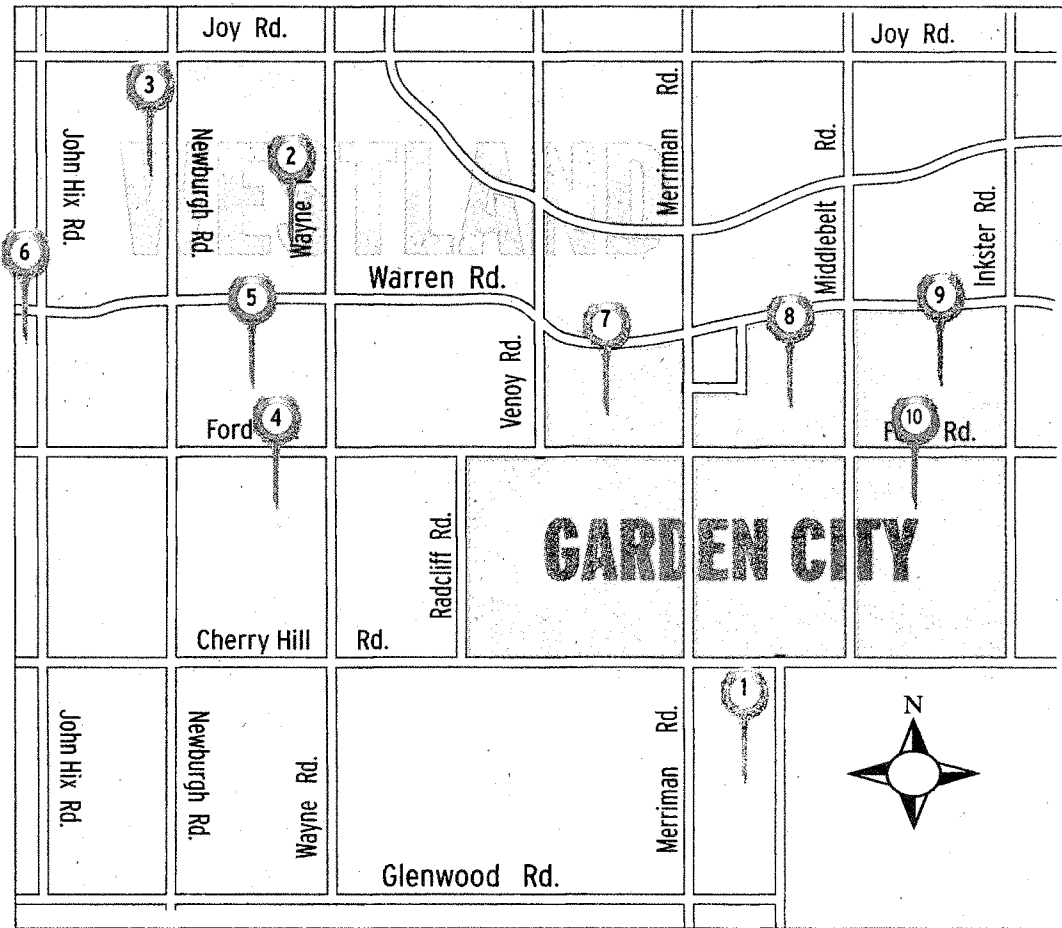
A Livonia woman found the driver's side window of her car broken and the GPS/radio taken from the dashboard of her car while it was parked by the J.C. Penney store at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, on July 26.

The car had been parked and locked for a bout 20 minutes. There was minor damage to the dash and the interior side of the driver's door.

Vandalism/larceny

Westland police are investigating for incidents of vandalism and larceny from autos that occurred at the Scotsdale Apartments between July 24 and July 26.

Police were called to the apartment complex on July 24 after a resident discovered that someone had broken into his car between 11 p.m.



July 24 and 7:30 p.m. July 25, taking a radio/CD player.

The man told police that the culprit gained access to the car by partially pushing down a window. The glove box dashboard were damaged and the ignition had been punched in an attempt to steal the car, a 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier. Also taken was black Tapout gym bag containing two pairs of boxing gloves, a head protector and gym clothes.

A woman who had been visiting a friend at the complex reported on July 26 that someone broke out the

driver's window of her pickup and took a Garmin GPS system, pocket knife, \$20 in cash from the glove box and a wallet containing her driver's license, health insurance card, a bank card and several gift cards.

She told police she had parked the truck at about 12:10 a.m. and discovered the damaged at 7 a.m.

Several other tenants discovered the left rear passenger windows of their vehicles broken while parked in the lot that same night. In all three instances, nothing had been taken from the vehicles.

Stolen bicycle

A resident in the 1900 block of North Berry told police that someone stole a mountain bike out of her backyard between 8 p.m. July 20 and 10 a.m. July 21.

The woman added that a strange bike had been left behind was taken from the front yard on July 21. She told police she believed she saw the bike, valued at almost \$260, at the Mobil gas station at Wayne Road and Ford and that the suspect is a juvenile that lives in the area.

Larceny

A Westland man told police that someone removed a \$500 gas powered trimmer from the open bed of his pickup truck while it was parked at Dove Trail and Pheasant Lane in the Hunter Pointe Condominiums between noon and 1 p.m. July 25.

Larceny from a trailer

Four backpack blowers, two edgers and four chain saws were among items stole from trailers parked at Clean Cut at 6223 N. Hix Westland. The locks were cut on the trailers sometime between 7 p.m. July 20 and 6 a.m. July 20. Also taken were two brick saws, two trimmers, a compactor, laser level, 17 diamond blades, a toll box and tools valued at \$1,165 and two extension ladders.

Man says three people assaulted him, took \$2

Assault

A 69-year-old Garden City man said that he was attacked by three people about 3 a.m. July 22 at Venoy and Alvin.

The man, who lives in the 32000 block of Alvin, said the he was walking to a nearby

7-Eleven to buy a two-liter bottle of pop when he was attacked. The man said that he couldn't tell if the suspects were male or female but said that they stole about \$2 from his shorts pocket.

The victim said that the suspects fled when he "went crazy on them." The victim had a small cut on his mouth and he asked that he be transported to the hospital because he has disc problems.

Break-in

A resident in the 31000 block of Dawson reported that someone entered his unlocked side garage door sometime before July 21 and stole three air compressors, valued at a total \$500, \$2,400 worth of fish finders, a \$500 GPS fish finder, more than \$1,000 in fishing poles and about \$1,000 in hunting and fishing clothes.

Attempted car theft

A resident in the 6900 block of Belton said that someone tampered with the ignition of his 1998 truck that was parked at his home but was unable to steal the vehicle July 22. The thief stole about \$3,000 of tools from the unlocked truck.

Theft

Someone stole two TVs, two VCRs and a stethoscope from a chiropractor's office located at 29055 Ford sometime before July 18.

The police reported no damage to the door lock, however, the file cabinet and drawers were rummaged through.

The police found several items inside the building that they believe were left by the thief, including a red tote bag, glasses and two plastic bags.

Attempted break-ins

A burglar alarm summoned the police to New Generation Clothing at 173 N. Inkster Road at 1 a.m. July 16.

The window was shattered

but entry wasn't gained into the building.

Similarly, a burglar alarm also sounded at 1 a.m. July 15 at Sylvia's African Braiding at 229 N. Inkster Road.

The police found a piece of asphalt which was used to shatter the front door glass but entry wasn't gained.

Open house party

The police ticketed a 22-year-old Garden City man for an open house party violation about 2 a.m. July 17 in the 20000 block of Dawson.

When the police arrived, they found about 50 people outside of the house and about 100 people inside the house. The man blamed the incident on his younger 19-year-old brother who he said invited underage people who consumed alcohol. The home is owned by their parents who were away on vacation.

The police said that they had difficulty with the guests who refused to leave the home. One police officer said that his arm was jammed in the door wall as he tried to enter the home. He was able to break free and continue his investigation.

Auto theft

A Livonia resident who parked his 1998 Honda Accord in the 1600 block of Deering reported that his car was stolen July 16 after he left the vehicle unlocked with the keys in the glove box.

Theft

Lawn maintenance equipment valued at \$300 was stolen from the bed of a 2002 Ford F150 pickup that was parked July 15 at Consumer Legal Services at 30925 Ford.

An employee reported an \$800 laptop computer stolen from the third floor nursing development office July 18 at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road.

The computer was initially considered misplaced for up to three weeks.

A resident in the 5600 block of Belton reported electronic equipment stolen July 16 from a 2000 Dodge Caravan.

Bike theft

After a garage door was left open July 16 in the 29000 block of Barton, someone stole a \$400 men's Huffy mountain bike from inside.

-By Sue Buck

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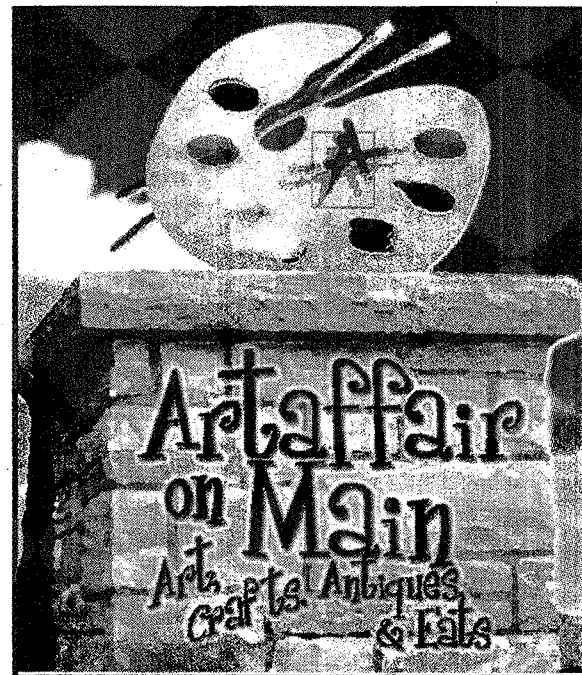
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Scottish heritage celebrated at Highland Games

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A little Scottish heritage makes its annual trek into Livonia next weekend.

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit presents the 162nd Annual Highland Games starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Greenmead Historical Park on the southwest corner of Newburgh and Eight Mile in Livonia.

The games feature heavy athletics, highland dancing with 250 dancers, tug o'war, vendors, entertainment tents and the Wee Bairn's Games for children.

The Highland Games kick off the prior evening on Aug. 5, with the Ceilidh (pronounced "Kay-lee"), a Scottish party.

Cathy Hasse, a chair of the Highland Games and representative of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, points out that the 162-year-old games are older than the Civil War. The games have been presented over the years at venues ranging from historic Fort Wayne and Boblo Island to today's Greenmead, which has been the games' site for the past several years in the Detroit area.

Hasse said the games are popular and have continued through the years because several family-oriented activities are scheduled at the games. Hasse expects 1,000 children at the Wee Bairns area.

"They enjoy it," Hasse said. "It's a learning lesson without them even knowing it's a lesson. They learn a little bit about their Scottish heritage and decorate their shield."

The games open and close in dramatic fashion with 15 bagpipe groups and drumming during the opening and closing ceremonies. "It is an impressive site," Hasse said.

CLANS VISIT GAMES

Liam Neary of Livonia is clan chair for the Highland Games. Neary said this week that 36 Scottish clans will be attending this year's games.

Clans were comprised of family units of septs. Septs were created when families changed a letter or a spelling of a last name during a marriage or division of a family, Neary said. "Sometimes it was done because of a language difference," Neary said.

The Tartan shield identified the clans during battles as family members fought alongside one another. "You had to know who was your enemy and who was your friend," Neary said.

More than 100 people show up at the clan area to inquire about their heritage at the games, Neary said. "They want to know their history," Neary said.

Neary, a past president of the St. Andrew Society, has attended the games for about 25 years and volunteered for the last 20 years. "It's the music, the bands, pipes and drums," Neary said of the games' appeal. "It's the songs and the smells. It's a wonderful day."



Detroit's Shrine Highlanders are among the many bands that have marched and entertained the crowds at the Highland Games.



Harrison Bailey tossed the 28-pound hammer 82 feet, 1 inch during last year's Highland Games.

CABER TOSS IS POPULAR

According to the Highland Games website, Scottish heavy athletics began with the Highland warriors who would keep in shape between battles by competing with one another using everyday implements. A stone, a blacksmith's hammer,

a tree trunk (caber) used in competition also built strength for battle.

Kurt Pauli of Westland chairs the heavy athletics, including the stone put and the popular caber toss.

The stone put resembles the modern day shot-put but

with a 22-24 pound stone. The caber is generally a spruce log measuring about 20 feet and weighing approximately 120 pounds. The athlete shoulders the caber cupping the small end in his two hands. Once the caber is balanced, the athlete runs and releases it by heaving it forward, end over end.

Pauli said it is a popular event for the spectators because that hand, shoulder, running and release of the caber is unusual.

Pauli, a former competitor, said 10 professional and 10 amateur athletes will participate from across the country. "You get to wear kilts, compete

and go to different places," Pauli said about the games. "We have a lot of fun traveling."

Advanced tickets for the Highland Games are \$10 with children 12 and under free.

The Ceilidh on Friday features live entertainment with Alex Beaton, The Rogues, The Kreeblers and Poor Angus, also at Greenmead. There will be a beverage tent, and food concessions.

Tickets for the Ceilidh are \$15 by advance purchase only.

Hasse said the games are supported by scores of volunteers and allow for the education of others to learn about Scottish heritage.

"It's a chance in my life to give something back, not just to the Scottish, but give back to the community that's been good to me. We also want to keep educating young people," Hasse said.

Visit www.highlandgames.com for ticket information and event schedules.

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Three F's: Rally offers food, fun and fellowship

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Emilio Troiani admitted that in 39 years of marriage, Tuesday evening was the first time he had seen wife Carmela in a T-shirt. He also admitted that while he hates chicken, the chicken cacciatore at Marvaso's Italian Grille was "good."

The Livonia residents were newbies — or "virgins" as table mate Gary Deak called them — to the Westland Chamber of Commerce's annual Restaurant Rally, held Tuesday evening, and with just one stop under their belts, they had to admit they liked it.

"We didn't rally know what it was, we thought we were here to have dinner," said Carmela Troiani. "It actually sounds like fun."

"She's very open to new things," said Betsy Deak. "This is a great opportunity to try new places. One year we had ribs at a restaurant and ended up going back because they were great."

Like the Troianis, Chris and Lynn Hunt of Livonia were new to the rally. Stopping by Biggby Coffee with veterans Dave Durocher and Rebecca and Tracy Kelly of Westland, they, too, enjoyed the concept of visiting nine restaurants in one night to sample foods.

"It sounded like a fun time," said Chris Hunt. "Indian Flavors was our first stop. The food was really good. We've missed the boat on an event like this, but we're on it now, it's a great concept."

The group were at Biggby's for a drink and to sample scones after stopping at a stop a few doors down at Indian Flavors LLC, Westland's newest and only Indian restaurant, where they enjoyed Batata Vada, a potato fritter, and Khoparapak, a dessert made of coconut, milk and sugar.

They'd started at the two locations because "they're out of the way" and admitted they were doing something parents would frown on: "We're eating our desserts before we eat our food," said Rebecca Kelly.

"We like it because you get to go to different places and sample different food and get to hang out with friends," added Tracy Kelly. "We started at 5:30, so we might not make it to all of the restaurants."

Arvind Desai was explaining to guests the food his wife Devayani had made at Indian Flavors, a vegetarian restaurant. The Batata Vada is comparable to American fast food in India, a grab-and-go item for lunch. And the Khoparapak is a dessert served on all occasions that can be flavored with saffron for a different taste.

"It's good, I've never had it before," said Joe Morrow, who was with a group of six from his Westland neighborhood.

"I've been to everyone one of them, now the whole neighborhood comes," said Morrow who had already made stops at Beaver Creek and Texas Roadhouse.

Like Morrow, Joe Lezotte, chamber president, was with a crowd of his neighbors at the Texas Roadhouse.

"It's a good time," said Lezotte. "We started late. A lot of people will make it to all of the restaurants, but it's not going to happen for us."

"We'll try to do our best," added his wife, Chrissy.

District Court Judge Mark McConnell didn't need his gavel to rule that the Roadhouse's rolls were addicting and the mini-burgers great.

"I might only be doing one stop," he said. "I've already made two trips to the buffet."

"This is a great event and



Mo Elfakir of Biggby Coffee serves a scone to Dan Martin of Westland. The popular coffee shop was focusing on cool, letting guests sample its signature caramel marvel drink, frozen hot chocolate and smoothies during the annual Restaurant Rally Tuesday evening.



Arvind Desai of Indian Flavors LLC talks with Westland City Councilman James Godbout and his wife Sande about the Batata Vada and Khoparapak that his wife Devayani prepared for Tuesday's eighth annual Restaurant Rally.



Jessica Bailey of Wayne is all smiles at Texas Roadhouse.



Debbie Fleischmann of Plymouth, Julie Straight of Northville and Ashley Straight, also of Northville, who work together at Michigan Family Physicians in Westland, decided to eat together Tuesday evening.

I always like supporting the chamber," he added.

Across the room, Ryan and Terri Mills were enjoying the event with his parents, Bill and Shirley Mills. They already had already visited Marvaso's and Beaver Creek and were amassing a list of favorites.

"The burgers here are good,

the ribs at Beaver Creek and the gnocchi at Marvaso's," said Ryan Mills. "We'll probably won't make it to all of the places, we never to, but we try to enjoy a much as we can."

"It's all been great," said Bill Mills.

Ryan Mills added that he "loves" the rally, it's one of his

favorites as is the chamber's Taste of Westland.

"We do this every year, this is as much about the company as anything else," he said.

And Margaret and Jim Harlow had company for their food tour — former Wayne County Commissioner Ronaale Bowman, and husband Hugh.



Jim Kollar of Westland was among Restaurant Rally folks who tried the mini burgers at the Texas Roadhouse.

"We done every year except last year, we were traveling," said Bowman. "I love this event, it's good to see all people."

Margaret Harlow enjoys the three F's of the Restaurant Rally — food, fun and fellowship — not to mention the two C's — camaraderie and the cookies at Beaver Creek. That's the group's last stop of the evening.

"I remember Ronaale and I went with Ken Navarre and took the trolley to Beaver Creek a few years ago; we sat

outside and talked and ended up missing the last trolley," she said. "We had to get a ride back to our cars with a perfect stranger."

They, too, didn't expect to make the entire circuit. In fact, "we've never done them all," said Margaret Harlow.

"They've given us enough at the first three stops that if they give us that much at the next one, we're done," added her husband.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Ring the bell

It's a sound associated with Christmas, but the ring-a-ling of the Salvation Army bells will be heard around Warren and Wayne roads Saturday, July 30.

Wayne-Westland Salvation Army volunteers will be taking to the streets, bell ringing for the annual Christmas in July fund-raiser. Bell ringers will be out between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Golf Outing

John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 14th annual Golf Outing

Fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn, and steak dinner after golf.

Contact Coach Polk at www.rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. Hole sponsorship and raffle donations are also being accepted.

Free workshop

Westland residents at risk of losing their homes can attend a free Loan Modification and Short Sale Workshop held

6-7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey east of Venoy.

Annette Compo of WJR Real Estate 411 and Linda Miller, an MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselor with National Faith Homebuyers, will be on hand to meet with residents one-on-one to do an overview of the foreclosure process and present them with various options for their situation.

The city of Westland is working with developers to assist residents that lose their home

to foreclosure to try to remain in the same neighborhood.

To register for the workshop, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to lindamiller@nationalfaiith.org.

Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Donations only.

For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by e-mail at bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com or visit www.hope4healinghearts.com.

Progressive raffle

The Westland Goodfellows have added a new progressive raffle to its fund-raising efforts. In addition to its long-

standing regular Bingo event, held every week at the Wayne Ford Civic Center, and poker tournaments, at Marvaso's-Electric Stick, the Goodfellows have launch an "Ace of Spades" Progressive Raffle, a 54-week event, hosted by Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Drawings are held at 9:30 p.m. every Monday. It is a 60/40 raffle with 60 percent of the jackpot going to the winner. People interested in participating, can visit Buffalo Wild Wings to get tickets each week.

Penn Theatre gets updated, and preserved, as it nears milestone

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Unlike many of its contemporaries, downtown Plymouth's Penn Theatre survived the advent of television, the invasion of multiplexes, the era of home video and, most recently, the explosion of on-the-go digital entertainment available to anyone with a laptop or a smart phone.

Now, in time for its 70th birthday in December, the Penn is undergoing a major renovation that will freshen its look while preserving it for another generation.

"There is such a good reason this is here" when many single-screen theaters were shuttered long ago, said Ellen Elliott, executive director of the Friends of the Penn, the nonprofit that runs the theater. "You had the right people running it at the right time. You can thank Margaret Wilson for that."

Wilson, who died last year, Elliott said, owned the Penn from 1964 to 1982 and had worked there since 1945. She had the best interest of the community at heart, Elliott said, and the Penn renovation is a tribute to her.

"This is a good project. I'm happy with it. I think Margaret would be, too," Elliott said after a tour of the theater on Tuesday.

The renovations began July 11 and are expected to be completed in time for a Wednesday, Aug. 3, rededication ceremony and the Penn's next public feature film, the classic E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial, on Thursday, Aug. 4. Renovations include new carpeting in the inner lobby, designed to match the theater's late Art Deco styling; repairs and a new epoxy coating to the concrete floor in the auditorium; new cur-



Ellen Elliott says the next step is epoxy floors, then new wall curtains, then new seating.

tains to replace the dusty, moldy ones from 1988; and, most prominently, new seating by the Irwin Seating Co. of Grand Rapids, a company that has roots dating back more than 100 years and that made the original seats for the Penn when it was built in 1941.

With seat widths averaging a little wider, and more leg room planned for each row, there will be 402 seats instead of the former 405, Elliott said. But since the seats are made specifically for the Penn — the former seats, installed in the 1980s, came from another theater — the use of space will be more efficient, she said. The renovated Penn will also have some seating that's in keeping with Americans With Disabilities Act requirements.

In addition, the ceiling was painted, and the theater's six light sconces, which are original, are being updated and refurbished and will be returned to the walls.

The renovation is one many undertaken over the years, some successful and others not so much, Elliott said. The project's budget is \$170,000

— and it's coming in under that so far, she said. "Things could change," she said. "It's not done yet."

Donors, with gifts ranging from a few dollars into the thousands, are stepping up to make the project a reality, Elliott said. A donor of at least \$250 can get a seat plaque with his or her name on it (multiple seats can be so inscribed for larger donations), and Elliott expects every seat to eventually have a sponsor.

"We have a wonderful, wonderful group of people who are so, so generous," she said.

The Penn's next big project will be the purchase of digital projection equipment, as movie studios plan to phase out the 35-mm film format. But the Penn will keep the old equipment, some of which is original, on hand in order to show the classics, Elliott said.

For more information on the Penn Theatre and how to make donations, visit the website www.penn-theatre.com.

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Consummate clipper

'Super' man bargains his way to super savings title

BY MATT JACHMAN
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He may not wear a cape or be able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, but Dan Verderbar can pile up big savings with strong bargaining, planning and coupon-clipping techniques.

Verderbar, who lives in Plymouth Township, is a RedPlum Super (Savings) Man, one of five finalists in a contest designed to highlight men as shopping planners and savers, tasks that are traditionally seen as being taken up by women.

Disguised as a mild-mannered real estate executive, Verderbar scouts out grocery sales, tries to multiply those savings with coupons, hits discount stores like Costco, TJ Maxx and Marshalls for brand-name and designer goods and searches for diamonds-in-the-rough when shopping for a car, for example, then bargains hard.

With three daughters — all of whom attended private schools through the 12th grade and then went on to college — being frugal was a necessity for he and wife Mary Ann, he said.

"You're just trying to cut corners wherever you can," Verderbar said last week. "I just got pretty thrifty."

Even in the era of quick-oil-change shops, Verderbar often changes the oil himself on the family cars — there are now five — and uses good synthetic oil (bought on sale) that increases the time the cars can go between changes.

VALUE MINDED

Verderbar said the quality of the goods he's buying doesn't suffer because of



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Dan Vaerderbar is pretty good at saving a buck.

his, um, cheap ways.

"I'm just very value-minded," he said. "I think I got into buying the better things, but at reduced prices."

Some of Verderbar's habits are deeply ingrained: even as a child, he said, he urged his parents to reuse grocery bags (he reuses his own now, brown paper, please), and he was into recycling long before it was cool, said his wife in her nomination.

But other habits, like vehicle purchases, came with time and experience.

"I used to always buy new," he said. "I'd lease 'em, and we'd always be over the miles," which would mean paying more.

Now, he looks for good used vehicles (a BMW for him, a Volvo for his wife), bargains for the best price and keeps them longer, he said.

"You want to do it all, but at the same time you want to make sure you're doing it for discount prices," he said.

Verderbar said he splits the grocery shopping with his wife and works shopping into his regular schedule, stopping on the way home from his office or fitness club. At the peak of couponing a few years ago, he said, he probably cut 30 percent from the family's grocery bill.

OUT OF THE SHADOWS

Lisa Reynolds, RedPlum's vice president of consumer engagement and "mom saver-in-chief," said the contest was intended to bring men who plan household savings out of the shadows.

"Men don't generally brag about their savings," Reynolds said during a recent phone interview. "Women are sharers."

The Facebook-based contest had more than 1,700 total nominations, including more than 500 on the first day. The grand-prize winner was Brandon Wade of Paducah, Ky., who freezes and cans vegetables from his garden.

Reynolds said nominations showed a lot of savings techniques were responses to the poor economy.

"They started developing new habits that certainly have continued even if their financial situation has improved," she said.

As a finalist, Verderbar won four movie tickets and a \$100 restaurant.com gift certificate.

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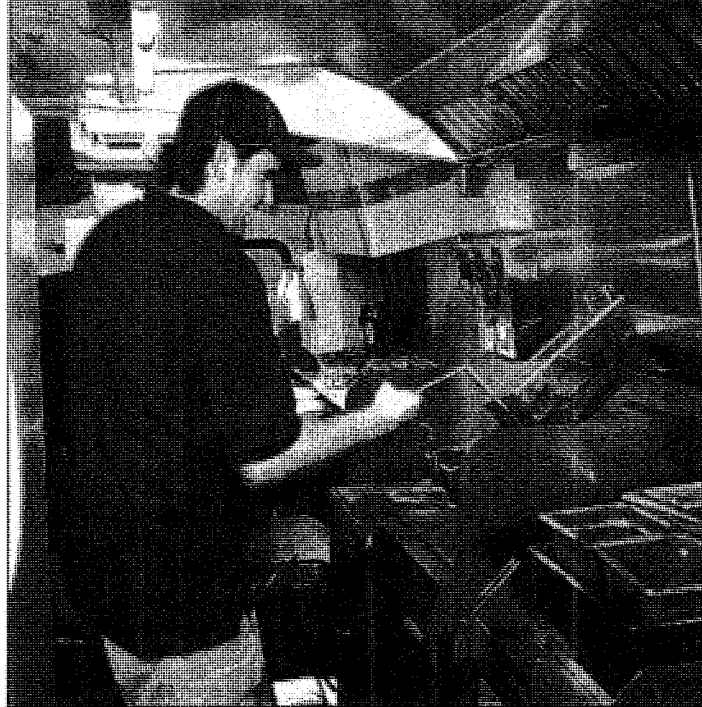
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Food truck serves gourmet meals, cooked to order at your location

CONCRETE CUISINE

Your name and title: Local chefs Justin Kava of Livonia and Jeff Aquilina of Plymouth
Business opened: May 20
Your business specialty: A gourmet mobile food establishment
Business phone and/or website: (734) 709-5566, www.concretecuisine.com or on Facebook and Twitter as Concrete Cuisine.



Justin Kava works in the kitchen aboard the truck.

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

Concrete Cuisine is a fully licensed gourmet food truck with the ability to service most outdoor functions. Our truck comes on-site and cooks fresh food to order for all of our guests. We are in the Livonia area on a daily basis serving Fresh Eats on the Streets! We are available for numerous events including graduation parties, corporate lunches and events, tailgating, block parties, nightlife, sporting events, etc. Concrete Cuisine's chefs can execute their eclectic menu for your party.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Unlike ordinary food trucks, we have a revolving menu with food that is cooked onsite to order. We use fresh seasonal ingredients with Michigan products whenever possible. We specialize in familiar foods with a surprising twist.

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

The original concept for Concrete Cuisine started as "The Finer Diner." We planned on opening an upscale diner but quickly found that the cost associated with opening a full-scale restaurant was way beyond our means. A short time later we read an article in Time Magazine about food trucks in L.A. and decided this was the route to go. We decided to take the same idea of familiar food with an upscale twist, from a traditional restaurant setting, to the new trend sweeping across the



Jeff Aquilina's mom, Nancy Aquilina, takes orders and waits on customers.

nation. Thus the conception and realization of an upscale food truck.

Observer: How did you decide to locate in the area?

Having been longtime residents of the Livonia area, we are both familiar with the city and have family and friends in the area who have been extremely supportive of Concrete Cuisine from day one. We focus on serving Livonia and surrounding communities on a daily basis. The business's mailing address is in Plymouth; the truck is kept in Garden City.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our

readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Something funny: As first-time small business owners, with no employees, we quickly found that all of our culinary travels have begun all over again. We are once again the dishwashers, cooks, cleaners, etc. Something we've found to be interesting: most brick and mortar restaurants begin to establish regular clientele who often visit their establishment over time. We have found this to also be true with Concrete Cuisine. We think it is awesome that we have regular customers who come to dine with us even as our locations change.

GARDEN CITY CHAMBER CHAT

The chamber has several events that its sponsoring:

Breakfast at Sam's Club - The Garden City Chamber of Commerce, along with West Suburban Area Council of Chambers members Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Greater Farmington Chamber, Lakes Area, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne and Westland, will be hosting a Morning Breakfast Mixer at Sam's Club in Novi, located at 27300 Wixom Road, beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20.

The event includes a hot breakfast, a \$10 gift card for attendees, a free day of shopping for all attendees immediately following the breakfast, a tour of the facility, and, of course, the opportunity to meet prospective clients.

Make sure to bring plenty of business cards to pass around or any other materials that offer information about your business. We will have individuals from approximately 16 other chambers. We look forward to seeing you there.

Call in your RSVP to the chamber office at (734) 422-4448. The cost to attend is \$5 per person.

Experience the tastes of Garden City's eateries at the annual Dine and Dash 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Park at one restaurant (you will be assigned), then use the Big Yellow Bus provided by the Garden City Public Schools, to visit all of the participating restaurants before returning to your starting point. Enjoy free food, entertainment (if available), purchase drinks (if you

wish) and experience an evening of pure fun!

Tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 10 years, \$18 for senior citizens and \$75 for a party of four. Tickets include a souvenir Dine and Dash shirt to be worn during the event (the T-shirt is your ticket), complimentary appetizers from the participating restaurants, transportation and an evening of fun for family and friends.

The event in its eighth year and sells out every year. All tickets must be purchased in advance and are available at Garden City Chamber of Commerce. To order tickets, call the Chamber office at (734) 422-4448.

Amelia Oliverio
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Rouge River tour
Time/Date: 5:45-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2
Details: Join the Friends of the Rouge for their third annual dinner cruise and tour of the Rouge River aboard the Diamond Belle.

Past Forward
Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6
Location: Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Learn about Karma along with "Past Lives." Have you ever wondered if you were a peasant or a princess?

Fibromyalgia Support
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11
Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just south of Ford, Garden City

Grief Support
Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Suite A, Canton

Class Reunion
Time/Date: Saturday, Oct. 15
Details: Garden City High School Class of 1986 is holding a 25-year reunion.



Wish You Were Here

Former President George Bush put Kennebunkport, Maine on the map during his time in office, and that's where this group of Garden City residents went for their vacation.

Car show
Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. every Thursday evening, now through Sept. 29th
Location: American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, just south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Fall Craft Show
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22
Location: St. Theodore Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

American Legion
Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month
Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Fish fry
Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. every Friday
Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia

Fish Dial-A-Ride
Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive.

Earth Angels
Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance non-profit group composed of kids ages

Higher Rock Cafe
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month
Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland

Westland Rotary
Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays
Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland

St. Damian
Location: 29891 Joy, Westland
Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

YWCA Preschool
Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families.

Willow Creek
Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland
Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise
Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)
Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 16 7/18/11
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Contact: Mary at (734) 729-5401
Writing Group
Time/Date: 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month
Location: Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

Toastmasters
Location: Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club meets every Thursday at 6:45 P.M. in the lower level of the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind the Westland City Hall on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

TOPS 869
Time/Date: Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.
Location: Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.

TOPS M128
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland

Citizens for Peace
Time/Date: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month
Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

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OUR VIEWS

Beat the heat

Taking precautions will make navigating heat much more bearable

Yes, it's hot out there. We're in the midst of a heat wave that has baked the region for a week now, and isn't supposed to let up much this week.

But this is summer in Michigan and heat is part of the equation. For most people, getting outdoors is also a fact of life during the summertime. And around here, there is plenty to do outside.

For example, each week in Westland, we have a great farmer's market on Tuesdays and outdoor concerts at the William P. Faust Library on Thursday evenings. There are also plenty of parks that offer many activities. Cool off at the splash-ground at Tattan Park and the outdoor pool at the Bailey Recreation Center. And there is no doubt summer is one of the best times of the year to visit them.

We only list but a few reasons to get outside this summer. There are many, many others. Picnics, barbecues, swimming, reunions, boating — they are all synonymous with summer. We encourage everyone to take advantage — it won't be too long before the snow begins to fly again, and we will remember these 90-degree plus days with fondness.

Of course, people need to take precautions before venturing out. The heat is nothing to take lightly. So we've compiled a list of summer time tips that will make navigating this heat much more bearable.

- **Drink plenty of fluids** — It is recommended that you drink up to 32 ounces of fluid (non-alcoholic) each hour when active in the heat. Sports drinks are a good replacement for any salt you may be losing from sweating.

- **Wear appropriate clothing** — Choose lightweight, light-colored, and loose fitting clothing. Sunburn affects your body's ability to cool itself. Wear a wide brimmed hat to keep the sun off your face. Always wear sunglasses.

- **Use sunscreen** — If you must go outdoors, protect yourself from the sun by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher. The most effective products will say "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection" on their labels. Apply 30 minutes prior to going outside and continue to apply as directed, especially if you are going in and out of the water.

- **Pace yourself** — Start slowly and gradually pick up the pace. If your heart starts to pound and leaves you gasping for breath, stop immediately. Find a cool, shaded area, re-hydrate yourself and rest.

- **Never leave a child in a vehicle** — Regardless of the temperature outside, NEVER leave a child, infant or a pet unsupervised in a locked vehicle. Even with windows cracked, inside temperatures can rise 20 degrees in less than 10 minutes.

- **Know the signs of heat exhaustion** — Heat-related illnesses can develop several days after exposure to high temperatures and/or an unbalanced or inadequate replacement of fluids. Usually it's accompanied by heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headaches, nausea or vomiting. Those most prone to heat exhaustion are the elderly, people with high blood pressure, and people working or exercising outdoors.

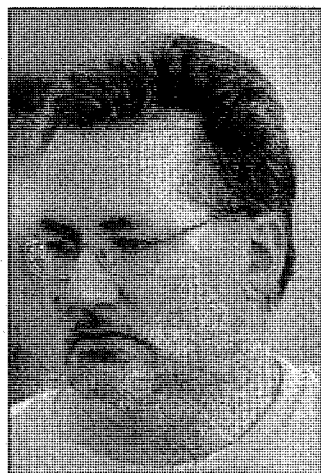
- **When the weather forecast calls for extreme temperatures, you need to be informed.** Listen to the local news or weather channels.

- **If you would rather stay indoors** — do it somewhere fun. If you don't have air conditioning, go to the mall or maybe the library (we have a beautiful one here in Westland). If you choose to stay home and don't have air conditioning, electric fans may offer some relief and will at least keep the air circulating. This will not, however, prevent heat-related illnesses, if the temperature inside is over 90 degrees. Take cold showers throughout the day to keep your body temperature down.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your favorite movie of the summer season?

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



"X-men New Generation.' I'm into comic book movies and sci fi. I like anything sci fi."

Eugene Teall
Westland



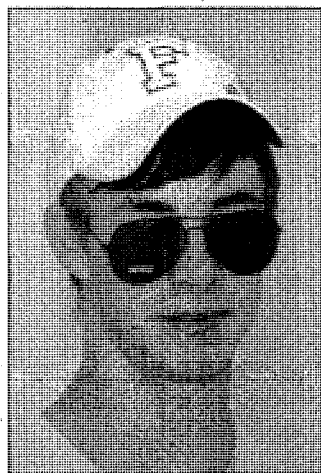
"I like action movies. I haven't seen many recently, but I'd like to see 'Captain America.'"

Dion Canin
Westland



"I haven't been a lot because I go to the State Wayne and they changed their pricing. I do want to see 'Winnie the Pooh' because my name is Winnie."

Winnie Bauschat
Westland



"'Captain America.' I want to see it. When I was little, I liked the 'Captain America' cartoons."

Anthony Helias
Westland

LETTERS

Keep park for residents

Regarding your article about our wonderful H2O Zone Park, I would like to issue a complaint. I am a grandmother living in Westland. Twice I went by the park only to find it teeming with people, no picnic or seating space left, no where to park. I'm wondering when my granddaughters will get a chance to go there.

In your article you state there are people coming from places like Ypsilanti to enjoy it! The more word of mouth gets around, including your article, the worse it will get. It's not fair. Why can't we make it strictly for Westland residents, as other cities do? It is OUR park, yet we don't get to enjoy it.

Vera Robert
Westland

To bridge or not

It's not clear that another crossing between Detroit and Canada is necessary.

According to The Detroit News, Ambassador Bridge traffic fell 39 percent between 1999 and 2007, and Detroit Tunnel traffic fell 49 percent. Yet there are predictions by those favoring a new crossing that traffic between Detroit and Canada will increase 40 percent for automobiles and 120 percent for trucks by 2030. On what are these predictions based?

Your readers should be made aware of the plan to create a North American Union (NAU) to rival the EU in this hemisphere. The NAU will combine Mexico, Canada, and the U.S. into a single super country with its own constitution (like the EU) that will supersede the constitution of any member state. To learn more about this, go online and do a Google search on "North American Union" and "NAFTA Highway." You'll be surprised to learn how far the plan for a NAU has progressed. For additional info about the NAU and NAFTA highway, see www.jbs.org.

The NAFTA highway is a super highway already under construction as part of the planned NAU. The NAFTA highway originates in Mexico, crosses into Texas (with NO border checks), and fans out from there in several directions across the U.S. and into Canada at several points.

A crossing is planned at Detroit which I

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believe is what all the argument is about with the need for a second bridge. Do we really want our tax dollars paying for a bridge which is a key part of the plan to create a NAU which will end our National Sovereignty and end our birthright as Americans? I am opposed to having my tax dollars be used to build a bridge as part of a conspiracy to scrap our U.S. Constitution and merge us with two socialist countries.

The need for a second bridge is questionable. However, if a private company is willing to build a bridge at NO cost to taxpayers, then it should be obvious where the bridge should be built and by whom.

Gerald N. Wiggins
South Lyon

Where have real jobs gone?

Within two and a half years, the unemployment rate went from 5.7 percent to 9.1 percent, a loss of six million jobs. Fourteen million people are officially unemployed, but unofficially, it's 25 million. In the month of May, we added 54,000 new jobs. However, for the first week in May alone, we lost 43,000 jobs.

Corporate taxation contributes to unemployment. The top U.S. corporate tax rate is 35 percent while the global average is 25 percent.

This compels corporations to invest where rates are lower.

Furthermore, when a U.S. corporation makes a profit in China, it pays China's 25 percent tax rate. Investing that profit into America, a U.S. corporation must pay an additional 10 percent to make up the 35 percent U.S. tax rate. Knowing this, U.S. corporations keep their investments out of America, keeping Chinese employment high and U.S. employment low.

Monetary policy is another problem. To reduce interest rates, the Federal Reserve purchased a substantial number of bonds in a program called Quantitative Easing. This was supposed to create jobs by spurring spending and investments in America. Instead, investors borrowed at the Fed's low interest rate and invested globally where profits are higher. Quantitative Easing not only failed to create American jobs but it weakened the U.S. dollar and fueled worldwide inflation. The dollar fell by 5.8 percent against major currencies this year, a record since 1995, and global inflation rose by 5 percent in 2010.

Congress belatedly passed the 2011 federal budget last April. To avert a shutdown, the deficit was reduced negligibly by \$39 billion dollars, resulting in a record deficit of \$1.6 trillion. Congress has yet to pass a 2012 budget for the fiscal year beginning in two months.

U.S. debt is \$14 trillion. As new deficits add to the debt each year, our debt continues to grow unsustainably. Runaway spending and debt have real consequences. Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service, and Fitch Ratings recently warned of U.S. security downgrades. The downgrade would diminish U.S. creditworthiness, raise interest rates, and devastate confidence in our economy. Already we are experiencing the specter of this reality. Since April, the stock market plunged by 7 percent. No corporation or small business is in any position to hire anyone.

We can only create real jobs by reducing government spending and taxes. This maddening cycle of spending and taxation must stop.

"When will we ever learn?"

Ed Lee
Novi

Investment in batteries can power state economy

BY ROBERT A. FICANO
GUEST COLUMNIST

The advanced battery sector has an important story to tell in Wayne County and throughout Michigan.

In 2009, Michigan produced about 2 percent of the advanced batteries that go into electric vehicles worldwide. In the very near future, Michigan can multiply that number tenfold, to 20 percent. Advanced battery companies in Michigan such as A123 Systems, with four major facilities in the state including Livonia and Romulus, are blazing a trail in innovation and new technology for everything from lithium ion to nano-phosphate batteries powering cars, trucks, buses, semis and



Robert Ficano

other vehicles into the future.

Michigan companies like A123 are making better, more powerful and more affordable advanced batteries that will be to 21st century transportation what the internal combustion engine was to the last century.

A123's story is not just numbers. It's also about people.

People like Jim Fenton, a longtime employee at Ford Motor Co. who moved to Oregon to work in the tech sector. Then, in 2009, when the global economy went south, Jim was laid off.

A holder of three master's degrees, Jim was unemployed for months. Then A123 got his resume. The company hired him, and today Jim works at the A123 facility in Livonia, designing the batteries that will power the vehicles of tomorrow.

Jim's story is not unique at A123. Since A123 began operations in the past two years, the company has hired about 1,000 people. Half of them were people who had been laid off when Michigan's auto and manufacturing sectors shrank. Now, they work in good-paying jobs, rebuilding Michigan's economy with hard work and innovation.

The hiring is continuing because the job of powering the future is only just beginning.

Consider these facts: Electric cars are

expected to be a \$14-billion industry by 2014, with electrified-vehicle capacity jumping from 100,000 to 1.7 million by 2015. By 2020, eight of 10 people in the developing world will own a car and the world will add more than 1 billion new vehicles on the road.

At a time when the world — including Michigan — is working to break our unsustainable dependence on oil, we should make those vehicles electric vehicles. And we should manufacture those vehicles and the parts they need right here in Michigan.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow recently introduced federal legislation to do precisely that. Her legislation, the Battery Innovation Act, will create U.S. energy hubs for advanced battery innovation,

promote real-world commercial applications of new technology and secure U.S. supplies of essential rare earth minerals needed for advanced battery making.

The governments of other nations are investing aggressively in their advanced battery sectors, recognizing that energy independence is the cornerstone of their national security and economic future. America must do the same.

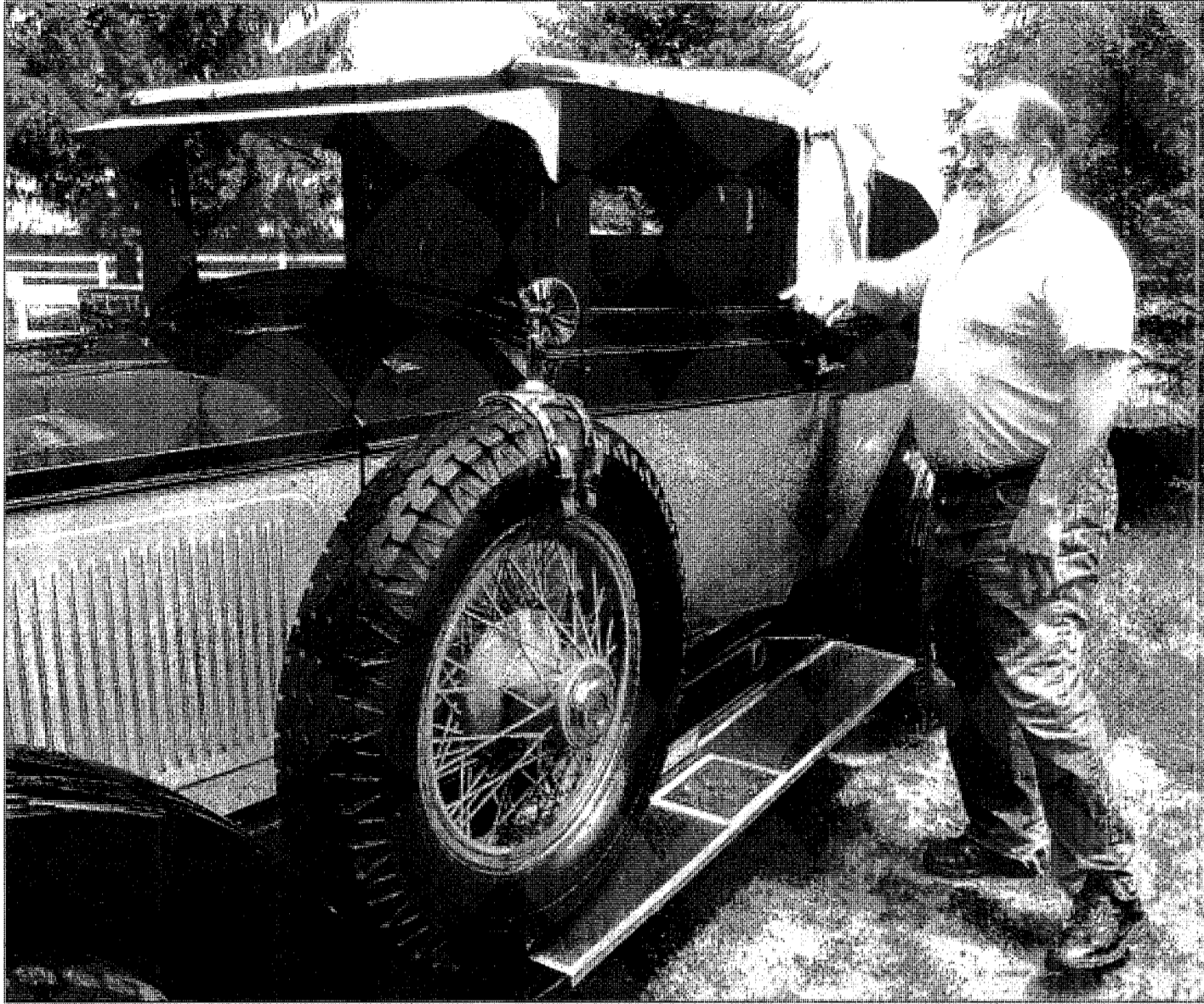
It is time for our nation to proactively partner with Michigan businesses like A123 to fully unleash innovation. It's time to get in gear, get in the lead and create jobs here in Michigan.

Robert A. Ficano is Wayne County executive.

Plymouth ready for display of 'Elegance'

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A car is only as good as the worst part on it. That sums up Gerald Szostak's perfectionist philosophy when it comes to restoring antique cars. And Szostak knows what he's talking about: He currently has 14 antique and rare cars, and estimates he's owned three dozen or so in the 40 years he's been tinkering with old cars. "It's the pride of finishing something, you know?" said Szostak after describing the many parts, down to the trim on the instrument panel, that he re-plated on his restored 1926 Willys Knight, which will appear in the Concours d'Elegance in Plymouth Township on Sunday. "Most people don't do that. It's hard to take off and plate." Szostak was standing in a large complex of garages outside his home in Salem Township on a hot afternoon last week. In the building were many cars in various stages of restoration: a 1906 Holsman, with a rope drive; a 1919 Stearns Knight, made in Cleveland; a 1929 Overland he's had since 1979; and a 1912 Overland, one of his favorites. Some of the cars are his, while others he's restoring for friends. "Since I retired, everybody wants me to help 'em out," Szostak said.



Gerald Szostak, here with his restored 1926 Willys Knight, plans on displaying at Sunday's Concours d'Elegance.

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ATTENTION TO DETAIL

His 1926 Willys Knight, made in Toledo, is a six-cylinder, four-passenger convertible with a rumble seat and a leather-bound trunk — a real trunk, not a luggage compartment — strapped on the rear. Szostak's had it for about a dozen years, buying it from a man whose family had owned it since 1927. Szostak finished the restoration the previous owner had started; tasks included rebuilding the engine, repair-

ing the transmission, rewiring the entire car, re-plating many parts and repainting others.

But the 85-year-old Knight retains some original features, including, pasted inside the lid of a storage bin behind the front seat, the original instructions on operating the car windows and the retractable top.

The engine features a sleeve-valve system patented by Charles Knight, which was used in the Willys Knight cars and a number of luxury models, including Daimler,

Mercedes-Benz and Minerva, whose makers paid royalties for it.

Because they required more precise machining, Szostak said, cars with sleeve-valve engines were nearly twice the price of those with the more common poppet (or "mushroom") valves. They also got more efficient with increased mileage, as carbon buildup provided better seals for the valve ports.

The technology appeals to Szostak.

"It's sort of unique," he said. "You can imagine the tolerances on those sleeves. ... It was made for luxury cars."

RESTORING HISTORY

Szostak, who recently retired from his own heating, ventilation and air conditioning contracting firm, has a long history in the automobile repair and restoration.

His father was a mechanic and a service manager at Pontiac dealerships, and he started working in the garage

during summer breaks and on weekends while in college. After graduating, he was a manufacturing engineer for Detroit Diesel, when it was owned by General Motors Corp., for about 20 years. Later, he went into business for himself.

He bought his first antique car, a 1928 Willys Knight, in 1971. "I just wanted an old car to play with," he said.

Szostak has had several cars in previous Concours events, and likes showing them off,

ST. JOHN'S SHOWCASE

What: 2011 Concours d'Elegance
Where: Inn at St. John's, Five Mile and Sheldon, Plymouth Township

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 31

Why: Concours d'Elegance brings more than 300 show cars — including early racers, luxury Cords, Lincolns and Duesenbergs, 1970s funny cars and more — to the St. John's. The Concours also offers three days of related events, including a motoring tour of the area for exhibitors, a show of car art, receptions, seminars and a live auction of high-end cars.

Shuttle: A free shuttle service during the Concours will run between downtown Plymouth, the Inn at St. John's and Plymouth's Old Village neighborhood. A shuttle will also go between the show and the ACH (formerly Visteon and, earlier, Ford) plant on Sheldon Road, where Concours attendees are encouraged to park.

Tickets: Tickets are \$25 a person; children 12 and under are free.

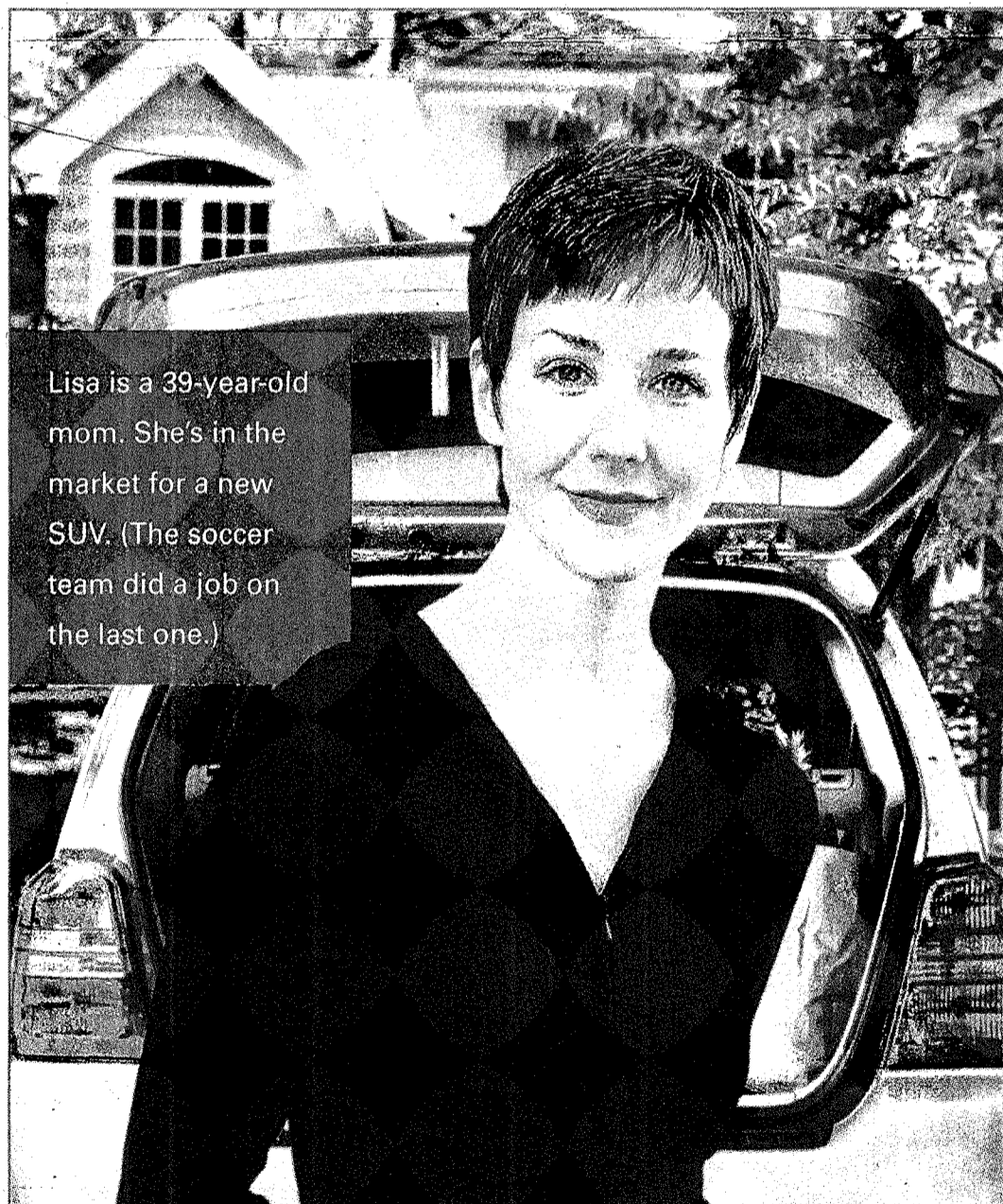
Details: Visit the website at www.concoursusa.org.

talking shop with visitors and other antique car owners.

He especially likes talking about the Willys-Overland Motor Co. (later bought by Kaiser Motors, which was sold to American Motors Corp.), whose most famous product was probably the World War II-era Jeep. Visitors are struck by the Willys story, he said.

"It's interesting" to see people react to hearing Willys history, Szostak said. "They thought Jeep came out of nowhere."

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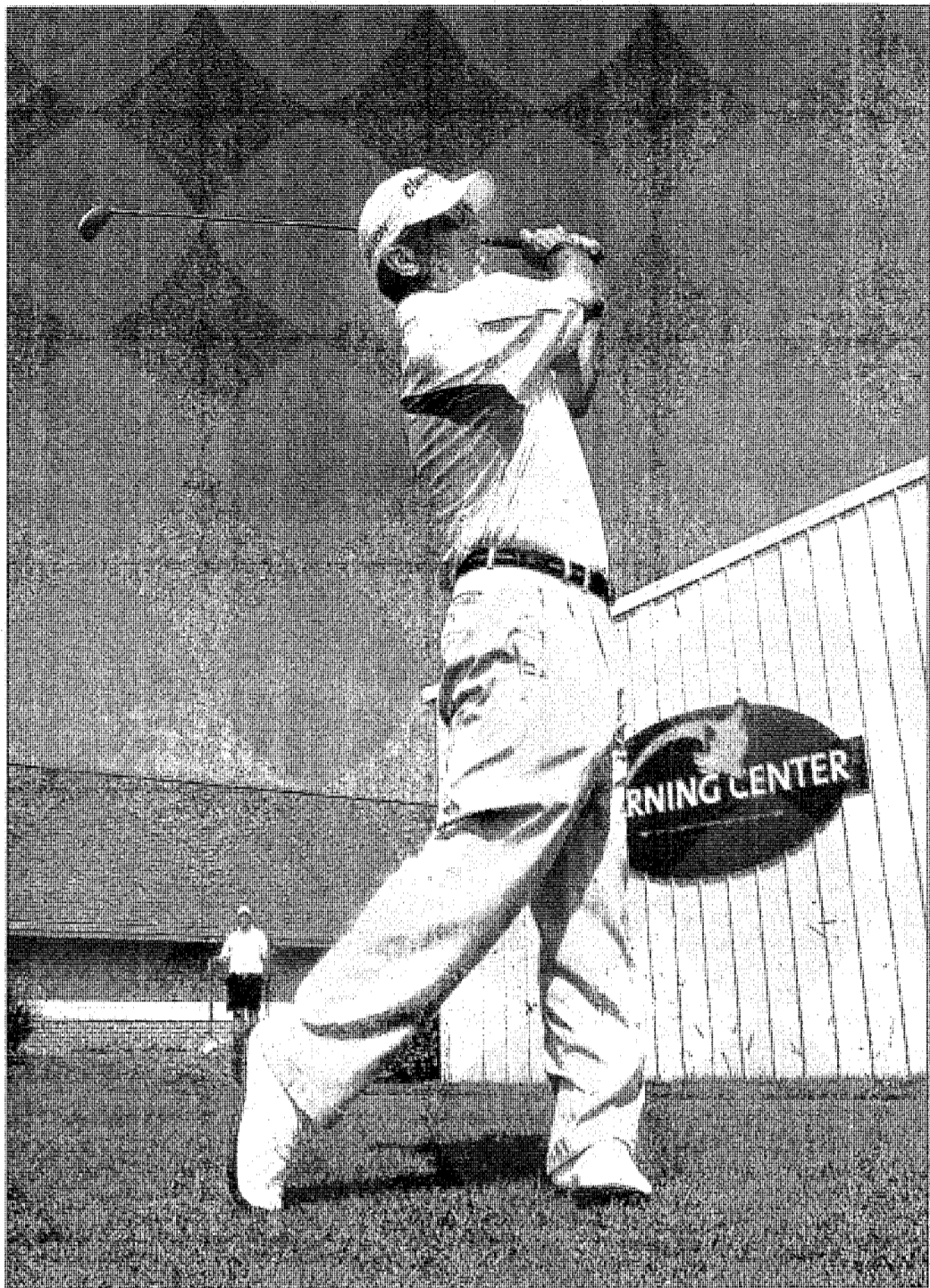
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Following through after smacking a practice shot at Fox Hills in Plymouth is Brian Cairns. In early August, he'll participate at the 93rd PGA Championship in Georgia.

Fox Hills golf pro Cairns thrilled to step into PGA spotlight

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Don't blame Brian Cairns if he still can't believe he'll finally be teeing it up with the big boys.

Cairns will compete Aug. 8-14 at the 93rd PGA Championship to take place at Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Ga.

The 22-year golf pro — who also is a teaching pro at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth — quali-

(Pa.) Country Club.

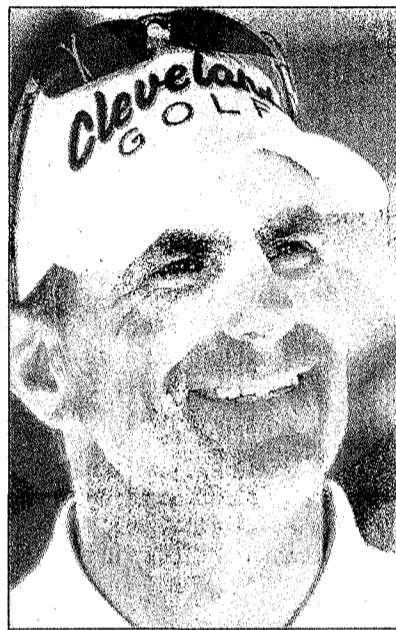
"It's a thrill. You always wonder how you're going to do when you get to a major," said Cairns, a 47-year-old from Walled Lake. "But you've got to realize at some point in time you might belong there. I'm sure I'll look around and see (Phil) Mickelson, see those guys and go 'What the heck am I doing there?'"

"But it's been a long time coming. I've definitely prepared myself for this."

Cairns last week traveled to the Georgia course to get in a practice round and described it as "Oakland Hills on steroids."

"I'm a little bit more nervous now than I was before I saw it," he said with a laugh. "It's different, there's a lot of elevation change and definitely the length is an issue."

"But I think when you get there, and you get into things and you're swinging ... things will come to me a little more naturally. Just going out there and playing it cold was a little bit of a shock."



Brian Cairns smiles a lot these days, and for good reason. He's soon going to play in the first major golf tournament of his career.

fied for the first major of his career at the recent 44th PGA Professional National Championship at Hershey

EASY DOES IT

Cairns nearly made the cut for the PGA Championship back in 2000, but learned a valuable lesson that helped him 11 years later.

On the final hole, Cairns tried to force the issue when he didn't need to. He wound up on the outside

Please see **GOLF PRO, B3**

SIDELINES

Run for the Hills

Runners might want to circle Saturday, Aug. 20, on their calendars, the date for the Farmington Run for the Hills race.

A bevy of events will take place, including the following: 5K walk; 1K, 5K and 10K races; 5K and 10K team races. Teams are composed of five runners.

For those signing up before Aug. 1, there will be a slight discount:

• 1K, \$12; 5K/10K, \$25; team (five runners), \$100.

• The registration fees for those signing up between Aug. 2-19 are as follows: 1K, \$15; 5K/10K, \$30; team, \$125.

• On race day, fees will be \$18 to compete in the 1K race and \$35 for 5K/10K races.

For more information, visit www.farmingtonrunforthehills.com.

'Miracle' derby on deck

Once again, they'll be knocking it out of the park for the Miracle League of Plymouth.

The second annual Dale Rumberger Home Run Derby is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Salem High School's varsity baseball field.

High school players from KLAAs teams who competed in 2011 have been invited to participate, along with players from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and other schools in the area.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Miracle League of Plymouth to benefit ongoing maintenance of The Bilkie Family Field.

The Miracle League of Plymouth was established in 2010 by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.

For more information about the derby, e-mail Barker at tcbarber114@yahoo.com.

To learn more about Miracle League of Plymouth, go to www.miracleleague-plymouth.org.

Bentley softball alums

August is shaping up as a pretty special month for the alumni of Livonia Bentley High School.

Bentley's 1950-56 classes will have a reunion Aug. 20, but at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, there also will be a softball game featuring five members of Bentley's Class of 1951 who are between ages 77-79.

The softball game will take place at Plymouth Township Park.

For more information, contact Don LaMay at (734) 421-6032 or bentleydon@sbcglobal.net.

Bucks Ultimate Camp

The Michigan Bucks Ultimate Soccer Camp is open to players ages 6-14.

The camp begins Monday, Aug. 1, and will run through Aug. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The full-day camps are designed to improve the skill level of all players by teaching techniques on dribbling, passing, shooting, heading and ball control.

Camp T-shirts and certificates of completion will be awarded.

For more information or to register, visit www.BucksSoccer.com.

WSU Hall of Fame

Nominations for the Wayne State University Athletic Hall

Please see **SIDELINES, B2**



Westland John Glenn product Keshawn Martin, a senior at Michigan State, is one of the most exciting playmakers in the Big Ten.

Man on the move: Keshawn revs it up for senior year

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Once Michigan State's Keshawn Martin gets his hands on the football, it's a good bet Spartans fans will more than likely get out of their seats.

That's because there's nobody more exciting on the Big Ten gridiron than the fourth-year wide receiver and return specialist from Westland John Glenn High, who is determined to go out his senior season with a bang.

The Inkster native ranks

eighth in kick returns (1,070 yards), 12th in punt returns (385 yards) and 18th in all-purpose yards (2,819) on MSU's all-time list.

In 34 games at MSU, he has a total of 61 catches for 937 yards (15.4-yard average) and has rushed for 427 yards (9.5-yard average).

The 5-foot-11, 185-pound Martin has scored 10 career TDs, including six by receiving and one each via passing, rushing, kickoff and punt return.

Last season, Martin ranked

11th nationally in punt returns and enjoyed his best pass catching season with 32 for 394 yards.

"Our main goal is to get back to where we were last year," said Martin, who helped the Spartans to an 11-2 record and a share of the Big Ten title. "I like the way our team works and we have the talent to get back. To get back, we have to do a little bit more."

BLUE CHIP FIND

The speedy MARTIN was a

Please see **MARTIN, B2**

COLLEGE BASEBALL

MU's Haeger recruits locals

Fresh off of the program's fourth straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship, Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger announced the start of his 2011 recruiting class which includes Livonia Churchill grad Tyler Cotter and Livonia Stevenson's Evan Piechota.

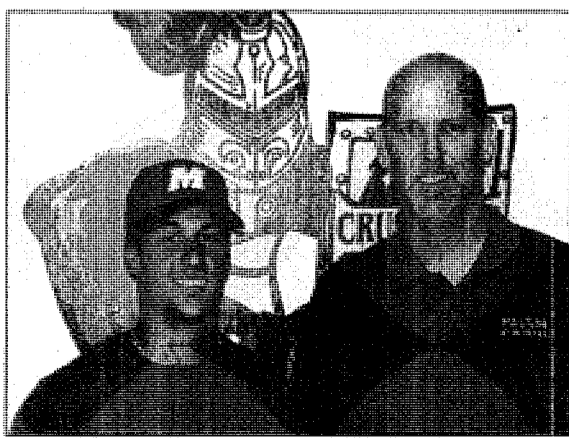
The beginning of the class also includes junior college transfers Cotter (Lake Michigan CC), Logan Curtis (Jackson CC) and Jake Richardson (Flint Mott CC), along with true freshmen Justin Hicks (Fowlerville), Ian Nolan (Waterford Kettering) and Evan Piechota.

"We did a very good job with all of our recruits that we've signed and we are bringing in a lot of them," said Haeger, who guided MU to a 32-14 record. "We brought in a good mix of transfers and incoming freshmen for a balanced recruiting class. These players along with our returning roster from last season should make us successful. I need to thank my staff - Stu Rose, Mike George and Chris Collias - for their assistance in the recruiting process. Their help is invaluable."

Cotter hit .280 with seven doubles, two home runs and 23 walks while going a perfect 8-for-8 in stolen bases for Lake Michigan after batting .377 with 14 doubles and earning Offensive Player of the Year as a freshman at Henry Ford CC.

Cotter earned All-Kensington Lakes Activities Association honors in both baseball and hockey dur-

Please see **RECRUITS, B3**



MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger (right) looks for new recruit and Livonia Churchill grad Tyler Cotter (left) to make an immediate impact on the team.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

JULY 28-AUG. 3

Ice cream social
Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3.
Location: Redford Aldersgate UMC, 10000 Beech Daly,

Redford
Details: Second annual ice cream social will include free ice cream, games, balloons, face painting, square dancing
Contact: (313) 937-3170
Tent revival
Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Saturday, July 30
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman,

Livonia
Details: Revival service
Contact: Pastor Roger Wright at (313) 682-7491
Vacation Bible School
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday, Aug. 1-5
Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills
Details: Pandamania theme program with snacks, make and take crafts and more. Cost is \$20 per child
Contact: (248) 474-0584

Vacation Bible School
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 1-5
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington Road and Newburgh, in Livonia
Details: Sun Surf Beach Bash program is geared to pre-school through sixth grade. Youngsters will sing, create crafts, play games, and more. Registration fee is \$5 for one child or \$10 per family
Contact: Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822

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 of St. Clair Shores, 7/13/2011; Age 92. Mother of William (Sherry) and Bonnie (Joseph) Garofalo, 6 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (313) 382-1181

MAYER, WILLIAM P.
 Age 83, a former advertising executive died Sunday, July 24, 2011 in Ocala, Florida. Mr. Mayer was Vice President of Campbell-Ewald Company and D'Arcy/Mac Manus advertising agencies in New York and Detroit, where he supervised the advertising accounts of United Delco, United Aircraft, Champion Paper, the Bendix Corporation and Rockwell International. A resident of Miami, Florida for 22 years, he was President and CEO of the marketing consultant firm, Marketing Directions Inc. He retired and moved to Rainbow Springs in Dunnellon, Florida in 1994. He devoted much of his time as a volunteer for Hospice of Marion County and received the Cartright Award, the highest award given to their volunteers. He is survived by his loving wife Beverly; daughter Kathleen M. (Fred) Monacelli; son Mark W. (Lucy) Mayer; grandchildren Erin Mayer, William J. Mayer and Lauren Monacelli. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Hospice of Marion County.

NUFFER, Roy A.
 of Fraser, 7/13/2011; Age 62; Husband of Nancy (nee: Fox). Father of Cameron and Erin. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248)227-1954.



RYAN, JANE L. (NEE VANBEMMELE)
 July 22, 2011. Age 64. Born in Grand Haven, and resided in Livonia, Michigan. Beloved wife of Kenneth J. Ryan for 36 years. Dearest mother of Jeffrey B. Ryan and Kendra A. (Ajay) Rajadhyaksha. Loving daughter of the late Thelma and Julius Garbrecht. Sister of Joyce Kolean and the late Ron Garbrecht. Teacher for Livonia Public Schools for 36 years. A Memorial Gathering was held at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, donations to the National Lung Cancer Partnership are preferred at nationallungcancerpartnership.org. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at rggharris.com

DUQUETTE, JULIUS T.
 of Shelby Twp. 7/14/2011; Age 87. Husband of Dolores (nee: Schultz), father of Kathleen, David (Patricia), and Timothy (Lisa). Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248)227-1954.

JONES, DeCOSTA
 of Beverly Hills, 7/15/2011; Age 37. Husband of Antonina (nee: Serafino), father of Ethan, Christian Smith and Sterling. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248)227-1954.

KAFILA, EUGENE
 July 22, 2011 of Plymouth. Services were held by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home on Tuesday July 26. Visit griffinfuneralhome.com



NORTH, JUANITA MIKESELL
 Age 91 of Zeeland, MI, formerly of Northville, MI passed away Sunday, June 19, 2011. She was preceded in death in 2008 by her husband of 70 years, Edwin W. North. Juanita was as a teller at Manufacturer's Bank in Northville, MI. She is survived by her six children: Dona Nagel, Carol and Ernest Navarro, Edwin and Kathy North, Peggy and Terry Rogers, Dale and Heidi North and James North. Thirteen grandchildren and twenty-five great grandchildren. Brother, Samuel Mikesell. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm, July 31, 2011 at the Bradbury Park Condominium Clubhouse, 40185 Newport Drive, Plymouth MI 48170. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland, or Royal Park Atrium, 400 Parkside Drive, Zeeland MI 49464. The family is being served by the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland. An online registry is available at www.yntemafh.com.

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Bible study on wheels mixes prayer, exercise, fellowship

BY SHARON DARGAY
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Mark McGilvrey likes to bike ride.

"It started nine years ago. I got an SUV and a hitch that hauls bikes and thought it would be fun to take on Hines Drive and maybe someone could go with me."

That "someone" turned into a whole lot of biking pals when McGilvrey, pastor of Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia, founded Bike, Bible & Prayer, a mix of Bible study, fellowship and pedaling.

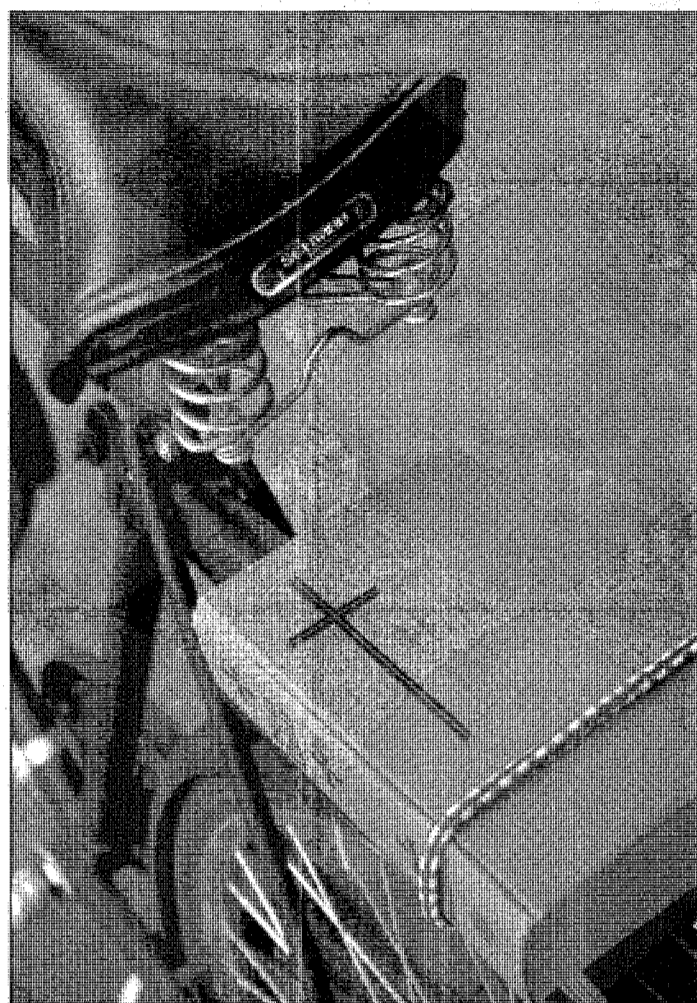
"I thought I might as well do what I like with brothers and sisters in the Lord. We alternate the Old and New Testament. This year we're doing the New Testament."

The weekly summer ride is open to anyone interested in biking an hour along Hines Drive and stopping afterward in the park for prayer and an informal Bible discussion. This summer, the group is discussing the book of Romans.

"The theme of Romans is grace. Last year we did Proverbs. We started with Luke," McGilvrey said. "I give them a schedule at the beginning of summer. The idea is to read during the week. It's not a deep discussion, but we talk about what strikes them about the passage."

The group generally finishes the session with prayer around 9 p.m. — sooner if the mosquitoes are biting.

"We get a lot of prayers for the beauty of creation. Hines Park can be nice on a summer evening. I think the prettiest areas are Newburgh Point and the Henry Ford Estate."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bicyclists can mix exercise and faith at Rev. Mark McGilvrey's weekly Bike, Bible & Prayer sessions along Hines Drive.

For the first few years the group, which has fluctuated in both size and age range, started and stopped at the same location each week. This summer it started along Hines Drive in Northville and moves east a bit each week. The gathering location is posted on the church website at www.5milechurch.org.

The group meets at 7 p.m. on Thursday and pedals along Hines Drive for a half hour before turning to make the half-hour trip back to its starting

point. Participants may travel alone or with others in the group.

McGilvrey said he usually bikes about five miles round trip.

"We work our way toward Michigan Avenue and wind up going through the Henry Ford Estate."

As a finale, McGilvrey will buy the bicyclists ice cream on the last day of the program.

For more information about Bike, Bible & Prayer, call McGilvrey at (734) 464-6722.

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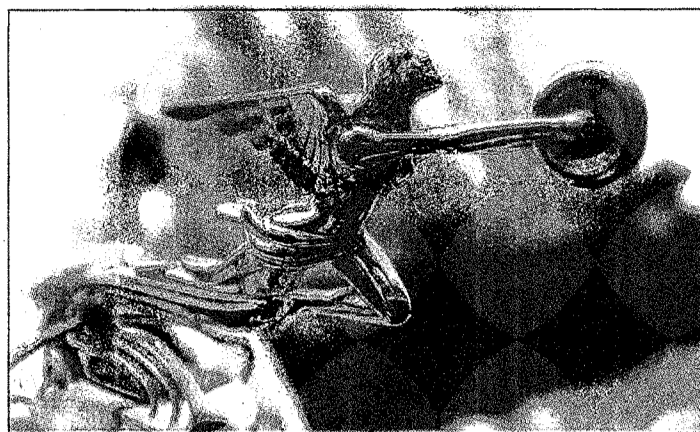
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The hood ornament on Margaret Dunning's 1930 Packard is polished and ready for this weekend's Concours d'Elegance of America.

Car talk

Concours d'Elegance of America brings classic autos and their stories to Plymouth

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

You'll hear facts and figures, stats and stories from classic car owners Sunday, July 31 at Concours d'Elegance of America on the grounds of The Inn at St. John in Plymouth.

But Margaret Dunning may be the only exhibitor who can tell you firsthand experiences about driving a classic car back in the day.

"I had a 1930 Packard. Mine was a sedan. When I thought of wanting a show car, I said it's going to be a Packard," said Dunning, 101, explaining why she bought the cream-colored 1930 Packard 740 roadster that she'll show at the elite auto show this weekend. "I love Packards. I'm a staunch supporter of them. It's the fine mechanical engineering of it and the excellent quality material it's made from. They only used superior parts."

The Plymouth resident will show her 1930 convertible classic Packard at the elite auto show, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to the Packard, which she bought about 60 years ago from a family in New Jersey, Dunning owns a 1966 Cadillac DeVille, which she drives in the Woodward Dream Cruise every year, a 1975 Cadillac Eldorado and a 1931 Ford Model A.

She belongs to the Classic Car Club of America, which defines classic cars as fine or distinctive autos produced between 1925 and 1948.

"It's a pretty big tub, I'll tell you. It's a very nice ride," Dunning said Monday, as her friends and fellow vintage car owners, Dan Clements of South Lyon and Lloyd Leach of Northville helped to prep and polish the vehicle. "Nice appointments. That's what makes it different, nice appointments."



The emblem affixed to Margaret Dunning's 1930 Packard indicates it was a first prize winner in classic car competition. "Those are handed out very gingerly," Dunning says.

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE
OF AMERICA

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 31

Where: The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth

Tickets: Include free off-site parking and shuttle, admission and souvenir program; \$25 per person, free admission for children 12 and under. Buy at the gate or online at concourse-susa.org

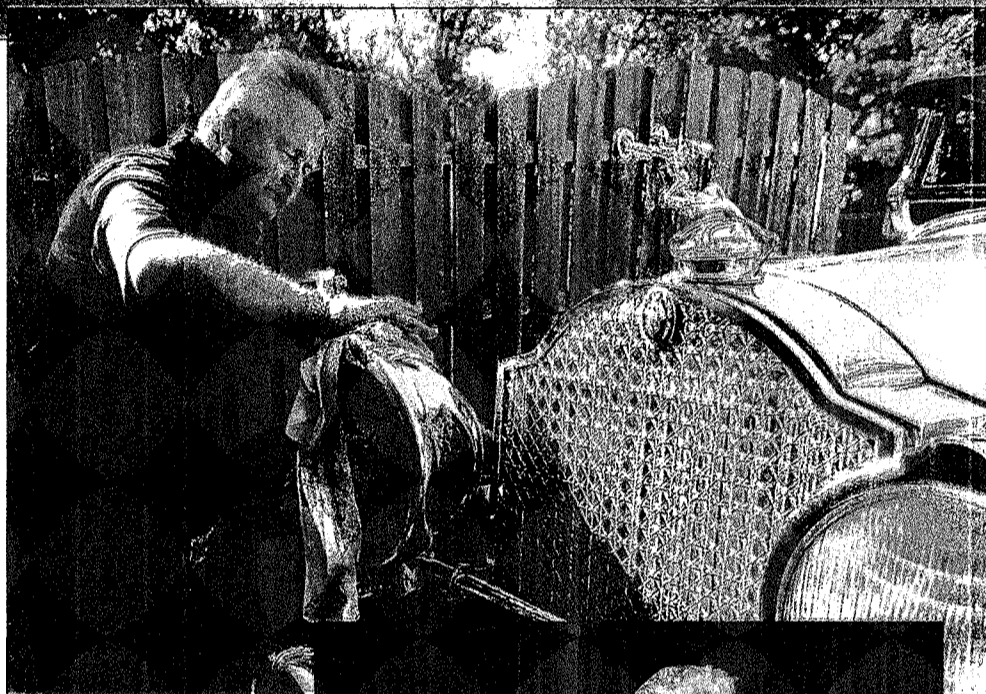
Details: More than 200 vehicles on display, including high performance "Super Cars," a set of 1933-34 Auburn V-12 Salon cars, historic Indy racers, Lincolns, Ridler Trophy winners from Autorama, Continentals, the first 125 years of Mercedes Benz, scooters, mopeds and more. Auto-related art will be on exhibit. Contact: (248) 643-8645

INTERIOR

Behind the red leather seats, which were re-upholstered four times before Dunning owned the car, is a storage compartment that locks. The dashboard includes a clock, map light and glove compartments. Knobs, including the handle of the four-speed transmission stick shift, are

PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZANO
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Margaret Dunning will show her 1930 Packard - complete with red leather rumble seat - at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.



Dan Clements of South Lyon preps Margaret Dunning's car for Concours d'Elegance of America. Clements' mother-in-law grew up on a farm that was kiddy-corner from the Dunning farm at Plymouth Road and Telegraph in Redford.

fashioned in an ivory finish.

"These were all special when you bought the car. You had to dish out a little more. This is ivory, too, but I've had my fingers on them so many times they've turned black," she said, indicating to a pair of knobs on the steering wheel. One regulates the gas in lieu of using the food pedal and the other turns on lights.

"All the cars had spotlights at the time, although you paid dearly for them."

Jewels on top of the headlights glow green when the lights are turned on. A locking side compartment on the exterior of the car is perfect for golf clubs, Dunning said. A red leather covered rumble seat accommodates two additional passengers.

The driver can grease the suspension components from inside the car by pulling a



Margaret Dunning unlocks the storage compartment in her classic Packard.

handle to activate the Bijur lubricating system.

"Today they have neoprene bushings and stuff like that and they go on forever," Clements explained. "Back then, you couldn't just change those. So you had to put grease in all the fittings."

The "straight-eight" (cylinder) engine gave it power that many other cars of its day didn't have, Dunning said, adding that she was able to get "a little better than 90"

miles per hour out of her own Packard 80 years ago.

YOUNG MOTORIST

Dunning began "driving" from atop her father's lap, helping him steer the wheel as they travelled the dirt roads around the family's farm at Plymouth Road and Telegraph in Redford. She was eight years old when she first drove on her own.

"I put it into the side of the barn once. I wasn't tall

enough to get myself down to the brakes. It wasn't a real disaster. I My dad never said anything about it," she recalled the accident.

At 12, she started driving on a regular basis in a Model T Ford. Her mother was in the passenger seat the first time she took the car for a trip to the Upper Peninsula and around Lake Michigan to Chicago, Ill.

Although families often took their touring cars out on summer evenings to cool off before retiring for the night, youngsters preferred to race on the area's gravel roads. In winter they'd spin their cars on icy Phoenix Lake near Five Mile and Northville Road.

"You were hoping nobody told on you while you were out," Dunning said, with a laugh. "Mostly we raced. When you took Beck Road across and got to the railroad tracks, they were up quite high. The grading went up, very abrupt. We'd get up there at the top of that thing and shoot right off. We'd come down on all four wheels and we'd see how far we could go.

"Sometimes cars would tip over. Some got killed. It was kid stuff, but it was bad, bad business."

Dunning encourages car show visitors to ask about her car, its history and her driving experiences. She enjoys sharing stories, but asks that adults and children keep fingers off the vehicle. Fingerprints leave salt which eventually can lead to rust.

"I like to look at the other cars. I'm always exhilarated to see something new. The people are very interesting and they are very nice most of the time."

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Time/Date: Through Aug. 7; gallery hours are 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday, 1-7 p.m. Friday; and by appointment
Location: 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth Township

Details: "Ages of Art" is an intergenerational show that exhibits work by 24 artists who have taken workshops at the art studio and created at least one piece under the direction of Shaqe Kalaj, artist-in-residence
Contact: (734) 420-0775

Orchard Lake Fine Art and Craft Show

Time/Date: 5 p.m.-9 p.m., Friday, July 29; 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, July 30; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, July 31

Location: On Powers and Daly roads, south of Maple, just west of Orchard Lake Road at West Bloomfield Plaza

Details: Ninth annual show features paintings, clay, glass, sculpture, wood, fiber, jewelry, photography and more. Suggested donation is \$5; parking free
Contact: (248) 685-3748

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Aug. 5-27, with opening reception 6-9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 5. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "13 Ways to View a Blackbird and Other Thoughts in Thread," is an art quilt show featuring two groups of work by artists from across the Midwest
Contact: (248) 344-0497

Village Potters Guild

Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Aug. 8, 11, 15, 18 and 25
Location: 340 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: Five-day tile-making workshop will cover modern, free-form tiles, glazing, relief tiles and carved tiles from plaster casts and is aimed at beginning, aspiring or experienced artists, 18 and older. Class size is limited. Bring ideas for a relief tile to the first class. Clay, glazes, plaster and tools will be provided. Cost is \$85
Contact: (734) 207-8807 or visit www.village-pottersguild.org

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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale
Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays
Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.



Metro Jazz Voices sings tonight at Stars in the Park in Farmington.

CONCERTS

Fraturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Dan Greuter with Martin Butler and Julie Lyons, Aug. 3-6; Erin Jackson with Steve Bills and Amit Jain, Aug. 10-13; Andy Woodhull with Jeff Dvoskin and Justin Sullivan, Aug. 17-20; Dave Landau with Cory Latarski, Aug. 24-27
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Time/Date: Cy Amundson, July 28-30; Eric Hunter, Aug. 4-6
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedy-castle.com

the Park, features Metro Jazz Voices
Coming up: Five Guys Named Moe, Aug. 4; Stewart Francke and band, Aug. 11; Arizona Son with Devin Scillian, Aug. 18; and Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 25
Contact: (248) 473-1848

Jazz @ The Elks
Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Jazz musicians perform and complimentary hors d'oeuvres are served; donation \$5. **Contact:** (734) 453-1780 www.PlymouthElks1780.com

Kellogg Park
Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 29
Location: Downtown Plymouth
Details: The Bluescasters
Coming up: Those Delta Rhythm Kings, Aug. 5; Michael King & Friends, Aug. 12; Mass Transit Band, Aug. 19; Randy Brock Group, Aug. 26; Lady Sunshine and the X Band, Sept. 2
Family series: Noon, Wednesday concert series features Biakuye Percussion Group, July 27; Mr. Seley, Aug. 3; Barbara Bailey Hutchinson, Aug. 10; Guy Louis, Aug. 17; and Beverly Meyer, "The Music Lady," Aug. 24
Contact: www.downtownplymouth.org for evening concerts; www.plymoutharts.com for noon concerts

Town Square
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday through August
Location: In the pavilion at Town Square in downtown Northville
Details: Free concert series includes Zap Toro with Latin music, July 29; Michael May and the Messarounds with jazzy blues, Aug. 4; The Crutches with top rock and dance hits, Aug. 12; Gia Warner with rock classics, Aug. 19; and Justine Blazer, rock/country, Aug. 26
Tunes on Tuesday: The family series of free concerts runs 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and features Mr. Seley, Aug. 2; Saline Fiddlers, Aug. 9; Zippity 2Dads, Aug. 16; Imagination Theater, Aug. 23.
Contact: (248) 349-0203

Trinity House Theatre
Time/Date: Michael Fracasso with The Potter's Field, July 29; Chrome Folk Bar-B-

Q, Aug. 6; Jennie DeVoe, Aug. 12, Matt the Electrician, Aug. 18; Ana Egge with Jason Myles Goss, Sept. 9
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

DANCE

Moon Dusters
Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.
Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Singles and couples dance to music of the 30s, 40s and 50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members
Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

FAMILY

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

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

Detroit Zoo
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Sunday; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday in July and August.
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free
Wild Summer Nights: Concerts in the Main Picnic Grove run 6:30-8 p.m. and are free with regular Zoo admission. Admission prices are reduced to \$5 for all visitors after 5 on Wednesday in July and August. Guests may bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic

MUSEUMS

Charles H. Wright
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday
Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit
Details: Heidelberg 25 through Nov. 27; Dance Theatre of Harlem, through Dec. 31
Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free
Contact: (313) 494-5800

Cranbrook
Time/Date: 2 p.m., Thursday-Sunday
Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
Details: Docent-guided public tours of Saarinen House, a rare integration of art, architecture, design and nature, depart from Cranbrook Institute of Science front desk. The tours are about 90 minutes long and take place rain or shine.
Contact: (248) 645-3200 for house tours; http://science.cranbrook.edu

Plymouth Historical Museum
Time/Date: Through Oct. 23
Location: 155 S. Main, just north of downtown Plymouth
Details: Rediscovering the Civil War
Contact: (734) 455-8940

baskets. Food, snacks, beer, wine and soft drinks are available for purchase from Zoo concessions. The concert schedule is: Aug. 3, Candy Band (children's); Aug. 10, Jill Jack (folk); Aug. 17, Sun Messengers (Motown and R&B); Aug. 24, Straight Ahead (jazz); and Aug. 31, The Verve Pipe (children's)
Contact: (248) 541-5717

FILM

Main Art Theatre
Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4
Location: 118 N. Main, just north of 11 Mile in downtown Royal Oak
Details: Royal Oak-based Regeneration Raw and its new Heal Yourself Institute will host a screening of the documentary "Food Matters," followed by a Q&A with David Wolfe, one of the film's stars and a world authority on raw foods and superfoods. Tickets are \$10; proceeds benefit Wolfe's nonprofit Fruit Tree Planting Foundation
Contact: (248) 470-4290

Penn Theatre
Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 5-6 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: "Water for Elephants," all seats \$3
Coming up: "The Beaver," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 12-13 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14
Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

Redford Theatre
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 5 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 6
Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit
Details: "Somewhere in Time," tickets \$5
Contact: (313) 537-2560

Audition to dance for the Detroit Pistons

Automotion, the Detroit Pistons dance team, will hold auditions to select team members for the 2011-12 season at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Finalists will be announced at the end of the night and callbacks will take place Aug. 2-3.

As part of the audition process, a live performance will be held Aug. 4 at the Crofoot Ballroom in downtown Pontiac.

All finalists are required to participate in rehearsals and perform in the live Automotion audition finals show in order to be considered for the team. Pistons legends Rick Mahorn and James "Buddha" Edwards as well as CBS Detroit news anchor Syma Chowdhry and WRIF personality Meltdown will entertain the audience during the show and sit on a celebrity judging panel that will choose the final team. Other performers will include the Pistons Drumline, Spare Tires dance team and DJ Prevu. The Automotion finals live event is free and open to the public with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. The show will start at 7:30 p.m.

To audition, female candidates must be 19 or older by Oct. 1 and are required to show proof of ID along with their registration. There is a \$25 registration fee. The fee includes the auditions and a ticket to a select Pistons game during the 2011-12 season. Candidates are required to bring a recent photo and are encouraged to bring a business/entertainment resume. Dancers should wear dance tops, shorts and tights and be dressed to impress with performance-ready hair and makeup.

Automotion members serve as ambassadors of the Detroit Pistons and will represent the organization both on and off the court during the 2011-12 season. The group dances during every Pistons home game and represents the organization throughout the year at various team and charity functions. A flexible schedule is a must for selected dancers.

For pre-audition details and information the Automotion tryouts call (248) 377-0100 or log onto http://www.nba.com/pistons/automotion_auditions.html to register for the auditions.

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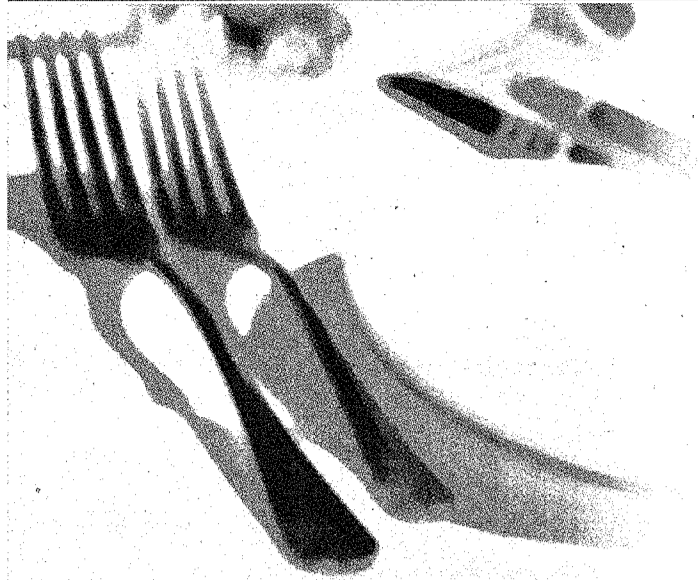
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The 2011 winner was 8-year-old Margalit M. of Raleigh, N.C. for her Wushu Chicken Tacos, pairing Jif Creamy Peanut Butter with chicken, asparagus and squash, all wrapped in a tortilla. Check out these other winning recipes for inspiration.

WUSHU CHICKEN TACOS — 2011 WINNER

Margalit M., Raleigh, N.C.

Serves: 1

- 1/2 cup diced rotisserie chicken
- 1/4 cup asparagus pieces, about 1 inch long
- 1/4 cup yellow squash pieces
- 2 fajita-size flour tortillas (6-inch)
- 2 lime wedges, optional
- Sauce:
 - Fresh ginger slice, 1/8 inch thick, peeled and cut in half
 - 2 cloves garlic, peeled
 - 2 tablespoons Jif Creamy Peanut Butter
 - 1 tablespoon soy sauce
 - 3/8 teaspoon chili paste with garlic
 - 2 1/2 teaspoons sugar
 - 2 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
 - 2 1/4 teaspoons sesame oil
 - 3 1/2 teaspoons water

Chop ginger and garlic in food processor as finely as possible. Add next seven ingredients and process until sauce is completely smooth. If sauce is too thick, add more water. If sauce is too thin, add more peanut butter.

Toss about half the sauce with chicken and put aside in a covered bowl.

Boil about 1 inch of water in a large skillet and add asparagus. Cover skillet and turn off heat. In 1 to 3 minutes, lift off cover and remove asparagus using tongs.

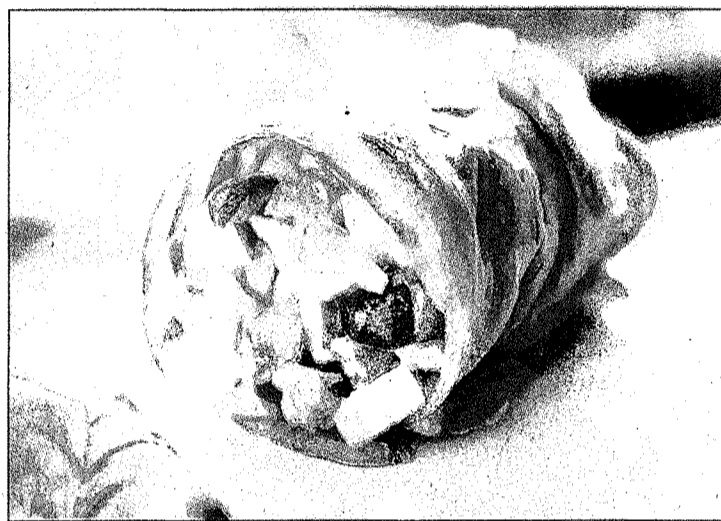
Cut off ends of squash and cut into half-moon pieces. Put 3/4 cup squash pieces into microwave-safe bowl and add a little water. Cover with plastic wrap and microwave about 2 to 3 minutes. Let cool slightly and carefully drain off water.

Place tortillas in microwave and cook about 15 seconds, or until warm and bend easily.

Put chicken in tortillas, top with asparagus and squash and drizzle with additional peanut butter sauce. Serve with optional lime wedges.



Wushu Chicken Tacos



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Rachel G., Clovis, Calif.

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- 3 tablespoons chopped Fuji apple
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- Iceberg lettuce

Chop chicken meat and fruit, mix in bowl. Mix in peanut butter, mayonnaise and honey. Spoon into open lettuce leaf, roll and serve.

Po' Boy Peanut Butter Chicken
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Jordyn B., Lebanon, Pa.

Serves: 1

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- 1 small onion
- 1/2 apple (any variety)
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- 4 chicken breast slices or any deli lunch meat chicken
- Hoagie/sub roll
- 1/4 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded
- Sauce
 - 3 tablespoons Jif Creamy Peanut Butter
 - 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 teaspoon honey mustard
 - 2 teaspoons honey
 - 1/2 cup water

Cut peppers into strips; cut onions into rings and slice apples into strips. Put into sauce pan with olive oil and cook on medium heat until soft.

Cook chicken breast slices and add to the pepper/onion/apple mix. If you are using deli chicken, cut into strips and add it to the pepper/onion/apple mix. The deli chicken is already cooked and just needs to be warmed.

For the sauce, heat a sauce pan on medium heat and add peanut butter, Worcestershire sauce, honey mustard, honey and water. Cook until creamy and soft.

Add three tablespoons sauce to chicken/pepper/onion/apple mix. Stir together.

Put chicken mixture on hoagie/sub roll and sprinkle with mozzarella cheese.

Cut remaining half of apple and place it on a plate with left over peanut butter sauce for dipping.



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Alexandra Y., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Serves: 1

- 18-inch crepe
- 5 tablespoons strawberry cream cheese
- 5 tablespoons Jif Creamy Peanut Butter
- 4 1/4-inch-thick slices fresh strawberries
- 6 1/2-inch-thick slices banana
- 1 tablespoon granola
- 2 long pretzel rods (to use as chopsticks)
- 1 small container chocolate yogurt (for dipping sauce)

Spread cream cheese over crepe. Top with peanut butter and smooth over cream cheese. Sprinkle strawberries and bananas over peanut butter. Top with granola. Roll up sushi-style and chill in refrigerator for 5 to 10 minutes. Cut rolls. Use pretzel rods as chopsticks and dip in yogurt.

TROPICAL FANTASY — 2003 WINNER

Stephanie W., Burnsville, Minn.

Serves: 1

- 2 slices cinnamon bread
- 2 tablespoons Jif Creamy Peanut Butter
- 1 banana, sliced
- Canned pineapple chunks (drained)
- Canned mandarin oranges
- Grated ginger (optional)
- Pomegranate seeds (optional garnish)

Toast two slices of cinnamon toast. Spread peanut butter on one slice of bread. Place banana slices, pineapple and mandarin oranges on the other slices. Add grated ginger if desired.

Put two sides of sandwich together and serve on a bed of lettuce.

Decorate top of sandwich with pomegranate seeds and use additional oranges to decorate plate.

Courtesy of Family Features

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Braille Books Fundraiser

Livonia — If you mingle and dine from 5-7 p.m. Friday, July 29, at Fleming's Steakhouse, you'll help Seedlings Braille Books for Children at the same time. Tickets for Seedlings' fundraiser are \$50 and 80 percent of the proceeds will benefit the group, a Livonia-based nonprofit organization that produces quality children's literature in braille for visually impaired youngsters. The event, featuring a selection of appetizers with wines, will be held in Fleming's private dining room, located at 17400 Haggerty. To order tickets, call (734) 427-8552, ext. 301 or e-mail

to seedlink7@ameritech.net.

Restaurant crawl

Plymouth — Taste your way through Old Village from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, when the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents its 12th Annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl. Participating restaurants will include Crawford's Kitchen, Hermann's Olde Towne Grille, JoJo's Treats & Sweets, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Plymouth Fish & Seafood and Station 885. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. They are available at the Chamber of Commerce office,

located at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. Or purchase by phone at (734) 453-1540.

Save the date

Plymouth — The annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Motorcycle Show promises to carry the heat wave into October when it returns to Kellogg Park for its 16th annual show. Cooks will compete for the best red chili, green chili and salsa and the public will get a chance to sample their entries. A ride-in show with 17 bike categories, including Harley, will line Main street adjacent to the park. A children's activity area, dance team

performance, live entertainment and a dog costume contest will round out the fun. The event will run 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9. Anyone interested in competing in the Red/Green/Salsa, Restaurant Chili Challenge or Battle of the Businesses chili contest should contact Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669. Visit www.GreatLakesChili.com.

Food documentary

Royal Oak — Regeneration Raw and its new Heal Yourself Institute will present a screening of the documentary *Food Matters*, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, at the Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main, just

north of 11 Mile. The film poses the question, Can improved nutrition and raw foods lead to a longer life and strengthen your immune system to be able to beat chronic illness? Several experts in nutrition and natural healing argue that Americans are harming their bodies with improper nutrition, and that the right kinds of foods, supplements and detoxification can reverse disease — even chronic illnesses such as terminally diagnosed cancer. A Q&A with David Wolfe, one of the film's stars, will follow the film. Tickets are \$10. Call (248) 470-4290 or visit www.how2eat-raw.com

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 - Mauna —
 - Thunder god
 - Froggy sound
 - Flood residues
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 - Grayish-tan
 - Chichen — (Mayan ruins)
 - Appliance-tag letters
 - Pig movie
 - Lady's honorific
 - One-time Queens ballpark
 - Grassy field
 - Police alerts
 - Grade
 - Wide valley
 - Cairo loc.

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 - Wynonna's mom
 - Express uncertainty
 - Mighty trees
 - "Where Eagles Dare" actress
 - 35mm camera

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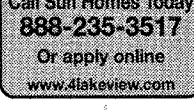


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