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## Appointment

The Westland City Council has confirmed the appointment of



**Mayfield**

Mack Mayfield to the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals to fill an unexpired three-year term that expires May 6, 2014. Mayfield, a longtime Westland resident, is a former City of Westland employee who worked many years in the Department of Public Service. He is also a member of the city's Municipal Service Bureau and is a member of the Westland Lions Club.

## E-waste

If you have a collection of old electronic devices in your home that you want to get rid of but don't want to put in the trash because of environmental concerns, head over to Westland Shopping Center today (Sept. 29).

Wayne County's Department of Public Services along with Vintage Tech Recyclers Inc. and local communities is holding an Electronic Waste (e-waste) collections 2-7 p.m. at the mall at Wayne and Warren roads, where residents can drop off their old electronic waste free of charge.

Items that will be accepted for recycling include computers, TVs, CRT monitors, LCD monitors, keyboards and mice, laptops, printers, fax machines, copiers, VCRs, DVD players, CD players, microwaves, stereos, speakers, computer parts, telephones, cell phones, game consoles, miscellaneous cables, mp3 players, etc. No other household appliances will be accepted.

Collections also have been scheduled for:

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Livonia DPW, 12973 Farmington, Livonia.

The collections are open to Wayne County residents and small businesses with 10 or fewer employees. For more information, call (734) 326-3936.

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# Police seek holdup suspect

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Information is being sought about a man wanted for robbing a woman at gunpoint in a grocery store parking lot Saturday afternoon.

Westland police have released security camera photographs of the suspect and a woman, believed to be an accomplice who drove the man from the scene after the robbery. Westland police Sgt. Kevin Wojcik said that the photographs of the pair were taken as they used the victim's credit cards at a Detroit gas station about 20 minutes

after the robbery.

A Romulus woman, 56, told police that she was about to get into her car at Kroger, 31300 Michigan Ave. at Merriman, about 1:50 p.m. Saturday when a white male approached. The man pulled out a semiautomatic handgun, pointed at her and took her purse, the woman told police.

The suspect then got into the passenger side of a dark colored Chrysler Sebring convertible and fled the area.

"The suspect used the victim's charge cards in Detroit. He fits the description given by the victim," said Wojcik. "We think the

woman was the driver. (On security video) The car pulled into the gas station and the female gets out of the driver's side."

The gunman, described as a white male 20-25 years old, five 5-foot-6, can be seen on the Kroger security video also.

"He was walking around the parking lot looking for a victim he felt he could take. He's not a big guy," said Wojcik. "The victim wasn't injured but she was pretty scared."

Anyone with information about the suspects is asked to call Wojcik at (734) 467-3178.

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Westland police are looking for information about this man, a suspect in an armed robbery outside Kroger on Michigan Avenue.

## Business Person of Year



Dr. Karissa Jagacki, owner of Personalized Hearing Care Inc., has been selected as the Westland Chamber of Commerce's 2011 Business Person of the Year.

# Audiologist enjoys helping others

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Selected as Westland Business Person of the year, audiologist Dr. Karissa Jagacki sees her work as more than a business.

"I enjoy helping others. I love bringing sounds back to people. Hearing aids have come along way," said Jagacki, owner of Personalized Hearing Care Inc. "They truly change people's

lives. It's kind of neat."

In private practice for nine years, Jagacki has been an audiologist for 13. She has offices in Westland and South Lyon, where she resides with her husband and two sons.

In her Business Person of the Year nomination, Amy Irwin, Personalized Hearing Care director of operations, cites testimonials from patients describing her as compassionate, dependable, trust-

worthy, knowledgeable and caring. Irwin notes Jagacki's philosophy has always been to deliver individualized quality hearing health care, treating each patient with dignity and respect.

"I feel hearing is so important, you see how it improves someone's quality of life," Jagacki said.

Jagacki is held in great

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# Kehrer: Wants to help the community

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

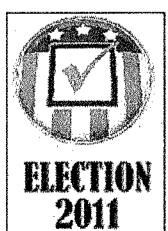
As Michael Kehrer campaigns for a Westland council seat for a fourth time — the first time he wasn't elected — he cites the same reasons for running.

"Ever since I was in my late 20s, I've always wanted to help the community," said Kehrer, who cites years volunteering in the Westland Jaycees and then with the Westland Goodfellows. "I have a background in political science and natural curiosity about how government works. I'm probably one of the few people you'll meet who reads about ex-presidents and how government works."

Serving on the council was a natural progression, said Kehrer, since he thought he had some good ideas and could help Westland. "I'm not leaving now after



Kehrer



Westland City Council

"It's a lot different than when we had increasing revenues. What

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10 years when things get tough. It's going to be a tough three or four years," said Kehrer.

Among the big issues facing the council will be the budget although Kehrer said he didn't want to use the term balancing the budget.

"It's working within limited and decreasing revenues that we'll be facing for the next three or four years," he said.

## MICHAEL A. KEHRER

Age: 57

**Family:** Married to Debra, three grown children and two grandsons

**Education:** Associate's degree in political science, Eastern Michigan University; bachelor's degree in public administration, University of Phoenix; a certification in local government fiscal management from Michigan State University.

**Employment:** Project manager at Duo-Gard Industries

**Community Involvement:** Active in the Jaycees for 20 years, Jaycee International senator.

# Fall expo has something for seniors, boomers

Seniors citizens, baby boomers and others are invited to come spend the day being entertained and educated at the third annual Senior Fall Health & Living Expo, sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers and Wayne State University-Oakland Center.

The expo starts at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, and the first 100 attendees through the door will receive a movie pass for two to Imagine Theaters and a coupon for a free four-square Buddy's Pizza.

More than 40 exhibitors, featuring demonstrations and free seminars on estate planning, identity theft protection, insurance planning and investment strategies, along with free morning refreshments and hourly gift giveaways, are on tap for the event, which runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year's location — WSU-Oakland Center — is new. The center is at 33737 W. 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. It is easily accessible from I-696, I-96, M-10 and I-275. Admission is free and ample free parking is available all day.

Free trolley service is available from three locations: Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, departing at 7:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m.; Southfield Senior Center, 24350 Civic Center Drive, departing at 7:40 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; and Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, with one departure at 8:30 a.m. To reserve your seat, call (313) 222-2414.

Come learn about what baby boomers need to know about maximizing their retirement income. O&E financial columnist Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills will share strategies to protect and grow your investment portfolio in a down economy.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, member of the Saint Joseph Mercy Healthy System, and Dental One will offer free health screenings.

For a complete schedule of speakers and topics, exhibitors and events, see the Senior Fall Health & Living Expo Special Section inside today's edition.

This year's musical entertainment will be Ya Tafari. In addition, attendees are invited to try their hand at Wii games to win prizes.

For more information or to sign up for free trolley service, contact Choya Jordan at (313) 222-2414 or via e-mail at cbjordan@hometownlife.com.

## JAGACKI

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esteem among her professional peers, Irwin said, citing her recent selection by the Audiology and Speech Department at the Ann Arbor Veterans Hospital to participate in their Veteran Wellness Program.

"With an overwhelming number of veterans requiring quality hearing health care, Dr. Jagacki opened the doors of Personalized Hearing Care to these men and women without hesitation," said Irwin. "She saw this as her personal responsibility to ensure that these heroic veterans receive the thoughtful and thorough hearing care they deserve."

In addition, Jagacki has been a Lions Club member for many years, providing support through complimentary services and hearing aids to people who could not finan-



Dr. Karissa Jagacki

cially afford quality hearing health otherwise. Irwin said that Jagacki also spends many after-hours and weekends assisting patients in convalescent homes, assisted living centers and senior retirement communities.

"Not only has she delivered exceptional hearing health care to Westland, South Lyon and the surrounding communities, she has also demonstrated that business can still prosper based on the fundamentals of excellent service, meaningful rela-

tionships and compassion for others," said Irwin.

Jagacki expressed surprise at being named Business Person of the Year.

"I'm very excited and very honored, Amy said a lot of nice things about me," Jagacki said.

An Indiana native, Jagacki graduated from Purdue University and later earned her doctorate degree from Central Michigan University.

"My family has a cottage in Michigan, I met my husband at a wedding, so I came here," said Jagacki, whose husband, Jeff, works as a manager at A and D Plastics in Plymouth. The couple has two sons, Adam, 7, and Grant, 5.

Over the years, Jagacki said she has been active in the Westland Chamber of Commerce off and on. Currently, she said she is very involved in all of her sons' activities.

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Bobby "Minnow" Murkowski of the Lah-Dee-Dahs, waits his turn at bat in the annual game against the Westland Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dahs.

# Zips get zapped by Lah-Dee-Dahs

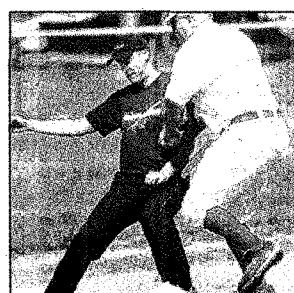
By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

The Westland Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dahs came out strong, knocking in nine runs during the top of the first inning of the old-style baseball game against the Greenfield Village Lah-Dee-Dahs Sunday, but in the end there was no joy in Mudville.

"We had them worried for the first half of the first inning," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski, who took the field for the home team which eventually lost the game 33 to 11. "Then we just served up home runs."

Captain of the Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dahs, Westland Mayor William Wild blamed equipment failure for his team's defeat.

"They (the Lah-Dee-Dahs) gave us this bat and we scored nine runs.



Brian "Bigfoot" Becker of Westland, captain for the game, tries to put the tag on at third base.

Then they took back their bat," said Wild.

This was the fifth annual game between the teams playing by 1867 rules that include gloveless fielding.

"Last year was the closest we can to winning," said Wild.

Win/loss column aside, the old-fashioned baseball game was a success. About 100 spectators turned out for the game which raised about \$1,200 for the Westland Historic Village Park. The money was raised through concession sales and a donation of \$50 per player on the home team.

"It was really nice that three or four of the players for Greenfield Village live in Westland," said Wild, adding a move to the softball field helped attract spectators attending a Westland Hockey Asso-

ciation picnic outside the nearby Mike Modano Arena.

Westland Historical Commission member Jeff Kosowski, who teaches at the Henry Ford Academy, participated in the event, providing commentary explaining the historic baseball rules.

Fundraising efforts for the Historic Village Park have funded the recently completed installation of new siding at the Rowe House at a cost of \$15,000.

Up next at the Westland Historic Village is Modern Americana, a celebration of American folk crafts, music and storytelling, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. Visitors will have an opportunity to view and participate in a variety of crafting demonstrations, including spinning, weaving, knitting, quilting, paper cutting and chair caning. New this year will be live dulcimer music and storytelling. Admission is free.

The Westland Historic Village Park is at 857 N. Wayne Road. More information is available on the Westland Historic Village Facebook page.

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## KEHRER

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will we do to maintain city services when there is less revenue?"

In light of declining revenues, Kehrer said the challenge for the city will be how to maintain public safety services like police and fire. Making sure property is maintained is another challenge for the city, he said.

"We've already made good strides to making owners of vacant property responsible for keeping it up," said Kehrer. "That's really important

to citizens. We are spending a lot of time tracking down on who owns homes. An empty house is bad enough but one that looks bad is even worse."

As other accomplished goals, Kehrer cites the cleanup at Central City Park and the city's recycling program which saves the city money on landfill costs.

The city is also working to get departments, such as the water department, to be self-supporting and not rely on the general fund to provide supplemental funding, Kehrer said.

The city also needs to focus more on capital

needs, he said, for example setting aside money for information technology.

"We're so far behind on that it isn't funny. We don't look to the future very often — setting money aside," he said. "Mayor (William) Wild did a great job looking at three years (for budgeting). Even in tight times we need to set money aside."

As a councilman, Kehrer said he is proud that he always has been conscientious about calling back anyone who has called him, sent an e-mail or letter.

"Sometimes you know it won't be a pleasant call," he said. "I don't mind doing it. I like meeting citizens. Even if I can't do anything, they appreciate the call."

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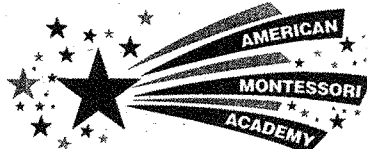
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# Friends come together to help Alzheimer's patient

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Pat Kobylinski would like nothing better than to fill the remaining 40 seats on a bus headed for the FireKeeper Casino in Battle Creek Oct. 16. If that happens, the Garden City resident will be able to raise \$2,400 for the family of Kevin Johns, a 48-year-old Livonia man who is suffering from early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

The casino trips just one of many things friends are doing to help the Johns family in caring for Johns who developed a rare form of Alzheimer's when he was 44 years old.

"This couldn't have happened to a more gentle and wonderful person," said Kobylinski. "He's always been a very likeable person. He was always talking to very-

one, a very friendly, likeable kid."

Johns, who grew up in Inkster and graduated from Cherry Hill High School in 1980, has had Alzheimer's for four years, but wasn't diagnosed with it until two years ago. According to Kobylinski, doctors initially thought he was depressed, bipolar and a lot of other things before labeling his condition as Alzheimer's just two years ago.

Kobylinski met him when he was 17 years old. She worked with him at Burger King and at Danny's Market on Warren Road in Westland.

Because of his memory loss, he is now in assisted living and his wife Jennifer, who grew up next door to Kobylinski, is shouldering the \$4,700 a month charge along with raising two daughters, ages 12 and 15, and pay-



Kevin Johns celebrates his 48th birthday. The Livonia resident is battling a rare early onset form of Alzheimer's.

ing the bills on a teacher's salary. It's not until Johns goes to a nursing home, that they family will get help paying for his care.

"I'm friends with her mom and wanted to do something to help," said Kobylinski. "She has struggled to work and pay the bills for her car and home and take care

of her husband and children. I don't know how she does it. It's very heartbreaking."

Jones' condition made news in August when his daughter Hannah sent a letter and a \$25 donation to the Alzheimer's Association asking them to find a cure so her father could remember her.

The casino trip costs

\$30 per person and includes a Red Hot Rewards Card with \$25 in rewards play good on any slot machine. There also will be a 50/50 raffle held on the bus each trip. The busses will leave at 10:30 a.m. from the garden area parking lot of the Meijer store on Middlebelt at I-96 and return there at 6:45 p.m.

The deadline for getting the \$30 cost to Kobylinski is Oct. 6. For reservations or more information, call Kobylinski at (734) 422-1236. Payment - a check made out to Pat Kobylinski and sent to her at 28676 Balmoral, Garden City, MI 48135 - must be received by Oct. 6.

Things like a garage sale by Kobylinski's pinochle club that was held in Garden City one day then moved to Westland brought in \$4,000 for the family. And Johns'

co-workers also raised \$4,700 with a hot dog and bake sale. They're hoping to raise even more with a benefit dinner at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, to 2 a.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Twenty percent of bill will be donated to the Johns family. There also will be a 50/50 raffle, a raffle for Red Wing tickets, lots of autographed stuff, wine baskets, gas cards and gift cards.

A trust fund also has been set up in Johns' name at Chase Bank. People can make a donation to the Kevin Johns Trust Fund at any Chase Bank branch, Kobylinski said.

"He's so young, it's horrible," Kobylinski said. "Why this happened to him makes no sense."

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# Auto dealers' events support GC sports

By Sue Mason  
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Two local auto dealerships are teaming up with Garden City High school in support of the athletics programs.

North Brothers Ford of Westland and Gordon Chevrolet of Garden City are staging events in October which will put money in sports programs and in the case of Gordon Chevrolet, possibly money or a new truck for one lucky person.

"I'm thrilled as a principal to have a partnership with two auto dealers, it shows how they work with community," said Erik Fisher, Garden City High School principal.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, North Brothers will bring Ford's Drive One 4 UR School event to the high school. Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., it will have 14 vehicles on hand for people to test drive. The dealership will donate \$25 for each of the first 300 test drives. The money will go to Cougars 4 Sports and help the athletic director's account.

"He will be able to put money into programs at his discretion," Fisher said. "Sports is important to the school, certainly with the success of Cougar football. Across the school year, 30-35 percent of our students are in sports."

People need only show up at the parking lot of the

high school at 6500 Middlebelt on Saturday to the Ford vehicles, including the F-150 pickup, Fusion and Focus. The time required to participate is approximately 15-20 minutes. Drivers must be 18 years or older with a valid driver's license. One drive per household is allowed and car seats can't be accommodated for the event.

Gordon Chevrolet will bring a 2012 Chevrolet Silverado pickup to the Cougars last home football game of the season on Friday, Oct. 14, where on lucky person during half-time will have the chance to kick the football into the bed of the truck and win the truck or \$20,000

in cash. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$3 each by the school's sports teams which will get to keep the money from the tickets they sell. A drawing will be held to determine who will kick the ball from a reasonable distance.

There are a few rules, according to Fisher. Professional and Olympic athletes as well as current and former football and soccer players from up to six years ago are ineligible as are football and soccer coaches.

The ball also will have to be kicked into the bed of the truck and stay for the contestant to win either the truck or the cash. Persons over age 18 will have

the choice, however, those age 17 and under will get the money, which "preferably will be used for college," Fisher said.

Gordon Chevrolet also will donate \$1,000 to the high school football program.

"We truly appreciate this," said Fisher. "There's a strong correlation with sports and academics and sports and physical fitness. Athletics promotes sportsmanship, self-esteem and cooperation among the players."

For more information about the event, call the high school at (734) 762-8350.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## GC man arrested in assault of teenage girl

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

A Garden City man has been arrested for sexually assaulting a girl outside Edison Elementary School Friday evening.

The 14-year-old girl told police she was on the school grounds about 8:20 p.m. when she was approached by man who initially made small talk with her, said Westland police Sgt. Brian Miller.

The man then asked the girl if she wanted to kiss him, she told police, but she turned him down and began to walk away.

"He tackled her, sprayed her in the face with mace, ripped her shirt open and groped her," said Miller. "She tried to use her cell phone. He grabbed the phone and fled."

During the struggle, the girl struck the man in the face and bit him on the arm, Miller said. After the man fled, the girl ran to a nearby apartment complex and police were called. Fire Rescue treated the girl's eyes for the

chemical spray. Otherwise, she had received minor scratches and scrapes.

A similar incident was reported a year ago in the area of Hunter and Central City Parkway. The Garden City man was identified as a suspect in that incident but hadn't been charged. Based on the incident Friday and the victim's description, the Garden City man was again identified as a suspect.

"She (the victim) did an excellent job. She gave us a detailed description that helped in getting him identified," said Miller.

Arrested late Sunday night, Miller said police found evidence that the suspect had been bitten on the arm.

"She got him pretty good," Miller said.

The suspect is expected to be arraigned Tuesday or Wednesday on charges of criminal sexual conduct, assault and strong arm robbery for the theft of the cell phone.

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## 2 GC residents charged in police corruption case

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Two Garden City residents are among six individuals who will be in Romulus's 34th District Court Oct. 5 for a preliminary hearing on felony racketeering charges in a corruption case involving members of the Romulus Police Department.

Michael Charles St. Andre and his wife, Sandra Kay Vlaz-St. Andre, and Detective Sgt. Richard Allan Balzer, Detective Richard Bruce Landry and Detective Donald Ralph Hopkins were arraigned Tuesday afternoon before 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley on the charges which carry a maximum penalty of up to 20 years in prison.

Also arraigned on charges of misconduct in office and neglect of duty were Detective Jeremy James Channells and Detective Larry Droegge. The felony charges carry a maximum penalty of five years in prison. Channells also faces a second charge of misconduct in office for filing a false police report.

The charges stem from a more than year-long investigation by the Michigan State Police into allegations of misconduct, corruption and embezzlement of drug forfeiture funds by select members of the Romulus Police Department Special Investigation Unit and highly placed command personnel.

"The alleged conduct of the former Romu-

lus police chief, his wife and the five detectives in this case defines a culture of corruption and greed at its core," said Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy. "This is not an indictment of the entire Romulus Police Department that has honest, hard-working officers who put their lives on the line to protect us each day."

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation worked on the case after receiving the case from State Police and the Michigan Attorney General's Office in April 2010.

"Although an investigation of this nature takes hundreds of hours of time, it is crucial that we charge defendants where we find them, even when it is in a police department," Worthy said. "I am extremely proud of the work that my staff, MSP and the FBI have completed to bring these defendants to justice."

It's alleged that the defendants between January 2006 through September 2011 repeatedly made, or assisted others in submitting expense reports in an effort to seek improper reimbursement; created fraudulent documents to support improper expenditures of drug forfeiture funds; obstructed justice; made false statements in police reports; and misused City of Romulus funds for their own personal gain.

St. Andre is a 28-year veteran of the police

department. He has been charged with conducting a criminal enterprise, acquiring/maintaining criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise conspiracy, embezzlement by public official over \$50, uttering and publishing, misconduct in office, failure to file/false return, obstruction of justice, witness-bribery/intimidating/interfering in a case and receiving and concealing stolen property over \$20,000.

Sandra Kay Vlaz-St. Andre, 50, was charged with acquiring and maintaining a criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise conspiracy, failure to file taxes by filing a false return, receiving and concealing stolen property over \$20,000.

Balzer, 50, has been charged with conducting a criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise conspiracy, embezzlement by a public official over \$50, uttering and publishing, two counts of misconduct in office and neglect of duty.

Landry, 39, was charged with conducting a criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise conspiracy, embezzlement by a public official over \$50, two counts of misconduct in office and neglect of duty.

Hopkins, 38, was charged with conducting a criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise conspiracy, embezzlement by a public official over \$50, uttering and publishing, two counts of misconduct in office and neglect of duty.

The prosecutor alleged

that St. Andre directed an SIU investigation of Michigan Liquor Control Commission violations, prostitution and narcotics trafficking at the Landing Strip Bar in Romulus and Subi's Place in Southgate in which there was the solicitation of prostitutes for personal gratification, embezzlement, false police reporting, neglect of duty and misconduct in office by the police officers.

He and his wife also are accused of using police forfeiture funds to both purchase and operate the Always Thru at 33712 Ford in Westland.

"The charges filed today are the result of a collaborative effort among these agencies and they underscore the importance of protecting public trust in law enforcement by ensuring public corruption is found and brought to justice," said Col. Criste Kibbey Etue, Stae Police director. "The Romulus Police Department's request of the Michigan State Police to conduct this investigation is a credit to the integrity of their agency."

Oakley set personal bonds ranging from \$25,000 for St. Andre, \$5,000 for his wife, Channells and Droegge and \$20,000 for Landry and Hopkins. He also ordered that the police officers surrender their passports.

The preliminary hearing will be before visiting Judge James Kerstin.

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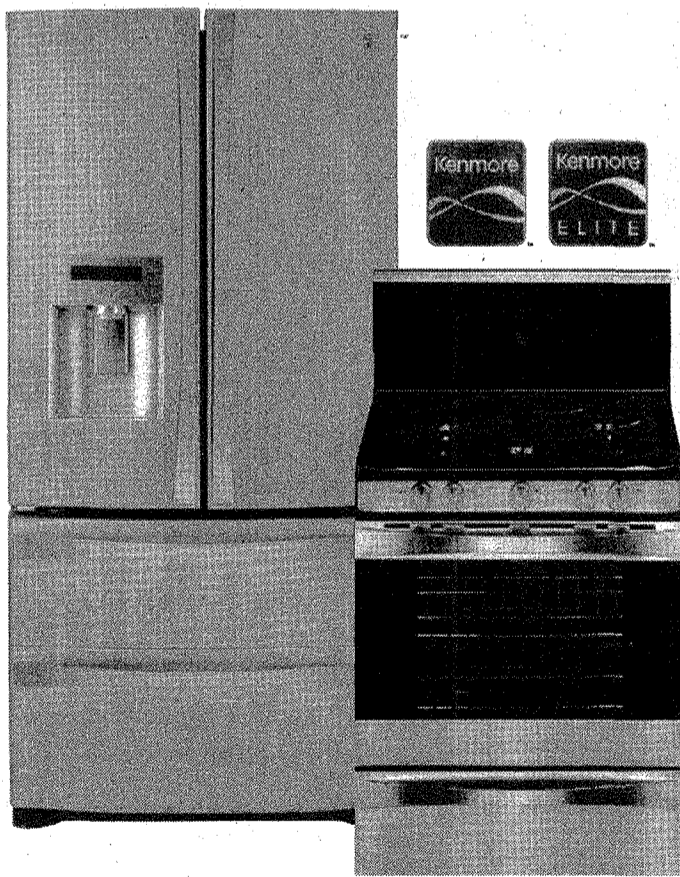
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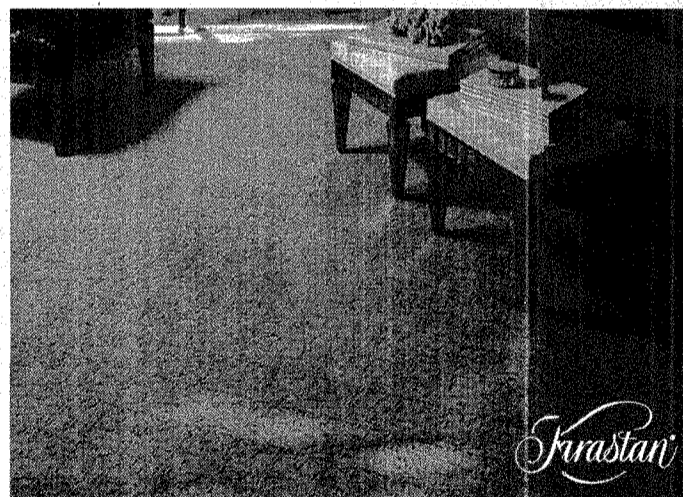
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## Chain saw, router stolen in break-in of garage

### Injured man

A 59-year-old Westland man was listed as brain dead Tuesday morning,

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a day after being struck by a car on Wildwood near Blackfoot.

Westland police said the man walked across Wildwood south of Blackfoot about 8:10 p.m. He was struck by a large sedan traveling south on Wildwood driven by a Westland resident, 85.

The pedestrian was originally hospitalized for what were described as serious but non-life threatening injuries.

Just over 12 hours later, police reported that the man's injuries included massive brain trauma. The attending physician reported to police that all brain activity had ceased as of 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

No criminal charges have been filed as police continue to investigate.

### Break-ins

A resident in the 27000 block of Powers told police Sept. 20 that he had been gone for two days and returned to find someone had forced open his garage door. A chain saw and router valued at \$300 were reported missing.

The man told police he was uncertain if other items were missing since he had recently moved in and was in the process of moving items in and out of the garage.

A 36-inch flat screen television, a 24-inch television, an Xbox game system and video game accessories valued at \$950 were reported stolen from a home in the 29000 block of Julius Sept. 25. A man who lives at the home with his father told police the bedrooms had been ransacked and an attempt was made to steal a 60-inch television which had been disconnected from the cable wires.

Entry was gained through a patio door although there was no sign of forced entry. The resident told police the door had been left locked and was seldom used.

### Larceny from a vehicle

On Sept. 26, a resident in the 37000 block of Marquette told police that someone had broken into the locked bed of her husband's truck and stolen his tools. She said he was out of town and she wasn't able to provide a detailed list of the stolen items.

The officer noted the rear window of the truck cap appeared to have been pried to bypass the locking mechanism. The woman said a vehicle belonging to her adult son had also been broken into.

### Break-in

A 47-inch flat screen television valued at \$1,500 was reported stolen from a home in the 30000 block of Ann Arbor Trail Sept. 26. The homeowner told police he arrived home from work and noticed a kitchen window open. He said the television was missing but nothing else appeared to have been stolen.

### Stolen bicycle

A resident in the 38000 block of Cherry Hill told police Sept. 26 that she was sitting on her back porch when she saw a male teenager enter her neighbor's yard and take a bicycle from the side of garage. She said the suspect fled toward the front of the house and she wasn't able to see which way he went.

The owner told police that he left the bicycle parked near the garage but it wasn't locked. The bicycle was valued at \$250.

By LeAnne Rogers

## Man finds unknown violations on driver's license

### Identity theft

A 30-year-old Garden City resident who went to the office of the Secretary of State to get his

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driving privileges reinstated discovered a greater problem when he learned someone had received additional violations in his name.

The man told police Sept. 27 that he had no knowledge of violations issued in his from 2009 and 2010. The man suspect a friend of his may have assumed his identity.

### Stolen vehicle

Earlier in the week, police contacted the registered owner of a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado to investigate why the vehicle, missing half of the engine, was parked at Ford and Shotka. The owner indicated he had left it with a friend for repair and the vehicle was last seen at that friend's home on Rosslyn Street.

When the owner went to remove the truck on Sept. 27 at the request of police, he discovered it was now gone from the street and its whereabouts unknown.

### Drunken driving

A 27-year-old Detroit resident was arrested Sept. 26 for driving while intoxicated after a motorist contacted police about his erratic driving.

The callers reported the vehicle was weaving, striking the curb and had nearly collided with other traffic. Officers found the vehicle in the area of Ford and Middlebelt and observed signs of intoxication. The driver would

not submit to roadside field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

He was arrested and cited for OWI and driving while suspended and lodged until sober.

### Shoplifting

Loss Prevention staff at Kmart, 29600 Ford, contacted police Sept. 26 after detaining a 24-year-old Garden City resident who they believed had stolen approximately \$42 in merchandise.

The employees reported that they had watched the woman remove clothing and shoes from display and conceal those items in her purse.

After first providing a false name, the suspect admitted to her real identity and was arrested and cited for retail fraud. The merchandise was recovered.

### Stolen property

On Sept. 25, a 30-year-old Garden City resident found her cell phone had been stolen from her vehicle while it was parked in the lot of Kroger at 5866 Middlebelt. The victim told police her vehicle had been locked but a window was left partially rolled down.

### Break-in

Officers responded to a burglary alarm Sept. 24 at a business in the 100 block of Inkster Road and found the doors and windows secure and no signs of forced entry.

An officer noted a few items of clothing on the ground outside of the business and the owner was summoned to the scene to check the interior. It was discovered that approximately \$10,000 in clothing had been stolen

from the interior.

The owner turned surveillance footage over to the police for further investigation.

### Stolen bike

A 13-year-old bicyclist from Garden City quickly became a pedestrian after his unlocked bike, valued at \$300, was stolen from outside the 7-Eleven at Ford and Merriman. A witness reported seeing one of three youths who had been loitering outside of the store got on the bike and ride away after the victim went inside.

### Shoplifting

A 42-year-old Garden City resident was arrested after taking a \$10 bottle of rum from the 7-Eleven store at 28205 Ford without paying. A witness contacted police and followed the man as he fled on his bicycle from the store.

When officers intercepted the man, he refused to stop and rode around a police car blocking his path. An officer and the witness on foot eventually chased the bicyclist and he was taken into custody.

The man, who officers learned had a .25 percent blood alcohol content, was lodged until sober and cited for retail fraud and resisting a police officer.

A hold was placed for an outstanding warrant from Inkster.

### Stolen property

Compact discs and a flashlight were stolen from a vehicle in the 33000 block of Hennepin Sept. 23. The owner reported the vehicle was inadvertently left unlocked and the items were stolen during the night.

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'Chocolate Affair'

First Step will hold its seventh annual 'A Chocolate Affair' and garden luncheon noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth, to benefit the Wayne County shelter for domestic violence.

Sample chocolate delights from southeastern Michigan restaurants, confectioners and caterers and help support the fight against domestic violence. The event is hosted by Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Elizabeth Fagan Division. The lunch will be noon-2 p.m., and the 'Chocolate Affair' 2-5 p.m.

Luncheon advance sale only tickets are \$25, 'Chocolate Affair' tickets are \$25. Tickets are available at First Step in Plymouth or through the Elizabeth Fagan Division LAOH. For more information, call Barb at (734) 453-1459 or Kittie at (248) 449-6570.



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Giving Back

As part of Comerica Bank's National Day of Service, Comerica colleagues Sharon Wroblewski of Westland (left) and Carrie Rossi of Livonia (right) volunteered to help construct a float at the Parade Company in Detroit on Saturday, Sept. 24. In its fourth year, Comerica's National Day of Service is part of the bank's commitment to giving back to the communities it serves.

Child ID

Wayne Masonic Lodge 112 will provide a free child identification program during Mayor William Wild's annual 'Take a Night Off From Violence' Thursday, Oct. 13. The event will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Bailey Recreation Center.

Each child that goes through the process will receive a dental impression as well as a CD containing a photo, video, digital fingerprints and their vital information. Parents or guardians of children who participate must be present and fill out a permission slip for the child to receive the service.

The Michigan Masonic Child ID Program provides the family with everything needed for the Amber Alert System. The program is also considered one of the most comprehensive programs of its kind by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and is also endorsed by the Michigan Sheriff's Association. The Detroit Office of Homeland Security has stated that 'the Michigan Masonic Child ID Program is the greatest program that they have seen,' and it

is highly touted by many local police agencies!

For more information about the event or to schedule your own event, call Wayne Lodge 112 at (734) 721-7950, send an e-mail to bernardbrewer@comcast.net; or consult the Michigan Child ID Web Site at www.michip.org.

Folklore Day

The Westland Historic Village Park will celebrate American folk crafts, music and storytelling at its second annual Modern Americana City of Westland Celebrates American Folklore 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15.

Guests will have the opportunity to view and participate in a variety of crafting demonstra-

tions, including spinning, weaving, knitting, quilting, paper cutting and chair caning. New this year will be live dulcimer music and storytelling.

For the young and young-at-heart, storytelling and take-home projects will be available. State Sen. Glenn Anderson, State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt will engage visitors with the stories of America's folk heroes throughout the afternoon. Guests also can try their hands at candle-dipping and make a corn-husk doll.

The event is free of charge. The Westland Historic Village Park is located at 857 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Seminar focuses on finding ancestors

The Livonia Civic Center Library and the Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will have Barbara Vines Little, a Certified Genealogist and a Fellow of the Virginia Genealogical Society, as the presenter at a day-long genealogy seminar Saturday, Nov. 5.

The seminar, 'Finding that Elusive Ancestor' will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington, Livonia. From finding that lost female ancestor to re-creating your ancestor's neighborhood, to finding unindexed loose records and solving that one research problem, it will have something for every level of genealogy experience.

Little has been a professional genealogist since 1982. She specializes in Virginia record sources, land platting, neighborhood reconstruction, as well as complete genealogies, lineage society applications and problem-solving.

She is a former president and board member of both the National Genealogical Society and the Virginia Genealogical Society, editor of the quarterly Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, author of NGS Research in the States - Research in West Virginia and for-

mer editor of the bi-monthly Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter and MidAtlantic Germanic Society's newsletter, Der Kurier.

Seminar topics include 'Identifying Women: The Ultimate Brick Wall,' how to locate and decipher the clues that help us identify the unnamed women in our family tree; 'Re-creating Your Ancestor's Neighborhood,' how to use of maps, land plats, taxes and other records to put an ancestor on the land and identify his neighbors; 'Chancery Records: The Secrets They Hold, The Families They Reveal,' how to find these unindexed loose records and how to interpret the information in them, and 'Correlating Evidence,' techniques for correlating genealogical evidence and demonstrate the power of correlated evidence in solving research problems.

The seminar costs \$27 per person, if preregistered by Oct. 27. If space permits, walk-in registrations will be accepted. After Oct. 27, the cost will be \$35 per person. A box lunch, which includes a sandwich, salad, chips, fruit, dessert and a drink, will be available for \$7.

For more information call Sue Cromwell at (248) 477-5846.

Lot split OK'd for Habitat home

A lot split to allow construction of two Habitat for Humanity houses on Middlebelt has been approved by the Westland council. The parcel is located

on the east side of Middlebelt at the corner of Currier, just north of Van Born. Two lots will be created with 65 feet of frontage along Middlebelt.

A third lot which runs along the east of the new lots will be divided to add approximately 38 feet of depth to each of the new lots.

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County already has a new home under construction on the northern lot - a project sponsored by Delta Airlines.

The second home is scheduled to get under construction next month and will be built by a consortium of churches.

Part of the Carver Subdivision No. 4, the property had been vacant and is zoned for two-family residential.



CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold two Public Hearings on Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearings is to solicit public comments on the following:

- 1. 11-008, Special Land Use. 32400 Ford Road is proposing a minor engine repair for marine motors and sales of engine parts and small boating accessories. Outdoor storage will be offered. The property is zoned M-1, Light Industrial. Engine repair and outdoor storage are a special land use in the M-1 zoning district.
2. 11-009, Special Land Use. 32917 Ford Road is proposing a used car dealership. The property is zoned C-3, General Business. Vehicle sales are a special land use in the C-3 zoning district.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 20 9/19/11

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Reeves
165: Appr: minutes of regular meeting held 9/6/11.
- Appr. LHS homecoming parade-9/30/11 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Appr. Jaycees Haunted House @ Wayne Ford Civic League; various dates-7:00 p.m.-midnight.
- Intro. Bud. Amend. 2012-01; Library Fund \$116,000.00.
- Intro. Ord. 29-W-38 to amend Ch. 22 Art. II of the City Code to provide for enforcement of the floodplain management regulations of the State Construction Code.
- Adopted Prepared Resolution recognizing Detroit Dark Angels Football Club as Non-Profit organization.
- Adopted District Court Consolidation Project Joint Resolution.
166: Appr. Land Division, part of PID #083-05-0338-336, Lots 368-371, Carver Sub. No. 4, e. side of Middlebelt, n. of Van Born w.contingencies.
167: Appr. Rev. Site Plan for Brookfield Phase II PUD, PID #050-99-0005-007, 051-99-0054-701 & -702 & 0057-001, n. side of Cherry Hill, w. of John Hix w/ contingencies.
168: Conf. appt. of J. Lezotte to DDA for 4 yr. term to exp. 9/20/15.
169: Conf. appt. of J. Rea to DDA for 4 yr. term to exp. 10/1/15.
171: Appt'd M. Mayfield as ZBA Commissioner to fill unexp. 3 yr. term to exp. 5/6/14.
172: Appt'd S. Smith as dele. to MERS Conf. 9/27-29.
173: Appt'd C. King as alt. dele. to MERS Conf. 9/27-29.
173: Appr. checklist: \$957, 785.28 & Prepaid: \$842, 469.63.
Mtg. adj. at 7:55 p.m.
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*Dancing with the Stars* pros Edyta Sliwinska and Alec Mazo will perform at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 19th Annual Gala, "Dancing like the Stars," Friday, Oct. 7.



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WXYZ-Channel 7 News Anchor JoAnne Purtan will emcee the event, which will be held at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia. The gala, which includes a gourmet dinner, dancing and music by the Mel Ball and Colours Band, will benefit the Generations Together Campaign, which supports the hospital's new South Pavilion construction project.

In 2005, Sliwinska appeared on the first season of the popular television show, *Dancing with the Stars*, and is the only professional dancer to appear on the first 10 seasons. Born in Poland,

she became a successful ballroom dancer there and has achieved world-class status representing Poland on International competitions all over the world.

Mazo has been involved in five seasons of *Dancing with the Stars* and is best known for being the winner of the first season with Kelly Monaco. He has toured with *Dancing with the Stars* and was featured in the fitness section of the show's new book. He is a five-time U.S. National Finalist.

"We're absolutely thrilled that Edyta and Alec will be gracing the dance floor at our gala event. This evening will be filled with elegance and entertainment from start to finish," said Dan Murphy, gala chair. "The dancers will add excitement to this already enjoyable night."

The hospital's new South Pavilion is an addition featuring all private rooms, a new state-of-the-art emergency cen-

ter, as well as renovation of current semi-private patient rooms to private rooms.

"This project as a whole provides the latest technology and design for a healing environment - bringing health-care in this community to the next level," said David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "Guests of this gala will be part of the future of the hospital and enjoy a dynamic evening at the same time."

Individual and corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. Guest tickets are \$125 per person. A portion of the ticket purchases is tax-deductible. For tickets or sponsorship information, call the St. Mary Mercy Development Office at (734) 655-2980, or visit [stmymercy.org/annualgala](http://stmymercy.org/annualgala) for more information.

The gala is presented by Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips and family - Phillips Service Industries, Inc.

# Put some research into charitable giving

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

I recently read that charities will begin their annual, year-end pitch for money earlier than in previous years. Americans are by far the most generous people on earth. We give to charities around the world hoping to make the world a better place. The problem is the unscrupulous individuals who know how generous Americans are and seek to take advantage of this generosity. That is why, at least once a year, I feel compelled to write and remind readers how important it is to do some research before giving to a charity.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

itynavigator.org and [www.give.org](http://www.give.org). Remember, one of the tricks used by unscrupulous charities is using a name that sounds similar to a well-known charity. Make sure you research the exact name of the charity, not something similar.

Unfortunately what has happened over the last few years is that charities have turned to professional fundraisers to help solicit funds. I say unfortunately because many of these professional fundraisers take a substantial amount of money for their services. For example, some charities use professional phone solicitation. Although many of these companies are on the up and up, they take as much as 50 percent of the money collected in fees.

When I give to a charity, I want to make sure that the company soliciting my donation is not getting 50 percent of the contribution. My general rule is I don't give to phone solicitation. If I get solicited by phone for a charity, I always ask to have something sent in writing. Also, I never give charge card information over the phone. And unless I am familiar with the charity, I do not give over the Internet. Too many bad things can happen over the Internet with charities.

Another rule I have is that I don't like to be pressured. I recognize charities sometimes have to twist some arms to get people to give, however, they shouldn't be using pressure tactics. In addition,


I'm not swayed one way or the other when charities send me free gifts in the mail. Legally you have no obligation to donate to these organizations. You can keep the gifts without any obligation. That being said, I always question if a charity has money to send me gifts, maybe they don't need my contribution.

Many organizations send little gifts to encourage a contribution but don't let that sway your decision. You still have to do your research on the charity.

One other tactic that charities use is tugging at your heartstring. Whether it's stories of kids in Third World nations or of animals that are abused, the pictures and the stories that you see tear at your heart. In other words, they accomplish exactly what they're trying to achieve. Don't let these stories and pictures sway you. Once again, too many people use this tactic to get potential donors to let down their guard. Don't fall for this.

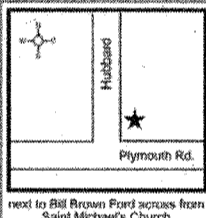
As we enter the charitable giving season, it's important that you do your research to make sure that when you give your hard-earned money to a charity, the money is going to the cause that you want and not just to line someone's pocket. Good luck!

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

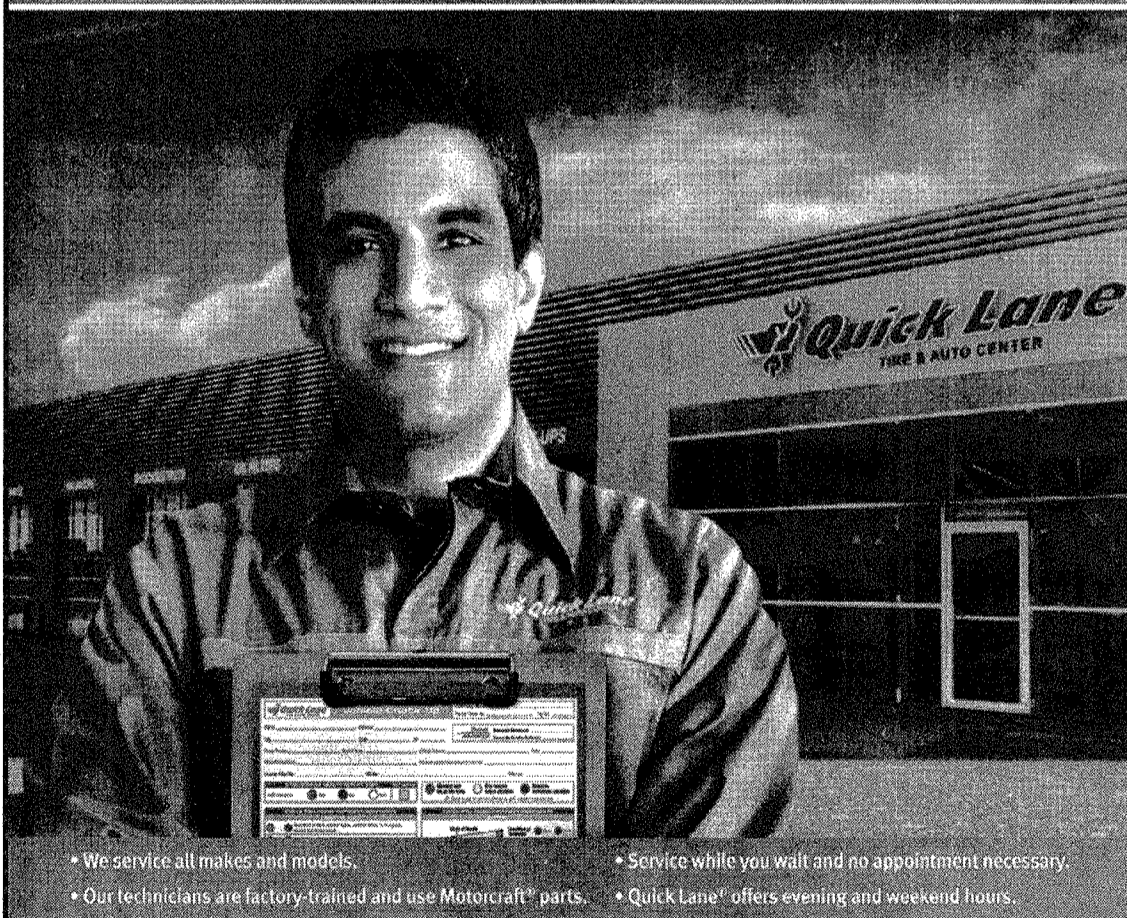


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# Afternoon delight: Culinary event full of fun, great food

Great food, luscious pastries and fine wines paired with a perfect autumn afternoon spelled success for the 20th annual Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza.

More than 500 attendees were treated to a wide variety of exceptional culinary offerings. Oysters from Mitchell's Fish Market in Livonia, a sushi bar provided by Joe's Produce and Gourmet Market and a scrumptious pork appetizer offered up by chefs from MGM Grand Detroit had patrons lining up for seconds.

The Schoolcraft College Foundation presented the event, which featured more than 40 tasting stations placed throughout the VisTaTech Center. Proceeds from the event provide scholarships and grants for students.

In addition to food and wine, attendees participated in a silent auction, a wine-tasting seminar and, new this year, a wholesome healthy foods demonstration by master chef Jeff Gabriel.

"It was an exciting addition to the event.

Where else can you go hear a master chef talk about food preparation for virtually no cost?" said Marjorie Lynch, Special Events & Fundraising/Development coordinator at Schoolcraft College and member of the host committee.

Highlight of this year's raffle was a Hearts on Fire diamond necklace from Orin Jewelers in Garden City and Northville valued at \$3,400. Colleen Paige of Redford Township won the necklace.

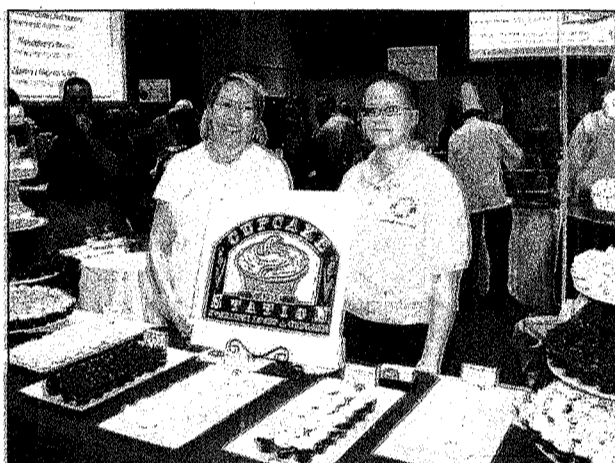
Some 60 businesses and/or individuals sponsored this year's event, which raised some \$40,000 in sponsorships.

"This will exceed our 2009 total and we are pleased with that," Lynch said, adding the committee was also pleased with the auction results, which she attributed to great variety and "presentation of packages." Betsy McCue of Livonia served as the auction committee chair.

Fundraising is the foundation's primary role. Since its inception in 1966, the foundation has raised \$4.5 million in scholarships.



The culinary event attracted patrons from throughout the metro area. Enjoying the food and wine event were (from left) Mike Goebelbecker of Dearborn, Rebecca Shelby of Plymouth, Marcela Arana of Belleville and Elaine Chen of Dearborn.



The Cupcake Station in downtown Plymouth had some 700 samples of five flavors for culinary guests. Staffing the tasting station are (from left) Denise Castor and Amanda Frisk.



Valerie Byrd of Plymouth enjoys hearing about wine from volunteer wine pourers John and Jane Hillock of Livonia.



Walt Menard of Plymouth Township pours a glass of wine for Stephanie Goecke of Plymouth Township. Menard is a member of the Over the Grill Gang, a local chef's club, and a volunteer wine pourer at the Schoolcraft event.



Enjoying good food and good company at Sunday's event were (from left standing and seated) Orin and Tina Mazzoni of Farmington Hills and owners of Orin Jewelers in Garden City and Northville; Sarah Obomsawin (seated), marketing director at Orin Jewelers in Garden City; Eileen Kearfott of Livonia, a Schoolcraft graduate; and John and Judy Santeiu of John N. Santeiu & Son in Garden City. John Santeiu was one of the original signers of the articles incorporation for Schoolcraft College and an honorary member of the foundation board. Orin Mazzoni is past president of the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board. Orin Jewelers donated the Hearts on Fire diamond necklace which was first prize in this year's raffle drawing.



Chris Cook (left), sous chef at The Henry Ford, and David McGregor, banquet chef, prepare an appetizer for event goers. McGregor is a graduate of the Schoolcraft culinary program.



Abe Munfakh, a Plymouth Township resident and member of the 2011 Culinary Extravaganza host and sponsor committees, is all smiles as he accepts a sample of apple bacon pie with ginger snap crust from Laura Ingram of Armitage Catering in Farmington Hills.



Chef Linda Armitage of Armitage Catering /Finnish Banquet & Conference Center in Farmington Hills prepared a Trinidadian-style chicken with pickled topping and accented with spicy plantain chips. Chef Armitage lives in Novi.

Coordinating this year's culinary event were Kristina Mayer, secretary of the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board of Governors and chair of the event, and Marjorie Lynch, coordinator, Special Events & Fundraising/Development at Schoolcraft College. Mayer is vice president and branch manager of Bank of Ann Arbor's Plymouth Township office.





## Alexander the Great marks 34th year with specials

Alexander the Great Restaurant is celebrating its 34th anniversary with special discounts and new partnership.

The restaurant has been a staple of the southeast Michigan dining community, but this month the restaurant surpasses a major milestone in celebrating its 34th anniversary. It has outlasted its namesake.

Tom and Paulina Tomich launched their family dining restaurant in September 1977 in Westland. In naming the restaurant, they wanted to pay homage to their European roots while making a statement about their ambitions.

The restaurant's namesake, Alexander the Great, conquered most of the known world before dying at age thirty-three in the year 323 B.C. Centuries later, the Tomichs hoped to have a similar reign of success.

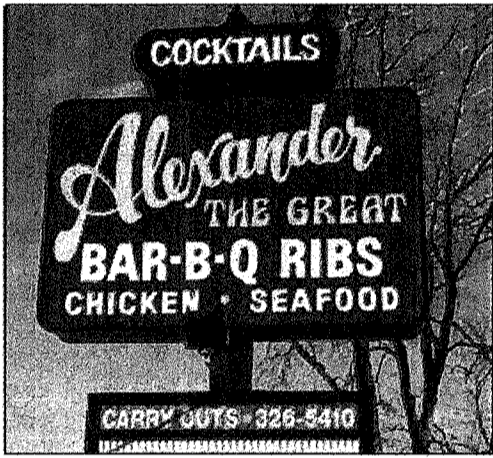
"We were young, hungry and had high expectations for ourselves" said Tom Tomich, owner of Alexander the Great. "Unlike Alexander, however we quickly determined that instead of rapid expansion, we wanted to focus on establishing ourselves in this community as a reliable, consistent place with the best combination of food, service and price."

The restaurant offers a variety of dishes that satisfy all appetites from its famous BBQ ribs, pulled pork and mostaccioli to broasted chicken, fish and chips and kiddie menu. Known as "the Great Place for Ribs," its serves large St. Louis-style pork ribs, seasoned with a special dry-rub, slow-cooked over a unique open-roaster fire and slathered with a secret old-world recipe, tangy sweet barbecue sauce.

To celebrate its success and longevity, Alexander the Great will be offering customers a new "Two for Under Twenty (\$20)" menu, along with their



Alexander the Great in Westland serves up a slab of ribs after cooking them on a rotisserie, then smothering them in a secret recipe barbecue sauce.



Alexander the Great's sign is a landmark on Warren Road east of Wayne Road.

daily specials, and popular \$5.95 lunch menu. Later this fall, it will launch a partnership with the new MJR Digital Cinemas - opening Nov. 4 - to offer another great value, the Alexander the Great "Dinner and Movie" package.

"As part of this community for 34 years, we have seen good times and bad time and recognize that the economy has devastated this region," said Tom Tomich. "We want to keep offering great food

and service at a real value, so that when people do get out and enjoy themselves from time to time they do it here. We want to remain the place where people can take comfort that they will get good bang for their buck."

The movie and dinner package is available for purchase at Alexander the Great, located at 34733 Warren Road, just east of Wayne Road. For more information, call the restaurant at (734) 326-5410.

## BUSINESS EVENTS

### HAUNTED FOREST

**Dates:** Saturday, Oct. 1, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 7-8, 14-15 and 21-22, and Thursday through Monday, Oct. 27-31

**Location:** Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill, Westland

**Details:** Death's quiet whisper will accompany you down a Haunted Path. The trees beckon you, the night air welcomes you, darkness reaches into your soul and brings you onto this lone-some path. Unsuspecting visitors will greet you along the way and only their sympathetic guidance will lead you out The Haunted Forest of Skateland West. Hours are 7-10 p.m. week days and 7 p.m. to midnight weekends. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$12 for children under age 12. For more information, call (734) 326-2801.

### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

**Time/Date:** 2-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29

**Location:** Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland

**Details:** The City of Westland, WDIV Local 4 News and Vintage Tech Recyclers have partnered to host a FREE electronics recycling collection day. Items that will be accepted include computers, cell phones, printers, scanners, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, camcorders, cameras, telephones, cell phones, typewriters, calculators, game players, joysticks and numerous other devices.

**Contact:** For more information about electronics recycling, see the Vintage Tech Recycling webpage at [www.vintagetechnology.com](http://www.vintagetechnology.com).

### SOCIAL MEDIA SEMINAR

**Time/Date:** 8:15-10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, registration and continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

### SEND IT

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

**Location:** Henry Ruff School, 30300 Maplewood, Garden City

**Details:** The 5 Star Business Group is hosting a "Social Media and Your Business" seminar, featuring Jay Johnson of Partner WorldLink Communications. If you want to be where your customers are, you should know that more than three-quarters of Americans, and two-thirds of the Internet using population are using social media. The seminar will assist businesses in developing a comprehensive understanding of social media and how to use it for marketing, advertising, and increasing sales volume. Cost is \$20 for pre-registered members and \$25 for non-members and walk-ins (space permitting).

**Contact:** Reservations by Oct. 20 by calling the Garden City Chamber of Commerce at (734) 422-4448.

### DOLLAR DESSERTS

**Location:** Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe is at 8036 N. Wayne Road, north of Warren Road, Westland.

**Details:** Do you have a sweet tooth that never seems to be satisfied without putting a dent in your wallet? At Mary Denning's, you never have to worry about that again. The shop now offers a dollar dessert menu, featuring many

of its customer favorites. Cupcakes, fun-size bars, cinnamon crumb cakes, yesterday's fresh muffins, gourmet coffee, cookies (three for \$1), and a new dessert called cake butts. The dollar dessert menu enables you to take control of your sweet tooth and your wallet.

**Contact:** Call (888) 715-4479.

### MASK FITTING CLINIC

**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m.

Wednesdays

**Location:** Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland

**Details:** Attention CPAP and BiPAP users. Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center can help. Visit the, any Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed.

**Contact:** (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

### CLIENT DISCOUNT

**Time/Date:** Going on now

**Location:** Saranda's Salon, 35135 Warren Road, Westland

**Details:** To celebrate our 36th year in business, Saranda's is offering a 20 percent loyalty discount for preferred clients. Mention code 20 LPC Saranda's is a full service hair salon offering men's and women's cuts, formal styling, color, highlights, permanent waving, Brazilian straightening treatments and facial waxing. Salon hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Walk-ins are also welcome.

**Contact:** Call for an appointment at (734) 728-4834, or visit the website at [www.sarandasalon.com](http://www.sarandasalon.com).

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Extends network

UnitedHealthcare and Henry Ford Health System (HFHS) have extended their network relationship, giving UnitedHealthcare employer and individual plan participants continued access to HFHS's hospitals and facilities.

HFHS is a comprehensive, integrated health system that provides wide-ranging services including acute, specialty, primary and preventive care - backed by excellence in research and education. Its flagship is Henry Ford Hospital, an 802-bed tertiary care hospital, education and research complex in Detroit's New Center area.

"UnitedHealthcare is strengthening our relationship and shared commitment with Henry Ford Health System to provide Michigan residents access to quality and affordable health care," said Jelka Petrovic, CEO, UnitedHealthcare Employer and Individual of Michigan. "Henry Ford Health System is an important provider of clinical care, education, research and health services, and we know our customers appreciate having access to this outstanding organization."

UnitedHealthcare, a UnitedHealth Group company, serves about 635,000 Michigan residents with a health care network of nearly 16,000 physicians and 130 hospitals statewide.

### Supporting teachers

Dressbarn is continuing its tradition of supporting America's teachers by hosting a Teacher Appreciation event Friday, Sept. 30. This one-day event offers teachers an exclusive 20 percent discount off their entire purchase of regular-priced merchandise at Dressbarn stores nationwide and on-line at [dressbarn.com](http://dressbarn.com).

During the event, teachers will be pampered with personal attention, fashion tips and top-notch service as they shop for the latest fall fashions at the specialty women's apparel retailer. Dressbarn's exclusive line of business and casual fashions helps women in all walks of life follow the store's advice: "Live within your means. Dress beyond them."

"Our stores are proud members of their local business communities," said Vivian Behrens, executive vice-president and chief marketing officer of Dressbarn and Maurice's. "This Teacher Appreciation event gives us an opportunity to say 'thank you' to the dedicated professional educators who help to make communities across the country great places to live and work."

Dressbarn stores can be found in The Heights Shopping Center, 26478 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights; Crossroads Village, 47220 Michigan Ave.,

Canton, and Newburgh Plaza, 37217 Six Mile, Livonia.

### Hero memberships

Anytime Fitness in Westland is offering a program for local heroes and their family members.

The membership recognizes the sacrifices made by military personnel - retired, Reserves and National Guard - as well as police officers, firefighters, teachers and school staff, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, nurses and other health care providers.

Interested persons need to provide proof of employment, and must accompany their family members for the membership process.

Anytime Fitness is a 24-hour/7-day a week fitness facility with cardio theatre, treadmills, elliptical runners, stationary bikes, and recumbent bikes, selectorized strength training equipment, free weights, and private showers. The membership also comes with a free fitness evaluation and orientation with the personal trainer.

Some of other features Anytime Fitness offers are free nationwide anywhere access at all of our Anytime Fitness locations and unlimited 24-hour tanning.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Voters said yes

## It's time for Legislature to fix marijuana law

Not everyone was happy when Michigan voters overwhelmingly said that marijuana should be available for those who find it helpful in dealing with pain and other debilitating symptoms arising from various medical conditions.

Those people should be happy now. Thanks to a vague law, a listless Legislature, aggressive police work and a crushing appellate court ruling, it's just about impossible for a person to legally obtain the marijuana that 63 percent of the state voters said should be available to them.

In other words, if grandma's cancer-related nausea is alleviated by a small dose of marijuana, she better know how to grow it herself. Or she better have a grandchild who can connect her with the local pot pusher.

**The Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, approved in a statewide referendum in 2008, has some wording problems. But, vague wording notwithstanding, the public clearly supported the intent.**

That didn't sit well with some politicians, including Bill Schuette who two years later became attorney general, thanks to a Republican landslide.

It also hasn't set well with police and prosecutors, particularly in Oakland County. To be fair, they were in a bind. The possession, manufacture and sale of marijuana is still illegal. Without clear guidelines they need to enforce the law as they understand it. Some, however, seem to take this responsibility quite eagerly.

For instance, the Michigan Court of Appeals court ruled recently that no one — caregivers or so-called dispensaries — could legally sell marijuana to legitimate, card-holding medical marijuana users. A day later, two Ann Arbor medical marijuana clinics were raided by mask-wearing police officers who took some employees away in handcuffs. Police officials said that the raids were unrelated to the court ruling, but also declined to provide any details or specifics about what crime may have been committed.

Attorney General Schuette didn't try to restrain his glee. Shortly after the appeals court ruling, he essentially informed law enforcement officials that it was open season on medical marijuana clinics. In a prepared statement, he called the ruling "a huge victory for public safety and Michigan communities struggling with an invasion of pot shops near their schools, homes and churches."

Schuette described the horror created by the act. It seems that somewhere in the state, the holder of a medical marijuana card may have been stopped while driving under the influence of pot.

Some communities have passed local ordinances saying that, in short, "the possession, cultivation and use of marijuana violates the federal Controlled Substance Act." Other communities like have basically ignored the voter-approved law, placing a moratorium on the issue since it was passed. Officials have said they were waiting for county and state legislators to tackle the issue.

The law makes it legal for a person to use marijuana for medical purposes, but officials say it provides no legal way for a person to obtain that marijuana. That's even more true now that the appeals court has spoken.

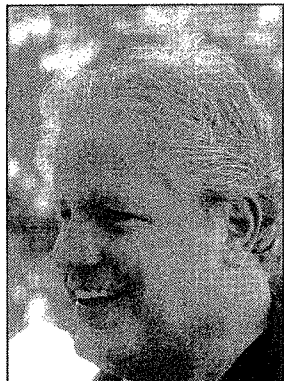
But Lansing has barely lifted a finger, despite continued evidence that people want this solved in a way that will provide for the safe, effective distribution of marijuana for legitimate medical purposes.

Legislators have had time to cut funding to public schools, hack away at public employee benefits, raise taxes on retirees and cut benefits to children in poverty. But grandma and her glaucoma? She's on her own.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

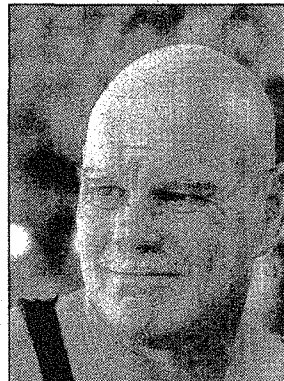
# What's the last random act of kindness you gave or received?

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



"I go on Facebook and post positive messages. I get 20 friends a day. People like it."

**Gregory Balteff**  
Westland



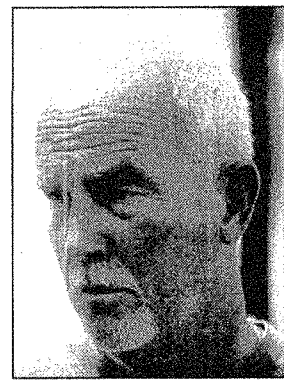
"I don't know."

**Jeff Hellems**  
Westland



"I reached out to someone in a minority group and invited them to join my group. I notice when people need something like that."

**Louise Yops**  
Westland



"Saturday, I gave a little boy a Detroit Lions football that the Lions had given to me. I work for the airlines."

**Dan Juzyk**  
Westland

## LETTERS

### Improving health

I applaud Gov. Snyder for acknowledging the importance of improving the health of Michigan residents. Many believe we are in better heart health than we really are. A recent American Heart Association survey reported nearly 40 percent of us believe we are in ideal heart health, yet in reality less than 1 percent have an ideal health profile.

I encourage you to use the association's My Life Check tool that is free and easy to use. Find the tool at [www.mylifecheck.org](http://www.mylifecheck.org). Just fill out a short questionnaire to get your heart health score. You then receive a report that can assist with reaching many of the governor's suggestions, including tips on how to maintain a healthy diet, be physically active, avoid tobacco use and more.

We can dramatically improve cardiovascular health by targeting the environments where people live, work and play with strong public policy initiatives. Passing clean indoor air laws, increasing quality physical education in schools and reducing fat

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and sodium in the food supply, for example, will also help change and prevent unhealthy behaviors.

**Dr. Barry K. Lewis**  
American College Cardiology  
Advocacy committee chair  
Michigan American Heart Association

### Want to trade?

To all of you who are complaining about having to pay perhaps

25 percent of your company-provided health care: stop it. You do not know how good you have it. Neither did I until my husband was laid off from one company and hired by another. Check your pay stub. Do a little math. Even if your portion of health care was increased by 50 percent, you still would not be close to what we pay. Get on your knees and say a prayer of gratitude, and stop whining.

Here's my reality: BCBS health and dental coverage for my husband and myself costs us \$20,000 out of pocket for our premiums a year, plus deductibles and co-pays. That's \$5,000 per quarter, \$1,650 per month, \$825 per pay period. My husband is a contracted department director for one of the Big Three and he has no benefits whatsoever. What do I get for this preposterous premium payment? Two doctor visits per year, and an upcoming \$5,000 dental bill that I will have to pay entirely by myself.

Want to trade? That's what I thought.

**Tommi West**  
Livonia

## GUEST COLUMN

# Honesty is key to teen driving safety

By **Stephen Wallace**  
Guest Columnist

The *Chicago Tribune's* report of 15 students suspended from Naperville North High School for drinking until 5 a.m. on the morning school started — some of them still intoxicated for the opening bell — paints a poignant, if problematic, picture of teens and alcohol. As one area mom asked, "I still am wondering, where were the parents? The night before the first day of school? Where did they think their kids were and what did they think they were doing? It's astonishing to me."

Astonishing, yes. Uncommon? Not so much.

Research from SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and Liberty Mutual Insurance reveals that 63 percent of middle and high school students have used alcohol — and that by 12th grade, about three in four are drinking.

So where were the parents of these kids? Some were likely unaware (reality gap), others may have figured there was nothing they could do about it (myth of inevitability), while a few perhaps aided and abetted the crime (a scenario frequently reported by young drinkers). "What's the harm as long as they're not driving?" such parents often ask.

Hmmm ... where to start? Other accidents? Incidents of violence? Unplanned sexual activity? Drownings? Acute alcohol poisonings? And we haven't even touched on the brain research.

Regardless, many underage drinkers are driving. The data show that 13 percent of teen drivers say they have driven after drinking alcohol (15 percent say they have done so after using marijuana; and 7 percent report the same regarding prescription drugs

used illegally).

But there is a silver lining: almost two decades of research reminds us of just how influential mom and dad are in the choices their teenagers make. Unfortunately, the same research reveals a fault line in those relationships during the critical developmental phase known as adolescence, when young people need their parents more than at any time during the lifespan other than early infancy.

The culprit? A lack of sustained, open, and honest dialogue around the issues young people themselves rate as most troubling — including impaired driving, which many adults have simply stopped talking about, perhaps thinking it was solved back in the '80s.

Think again. Not surprisingly, nearly one in five (19 percent) teens say that their parents have never spoken with them about driving safety!

And, sadly, many parents who try meet resistance in the form of dishonesty. For example, one in eight teens report shading, or outright hiding, the truth when speaking to their parents about driving while under the influence of alcohol, while 15 percent are dishonest about driving after using other drugs.

Overall, less than half (49 percent) of young drivers are fully forthcoming in their driving-related conversations with mom or dad. Ironic that almost all of them (91 percent) say they want their parents to trust their driving abilities! Let's help them earn that trust.

Year after year, the SADD/Liberty Mutual driving research points to the positive impact of informed parent-teen dialogue where expectations are stated, family rules put in place, and compliance monitored. That this dialogue can be facilitated by written agreements,

such as SADD's Contract for Life and Liberty Mutual's Parent/Teen Driving Contract, is great news — 65 percent of teen drivers say having a contract in place would help them achieve their goal of parental trust.

Liberty Mutual and SADD believe that effective parent-teen communication is critical to helping teens recognize and choose safe driving behaviors. As Dave Melton, a driving safety expert with Liberty Mutual and managing director of global safety, says, "Having a conversation with a new teen driver provides an opportunity to share past driving experiences, discuss concerns about safety, and determine rules and consequences."

Liberty Mutual's contract not only demonstrates a driver's commitment to being safe and responsible behind the wheel, but also facilitates parental trust in their child's driving behaviors by including some open-ended questions designed to stimulate the type of honest conversations both parents and teens actually want.

Given that automobile crashes account for thousands of teen deaths annually, it's imperative to begin the school year with some clear conversations about rules of the road ... for them and for us.

So it's time to start talking — for we have miles to go before we sleep.

**Stephen Wallace**, senior adviser for policy, research, and education at SADD and author of "Reality Gap: Alcohol, Drugs, and Sex — What Parents Don't Know and Teens Aren't Telling," has experience as a school psychologist and adolescent counselor. For information about SADD, visit [sadd.org](http://sadd.org). To find Liberty Mutual's Parent/Teen Driving Contract, go to [www.LibertyMutual.com/TeenDriving](http://www.LibertyMutual.com/TeenDriving).

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# Buffalo Soldiers, County Parks hold 'Hines Pride'

The Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Center and Wayne County Parks will host their first annual first annual "Hines Pride - Horse Ride" along Hines Drive Saturday, Oct. 1.

The Buffalo Soldiers, Wayne County and City of Detroit mounted units will be among riders from around Michigan and the tri-state area to ride through Hines Park. Participants are donating \$20 which will be split between the Friends of Wayne County Parks and Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Center/Rouge Park.

The fund-raising event will begin at 8 a.m. at the Nankin Mills area in Westland with registration of horses and their riders. In addition to the fee, riders will have to provide proof of coggins.

There will be a ceremony a 11:15 a.m. and the riders will step off at "High Noon." Leading the more than 100 riders are the Buffalo Soldiers Calico Troops, Wayne County Mounted Unit and Detroit Mounted Unit. A prize will be given to the Best Dressed Horse at the closing ceremony at the Nankin Mills Shelter.



The Buffalo Soldiers Calico Troops will join the Wayne County and Detroit Mounted Unites for an inaugural Hines Horse Trot Saturday, Oct. 1, at Nankin Mills in Westland.

Hines Drive will be closed to motor traffic from Perrin Park to Nankin Mills from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For individuals that do not own horses, bring a picnic lunch and feel free to join the festivities at 2 p.m. at Nankin Mills Park. It will be a great way to learn more about the Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Center and see the beautiful horses up close.

In 2008, the Detroit City Council agreed to allow the Buffalo Soldiers Calico Troops to move their exhibit and horses into the 100-year-old Detroit

Mounted Police Station in Northwest Detroit - Rouge Park. The barn/stable had been abandoned for more than 30 years and was an eyesore until the BSCT moved in.

The Nankin Mills area is on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For registration information, call (313) 838-2727 or visit [www.buffalosoldier-scalicotroops.com](http://www.buffalosoldier-scalicotroops.com).

## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

### E-waste recycling

Do you have a collection of old electronic devices in your home that you want to get rid of but don't want to put in the trash because of environmental concerns?

Wayne County's Department of Public Services can help you solve this problem. Wayne County along with Vintage Tech Recyclers Inc. and local communities has scheduled several Electronic Waste (e-waste) collections where residents can drop off their old electronic waste free of charge.

Items that will be accepted for recycling include computers, TV's, CRT monitors, LCD monitors, keyboards and mice, laptops, printers, fax machines, copiers, VCR's, DVD players, CD players, microwaves, stereos, speakers, computer parts, telephones, cell phones, game consoles, miscellaneous cables, mp3 players, etc. No other household appliances will be accepted.

Collections have been scheduled for:

• 2-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at Westland Shopping Center located on Warren Road, Westland.

• 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

• 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Livonia DPW, 12973 Farmington, Livonia.

• 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Wayne County Community College District Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty, Belleville.

The E-waste collections are open to Wayne County residents and small businesses with 10 or fewer employees. For more information, contact Wayne County's Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

**Open house**  
Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness is hosting a Home School Open House at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4. GMA is beginning a new Day Program to serve the home school community. Classes are scheduled to begin 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11. Classes will run in nine-

week sessions and cost \$65 per week session.

The class will fill the physical education need of the home school curriculum. American Kenpo provides fitness and also street-savvy self-defense. Kenpo teaches self-control, focus and develops leadership qualities. An important aspect to this program includes the interaction with other children helping with social skills.

GMA will also be hosting "Focus! Focus! Focus! - No Hocus-Pokus!" noon - 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. The class is designed to give children 7-13 years of age tools to help them learn to stay on task. The class will teach concrete skills that will improve their focus and concentration. It'll cost \$29 per student. Enroll before Nov. 1, and receive a \$5 discount.

Preregistration is necessary and enrollment is limited. Call (734) 266-0565 or stop in at Guardian Martial Arts, 30942 Ford Road, Garden City.

### NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011 GENERAL ELECTION

Please take Notice that the General Election in the City of Westland will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

The last day on which persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at the City of Westland General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, is Tuesday, October 11, 2011. Persons registering after 4:00 in the evening on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 are not eligible to vote at the General Election.

You may register at the Westland City Clerk's office or at any Secretary of State Office.

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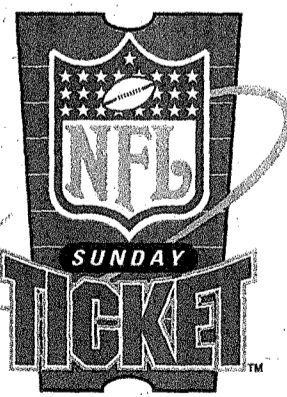
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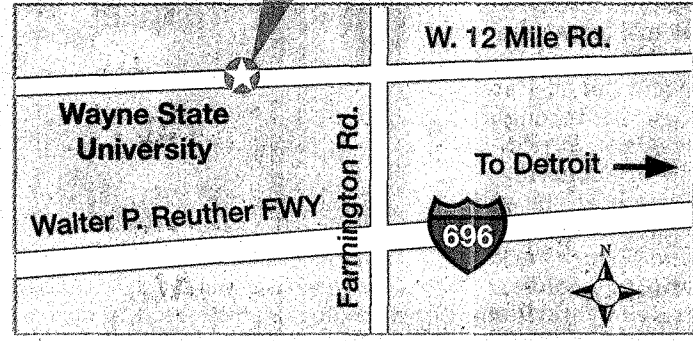


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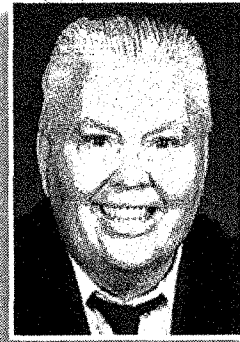
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## VOLLEYBALL

## Novi tops Spartans

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

The third time wasn't the charm Tuesday night for Livonia Stevenson's volleyball squad, who lost to Novi for a third time this month.

Just three days removed from a 25-22, 25-22 win over Stevenson (18-5-0, 3-3 KLA Central) at the Temperance Bedford Invitational, the host Wildcats (26-3-1, 6-0 Central) beat the Spartans 25-20, 25-20 25-18.

"I really felt like we stayed patient," Novi coach Ginette Parsley said. "When we play Stevenson, that's one of the things we talk about, is just playing our game and to be quick, not to get complacent if they score a couple points. Just be patient and bring the ball in."

Ranked No. 8 in Division I, Novi showed the poise they needed to take care of business.

The 'Cats took an 11-4 lead in the first game before a 10-3 Spartan run tied it, but Novi went on a 7-2 run to break an 18-18 tie later in the game and seal the first win on a kill by junior Kacey Sheldon (eight kills, 15 serve receptions, one ace, five digs) that hit Stevenson senior Kelly Vellucci and went out.

The Spartans came out hot in the second game, building up a 9-4 lead on an ace by Abby Whitehead.

"I don't think we serve received that well at the beginning," Parsley said. "I don't think we made great set selection decisions. I think we just got complacent. We thought the first game came too easy and we'd just roll through the second and then realized that we had to play."

Following a Novi timeout, the Spartans kept Novi at bay until the final leg of the game.

Up 18-15, Stevenson allowed Novi to go

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Lutheran Westland's Hannah Conley (left) and Sam Roberts converge on the dig during Tuesday's MIAC Blue Division match at Plymouth Christian.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Malcolm in middle

### PCA stymies Lutheran Westland

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Once Plymouth Christian Academy's offensive ball started rolling Tuesday night, there was nothing Lutheran Westland High could do to stop it.

The Eagles' power-packed offense and hard-nosed defense proved too much for the Warriors in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference Blue Division matchup.

PCA earned a 25-15, 25-18, 25-21 victory, improving to 17-4-3 overall and 4-0 in the MIAC Blue. The Warriors fell to 11-7-4 and 1-3.

According to Eagles coach Kelly Blackney, whose team kept momentum from last Thursday's riveting five-game victory over nemesis Oakland Christian, consistency and defensive determination were keys to the latest win.

"I think we've been a little inconsistent here and there," Blackney said. "And (with) these games I know we're playing to the potential we need to every game."

Senior middle hitter Kristin Malcolm (15 kills) again was a force.

She was on the business end of many sweet sets from her sophomore sister Jenni-

fer Malcolm (25 assists) and also joined forces with senior outside hitter Amy Zinn (13 digs, five kills, four aces) to stymie Lutheran Westland's offensive game plan.

"Serving was key for us," Kristin Malcolm said. "We just aimed for the spots and we just brought on the heat especially Amy, she had awesome serves. They just couldn't handle her."

Zinn said the win over Oakland Christian might be the springboard for the Eagles to fly back to the Class D finals for a second straight year.

"We're definitely as good

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MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION | PHOTO

## She's a keeper

Madonna University senior goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) was named the NAIA National and Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Week (ending Sept. 25). The award is the first of Gregg's career and she is the first MU soccer student-athlete to earn a weekly honor this season. After giving up a goal less than four minutes into the Crusaders' match at No. 7 Spring Arbor on Sept. 21, Gregg stopped the next nine shots on goal she faced over the next 86 minutes allowing Madonna to pull off a 2-1 upset. The win over Spring Arbor was MU's first over a ranked opponent since a 1-0 downing of No. 17 Houghton College (N.Y.) in 2008.

## BOYS SOCCER

## Warriors' upset bid falls in OT

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Second-ranked Auburn Hills Oakland Christian found itself against the wall in Thursday's boys soccer match at underdog Lutheran High Westland.

But senior Clifford Baxter tallied the game-winning goal in the 91st minute as the visiting Cougars escaped with a 2-1 double-overtime victory in battle of Division 4 schools.

Oakland Christian, now 9-1-1 overall and 7-1 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, opened the scoring just 8:34 into the first half on Spencer Hodges' header off a long cross.

The Warriors (4-6, 1-6) tied it in the 55th minute on a goal by Walter Gembarski.

Senior Turrek Fikes was stellar in goal for the Warriors with 14 saves.

"It's the best we've played to date," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "We're getting stronger and stronger. The shots were about even. We had our chances in overtime, but couldn't put it in the back of the net."

"The direction is good even though the record may not

be. We're starting to come. The whole team played real well. It was a total good effort."

**STEVENSON 4, S.L. EAST 0:** Jeff Thomas pumped in two goals Tuesday as host Livonia Stevenson (9-3, 5-2) stopped South Lyon East (0-7 KLA Central).

Zack Atwood chipped in with a goal and assist, while Alex Vrzovski also tallied a goal. Christian Gajor contributed two assists, while Tom O'Brien had an assist. Goalkeepers Zach Verant (first half) and John Boudreau (second half) combined on the shutout.

"All in all, it was a good offensive performance and it sets up a big game Thursday (7 p.m.) at Novi," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said.

**CHURCHILL 6, JOHN GLENN 0:** Six different players scored Tuesday as host Livonia Churchill (6-4-2, 4-3) cruised to a KLA South Division victory over Westland John Glenn (7-6, 2-5).

Allen Woodruff led the Churchill attack with a goal and two assists. Other goal scorers for the Chargers included Austin Henson, Luke Otto, Ryan Kobylarz, T.J. DeYoung and Chad Evans.

Michael Murphy and Tyler Reetz also added assists. Sophomore Colton Robison got the shutout in goal for Churchill.

"We scored some nice goals and played a nice game defensively," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said.

Austin Valentine made 11 saves for the Rockets.

"It just wasn't our day," Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson said. "We never really got into our rhythm."

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## Baclalamente spurs Ocelots

Lauren Badalamente chalked up three more goals Sunday to bring her season total to 13 to propel the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team to a 5-0 NJCAA Region XII triumph at Kellogg Community College.

All five Schoolcraft goals came unassisted during the first half with Kayla Szado (Livonia Churchill) and Dawn Easton also finding the back of the net.

Megan Bauman and Kelly Twigg, both Churchill grads, divided time in goal and did not face a shot en route to the shutout as the Lady Ocelots improved to 8-0 overall and 6-0 in Region XII.

The loss drops Kellogg to 0-7-1 overall and 0-7 in Region XII.

## Macomb CC spikes S'craft

In an MCCA Eastern Conference match Tuesday, host Macomb Community College defeated Schoolcraft College in four sets, 25-23, 18-25, 25-10, 25-16.

Amber Aldrich had 10 kills, 15 digs and three aces for Lady Ocelots, now 20-6 overall and 5-2 in the conference.

Other Schoolcraft leaders included Sarah Suppelsa (Livonia Churchill), 10 kills; Lauren Macuga (Canton), 20 digs; and Nicole Kempinski (Churchill), 40 assists.

Macomb improves to 12-10 and 3-2.

## Blazers tie Pioneer, 1-1

In a girls field hockey match Tuesday, Livonia Ladywood and Ann Arbor Pioneer fought to a 1-1 draw.

Senior Erin Cronyn and junior Jackie Snyder scored goals for the Blazers, who stand 8-1-2 overall. Senior Kyle Birney and Cronyn also had assists.

Julie Franceschi and Shelby Supica scored for Pioneer (5-1-1).

Ladywood senior goalie Mackenzie Holme made seven saves, while Pioneer counterpart Cameron Evers had only one stop.

## Payne 3-peats

Livonia Franklin senior Stephen Payne won all three of his matches and became the first player in the history of the 32nd annual Woodhaven Warrior Classic Saturday to capture three consecutive No. 1 singles titles.

Payne earned 6-0, 6-0 wins over Carleton Airport and Riverview, along with a 6-0, 6-3 triumph over Salem's Jacob Scott.

The Patriots' No. 2 doubles team of Connor Benson and Nick Munro placed third with wins over Riverview (5-7, 6-1, 7-6) and Trenton (4-6, 7-5, 7-5). They're only loss came against DeLaSalle, 6-4, 7-6.

Meanwhile, Franklin's No. 4 doubles team of Tyler Turchan and Joe Vetula captured the consolation draw with wins over Allen Park (7-5, 7-5) and Trenton (4-6, 7-5, 7-6) as the Patriots placed fifth in the eight-team tourney.

## Churchill girls golf team captures LPS title

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Just happened to be a coincidence, but three Livonia public high school girls golf teams staged their own version of the Solheim Cup on Saturday at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Churchill scored a team-high 11 points to take the title with Stevenson runner-up with nine and Franklin a distant third with four.

The host Chargers captured three firsts — all worth three points apiece — in nine-hole mixed format which included

scramble, alternate shot, best ball and stroke play.

Churchill's top player Jordyn Shepler shot a 37 to win the best ball. Teammate Lauren Pickworth added a 79. Stevenson's Becca Bubenheimer (43) was runner-up, while Franklin's Kelsey Gregorio (58), playing solo,

placed third. Alyssa Blazskiewicz added a 58 for Stevenson.

In stroke play, Stevenson took its lone first as Madelyn Omietanski and Laura Shureb shot 48 and 49, respectively, for a 97 total. Churchill's Taylor Cutting (64) and Katie Sherada (68) placed sec-

ond with a 132, while Franklin's Allison Karczynski (61) Jamie Buchanczenko (72) were a stroke back at 133.

In alternate shot, Churchill's Maggie McGowan and Nicole Kruse combined for a

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Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: Admission for pre-sale is \$2. Admission free Friday-Saturday. Saturday everything is half price

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Through Sept. 30

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Time/Date: Accepting applications now Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Crafters sought for fall craft show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 15. Space rental

Church refurbishes antique statue

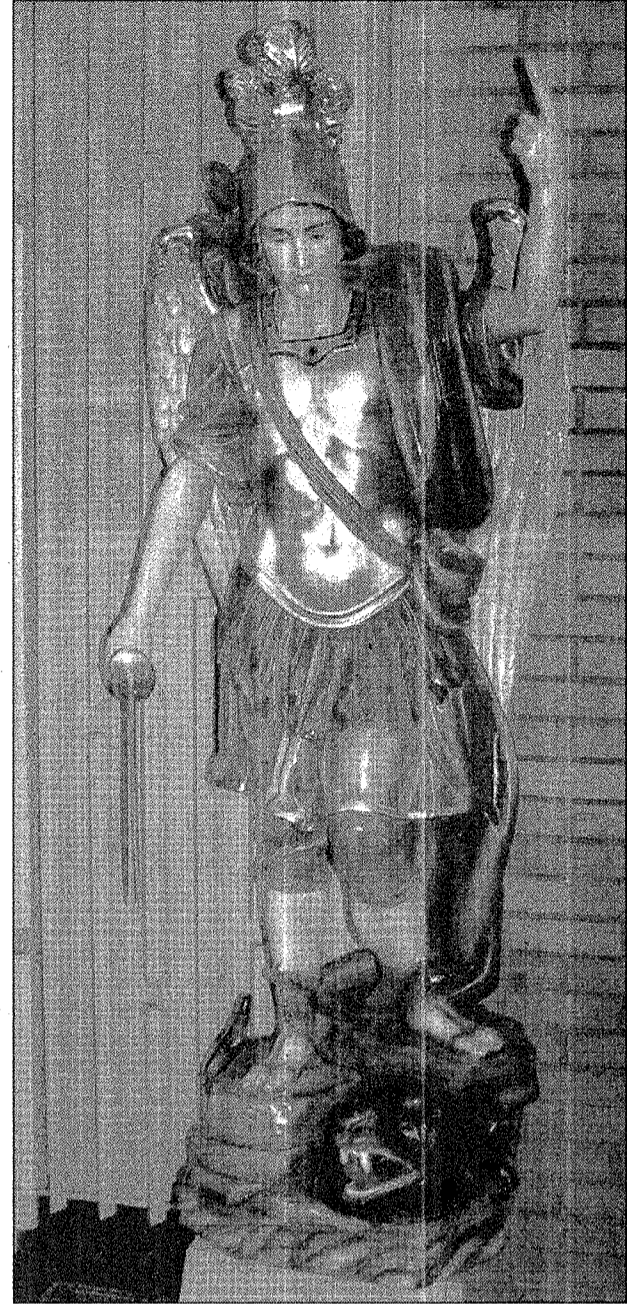
St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia will dedicate a recently-restored statue of St. Michael today, Thursday, Sept. 29, on the saint's feast day.

The dedication will start at 6:30 p.m. in the church, located at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road.

The St. Michael figure is one of several Daprato statues in the church. Since the early 19th century, Daprato statues have set the standard for religious art around the world and found homes in many Catholic churches. When a St. Michael's parishioner happened upon an original Daprato statue of the Sacred Heart sitting in the basement of a closed Catholic church in Redford, the Rev. William Tindall, pastor at St. Michael's, was happy to give it a new home. He missed the beautiful, old Daprato statuary that had filled his former church at St. Charles Borromeo parish in Newport.

While in the process of acquiring that statue, another piece, Our Lady of Grace, was discovered and purchased. Appreciative parishioners stepped forward and anonymously funded the cost of a Daprato statue of St. Michael the Archangel, along with a full set of hand-carved Stations of the Cross, depicting the passion and death of Christ.

All of the art treasures were restored on different occasions by Michael Wendt of Ecclesiastical Studios of San Antonio, Texas. He was on hand at St. Michael's recently to work on the St. Michael piece and Stations of the Cross. Wendt is one of the few church art restorers who actually does his restorations on the parish site in order to avoid shipping the antiques, which could be damaged during the



The colorful statue of St. Michael has been restored and will be dedicated on Thursday, Sept. 29, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia.

process. The artist, who is related to the original Daprato family through marriage, has confirmed that the St. Michael statue is one of the rarest artistic portrayals created by the Daprato family and dates to the early 1900s.

Tindall pointed out that the statues, restored with special dyes and paints unique to the original Daprato creations, are works of art.

"Take the time to look closely at the fac-

es of these statues and the detail and emotions in the stations and you will surely discover the beauty and spirituality such art can inspire, for us and for all those who come after us," he said.

The dedication, which will include the recitation of the Chaplet of St. Michael and Benediction, will conclude a full day of Eucharistic Adoration. The ceremony is open to the public. For more information, visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

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BRICKMAN, VIRGINIA

Age 94, born in Denver, CO, ascended peacefully to her reward on Sept. 20, 2011 from her residence at Superior Woods Assisted Living facility to be reunited with her husband, Arthur & her original family. Mom had been a wonderful, most caring teacher at Wayne-Westland schools for over 30 years, taking the students on nature walks, playing baseball with them, allowing them to earn lunch-time crossword puzzle time. Her only child, Mary Carole, living in Memphis, TN with her husband, will most sadly miss her! Fr. Tom will say the memorial Mass Sat., Oct. 1st at 11am.

GERST, GERALD A.

September 25, 2011, age 78. Life-long resident of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Bessie. Dear father of Steven (Nancy) Gerst, Michael (Debbie) Gerst and Denise (Jill) Gerst. Dear grandfather of Katie (Jon) Haywood, Lindsay, Bryan, Rebecca, Kayla and Kyleigh. Services were held Wednesday. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com

MINCH, JOHN

49, of Barton City, MI, formerly of Wayne died 9/20/2011. A private memorial service is planned. Gillies Funeral Home.



GOBLE, WYMAN LEE, JR.

Age 43, of Westland, September 26, 2011. Beloved husband of Laura. Loving father of Anthony Lee Goble and Joy Charlotte Rose Goble. Dearest son of Nyoka and Wyman Goble. Dear brother of James Long, Gary (Donna) Goble, Sherry (Donald) Skidmore, Theresa Allread and Marsha (Billy) Norris. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. He was the past president of the Detroit Jokers Motorcycle Club. Service is Friday, 2:00 PM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation is Thursday, 1:00-8:00 PM. He will then be taken by a custom-built motorcycle hearse for a final ride to Michigan Memorial Park for interment. michiganmemorialfuneralhome.com

SITLER, MARILYN A.

Age 79, September 24, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Ralph Sitler, Sr. Loving mother of Ralph, Jr. (Jean), Margaret Draus, Therese (Mark) Oller, Anne Marie (Todd) Meadows, John (Pamela), Thomas (Marisa), Karl (Theresa), Stephen (Stephanie), Karen (John) Currey, Kurt (Kelly) and Erich. Proud grandmother of 29 and great grandmother of 9. Dear sister of Ellen and Rosemary. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Thursday 2-9 PM with a Scripture Service Thursday at 7 PM. Instate at Christ the King Catholic Church, 20800 Grand River, Detroit, Friday from 9:30 AM until Funeral Mass at 10 AM. Memorial contributions may be directed to The Alzheimers Association. Please share a memory of Marilyn at www.rgharris.com



DILLON, WILLIAM

Sept 24, 2011. Loving husband of Katherine. Dear father of William T. (Jill), Laurence (Mary), Kathleen (Dennis) Blaharski, Mary Margaret (James) Bilicki and the late Maureen Ann, Brother of Jacqueline Sferlazza. Also survived by 18 grandchildren & 34 Great Grandchildren. Past Grand Knight of Cardinal Edward Mooney K of C and past State District Deputy. Share a "memorial tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

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## Italian teen tenors to visit benefit dinner

by Sharon Dargay  
O&E staff writer

The first time Anthony Rugiero heard Il Volo sing, he was struck by the group's similarity to both opera's The Three Tenors and the pop music world's Jonas Brothers.

"I was amazed," said Rugiero, who owns a home abroad. "It was, like wow! They are treating these kids like the Jonas Brothers in Italy and they're singing opera, like The Three Tenors. You look at them and it's like, these guys have it all. It's too good to be true."

The trio, Piero Barone, 17, Gianluca Ginoble, 16, and Ignazio Boschetto, 16, won a televised talent competition with their rendition of *O Sole Mio* in May 2009. Since then, the three young tenors — who put a pop spin on classical music, opera and standards — have watched their careers take flight. They released an album last year in Italy, signed a recording contract with Gefen Records in the United States, sang on *American Idol* in May and are on a tour that will bring them to the Fox Theatre in Detroit next month.

Rugiero, who heard the group sing in Italy, knew Il Volo could help his charitable endeavors

soar, too. The president and CEO of Antonio's Corp. — which includes his family's restaurants, Antonio's Cucina Italiana in Canton, Dearborn Heights and Farmington Hills, and Roman Village Cucina Italiana in Dearborn — Rugiero had been looking for a way to raise funds for Boys' Town of Italy, Italian Language Inter-Cultural Alliance and the Volterra-Detroit.

"I was thinking, how can I get a group together that's big enough that it would reach all age levels? I thought about singing groups and was trying to think of who I could get, when I see these young kids in Italy," Rugiero recalled. "They take classical music and put a little something into it. These kids are wonderful."

### Producing a concert

Rugiero, who also is a board member of the Detroit Opera House, was determined to bring the group to Detroit as a fundraiser for the three organizations and began working on a plan to produce the concert himself. After Live Nation bought the group's North American concert tour, Rugiero suggested a benefit dinner that would be held in conjunction with the show on Sunday, Oct. 16. Concert promoters liked



Il Volo will attend a benefit dinner Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Detroit Opera House after performing at the Fox Theatre.



Rugiero

the idea.

The benefit will start with a cafe and biscotti reception at The Detroit Opera House.

Shuttle buses will take ticket-holders to the Fox Theatre for Il Volo's concert at 4 p.m. They'll return via shuttle to the

Detroit Opera House for the dinner, which Il Volo will attend.

"I purchased the first 20 rows, center section, all premium seats," Rugiero said, describing seats at the Fox Theatre. "We hope to have a great evening."

Fiat is a sponsor of the event, along with several Italian-American business leaders including Tom Celani and Anthony Soave.

### Benefiting organizations

The Volterra-Detroit Foundation supports The University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture and Comune di Volterra, which have

formed a partnership to provide a new educational opportunity in the City of Volterra, Italy, for students in metro Detroit. Through the partnership, U.S. students can study in Italy for no additional fee, after paying their regular college tuition.

"I love programs that bridge the gap between Italy and the U.S.," Rugiero said.

Italian Language Inter-Cultural Alliance (ILI-CA) is a worldwide organization that opens doors for many students around the world to learn more about Italy, its language and its culture through programs and activities that support the value of Italian heritage. The organization is a leader in promoting and facilitating the study of Italian language in American schools.

Boys' Town of Italy has funded the development of more than 60 child care centers for communities throughout the globe, and has been the primary sponsor of the Boys' Towns and Girls' Town in Rome and United States.

## Plymouth chili rides rev up

There's still time to register for the Motor City Chili Ride that will raise money for the Habitat for Humanity and Penrickton Center for Blind Children on Sunday, Oct. 9.

Cost is \$10 per person and riders can depart at 10:30 a.m. from either Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles in Livonia or Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. at both locations. Both rides will

end at the 16th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth.

All riders will receive free VIP parking at the event.

The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off runs 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9 and will include red chili, green chili and salsa competitions, the Restaurant Chili Challenge and Battle of the Businesses Chili competition, "Hottest Dog in the Coolest

City" costume contest, kids' activities, a motorcycle show, dance performances and music by Steve King and the Dittilies.

For more information about the ride from Livonia, call Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles at (734) 542-8000 or visit [www.DickScott.com](http://www.DickScott.com). For the Farmington Hills ride, call Motor City Harley Davidson at (248) 473-7433 or visit [www.motorcityharley.com](http://www.motorcityharley.com).

## Clubs bring music, art to Westland

The Rotary Club of Westland and Three Cities Art Club will present an art show of original paintings, drawings, graphics and photography Oct. 14-16 at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren, in Westland.

The free event has something for every-

one. Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, owner of D&M Art Studio will demonstrate painting techniques beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. A "paint off" will be held at 2 p.m., when Dillenbeck, Marilyn Meredith, Deanna Salhaney and Elizabeth Gullikson paint the

same still life in four different mediums and styles.

Select members of the Michigan Philharmonic will perform from 1-2 p.m. and Jay D. Kilgus of Piano Pleasures will play at 2 p.m.

Westland Mayor William Wild, Westland Rotary Club president

Mary Vellardita, and Carol Rutz of Westland Shopping Center will select winning works of art. Awards will be presented at 1 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, visit [www.threecities-artclub.org](http://www.threecities-artclub.org) or call Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800, Ext. 1.

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Michael McDermott performs Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Village Theater in Canton.

day-Sunday, Oct. 1-2, in the picnic grove includes a children's area with straw maze, pumpkin painting, face painting, inflatable slide, and games for \$5; hayride is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, 2-14; fall-inspired foods such as bratwurst, apple strudel and caramel apples as well as beer and soft drinks will be sold  
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**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30; 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 1-2  
**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth  
**Details:** "Winnie the Pooh," \$3  
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By Sharon Dargay  
O&E staff writer

As National Honey Month wound down this month, Bob "the bee guy" Jastrzebski harvested the last of his 2011 crop.

"I do things a little different than the other guys. I pull honey twice a year, in July and in September," said Jastrzebski, owner of Bobilin Honey in Canton. "Honey pulled in July is from the spring (blossoms). It's a real light honey and it has a distinct flavor that will be different from what I pull from the same spot in the fall. Fall honey is much darker."

Jastrzebski, a beekeeper with hundreds of hives throughout southeastern Michigan, says 95 percent of Michigan's honey comes nectar bees collect from trees. The rest is from flowers.

"All Michigan honey is 'wildflower,' meaning they got it from wherever."

He said the Basswood tree produces the "biggest honey flow" in the area.

"I taste butter. The other guys taste apple and cinnamon," he said, describing honey from Basswood trees.

Honey harvested in July and made from the nectar of early spring Black Locust trees sometimes has a hint of mint flavoring.

Taste varies depending on the nectar source.

Jastrzebski collects honey and has tasted samples from around the world. Whenever friends travel abroad, they bring him a jar of honey.

"I've got orange blossom honey from Florida. You talk about sweet. It will hurt your teeth it's so sweet. I've got honey from Hawaii that looks almost like hand cream. It's white. It's like tasting a York Peppermint Patty."

Jastrzebski said he collects about 8,000-10,000 pounds of honey from his hives annually. After collecting, he extracts it from honeycombs, heats it — making sure not to kill off enzymes — and bottles it. Water content is kept at 18 percent or below to ensure the product doesn't ferment and spoil.

He suggests consumers carefully read labels on any jars of non-local honey they buy.

"Some companies are adding corn syrup to their honey and calling it honey. Read the label."

Find Bobilin honey at Canton Farmer's Market, Sundays through October, Ridge Road just north of Cherry Hill or Holiday Market at Cherry Hill and Lilley in Canton. For other locations, check his website at [www.bobilinhoney.com](http://www.bobilinhoney.com).



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Bear-shaped jars filled with Bobilin honey await a buyer at Canton Farmer's Market. National Honey Month winds up Friday, Sept. 30.

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For more honey recipes, visit the National Honey Board Web site at [www.honey.com](http://www.honey.com).

### Sweet and Sour Zucchini

Makes 2 quarts

- 4 zucchini, or approximately 7 cups, thinly sliced
- ½ cup honey
- ½ cup white wine vinegar
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- ½ cup chopped green bell pepper
- ½ cup diced celery
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper

Combine zucchini, honey, vinegar, oil, bell pepper, celery, onion, salt and black pepper in large glass or ceramic bowl. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Drain and serve chilled or at room temperature.

### Eggplant, French Toast Style

Makes 6-8 servings

- 1 large eggplant
- Salt, to taste
- 2 eggs
- 2 Tablespoons milk
- ½ cup honey
- ½ cup flour
- 5 cups crushed corn flakes
- ½ cup unsalted butter, divided
- ½ cup honey, warmed, for serving

Slice eggplant into ¼-inch rounds. Sprinkle generously with salt and set aside on paper towels or in a colander for 30 minutes. Rinse slices thoroughly to remove salt and brown juice that has formed. Pat-dry. In a shallow bowl, beat eggs slightly and combine with milk and honey; set aside. Place flour on a plate; set aside. Place corn flakes in a shallow bowl. Dust eggplant slices with flour, dip into egg mixture, and then coat with corn flakes, coating both sides. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in large skillet over medium heat. Add eggplant slices and cook until brown on both sides and fork-tender. Add more butter to skillet as needed. Serve eggplant slices with additional butter and warm honey.

### Golden Pear and Almond Gratin

Makes 6 servings

- ½ cup honey
- ¼ cup dry white wine
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- ½ cup sliced almonds, toasted and divided, optional
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 pounds ripe pears, peeled, halved, cored and cut

In saucepan, combine honey, wine, lemon and orange juices. Bring mixture to a boil, whisking to dissolve honey. Reduce heat and simmer until liquid is reduced by half, about 15 minutes. Set aside. Meanwhile, chop ¼ cup almonds. In small bowl, stir together chopped almonds, lemon peel, orange peel and cinnamon until thoroughly mixed. Set aside. In greased 10-inch gratin dish or pie plate, layer half of pear slices; sprinkle with chopped almond mixture. Top with remaining pear slices and remaining ¼ cup sliced almonds. Pour honey mixture over pears. Bake at 400°F for 25 minutes or until top is golden brown. Serve warm or chilled. For those who don't eat nuts during Rosh Hashanah, almonds can be replaced with ½ cup dried breadcrumbs.

### Salmon with Honey Balsamic Glaze

Makes 6 servings

- 6 (5-6 ounce) salmon filets with skin
- Salt
- ½ cup honey
- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- ½ teaspoon salt

Season flesh-side of filets with salt; arrange skin-side down in shallow baking pan. Roast at 500°F for 5 minutes. To make glaze, thoroughly mix honey, balsamic vinegar, olive oil, garlic and salt. Drizzle 1 tablespoon glaze over each filet. Roast at 500°F for 3-5 minutes. Remove salmon to serving plates; drizzle 1 tablespoon remaining glaze over each filet.

### Honey Baked Apples

Makes 4 servings

- 3 apples, pared and cored
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- ½ cup honey
- ½ cup fresh or frozen cranberries
- ¾ cup chopped walnuts
- ½ cup bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Salt
- Ground ginger
- Nutmeg

Halve 2 apples lengthwise; brush with lemon juice. Place cut side down in oiled baking dish. Brush with honey. Bake, covered, at 400°F for 15 minutes. Chop remaining apple; toss with remaining ingredients. Remove apples from oven; mound apple mixture on apples. Bake, uncovered, 10 minutes longer or until topping browns. One-half cup dried cranberries may be substituted for fresh or frozen cranberries.

## CITY BITES

### Ahoy, Mateys

**PLYMOUTH** — Don your best swashbuckling garb and head to the second annual Pirate Pub Crawl 7 p.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, in downtown Plymouth for fun, drink specials and a chance to win prizes. Cost is \$10 per person, age 21 and over. Costumes are optional. The event will begin at 336 Piano Bar, 336 S. Main, where pirates and wenches will check in to receive their official treasure map. Other participating venues will include Penn Grill — providing free appetizers to pirates and wenches from 9-11 p.m. and music by Violin Monster, The Rock, offering free tarot card reading, and Sean O'Callahan's, where participants can get free temporary tattoos courtesy of Lucky Monkey Tattoo. Pirates and wenches who get their treasure maps stamped at each venue will be eligible to win the grand prize of a free deluxe one-night stay at MotorCity Casino. The best pirate and wench costumes will each win a High Liquors & Lucky Monkey Tattoo prize package.

### New business

Kurt M. Lienhard, formerly with Sweets 21, has added Italian cannoli to his samplings at his new businesses, Perfectly Sweet Cakes & Desserts, located with Boule Artisan Bakery, at 880 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Try the soft German Pretzels every Saturday, gelato, Angel Wings and cupcakes. Yum. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

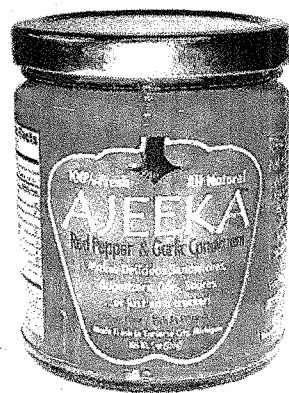
### Zoo Brew

**ROYAL OAK** — Take a twilight stroll through the Detroit Zoo Thursday, Oct. 6 with your favorite brew in hand. The Zoo will offer a tasting of more than 30 beers from Michigan craft brewers, along with music by popular local blues-rock band the Howling Diablos with special guests Horse Cave Trio and Staggo Lee. The event will run from 6-10:30 p.m. and costs \$25 before Oct. 1 and \$30 after, online or at the gathering. Get tickets at [www.detroitzoo.org/zoobrew](http://www.detroitzoo.org/zoobrew). Ticket packages include Zoo admission, parking and 12 beer tasting tickets. Additional tasting tickets and food will be available for purchase. Designated driver tickets will be available at the gate the night of the event for \$15 and include admission, parking and unlimited soft drinks. Designated driver ticket holders will not be permitted to consume alcohol at the event. All attendees must be 21 or older; photo ID is required.

Peppery condiment

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**TRI-COUNTY** — Hiller's Markets, including stores in Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Commerce Township and Union Lake, now carry Ajeeka, a blend of sweet red bell peppers, hot red peppers, and garlic, based on a centuries old East European recipe. George Witkowski, who grew up in Plymouth, makes the condiment through his company, GT Food Specialties, LLC in Traverse City. The gluten-free product can be stirred into mayonnaise to make a sandwich spread, spoon on cream cheese and crackers as an appetizer, added to marinades and barbecue sauce, combined with chili or soup, and applied directly to sandwiches, hot dogs, sausages and



cheese.

### Food and wine

#### FARMINGTON HILLS

— Students at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute will serve a six-course dinner with wine pairings at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, in the dining room at J Building on the Orchard Ridge campus, located on Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696. The menu will include hors d'oeuvres, October Bean and Butternut Squash Soup, Grilled Salmon with Citrus Caper Butter Sauce and Beef Wellington. Cost is \$75 per person. Reservations are required. Call Maureen Gilbert at (248) 522-3700 or visit [www.oaklandcc.edu/culinary](http://www.oaklandcc.edu/culinary) and click on events.

## Tailgate with Michigan apples

Football season is under way, which means it's time to get out your favorite jerseys and start planning tailgates. When choosing a tailgate menu for your friends and family this season, consider slipping healthy apples into the mix.

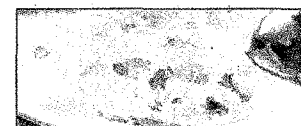
The Michigan Apple Committee suggests the Cheesy Apple Quiche for early morning tailgates. Or for heartier fare, try the Apple-Peach Burger.

### Cheesy Apple Quiche

By Jennifer Vick of DeWitt, a winner in the 2009 Michigan Apple committee online amateur recipe contest

- Ingredients
- 1 10-inch pie shell
  - 1½ cups shredded Swiss cheese
  - 2 cups peeled, cubed tart Michigan Apples, such as Empire, Jonamac or Ida Red
  - ½ cup minced shallots
  - 2 tablespoons butter
  - 1½ teaspoons flour
  - ½ teaspoon cinnamon
  - ½ teaspoon nutmeg
  - 4 eggs, beaten
  - 2 cups half & half
  - 1 teaspoon salt

Prepare pie shell and press into pie plate; sprinkle ½ of Swiss cheese in pie shell and bake 10 minutes on lowest rack of oven; cool. In medium skillet, sauté apples and shallots in butter until soft, about 8-10 minutes.



Stir in flour, cinnamon and nutmeg. Spread apple mixture evenly in pie shell; sprinkle with remaining cheese. In separate glass bowl, whisk together eggs, half & half and salt. Place pie plate on lowest rack in oven; pour egg mixture over apples and cheese. Bake until firm and knife comes out clean, about 60 minutes. Remove from oven and let stand for 10 minutes. Serve warm.

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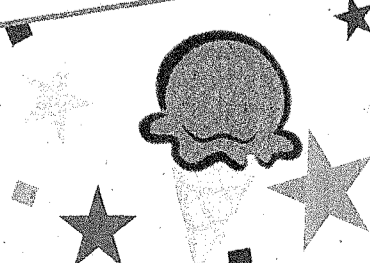
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## Realtor safety tips good for all workers to heed

Realtors mark their Realtor Safety Month in September, but those tips apply to many business professionals.

See [www.REALTOR.org/Safety](http://www.REALTOR.org/Safety) for more information.

### TIP #1

**Keep it light**  
 Show properties before dark. If you are going to be working after hours, advise your associate or first-line supervisor of your schedule. If you must show a property after dark, turn on all lights as you go through, and don't lower any shades or draw curtains or blinds.

Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said, "You always want to try to show property during the daytime. If something doesn't feel quite right, there's nothing wrong with saying, 'I'm not going to show the house.'"

Gajeski acknowledged that's a challenge in these times when sales count, but safety comes first. You can always call and have police come out, with the non-emergency number best unless you sense immediate danger.

### TIP #2

**Checking in**  
 When you have a new client, ask him/her to stop by your office and complete a Prospect Identification Form (Find a copy online at [www.REALTOR.org/Safety](http://www.REALTOR.org/Safety)). Also, photocopy their driver's license and retain this information at your office. Be certain to properly discard this personal information when you no longer need it.

"That's always a good idea," Gajeski said of copying a driver's license. "The person will be less likely to do something wrong if you actually know who they are."

### TIP #3

**Don't be too public**  
 Limit the amount of personal information you share. Consider advertising without using your photograph, home phone number and/or home address in the newspaper or on business cards. Don't use your full name with middle name or initial. Use your office address — or list no address at all. Giving out too much of the wrong information can make you a target.

"Never give out any private information," Gajeski said.

### TIP #4

**Touch base**  
 Always let someone know where you are going and when you will be back; leave the name and phone number of the client you are meeting and schedule a time for your office to call you to check in.

"Let them know you'll be at this location," Canton's Gajeski agreed. A Realtor can call his or her office when through and check in.

Gajeski's been on the job in police work 25 years and never heard of a real estate safety problem.

### TIP #5

**Open house:**  
 Don't assume that everyone has left the premises at the end of an open house. Be prepared to defend yourself, if necessary.

### TIP #6

**Stranger danger**  
 Tell your clients not to show their home by themselves. Alert them that not all agents, buyers and sellers are who they say they are. Predators come in all shapes and sizes.

### TIP #7

**Make sure that all your home's doors to the outside are metal or solid, 1 3/4" hardwood and have good, sturdy locks.**

### TIP #8

**Block identity theft**  
 Contact the fraud department of any of the three consumer reporting companies — Equifax®, ExperianSM and Trans Union® — to place a fraud alert on your credit report. The fraud alert automatically lets credit card companies and other creditors know they must contact you before opening



any new accounts or making any changes to your existing accounts.

### TIP #9

**Keep track of colleagues**  
 Have a check-out employee board at your office, listing your name, destination, customer name, date and expected return time.

### TIP #10

**Always wear visible company identification such as a badge. It is also best to drive a vehicle clearly marked with your company name. These will be invaluable for identification if you need to get assistance.**

### TIP #11

**Bring up the rear**  
 When showing a home, always have your prospect walk in front of you. Don't lead them, but rather, direct them from a position slightly behind them.

### TIP #12

**Pick up some self-defense skills**  
 The best way to find a good self-defense class is to learn what is available, and then make a decision.

### TIP #13

**Whenever possible, take your own car to a showing. When you leave your car, lock it.**

### TIP #14

**Shield your computer from e-mail viruses**

Computer viruses can impair and seriously damage your computer. Viruses are often distributed via attachments in e-mail spam.

### TIP #15

**When you're showing commercial property, thick walls and/or remote locations may interfere with mobile phone reception. Check in advance to be sure your phone is serviceable.**

### TIP #16

**Choose flight over fight**  
 While every real estate agent should take a basic self-defense course, the primary goal in any threatening situation is to escape from immediate danger and call for help.

### TIP #17

**"Who's calling?"**  
 Install caller I.D. on your telephone, which should automatically reject calls from numbers that have been blocked. This will provide you with immediate information about the source of the call.

### TIP #18

**Watch your trash**  
 Just bought a new entertainment system? A bunch of empty boxes or by the curb triggers an alarm to would-be thieves. Cut them down and stuff them in trash bags.

### TIP #19

**Hide personal information**  
 Tell your sellers: DON'T leave personal information like mail or bills out in the open where anyone can see it. Be sure to lock down your computer and lock up your laptop and any other expensive, easy-to-pocket electronics, like iPods, before your showing.

### TIP #20

**Agree on an office distress code**  
 Create a voice distress code, a secret word or phrase that is not commonly used but can be worked into any conversation for cases where you feel that you are in danger. Use this if the person you are with can overhear the conversation, but you don't want to alarm them. Example: "Hi, this is Jennifer. I'm with Mr. Henderson at the Elm Street listing. Could you e-mail me the RED FILE?"

### TIP #21

**Have your excuse ready**  
 Part of being prepared to deal with a threatening situation is having "an out." Prepare a scenario in advance so that you can leave — or you can encourage someone who makes you uncomfortable to leave.

### TIP #22

**Take two seconds when you arrive at your destination to check out potential dangers:**  
 • Is there any questionable activity in the area?  
 • Are you parked in a well-lit, visible location?  
 • Can you be blocked in the driveway by another vehicle?

### TIP #23

**You are not alone**  
 If you encounter an individual while working late or alone in your office, indicate to that person that you are not alone. Say something like, "Let me check with my supervisor to see whether she's able to see you now."

### TIP #24

**Your e-mail is public**  
 Don't send any vital or private information via e-mail. Keep in mind that unlike websites, e-mail is never secure.

### TIP #25

**Don't get lost**  
 If you are in an unfamiliar area, make mental notes of landmarks, points of interest and intersections. And always know the exact address of where you are going.

### TIP #26

**Careful with cash deposits!**  
 If you periodically carry large deposits to the bank, be especially aware of any strangers lurking around the office parking lot. If you must transport cash deposits, use the buddy system.

### TIP #27

**Lock up client keys**  
 Be sure to use the lockbox property-key procedure that has been established to improve real estate agent safety. A reliable, secure lockbox system such as those made by National Association of Realtors Benefits® Partner Sentrilock ([www.sentrilock.com](http://www.sentrilock.com)) ensures that keys don't fall into the wrong hands.

### TIP #28

**When shopping online, check out a website before entering your credit card number or other personal information. Enter this information only on secure Web pages with addresses that start with "https" and have a closed padlock**

symbol at the bottom of the browser window. Tip #29

When talking to clients and prospects, be friendly but still keep your personal information private.

### TIP #30

Take two seconds as you walk towards your destination to check out potential risks.

- Are people coming and going or is the area unusually quiet?
- Do you observe any obstacles or hiding places in the parking lot or along the street?
- Is anyone loitering in the area?

### TIP #31

**Be careful with keys**  
 Don't hand out house keys to friends, even if they are trustworthy. Know the location of all your house keys all the time. Never use hide-a-keys or leave the key under the doormat, above the door, in a flowerpot, or anywhere outside the house.

### TIP #32

**From dawn till dusk.**  
 When showing a vacant commercial site, be aware of the time of day you meet a client. Showing a property at dusk or after dark, with no electricity on in the space you are showing, is not advisable.

### TIP #33

**Thwart thieves**  
 Remind your clients that strangers will be walking through their home during showings or open houses. Tell them to hide any valuables in a safe place.

### TIP #34

**Long-term thinking**  
 If you think it may be some time before a property sells (and you may, therefore, be showing it often), get acquainted with a few of the immediate neighbors.

### TIP #35

**Using a cell phone while driving can cause an accident. For driving safety, purchase a hands-free phone kit for your vehicle. And never attempt to take notes while driving — pull over and stop in a safe place first.**

### TIP #36

**Carry less**  
 Carry only nonvaluable business items (except for your cell phone), and do not wear expensive jewelry or watches, or appear to be carrying large sums of money.

### TIP #37

**When showing property or meeting someone, park your car in front of the property rather than in the driveway.**

### TIP #38

**Open your credit card bills and bank statements right away. Check for any unauthorized charges or withdrawals and report them immediately. Call if bills don't arrive on time. It may mean that someone has changed contact information to hide fraudulent charges.**

### TIP #39

**Upon entering an open house property for the first time, check each room and determine at least two "escape" routes. Make sure all deadbolt locks are unlocked for easy access to the outside.**

### TIP #40

**Don't use alluring or provocative photography in advertising, on the Web or on your business cards.**

### TIP #41

**Have the locks changed when you move in. And just use your last name, or if necessary last name and first initial, on your door or mailbox.**

### TIP #42

**Rely on good neighbors**  
 Inform a neighbor that you will be hosting an open house, and ask if he or she would keep an eye and ear open for anything out of the ordinary.

### TIP #43

**Don't use the "V word"**  
 When describing a listing, never say that a property is "vacant." This may be an invitation to criminals.

O&E staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

## Audits required annually for condos

By Robert Meisner  
 Guest Columnist

**Q: What if my condominium association's officers refuse to do an audit? I am trying to sell my place but I cannot do it because there are no audits and no lawyer would recommend to their client to get into such a mess.**

**A: The Michigan Condominium Act requires that an audit be provided on an annual basis by an independent accountant. More than likely your bylaws also require at least that type of an undertaking. The fact that your association has refused to do so is gross mismanagement and your lawyer, if you have one, should write a letter advising the board of the fact that they are in violation of the**



Robert Meisner

**Condominium Act and it is impeding your ability to sell your unit with consequential damages suffered by you.**

**Q: I am a board member of a large condominium and our attorney says that if there is no equity in the unit, that there is no point in going after the co-owner for delinquencies. He also boasts about representing hundreds of condominium associations, but we are never able to get a hold of him and he has a laissez-faire attitude towards us. Now is he correct?**

**A: Each case has to be evaluated on its own merits. Many times, even though there is not equity in the unit for the association to obtain payment, there are alternate means of recovery, including getting a personal judgment against the delinquent co-owners and seeking to recover the Judgment through garnishment, execution and the like. Moreover, depending upon the situation, the association may have a right to take priority, vis-a-vis the mortgage company in terms of the equity in the Unit. It sounds like your attorney is too busy or too brazen to give you the service that you need and you are best advised to seek new counsel.**

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [rmeisner@meisner-associates.com](mailto:rmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

## HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 14-17, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office.

**FARMINGTON**  
 32718 Grand River Ave Unit C \$35,000  
 36126 Smithfield Rd \$231,000  
 22432 Springbrook Ave \$125,000  
 33230 Tall Oaks Ct \$133,000  
**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
 23151 Albion Ave \$25,000  
 28780 Appleblossom Ln \$273,000  
 33483 Bostwick Pl \$130,000  
 38953 Country Cir \$75,000  
 32391 Dunford St \$177,000  
 28317 Forestbrook Dr \$230,000  
 29410 Glen Oaks Blvd W \$91,000  
 35351 Glenary Cir \$175,000  
 21295 Juniper Ct \$109,000  
 31915 W 14 Mile Rd \$70,000  
**MILFORD**  
 4215 Heatherwood Dr \$205,000  
 1001 Prince St \$63,000

## HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 20-24, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**CANTON**  
 48484 Antique Rd \$405,000  
 6818 Ardsley Dr \$121,000  
 924 Ashton Woods Dr \$217,000  
 43326 Barchester Rd \$120,000  
 44559 Cherry Hill Rd \$205,000  
 1078 Dundee Dr \$226,000  
 6710 Fox Path \$235,000  
 48083 Gladstone Rd \$341,000  
 46562 Glengarry Blvd \$276,000  
 42239 Gloria Dr \$148,000  
 1270 Hampshire Dr \$99,000  
 46208 Hanford Rd \$237,000  
 1536 Kensington Dr \$290,000

2359 Knollwood Dr \$89,000  
 42745 Lilley Pointe Dr \$44,000  
 41250 Maplewood Dr \$100,000  
 42087 Metaline Dr \$170,000  
 3994 Napier Rd \$315,000  
 49795 Taft Ln \$308,000  
 4345 Timberline Ir \$155,000  
 41566 Wayside Dr \$135,000  
 5710 Willow Creek Dr \$130,000  
 45972 Windridge Ln \$295,000  
 46610 Woodside Dr \$299,000  
**GARDEN CITY**  
 5713 Deering St \$13,000  
 31460 Donnellyt \$50,000  
 29616 Maplewood St \$75,000  
 30624 Pardo St \$42,000  
 6701 Schaller S \$55,000  
 29601 Warren Id \$33,000  
 6820 Whitby St \$81,000  
 27616 Windsor t \$65,000  
**LIVONIA**  
 35161 Six Mile d \$110,000

14977 Arcola St \$81,000  
 14793 Berwick St \$98,000  
 9815 Blackburn St \$130,000  
 14623 Blue Skies St \$114,000  
 12133 Cardwell St \$62,000  
 9323 Eastwind Dr \$123,000  
 36709 Gardner St \$160,000  
 9228 Gillman St \$104,000  
 11101 Haller St \$114,000  
 15969 Harrison St \$113,000  
 16821 Hubbard St \$210,000  
 9614 Loveland St \$73,000  
 32968 Oakland St \$158,000  
 39118 Richland St \$125,000  
 18253 University Park Dr \$68,000  
 16187 Wayne Rd \$165,000  
**NORTHVILLE**  
 19606 Aqueduct Ct \$59,000  
 16158 Brook Trout Ln \$128,000  
 19706 Dearborn Ct \$71,000  
 16189 Forest Lake Dr \$235,000

48927 Freestone Dr \$120,000  
 41817 Ladywood Dr \$250,000  
 18750 Oak Leaf Ln \$610,000  
 46446 Pinehurst Cir \$618,000  
 42508 Ravina Ct \$225,000  
 18315 Woodbury Ct \$875,000  
 39905 Woodside Dr N \$358,000  
**PLYMOUTH**  
 340 Ann Arbor Trail Ct \$95,000  
 11980 Appletree Dr \$248,000  
 13425 Beacon Hill Dr \$320,000  
 50434 Ironwood Ct \$333,000  
 46133 Litchfield Dr \$291,000  
 9005 Northern Ave \$125,000  
 8830 Oakview St \$182,000  
 11373 Pinehurst Rd \$230,000  
 242 Pinewood Cir \$157,000  
 11861 Riverside Dr \$145,000  
 11833 Talltree Dr \$322,000  
 8869 Tavistock Dr \$149,000

**REDFORD**  
 26315 Cathedral \$60,000  
 18628 Kinloch \$37,000  
 11331 Marion \$45,000  
 14130 Marion \$53,000  
 12219 Nathaline \$62,000  
 26345 W Seven Mile Rd \$11,000  
 25834 Westfield \$55,000  
**WESTLAND**  
 34216 Arrowhead St \$58,000  
 35455 Booth St \$40,000  
 31037 Fernwood St \$22,000  
 34262 Hazelwood Dr \$138,000  
 35008 Nancy St \$40,000  
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Sale begins on Thurs. Sept. 29, 6:30-9:30. Fri. Sept. 30, 10-2, everything 1/2 price. Sat. Oct. 1, 9-noon, \$5 & \$10 for a bag of rummage.

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Sun. Oct. 2nd, 7am-4pm. 200s Dealers. Free parking & admission. No pets allowed. Flat Rock Speedway, 1 mile S. of Flat Rock on Telegraph Rd. (734) 782-9220 www.flatrockhistory.org

**LIVONIA CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE**  
Pre-Sale Thurs. Sept 29th, 5-8pm (Adults \$2). Free Admission: Fri. Sept. 30th, 9am-1pm & Sat. Oct. 1st, 9am-noon (½ off sale). Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia.

**ANOTHER BERNARD DAVIS ESTATE SALE 313-837-1993**  
19588 Canterbury, Detroit Historic District of Sherwood Forest. Fri. Sept 30 & Sat. Oct 1, 8:45am-4pm go to estatesales.net for more info. SEE YOU THERE!!!

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**MOVING SALE - White Lake.**  
All must go. Furniture, household goods, etc. Hrs: 9-5pm Thurs, Sept 29th; Fri-Sat, Oct 1st & non-5pm Sun, Oct 2nd. 315 Woodledge Ln, Williams Lk Rd/ Cooley Lk Rd

**SOUTH LYON ESTATE SALE:**  
Pottery, vintage items, furniture, household, pocket knives, guy stuff, 1929 Roeper Gas Stove & much more. All must go. Fri. Sept. 30, 9-5. Sat., Oct. 1, 9-3. 22360 Natasha Lane. W. of Currie, S. of 9 Mile.

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**CANTON VISTAS OF CENTRAL PARK**  
S. of Cherry Hill, W. of Beck. Subwdiv. Sale. Sept. 29, Sept 30, & Oct 1st, 9-4pm. Furniture, household, clothing, misc.

### Garage/Moving Sales

**CANTON:** 47806 Pavilion. Beck & Cherry Hill. Thurs-Sun. 10-6. Furniture, Mac tools, appliances, clothes (some designer), milk Bomber jacket & more!

### Garage/Moving Sales

**Lathrup Village:** Relocating Sale. Oct. 1, 9-4. All Must Go. Antiques, dolls, stamps, Beanie Babies, collector sport cards, books galore. 18190 Ramsgate. Off Southfield, btwn 10 & 11 Mile.

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### Garage/Moving Sales

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### Garage/Moving Sales

**LIVONIA: KIMBERLY OAKS SUBDIVISION SALE**  
Fri-Sat. Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 9-5pm. N. of 96, E/Farmington Rd. www.koclassifieds.com

### Garage/Moving Sales

**WESTLAND CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE**  
SAT. OCT. 1, 9am - 3pm 31133 Hivley, Westland. Call Roz for further details: 734-812-9962

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**WESTLAND HUNTER'S POINTE CONDO COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE**  
Thurs, Fri & Sat, Sept. 29-30 & Oct. 1, 9am-6pm. Many Sales! Used & New Items. West of Wayne Rd., off Hunter Ave., between Warren & Ford Rd.

### Garage/Moving Sales

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**ACROSS**

- Spelldown
- South American monkey
- Beat with a stick
- Pea-green boat passenger
- Hawaiian strings
- Pasternak heroine
- Club holders (2 wds.)
- Sandler or West
- Clay-target sport
- In a diplomatic way
- Keebler baker, in ads
- It may be fragile
- White-water enthusiasts
- Carve a canyon

**32 - Star Pictures**

- Cola's guy
- So long!
- Alpine peak
- Roadblock
- Butter square
- London lay
- Least possible
- Faint flicker
- Black-hearted
- Feign
- Billionth, in combos
- measure
- TV knob
- Catch
- Joule fractions
- Paramedic

**DOWN**

- Where cranberries grow
- Jedi ally
- Model Macpherson
- Not blatant
- FBI acronym
- Barrels
- Gush forth
- Ice cream choice
- Fill the hull
- Vaccine type
- Strong, as venison
- Paws
- Span in years
- Back again
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- "Exodus" hero
- Brownie fruit
- Weep audibly
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- Do batik
- Always, to Whitman
- Confidant
- Final words
- Barnyard animal
- Vicious elephants
- Croissant or kaiser
- Liking
- Type of wear
- Novelist Turgenev
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- Perjurer
- Chalet feature
- Bohr's study
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- EPA figure

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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