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## Clowning around

Stop by Dairy Dan's this evening (Aug. 2) and help Clowns Around Redford celebrate International Clown Week.

Clowns Around Redford will share their skills from 7-9 p.m. at the ice cream stand at 35705 Ford, west of Wayne Road, Westland. This is the organization's annual visit, and members will be showing off their latest balloons and doing face painting.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation declaring Aug. 1-7 as clown week.

## First Serve Sunday

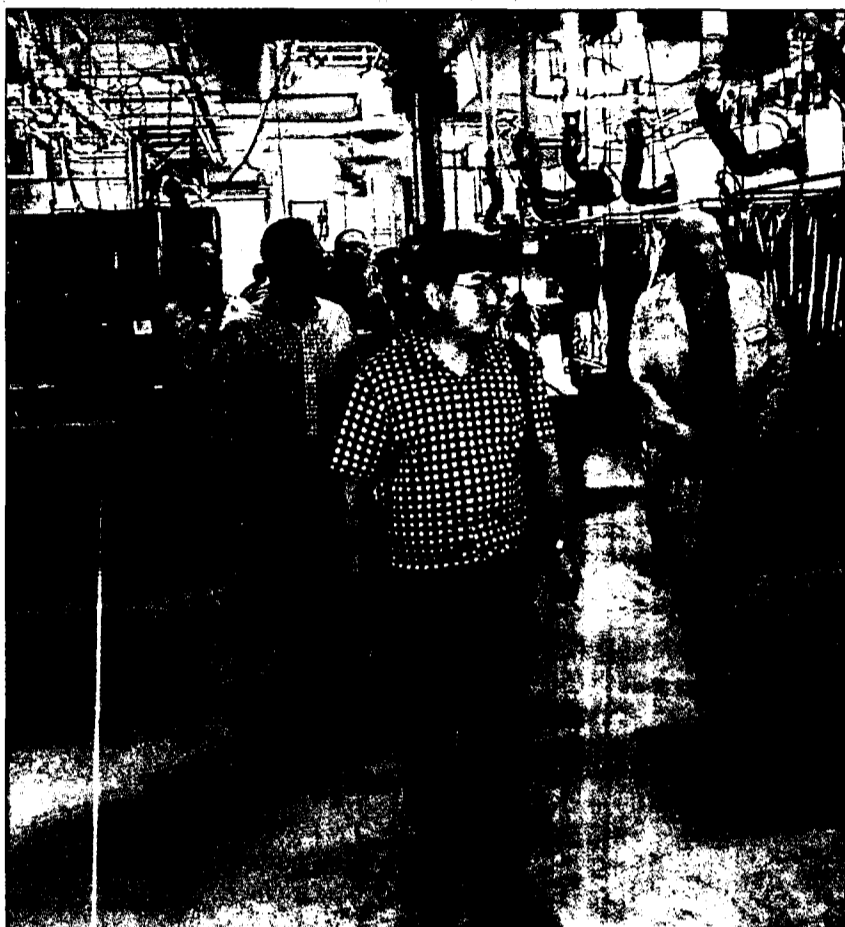
Ekklesia Church is continuing its "First Serve Sunday" projects with a garage sale giveaway Sunday, Aug. 5.

People who have items they no longer use and are interested in donating it to somebody who would benefit from it, can join Ekklesia Church at its "giveaway." The free garage sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road.

Quantities will be limited from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and there will be no limit from 1-2 p.m. Hot dogs will be available.

Instead of meeting for worship at the high school on the first Sunday of the month, members of Ekklesia go into the community and serve, no strings-attached. Upcoming events include a second round of cleanup in the Norwayne Community in September and preparing the playscape at Attwood Park in Wayne for winter in October.

For more information, call (734) 744-7272.



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Automotive Technology instructor Jim Shirmer (right) shows Chinese educators who teach automotive technology at Xinjiang Communication Technical College in Urumqi, the welding classroom at the career technical center.

## Chinese educators tour W-W's career center

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

East met West Monday in the commons of Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center, as school officials showed off the center's automotive programs to a group of visiting Chinese educators.

The group, automotive instructors at Xinjiang Communication Technical College in Urumqi in northwest China, were on a three-day trip to the Detroit area to see the American automotive manufacturing system and how students are prepared for automotive careers.

"Here, the lessons are very good, the equipment and the teachers are better," one Chinese educator said. "In China, the number of students is huge, the buildings are larger, but the lessons are not too good. In Chinese classrooms, teachers talk and students have less time to do things."

His comments came after a tour of the center's automotive and welding classrooms, led by Jim Schirmer, automotive technology instructor for the center's high school program. Schirmer was joined by



Huang Zhi Yuan (left) and Diayu Hang take pictures of the staff at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Mark Batko, who teaches the adult program, center Assistant Principal Sue Wilk and Job Placement Coordinator Cindy Candella in hosting the visit, set up by Thomas Fisher of SPX Service Solutions.

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## Schofield says 'no' to 5th term on W-W board

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

There will be a new face on the Wayne-Westland school board in January, following a decision by long-time board member Cindy Schofield not to seek a fifth term in the November election.

A Wayne resident, Schofield has decided "it's time to move on to other things in my life."

"All of my children live in Texas and we will be traveling a lot," Schofield said. "I think the school district is better served by having people on the board who have children in the schools."

Schofield, current board secretary, is in her 13th year on the board after her four-year term was extended six months to accommodate a state law that moves school elections from May to November. The new term also has been lengthened to six years.

Frederick Weaver will be seeking his first full term on the board after being appointed in August 2011 to fill the remainder of a term that had been held by William Gabriel. Prior to that, Weaver had served on the board for 7½ years, leaving

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## Residents question location of store

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

A new convenience store selling beer and wine is opening at the corner of Middlebelt and Annapolis. It's legal, but that's not any consolation to neighboring residents who aren't happy about the new business.

"Why is this man who owns the building showing low-life stuff down our throats?" resident Fannie Bryant asked. "I don't want more traffic. I have enough trouble with drunks walking to the store on Van Born. They pee on my trees."

About 40 people turned out for a Southeast Westland Homeowners Association meeting, called to discuss their concerns

about the new store, with Westland Planning and Building Department Director Bruce Thompson.

Unfortunately for the unhappy homeowners, the property is zoned correctly to permit the convenience store and it doesn't require a special land use. That means the business can move ahead by passing inspections and obtaining required permits, but without hearings before the planning commission, city council or notices to neighbors.

The strip center houses a cell phone store, a laundromat and a clothing store. At one time, Thompson said part of

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## Services planned for slain Westland teens

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Funeral services for two Westland teenagers, found slain in Detroit after being missing for several days, will be held Friday and Saturday at churches in Livonia and Garden City.

Services for Jourdan Bobbish, 17, are set for 11:30 a.m. Friday at Ward Evangelical Presbyteri-

an Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville Township. The service, which was moved from a smaller Garden City church, is open to the public, and a luncheon will follow at the church. Visitation for close friends and family begins at 10 a.m.

A Livonia Churchill High School senior, Bobbish is survived by his parents Michael and Carrie; siblings Josh-



Bobbish  
ua, Jillian and Jaynee; grandparents William and Kathleen Bobbish, Dianne and Tony Smith and Janet and Harry Taylor; great-grandfather Roy Kastl; and aunts and



uncles Kimberly (Timothy) Myers, Julie Taylor, Keith (Kristin) Motyka, Rex (Scott) Bobbish-Kramer, Harry Taylor Jr. and Billy (Lynn) Taylor.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made payable to "Memorial account for Jourdan Bobbish" at 4747 Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48323 or contact Bryan Reedy at Fifth Third

Bank at (248) 624-8999.

Visitation for Jacob Kudla, 18, will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Christ Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, in Livonia. The memorial service, which is also open to the public, will begin at 11 a.m. at the church.

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# Yankee Air Museum ready for Thunder over Michigan air show

The roar of airplane engines will fill the sky over Willow Run Airport this weekend as the Yankee Air Museum presents its 2012 Thunder Over Michigan air show.

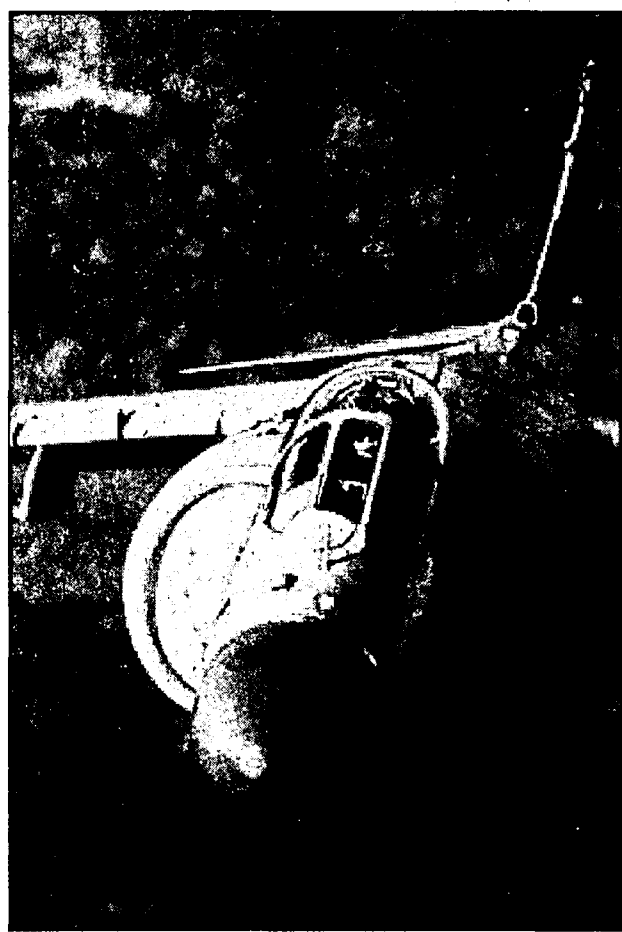
The air show, a fundraiser for the Yankee Air Museum in Van Buren Township, runs Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4-5. It's expected to attract 40,000-45,000 people who will be treated to a view of the only privately owned Sea Harrier F/A2, and F15i a Boeing B-29 Superfortress.

This year's theme is "Mustang Mania" and honors the P-51, today's most recognized World War II warbird. Twenty P-51 Mustangs, including Jack Roush's "Gentleman Jim" P-51D Mustang, will perform at the air show.

The battle reenactment will bring to life the sights sounds and smells of ground and air warfare over World War II Europe. Using realistic historical re-enactors and restored vintage aircraft, tanks, half-tracks and other equipment, the reenactment will bring history to life.

According to show director Kevin Walsh, visitors will get to see U.S. and German troops square off in a battle that feature authentic armor and reenactors in historically accurate dress. The P-51 Mustangs will provide tactical air support for the embattled American ground forces.

Show goers will be able to speak with the pilots, tour some aircraft and see exhibits. There will



Art Nall will fly his plane, the only privately Sea Harrier jet, at the Thunder Over Michigan air show at Willow Run Airport this weekend.

be a kid's zone, a beer garden and food available.

But the show stopper will be the Sea Harrier F/A2. Originally designed for the Royal Navy, the Harrier is known for its vertical takeoff and landing aircraft and was made famous for its service during the Falklands War. Art Nalls, a retired and decorated Marine Corps pilot, purchased the Sea Harrier in 2005 and spent two years restoring the aircraft to flying condition.

Nalls, 58, of Lusby,

Md., flew seven different planes while in the Marines in 1976-1998, and the Harrier was his favorite for how it handles. The Harrier can lift like a helicopter, hover in mid-air, fly at the speed of sound and even backwards.

The show grounds will open at 9 a.m. both days as does the Ford Mustang car show, grandstands, Bomber Club, Fighter Club and Officers Club and the Kid Zone play area. The ground and air battle reenactment will be at 10:30 a.m.

## THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN

**What:** Thunder Over Michigan Air Show  
**When:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4-5  
**Where:** Willow Run Airport, 47884 D St., Van Buren Township. Directions can be found of the Yankee Air Museum website at [www.yankeeairmuseum.org/airshow](http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org/airshow)  
**Cost:** \$30; \$25 if purchased before noon Aug. 5. No charge for children age 15 and younger. On-site parking is \$10.

The air show will be 11:40 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will include a P-51 Mustang demo with Vlado Lenocho, a World War II Primary Trainer Flight (two PT-17's and PT-19), BT-13 Valiant demo with Michael Kennedy, a T-6 Texan Formation Flight with seven aircraft, HH-65 Dolphin demo, the B-29 Superfortress, F-86 Sabre demo, the air and ground battle with an A-36 and 17 P-51 aircraft, a P-51 Mustang Formation Flight, MH-60 Knight-hawk demo, a World War II fighter and bomber flight with a P-38, two P-47's, B-17 and three B-25's and the Sea Harrier demo.

The air show grounds will close at 5 p.m. Airplane buffs can get a ride in the P-D Mustang "Gunfighter," which is selling - \$1,500 for a 20-minute once-in-a-lifetime ride. People interested in a ride can contact Larry Lumpkin at [captainltl@cox.net](mailto:captainltl@cox.net).

## AROUND WESTLAND

### Circus is coming

Tickets are available for two performances of the Kelly Miller Circus on Saturday, Aug. 11.

Sponsored by the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department, the performances will be at 2 and 5:30 p.m. The circus will be held on diamond two at Attwood Park next to the Wayne Community Center.

Tickets are \$6 for children age 12 and younger, \$10 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the Wayne Community Center, Wayne City Hall, the Wayne Chamber of Commerce and two Wayne businesses, the Avenue Bar and Grill and Tim Horton's.

### Fund-raiser

AmVets Post 171 is holding a Vendor Sale/ Garage Sale/Swap Meet/ Mom 2 Mom Sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the post, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland.

In addition to the vendors, there will be food available, hourly raffles and entertainment. Indoor spaces (hall) are \$25, with \$10 for table rentals, outdoor (parking spaces) are \$20. Proceeds will be kept by individual vendors.

For more information, contact Kelly Taylor at (734) 890-1055 or by email at [taylorstkt@gmail.com](mailto:taylorstkt@gmail.com) or Jennifer Basco at (636) 221-9573 or by email at [j\\_basco08@yahoo.com](mailto:j_basco08@yahoo.com).

### Monday Madness

Visit the Westland Municipal Golf Course at 500 S. Merriman, south of Cherry Hill every Monday from noon to 5 p.m. for the Monday Madness Lunch and Golf Special.

For \$20, or \$15 for seniors, patrons will enjoy nine holes of golf, electric cart, hot dog, medium soda and a bag of chips.

For more information,

call (734) 721-6660 or visit the city's website at [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com).

### Golf outing

The Westland Lions Club will hold its annual golf outing Tuesday, Aug. 21, at the Polo Fields Golf and Country Club, 5200 Polo Fields Dr., Ann Arbor.

Registration is at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. for the four-person scramble. There will be a hole-in-one contest and closest to the pin and longest drive contests for both men and women, lunch and beverages at the turn, dinner, featuring filet mignon and chicken marsala, and dessert and door prizes. The cost is \$125 per golfer or \$450 for a foursome. Dinner only is \$30. Sponsorships ranging from \$100 to \$1,200 also are available.

For more information, call Ken Sharp at (734) 595-8305 or George Marvaso at (313) 801-5321. Registration and checks, made payable to the Westland Lions Club, can be sent to 6581 N. Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48185, or faxed registration to (734) 467-7157; Attn: George.

### Golf outing

The John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 15th annual golf outing fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and steak dinner after golf.

Contact Coach Polk at [rocketwrestling@gmail.com](mailto:rocketwrestling@gmail.com) or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. Further information also is available at [glennwrestling.com](http://glennwrestling.com). Hole sponsorship and raffle donations also are being accepted.

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Jerry Erickson with his 1931 Ford Roadster Deluxe.

## Vintage vehicles take over Westland Historic Village Park

**By LeAnne Rogers**  
Observer Staff Writer

The vehicles on display at the recent Summer Bonanza were really vintage - no models newer than the 1930s.

"We had 13-14 cars. It wasn't a bad turn out. We had quality and a good turnout of spectators - 157 voted for our people's choice award," said car show organizer Don Nicholson. "We were up against two other big car shows. We didn't know that when it was scheduled."

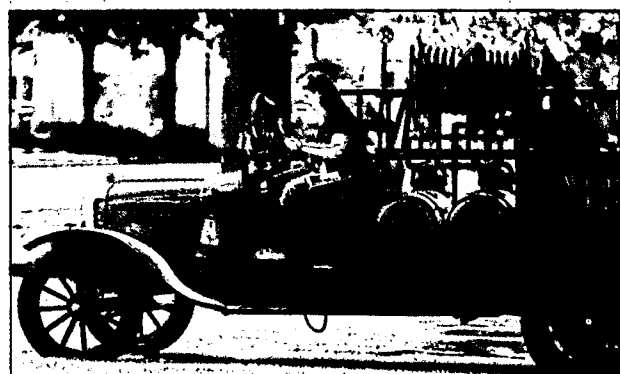
The event was designed to get more people to visit the Westland Historic Village Park on Wayne Road south of Marquette.

"I think we will do this again next year. We'll make some changes," said Nicholson. "It's really more of way to get people to recognize that the Historic Village Park is there. People drive by and see the houses but don't realize what is there."

The Historic Village Park includes historic buildings, including the Rowe House, the Octagon House and the most recent addition, the McKee barn. The roof and other parts of the 1930s barn were recently moved from the McKee property



Westland resident Bob Skingley with Randy Teasley, owner of the 1914 Ford Model-T Depot Hack.



Stephanie Womack checks out the Wayne Fire Department antique fire engine.

on Cowan and the lower walls will be reconstructed over a new concrete foundation.

The Westland Historical Museum is located on the property and open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays except holidays.

Along with a chance to see antique cars, including a restored engine from the Wayne Fire Department, guests at

the Summer Bonanza also had a chance to play some old fashioned games including croquet. There was no admission charge with refreshments offered for sale.

"We made enough to pay for a new vintage hot dog cooker," said Nicholson.

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## Stock market no longer reflects U.S. economy

**By Rick Bloom**  
Guest Columnist

**A**t a recent seminar I was discussing the economy and explaining that the U.S. economy is weak and this has been the slowest recovery in a generation. I also discussed the current high unemployment rate and that I didn't see any change in the near future. I also believe interest rates would remain low for at least another year.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

economy, we live in a world economy. Goods and services go across country borders like you and I cross city limits. That is why when you look at our economy, it doesn't necessarily reflect the stock market.

Many of the companies listed on the stock market do a good portion of their business outside of our country. They may be American companies but their revenues are generated from abroad. That is why it is possible for the U.S. economy to be sluggish while at the same time companies are doing well. They no longer solely depend upon the U.S. market for their profits. Companies like McDonalds, GM and Dow need foreign markets to remain profitable.

Another reason there is sometimes a disconnect between the stock market and the economy is because of technology. The advancement of technology in the work force has changed dramatically over the last 20 years. It's hard to remember when stores didn't have scanners or where you could just pay at the pump without having to go into the gas station. Technology has revolutionized the way we live our lives and run our businesses. The result is that companies and businesses don't need as many employees as they used to.

### Jobs of yesterday

When I was in high school I was a bagger for Farmer Jack. At that time there was a cashier and a bagger at every checkout. Today, typically there is only one person at the checkout and not only

does that person do the bagging, but when they scan the grocery items, they are automatically reducing the item from the inventory and potentially setting up an order. In the old days what may have required three or four people, today, takes one person. And in reality it is the computer that does most of the work.

Whether it's at the gas station, the grocery store or in our offices, we do a lot more with fewer people. That is the reality of the situation. In the past when unemployment was high, companies didn't do as much business. That is no longer the case today. Whether it is large multi-national corporations or small family owned businesses, we all do a lot more work with less people.

We are in a new economy and some of the rules and theories from the past no longer apply today. American business is finding new ways to compete around the world and whether that means opening new markets for their goods and services or outsourcing work throughout the world, that is the new reality. As investors, we have to accept that as the new norm.

Unlike in the past where corporations needed the U.S. economy to be robust in order to show profits, fortunately or unfortunately, that is no longer the case. Good luck!

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

### GM example

Thirty years ago, the United States was by far the largest auto market in the world; today, it's China. The reality is we no longer live in an American

## Detroit Police investigate death of ex-Westland resident

A former Westland woman was found fatally shot in Detroit's west side early Sunday morning.

Detroit Police were continuing to investigate the death of the woman, found dead just before 5

a.m. following reports of a shooting in the 14000 block of Kentfield in the Brightmoor area.

Police refused to release any additional about the shooting. Other sources identified the victim as Kaylei Motz,

23, daughter of Westland Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz.

A 2007 Westland John Glenn High School graduate, Kaylei Motz was currently listing her residence at a Detroit address.

## Free blood pressure testing

The staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services will offer free blood pressure testing 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, in the East Court

(near Forever 21 and the Coffee Beanery) of Westland Shopping Center. The free checks are available the first and third Tuesday and on the sec-

ond and fourth Thursday of the month 35000 Warren Road at Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 458-4330.

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Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office at 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185, or at [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com). Please direct questions pertaining to specifications to Benny McCusker at (734) 467-7951. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

William Gabriel  
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# Crowds thrill to car show classic

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

One thing Suzanne Thomas-Hughes learned growing up with a father who was a car nut and a Ford Motor Co., employee: Car shows make for great photo opportunities.

That's why Thomas-Hughes, a former Plymouth resident now living in Wolverine Lake, knew her dad's Facebook page would be loaded with pictures from the 34th Concours d'Elegance, staged Sunday at Plymouth Township's Inn at St. John's.

"It's an amazing show you can't see anywhere else," said Thomas-Hughes, herself now an avid car enthusiast. "Dad goes to car shows all over the country, and he said this was the best he'd ever been to. That's saying a lot. His Facebook page will be overflowing."

It's not like Thomas was alone, either. Huge crowds took advantage of excellent weather to ride one of several shuttle busses out to the showing of classic and rare automobiles and motorcycles in the world.

Following the theme, "Genius of the Automobile," the show featured cars ranging from dragsters to racers, Duesenbergs and Delahayes and even a no-wheel hovercraft-style propelled vehicle.

Cameras were in great supply as spectators moved around some 300 automobiles and motorcycles on display.

Ron Radtke of Novi said he goes to Concours "whenever I can." His camera was whirring. "You don't see these kinds of cars anywhere else but these kinds of

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## BEST OF THE BEST

**What:** Best in Show - Domestic

**Winner:** 1933 Chrysler Imperial Dual Cowl Phaeton by LeBaron

**Owner:** Joseph & Margie Cassini, Ill., West Orange, N.J.

**What:** Best in Show - Foreign

**Winner:** 1933 Delage D8S Coupe Roadster by de Villars

**Owner:** Jim Patterson, The Patterson Collection, Louisville, Ky.

shows," said Radtke, who himself owns a 1979 Chevy Van. "I love taking these kinds of pictures."

Of course, while the show is just that — a show for the spectators — it's also a show for the exhibitors, who compete for "Best in Show" honors in a variety of categories.

Terence Adderley of Bloomfield Hills brought three cars to Concours, and one of them — a 1929 Duesenberg Beverly Sedan — won "Best in Show" for the Duesenbergs.

Adderley said he's been involved in Concours for more than 30 years.

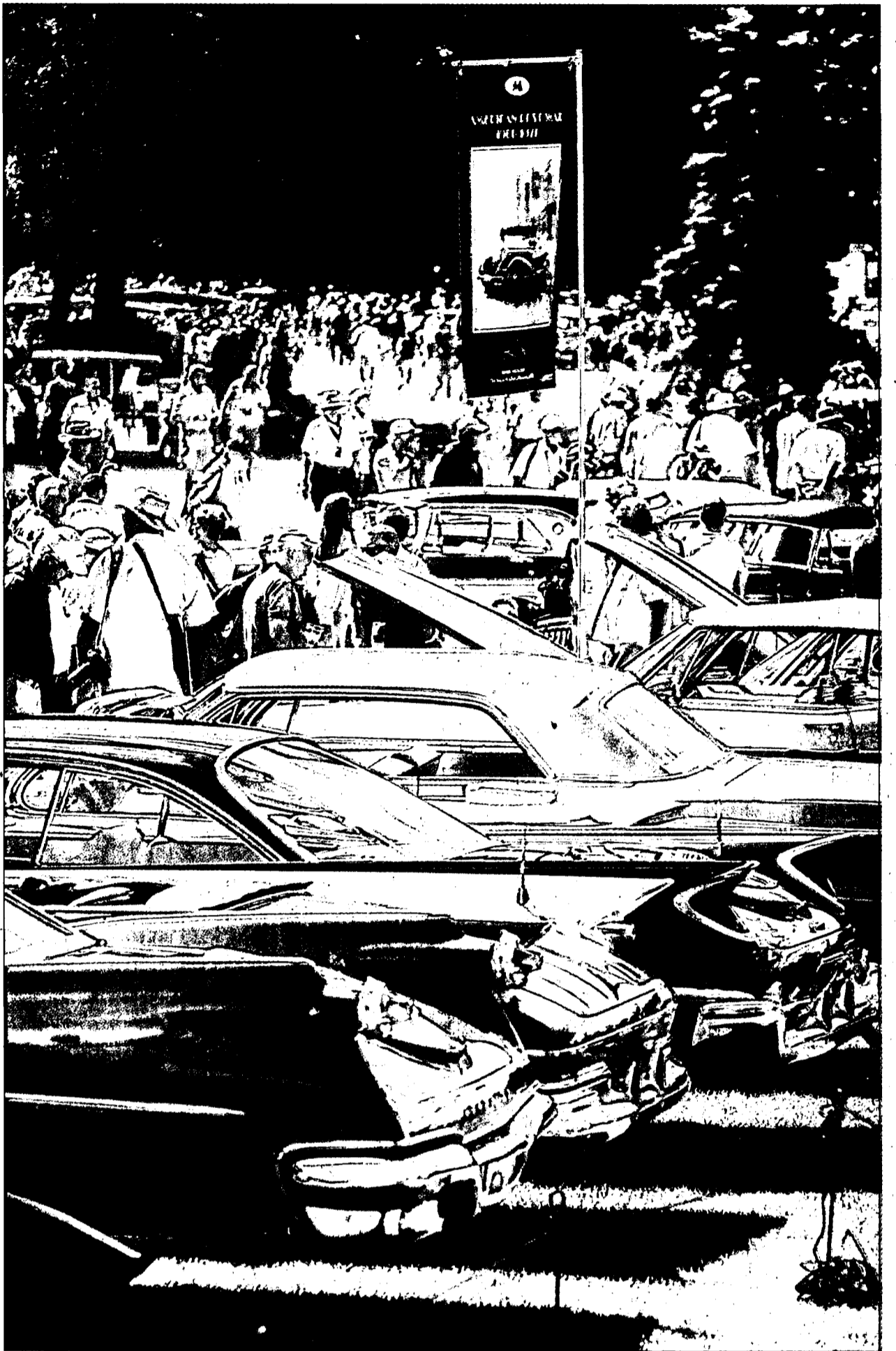
"You never know for certain if certain kinds of cars are going to be there," Adderley said.

"You learn something every year. It's very interesting ... it's fun."

While Radtke and Adderley come every year, Sunday's show was a first for Bob Richardson of Wayne. Richardson said he thinks about going every year, but that work often gets in the way.

Not this year. "A lot of the vintage and classic cars are here," said Richardson, who said he's owned a 1955 Belair and a 1973 Barracuda. "I'm a muscle car man myself. Here you get to see all the classics."

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Cadillac fins and crowds were everywhere.



Playing music in the back seat of a Lincoln are Michigan Philharmonic musicians Joe Deler from Dearborn and Brandon Cota from Ypsilanti.



A fashion show featuring cars such as this Hupmobile with models was one of the highlights at the Concours d'Elegance of America at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.



Heidi Ragainis from Plainwell, Mich., looks at a 1966 Mercury Cyclone NASCAR.



1938 MG SA Tickford Drophead Foursome.



# Sleeker, faster new gadgets offer enhanced productivity

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

This summer, another round of sleeker and faster devices and technologies are hitting the market. Among them are the Droid 4G LTE, the Nokia Lumia 900 and the Verizon Jetpack.



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

I had the opportunity to test the Droid 4G LTE courtesy of Verizon and witness the new Droid 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich operating system and beats audio.

The phone had impressive multimedia functions with an 8.0 Megapixel camera and even more impressive speed. The unit comes with a 1.2 GHz processor – that's faster than the laptop I bought after college – and I'm not that old.

I was also able to use the phone in conjunction with another new Verizon technology – the Verizon Jetpack. The Jet Pack is device that allows users to become their own mobile hotspot at speeds about ten times faster than 3G network connectivity.

**Jetpack**  
The Jetpack is great tool for those vacationing

or on the go with a need for a fast, reliable internet connection. And at \$19.99 it comes at a very economical price.

If you're not a Verizon customer and are still looking for a great phone, the Nokia Lumia 900 is receiving great reviews. The phone was one of the first to deliver 4G capabilities and now retails for as low as \$19 with a two-year agreement.

The best part of the Lumia 900 is its unique Windows interface – much different than the Blackberry, Apple and Android set ups on most phones. The Lumia 900 also comes in bright blue – unlike most of the black, white and gray models you see on the market.

Like the Droid Incredible 4G LTE, the Lumia 900 has a 8.0 megapixel camera – but it also has a 1.3 megapixel chat cam. AT&T's latest project, the Windows 8 Phone will share the same operating system as the Lumia and will also be fully integrated with Microsoft's newest version of MS Office.

The new Microsoft Office is another item on a long list of Windows products that are receiving a lot of press this summer. The new office suite isn't a must-have for every PC user, but it does have some cool features that even technology novices will love.

**New for Microsoft**  
First the system will be touch-screen compat-

ible – a first for Microsoft. It will also embrace cloud computing which will help Microsoft compete with other tech giants like Google, who have been steadily creeping into their space.

One of my favorite features within the new Microsoft Office suite, is the ability to embed videos or other multimedia from the web, into a word document.

Microsoft has set up the suite as such so that users explore the cloud-based technology. Consumers who buy the home version of the new office suite (dubbed office '13) will receive 20 GB of cloud storage space.

Additionally, Microsoft will allow a subscription-based approach to Office '13 for those looking to utilize the cloud service. Office '13, which has been out since July 16, is also available on tablets.

One device discussed in this space you still can't get your hands on though. Is the Windows 8 Phone. It has no official release date, but could be on shelves as soon as October or as late as Christmas.

You can find the Droid Incredible 4G LTE and Verizon Jet Pack at your nearest Verizon store or online.

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Westland Mayor William Wild (left) and Council President James Godbout (right) honor Gina and Lou Toarmina for their 25 years of business and community service in the City of Westland.

## Westland honors Toarmina's on its 25th anniversary

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Toarmina's Pizza was officially recognized for 25 years in business at a recent Westland City Council meeting. Mayor William Wild made a special presentation to business owners Lou and Gina Toarmina.

Toarmina's has 14 locations including three in Westland, where the business started. Wild noted the first Toarmina's Pizza opened in a vacant former gas station/convenience store at Cherry Hill and Venoy.

It's not all business for the Toarminas, Wild said, noting the couple

has been very active in the community supporting a variety of charities and fundraising efforts. Lou Toarmina was recognized by the Westland Chamber of Commerce as Business Person of the Year and Toarmina's as Agency of the Year by Westland Youth Assistance.

"Thanks Mr. Mayor and the City of Westland for all of your support over 25 years," Lou Toarmina said.

As part of the 25th anniversary celebrations in June, the Toarminas held a fundraiser that generated \$850 each for the American Red Cross and the Karmanos Cancer Insti-

tute. "We're still in Westland today, it's a great community. It's helped our business and helped us grow," Gina Toarmina said.

Westland Council President James Godbout also praised Toarmina's Pizza.

"It's a great business and they do great service to the community," he said. "They give back to the community on a regular basis. The level of giving over the years has been tremendous. This is only a small token of what you do for the community."

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### WESTLAND CHAMBER CHAT

As we all know the electronic era is here. The Westland Chamber has a few new programs that will help us keep in touch with our members. However, we need your help. We currently only have half of the members' email addresses. Please send an email to westlandchamber@yahoo.com with your email address and anyone else in your office that you would like to receive Chamber updates, and event reminders.

We will not sell your email address to anyone. It will just be used for Westland Chamber correspondence.

If you are on our email list, then you have seen "Chamber Member News." If you are not on the list, these are emails that go out with information from our members. They include specials, events, discounts anything else that a business would like you all to know about.

Have you ever wondered, "how do I get my information in one of these emails? It's simple, just email the Chamber a .pdf at westlandchamber@yahoo.com. We will only send out one of these a week on Mondays.

The cost is only \$15 per email. If you miss the deadline then your information will go into the following week. If you have any questions please call us at (734) 326-7222.

Brookellen Swope  
President

## Oakwood among top 10 hospitals in Detroit area

The Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center (in Dearborn) is among the top 10 hospitals in the Detroit metro area and the State of Michigan, according to the U.S. News & World Report.

The OHMC been ranked sixth in the Detroit metro area in U.S. News Media & World Report's 2011-12 Best Hospital rankings, which is available online at www.usnews.com/best-hospitals. It is ranked as the eighth best hospital in the state, as well.

The rankings, annually published by U.S. News for the past 23 years, will also be featured in the U.S. News Best Hospitals guidebook.

"It's an honor to be recognized for the quality services we provide," said Brian Connolly, president and chief executive officer of Oakwood Healthcare. "I'm proud of all of our employees who take the extra steps to ensure our patients are well-cared for and have a positive overall experience. It's a team effort and this is a validation of that hard work."

The Oakwood Southshore Medical Center is ranked 23rd in Michigan ranked 19th in the Detroit metro area. Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne was ranked 26th in Michigan 21st in the Detroit metro area.

Several individual departments at OHMC were ranked as high-performers, including: cancer, cardiology and heart surgery, diabetes & endocrinology, gastroenterology, geriatrics, gynecology, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, pulmonology and urology.

OSMC was ranked as high-performers in the

areas of diabetes and endocrinology, neurology and neurosurgery, pulmonology, and urology. Annapolis Hospital earned high-performance marks in diabetes and endocrinology, nephrology and neurology and neurosurgery.

The core mission of the Best Hospitals ranking is to help guide patients who need an especially high level of care because of a difficult surgery, a challenging condition, or added risk because of other health problems or age, said Avery Comarow, U.S. News Health rankings editor. The latest rankings showcase 720 hospitals out of about 5,000 hospitals nationwide. Each is ranked among the country's top hospitals in at least one medical specialty and/or ranked among the best hospitals in its metro area.

"These are hospitals we call 'high performers.' They are fully capable of giving most patients first-rate care, even if they have serious conditions or need demanding procedures," Comarow said.

Connolly said the rankings were a verification of the compassionate, specialized care that Oakwood staff members provides each and every day to the people throughout southeast Michigan.

"We deliver the best in clinical quality with a personal touch," said Connolly. "That's what we're all about and that's what makes us a leader in quality, value and compassion."

The rankings cover 16 medical specialties and all 94 metro areas that have at least 500,000 residents.

Every Friday 7:00 - 9:00 PM  
from August 3rd - August 24th

# 2012 Canton Color Tour JAZZ SERIES

Date	Artist	Location	Color Block
August 3	John E. Lawrence	Willow Creek Shopping Center Ford between Lilley & Haggerty	
August 10	Kimmie Horne	Super Bowl Ford between Canton Center & Sheldon	
August 17	Randy Scott	IKEA Ford & Haggerty	
August 24	Lin Rountree	Home Depot Ford & Lozz	

**JAZZY CARRY OUT SPECIALS**

Mention "ShopCanton" at participating restaurants to get the specials from 6 - 8 PM on concert Fridays. For details on carry out specials contact the restaurant.

Antonio's Cucina Italiana- 734-981-9800	Hayden's Grill and Bar- 734-895-3388
Applebees- 734-455-7510	Jimmy John's- 734-844-6112
Bailey's Pub and Grille- 734-844-1137	Leo's Coney Island- 734-981-5483
Carrabba's Italian Grill- 734-844-7400	Palermo's- 734-455-5210
Chilli's- 734-844-9050	Parthenon Coney Island- 734-981-0200
Elite Pizzeria- 734-335-6716	Real BarBQ- 734-667-3996

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Every week, the first 25 people who turn in receipts for \$25 or more from a Canton merchant will receive a FREE personal cooler.

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# Wayne County Circuit Court candidates face primary race



Eleven candidates are vying for three open positions on the Wayne County Circuit Court bench. Six candidates will advance to the November election. The term is six years. Judges are paid \$139,919 annually. Candidates Rohn Mitchell and David Whitaker did not respond to the Observer questionnaire. Readers seeking more information leading up to Tuesday's primary can also read questionnaires and resumes submitted to the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. Go to [www.detroitlawyer.org/judicialcandidateevaluationcommittee.html](http://www.detroitlawyer.org/judicialcandidateevaluationcommittee.html). Come back Sunday to the Observer for responses from candidates Brian L. Morrow, Kelly Ann Ramsey, Mark Somers and John Joseph Sullivan.

## Karen Braxton

Karen Braxton of Canton Township holds a bachelor's in economics and political science from the University of Rochester and a juris doctor from Case Western Reserve University Law School. Her professional affiliations include Board of Trustees ReTOOL, Wayne County Criminal Defense Bar Association, Black Women Lawyers Association and the NAACP. ReTOOL is a program that serves the needs of young people that are in the juvenile justice system or homeless. Braxton works directly with female youth in the program offering tutoring, mentoring and professional and personal guidance.



Braxton

She is married to Thomas Braxton. The couple has two children, Aaron and Maya, who attend Plymouth-Canton Schools. The family attends El Bethel Baptist Church in Redford.

**State the nature of your current practice (member of a firm, independent, etc.).**  
I am currently a trial attorney in a solo practice. I handle a wide variety of cases, including cases in criminal, probate, juvenile, landlord-tenant and family law. I am dedicated to providing excellent legal representation to each client, including those who may not otherwise be able to afford quality legal counsel. I practice primarily in the Wayne County Circuit Court, giving me extensive knowledge of the court system in which I seek to serve.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**  
I want to be judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court because I am confident that I can bring equality, efficiency and effectiveness to the Court. Equality by ensuring that everyone is treated equally regardless of their race, sex or socioeconomic status; efficiency by taking the bench on time and expeditiously yet thoroughly handling each case before me; and effectiveness by using established programs in Wayne County (like ReTOOL) to help underprivileged youth.

**Describe your trial experience.**  
I have tried over 100 cases in my solo practice, including criminal (felonies, misdemeanors, capital and non-capital) and juvenile cases (delinquency and neglect). Of those, approximately 50 percent have been jury trials.

**Describe your judicial philosophy.**  
Regardless of what division assigned, I intend to serve everyone who comes into the Wayne County Circuit Court with integrity, fairness and respect. Many people come to court for different reasons: they may be victims, party to a lawsuit, defendants, jurors, attorneys, etc. I intend to listen with an open mind to any party before me and make a decision based upon the law and not my personal beliefs. I also intend to make decisions that, if applicable, will benefit the community as a whole, not just a small segment of the community.

**Pick two endorsements that you are most proud of in this race and tell us why they are meaningful.**  
I am most proud of my UAW endorsement because my father was a member for 26 years and I am elated to have the support from an organization that was very important in my upbringing.

**I am also proud of my endorsement from the Community Democrats. I am a member of this organization and it is always a privilege and an honor to be supported by members of your hometown.**

**How can you make a difference on the court?**

I intend to use my role as a judge to help others, specifically underprivileged youths, in the county. While I am appreciative of every opportunity that I have been afforded, I wish to share my knowledge and experiences with others that may not have had the same opportunities. In addition, by focusing on the youth in Wayne County, I am able to target an impressionable group and possibly give them an alternative to a life of crime.

**What expertise - in business or law - gives you an edge over your opponents?**

Over the years, I have practiced in each division of the circuit court where I could be assigned. In my private practice, I interact with judges, court staff and the thousands of people who visit the courts each day. It is important to have practiced in each area because judges are randomly assigned to their divisions and you must be prepared to serve. I am ready and eager to serve.

## Kevin Cox

Cox, 52, lives in Livonia. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan and a



Cox

juris doctor from Wayne State University Law School. He is married to Elizabeth Cox. The couple has four children: Kiefer, 23; Kasey, 20; Jack, 17 and Brian, 14. His community activities include St. Edith Parent Association, St. Edith CYO Athletics Board of Directors and coach, Catholic Central Dad's Club, fundraiser for the Salvation Army, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

**State the nature of your current practice.**  
Assistant attorney general in the labor division of the Office of Attorney General. I represent the State of Michigan in state courts and administrative hearings. I prosecute businesses and individuals who have defrauded the state in tax matters.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**  
My decision to seek judicial office is due in large part to the way in which I was raised by my parents. My parents were blue-collar immigrants. We did not have lawyers and judges in our neighborhood. My parents taught my brothers and I that judges were the glue that held together all that was just and fair in our society and that there was no higher calling than to serve the public as a judge.

I am highly qualified to serve. I have extensive experience as a trial attorney for over 27 years and have had the benefit of watching and learning the qualities that make judges effective and efficient. Prior to practicing as an AAG, I was in private practice for 25 years. My practice was comprised of complex injury litigation throughout the state. I owned and managed a law firm of 12 attorneys and over 20 employees for several years. Although 75 percent of my cases were in Wayne County, I have litigated cases in over 40 counties in Michigan resulting in several successful jury verdicts and hundreds of settlements. In addition, I have handled several cases that have been heard in the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court.

**Describe your trial experience.**  
I have had extensive experience trying cases in front of juries for over 25 years. I have tried over 30 complex civil jury trials for my clients and have tried cases to verdict in eight different counties

**State the nature of your current practice (member of a firm, independent, etc.).**  
For the past seven years I have worked as a Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor and I have

been assigned to the trial division for over four years. Previously I worked as a solo practitioner for 13 years specializing in probate, criminal, collection, family and juvenile law. In 1995, I was appointed to be a Special Assistant to the Attorney General Frank Kelley to handle collection cases in Wayne County in addition to my regular practice.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**  
I have always been dedicated to my community, becoming a judge would allow me to further that commitment and to continue working as a public servant.

**In addition having worked as a prosecutor for the past seven years and a solo practitioner for over 13 years has given me a wide variety of experiences. I have represented defendants, juvenile delinquents and families on both sides of the law, which makes me a well rounded candidate.**

**Describe your trial experience.**  
For over 20 years I have handled hundreds of jury and bench trials. I am currently assigned to the Auto Theft Unit which is part of the Trials Division at the Wayne County Prosecutors Office.

**Describe your judicial philosophy.**  
I believe it is important for trial court judges to follow the law, be impartial and treat everyone with respect. Trial court judges are supposed to follow the law, not make law. In addition I believe it is very important that every litigant receives a fair and impartial trial. If elected, everyone, regardless of who they are, will be treated with respect. In other words, attorneys, staff, litigants, jurors should all be treated with the same respect.

**Pick two endorsements that you are most proud of in this race and tell us why they are meaningful.**  
I received the highest rating for skill and ethics as determined by my peer attorneys throughout my career and I was rated "Well Qualified" in the recent judicial ratings issued by the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association (DMBA). The DMBA Committee evaluated the fitness of each candidate for judicial office based on the candidate's legal ability, trial experience, integrity, honesty, judicial temperament and reputation. The "Well Qualified" rating is the highest rating given to any candidate in this race.

**I am also proud I received the endorsement of three Michigan Attorneys General and the Police Officers Association of Michigan because law enforcement leaders want a judge who knows how to deal with crime in our community.**

**How can you make a difference on the court?**

I know I will make a difference on the court because I worked and studied very hard to become a successful trial attorney and my work ethic will not change as a judge. I know that to become a great judge, I must work and study hard and be prepared for all cases on my docket. I also have a great respect for our system of justice, which is obligated to protect all citizens who participate in the legal process.

**What expertise - in business or law - gives you an edge over your opponents?**

I believe that I am the candidate with the most courtroom and trial experience and thus most capable of running an effective and efficient court. Because I have appeared in front of hundreds of judges over the past 27 years, I feel quite confident that I have learned the qualities necessary to preserve the integrity of our legal system, protect our rights and uphold our laws.

## Jane Ellen Gillis

Jane Ellen Gillis, 49, holds a bachelor's of science from Western Michigan University and a juris doctor from the Detroit College of Law/



Gillis

Michigan State Michigan State University. She is a member of The Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers, and State Bar of Michigan, Criminal Law Section. A life-long resident of Wayne County, she is married and the mother of two children.

In 1993 she received the Spirit of Detroit Award for her work at the Dominican Literacy Center where she taught reading to high school dropouts, "many of whom were left behind by the system as a result of learning disabilities."

**State the nature of your current practice (member of a firm, independent, etc.).**

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been assigned to the trial division for over four years. Previously I worked as a solo practitioner for 13 years specializing in probate, criminal, collection, family and juvenile law. In 1995, I was appointed to be a Special Assistant to the Attorney General Frank Kelley to handle collection cases in Wayne County in addition to my regular practice.

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**Pick two endorsements that you are most proud of in this race and tell us why they are meaningful.**  
As an Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor I am proud to receive the endorsement of my boss Prosecutor Kym Worthy and all other law enforcement officials and organizations. To me this means I have gained the respect of my boss and the law enforcement agencies I work with in the past 20 years.

**How can you make a difference on the court?**

My experience and commitment to our community makes me an excellent candidate for circuit court. As a judge I will be able to have positive effect on people in our community.

**What expertise - in business or law - gives you an edge over your opponents?**

There are several factors that give me an edge over my opponents: I have been a trial attorney longer than most of my opponents.

I believe my legal background is more diverse than most of my opponents. Traditionally new judges are put in the criminal, juvenile or family divisions. I have many years experience working in each of these divisions.

Also, having managed my own practice for 13 years I obtained excellent management and organizational skills. Therefore, I will be good at keeping my docket within time standards outlined by the Supreme Court.

## Adel Harb

Adel Harb, 47, is a Dearborn resident. He received his juris doctor from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. He is a member of the Michigan State Bar, Wolverine Bar,



Harb

and Texas Bar. Harb is married and the father of three daughters. He is the a member of the executive board

member of the Great Lakes Counsel for Boy Scouts of America.

**State the nature of your current practice (member of a firm, independent, etc.).**  
I have been in private practice for over 20 years with emphasis on family law and criminal. I have been a licensed family law mediator and facilitator for 12 years.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**  
I believe I can make a difference.

**Describe your trial experience.**  
I have extensive trial court experience in both District and Circuit Courts for over 20 years.

**Describe your judicial philosophy.**  
Know the law, apply the law, and never be afraid of making decisions.

**Pick two endorsements that you are most proud of in this race and tell us why they are meaningful.**

Fannie Lou Hamer and 13th Congressional District

**How can you make a difference on the court?**

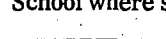
I would bring a diverse personal history to the bench, professionally and culturally.

**What expertise - in business or law - gives you an edge over your opponents?**

Being an attorney, magistrate, and a mediator has given me the appropriate temperament.

## Dana Margaret Hathaway

Dana Margaret Hathaway lives in Grosse Pointe Farms. She holds a degree in chemistry from the College of Charleston, and juris doctor from the University of Detroit Law School where she was associate editor of the Law Review.



Hathaway

She is a member of State Bar of Michigan, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers, Illinois State Bar Association

Hathaway is married and the mother of two daughters, Riley and Mackenzie. She is a member of St. Paul Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. She has been active and served on the general citizen's committee in youth assistance organizations devoted to the prevention and reduction of juvenile delinquency, child abuse and child neglect, by providing positive alternatives to children and families.

**State the nature of your current practice (member of a firm, independent, etc.).**

As a Wayne County prosecutor, I handle felonies and misdemeanors that are charged in Wayne County. I work hard daily to ensure that justice is done on behalf of crime victims. I know how to efficiently move a court's docket because that is what I do everyday. Before joining the prosecutor's office, I worked for a national trial law firm where I specialized in high-stakes litigation for seven years. Primarily, I defended product liability and personal injury actions and litigated commercial actions across the country. I represented Ford, General Motors, and many other international clients.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**

A judge is a public servant and I am running for circuit court judge because it is critically important that we elect competent judges who have shown an unquestionable commitment to public service. I've been awarded by Legal Aid and Defender Association for providing

quality pro bono legal services to people who otherwise could not afford competent legal representation.

Judges also analyze and apply the law. I've won the Excellence for the Future Award in legal reasoning and analysis and I was named a Michigan Super Lawyers - Rising Star for my litigation experience.

**Describe your trial experience.**  
I've handled close to 100 trials and evidentiary motions during my career in both civil and criminal law. As a prosecutor, I've also handled countless felony preliminary examinations.

Preliminary exams are essentially "mini-trials" where the state has to put forth sufficient evidence at an early stage in the proceeding. I handle preliminary examinations in Wayne County courts on a daily basis, in addition to jury and bench trials.

**Describe your judicial philosophy.**

Be fair and follow the law. Judges must apply the law equally and fairly to every person appearing before the court.

**Pick two endorsements that you are most proud of in this race and tell us why they are meaningful.**

I am honored to have received endorsements from *The Detroit News* and Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy. The *Detroit News* endorsement was thorough, well informed and free from partisan agenda. It recognized my "strong work ethic," competence and ability to move a court's docket swiftly. I am also grateful to have received the endorsement of Prosecutor Kym Worthy because she is a no-nonsense prosecutor committed to keeping our county safe. Prosecutor Worthy's endorsement recognizes my knowledge of criminal law and procedure as well as trial experience. I appreciate her recognition of my qualifications for judicial office.

**How can you make a difference on the court?**

The Third Circuit Court is one of the busiest courts in the state. However, the court is currently operating with limited judicial and financial resources. I'd like to improve the delivery of court services to the public by implementing specialty courts. I'd seek to expand the scope of the mental health court and implement a veterans court. Specialty courts reduce criminal recidivism rates while effectively using taxpayer dollars and ultimately save taxpayer money. Also, while I will always follow the law, I won't hesitate to advocate for improvement in the law where it is necessary, pursuant to the judicial canons.

**What expertise - in business or law - gives you an edge over your opponents?**

I have an unusual background for an attorney. While I was in law school, I worked full-time as a forensic chemist at the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office. The Medical Examiner's office ranks among the top five in the country and handles a significant case load. As such, the laboratory analysis requires extreme attention to detail. My analysis of biological specimens aided in criminal investigations and thousands of cause of death determinations. The non-incumbent judges elected this year will likely preside over criminal matters. My scientific background and criminal law experience make me uniquely qualified for a position Wayne Circuit bench.

## OUR VIEWS

# Participate

## Take time to cast your vote in Tuesday's primary election

Next Tuesday is primary election day in Michigan.

That's the day registered voters will go to the polls to decide the makeup of political races at the national, state, county and local levels for the November general election. They'll decide the fate of a number of county and local tax requests and narrow the field of candidates in non-partisan judicial races.

A lot of decisions will be made. Unfortunately, very few people will take the time to get involved in them.

Those who won't vote are content to sit on the sidelines and let someone else make the decisions for them. They have a myriad of reasons why they can't - or won't - participate in the electoral process. They all ring hollow when you look at the availability of absentee ballot and polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day, not to mention the sacrifices that have been made to protect our right to vote.

Even claiming to not know the candidates or the issues is flawed argument. Information can be found from a variety of sources in print and on the web. Most candidates have websites, they mail out informational pieces and even go door to door to engage potential constituents.

The League of Women Voters has its vote411.org website that lets people read and compare responses side-by-side on relevant issues of candidates for the U.S. Senate, their U.S. Congressional district, and their State Representative district and even create a personalized sample ballot for the Aug. 7th Primary election.

Staff members of the *Westland Observer* have spent the better part of the last two months interviewing candidates, looking at the ballot proposals and publishing stories about them. We have interviewed the candidates and covered them at public forums. We expressed our opinion on who we think deserves to advance to the general election and what proposals deserve a yes vote. We've organized all that information in community specific election guides available on our website [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

Many decisions will be made on Aug. 7. They should be made by all of us, not just a few. That's why we urge residents who are registered to vote to take the time to participate in the primary election. Our country is founded on the ideal of a government of the people, for the people and by the people. Let this election day reflect a commitment to that ideal by all of us.

Get out and vote, it's the right thing to do.

## Yes on jail millage

Voters will be asked to renew 0.9381 mills to support the Wayne County Jail system on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

The millage is a 10-year renewal and money is used to operate the jail and fund other programs such as juvenile detention programs and facilities, work release programs, home detention and youth drug counseling.

While there is a lot of grumbling about how Wayne County manages tax dollars, most suburban leaders (of both parties) and all law enforcement officials, admit that this is a necessary renewal. The issue is how to make sure suburban communities are receiving their fair share of services.

This is not a new millage, it is a renewal (0.9381 mills or 94 cents per thousand dollars of taxable value). Retaining the millage means keeping more than 2,000 accused felons off the streets.

The jail millage renewal is estimated to generate approximately \$39 million in property tax revenue in 2012.

Michigan statute requires counties to provide jail facilities to house pre-trial felons and certain criminals sentenced to one year or less of incarceration.

Vote **yes** on Proposal J to continue funding the Wayne County Jail System.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Do you plan to vote in the Aug. 7 primary election?

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



"Yes, mostly for the (William P. Faust Public) library. Every community should have a full-time library."

**Adele Prusinski**  
Westland



"Yes, because I want to make sure the candidates get in that I want and some of the issues we're voting on. I want to have a voice in the election."

**Robin Holmes**  
Livonia



"Yes, because I'm a good citizen. It's my obligation. If I don't vote, it's my fault who gets in."

**Dolores Ochterkirchen**  
Westland



"Yes, I think it's necessary."

**Mark Hurkestein**  
Westland

## LETTERS

### Library a resource for all

Westland voters will decide a crucial question next Tuesday, when they vote on a proposed 50 cents per week tax increase to continue support of the community's William P. Faust Public Library.

The ballot proposal on Tuesday's primary election will ask homeowners to approve a 99 cents per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation tax increase.

For one who has watched many segments of the community fill the library for various events and services, the question of the value of the tax proposal is easy to answer.

The library is there for preschoolers whose parents want to explore quality children's literature. The library's computers are there for persons of all ages who don't have a computer at home. The library is there for persons who want to use the comprehensive resources for a job search. The library is there for retirees who want to read or just browse the scores of newspapers and magazines. The library is there for groups to provide valuable social resources, such as the recently completed English as a Second Language program. The library is there for those who want to borrow a DVD of a popular movie for children and adults.

All of this is free.

The city administration and city council were forced last month to make substantial cutbacks in library staffing and services because of declining real estate values and property tax revenues.

In summary, the library is there for everyone, with supporters asking that services and staffing be restored. This can be accomplished by approving the minimal property tax proposal next Tuesday. If successful, some 85,000 potential library patrons will thank you.

**Leonard Poger**  
Westland

### Shame on Detroit mayor, council

Shame, shame, shame, on Mayor Dave Bing and Detroit City Council, who have not put public safety as the No. 1 issue in Detroit. Financial stability for Detroit must be found, but Job 1 should be public safety. Detroit residents don't care about financial stability, they care that their families and not found "dead in Detroit," that their homes aren't broken in to, that their wives and daughters aren't raped, that they aren't robbed at the local gas station or party store.

Detroit police officers are working in a "war zone," in a dangerous underappreciated job. Every day they face danger and death. They aren't able to do their job to the best of their abilities because the mayor and city council have hindered them, discouraged them, demoralized them and still want a 10-percent

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Two suburbanites, Jourdan Bobbish and Jacob Kudla, were executed in Detroit. Kaylei Motz of Westland was just found "dead in Detroit." Two girlfriends from Detroit were found "dead in Detroit," their bodies dumped in Detroit and still the mayor and city council are more concerned with the state takeover of Belle Isle, a jewel that has faded and can't be restored by Detroit.

The mayor and city council can't agree on most anything, worried that the governor, the suburbanites (white) will steal Detroit — take away its jewels — not caring that people are "dead in Detroit." The homicide rate climbs day by day, home invasions, armed robberies, carjackings, rapes go uninvestigated, unreported. Crime is out of control — maybe. We don't know for sure, because Detroit Police can't properly respond to crimes, properly investigate crimes, because precinct stations are closed for 16 hours a day — and 9-1-1 operators and telephone crime reporting are overwhelmed with calls, and Detroit Police can't help Detroiters or themselves, because the mayor and city council can't understand the effect crime is having on Detroiters and its police officers. They haven't made public safety No. 1.

Something must be done. The mayor and city council can't protect the residents of Detroit. Ask any victim of crime in Detroit, not families of high-profile crimes that grab news headlines, ask the victims who don't make the headlines, who have been victims but the police didn't respond because it wasn't a "crime in progress" or make a report.

Detroit residents, its police officers and firefighters deserve better. The governor must stand up to the mayor and city council and make public safety Job 1, put public safety as the No. 1 issue. Now is the time. Detroit's

reputation will not be restored if people keep being found "dead in Detroit."

**David L. Malhalab**  
retired Detroit police sergeant

### DIA is a jewel

Great art and architecture elevate all great cities and make them enriching places to live, as well as inviting destinations to visit.

The Detroit Institute of Arts is a jewel in the crown for Michigan and deserves to be preserved by Michiganders. As Robert Motherwell expressed, "Art is much less important than life, but what a poor life without it."

**Jill Farber-Bramson**  
West Bloomfield

### Magic in Lansing

Colon, Mich., has distinction of being called the "Magic Capital of the World." It earned this title because it attracts magicians from around the globe to its facilities, where the tools of their trade are fashioned. However, after recently learning that our GOP legislators in Lansing claim Michigan is wallowing in a budget surplus, I say the title should be transferred from Colon to the capitol.

Harry Houdini or David Copperfield at their best would be hard-pressed to equal the impossible illusion our Republican representatives in Lansing are pretending to pull off when they say Michigan suddenly has a budget surplus. Even more astoundingly, Speaker Prestidigitator Jase Bolger claims that since the Legislature can find no new ways to spend this "surplus," it will be returned as a whopping tax refund of about \$15.86 for the average worker.

However, like any audience member at a magic show, I ask, "How can they do this?" After all, Michigan cities are falling into insolvency like pins in a bowling alley. Schools from kindergarten to college are gasping for life, closing or imposing additional taxes on students and parents in the form of rising tuitions. Crime is skyrocketing; property burns, to the ground regularly; and people are left to die because municipalities are forced to lay off policemen, firemen and EMS staff since the state is not paying the money it owes these entities. Roads, bridges, infrastructures are falling to pieces because the state can't afford their upkeep. Prisons are closing, pension systems are collapsing; teachers are sent packing; children are going hungry; social services for the needy are reduced; unemployment benefits are drastically cut; yet our GOP legislators attempt to claim, with straight faces, "We have a budget surplus."

Oh, heavens yes, if these Republican legislators can pull off this budget scam, they truly are top-notch magicians, for they will once again have distracted their voting audience with illusory actions.

**Walter Sobczak**  
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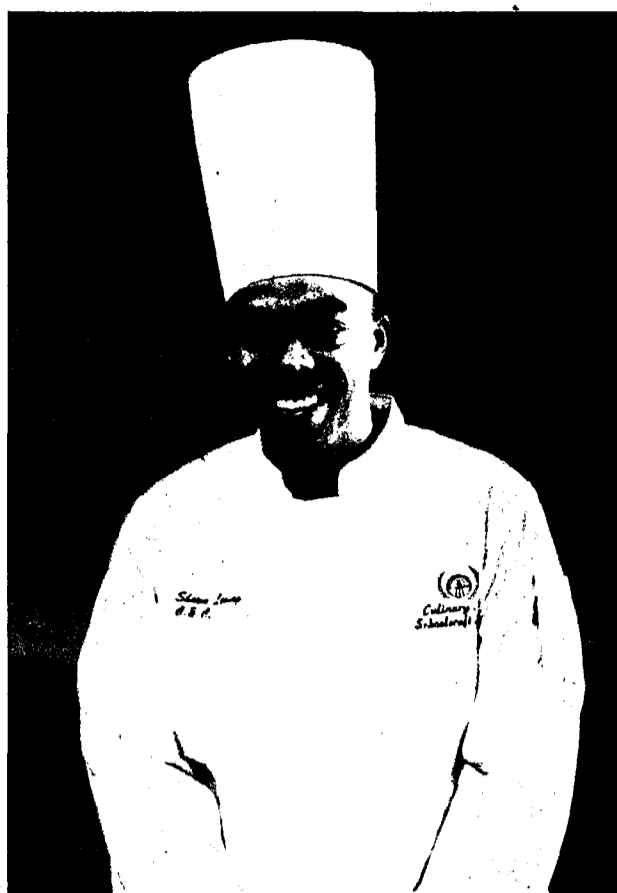
# Schoolcraft instructor to take certified master chef exam

Shawn Loving, culinary arts department chair/instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, will join six other chefs from across the country in the kitchens at The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., for the test of a lifetime Aug. 4-11 — the American Culinary Federation's eight-day Certified Master Chef exam.

The last CMC exam was held two years ago, and there are currently 66 CMCs and 11 Certified Master Pastry Chefs in the United States. In order for a chef to apply for the CMC exam, the candidate must show documentation that he/she is a CEC or Certified Culinary Educator, provide two letters of recommendation from current CMCs and meet rigorous education and experience requirements. The cost for the examination process is \$3,800. In addition, all other expenses associated with taking the exam (food for practice, travel, room, board, etc.) are the responsibility of the candidate.

Loving is a Farmington resident and a 1991 alum of Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program. He has served as department chair and an instructor since 2007. He began his career in several Michigan restaurants, including Salvatore Scallopini, Detroit; Radisson Hotel Pontchartrain, Detroit; Franklin Hills Country Club, Franklin; and Les Auteurs/Madison's, Royal Oak, before becoming a chef for The Walt Disney Company and Epcot, Orlando, Fla.; and EuroDisney, Marne-la-Vallée, France.

Loving also worked as corporate executive chef at Race Rock International, Orlando, and as proprietor and chef at Loving Spoonful, Farmington Hills. In addition, Loving was personal chef for the Detroit Pistons' Richard Hamilton and Chauncey Billups, and was the contracted in-flight caterer for the team. In 2008, he was selected as the executive chef for the U.S. Men's and Women's Olympi-



Shawn Loving

pic Basketball Teams during the Olympics in Beijing; however, he declined the position for the 2012

Olympics in London to take the CMC exam. Loving has won numerous awards and medals from ACF. He is a member of ACF Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association.

"This chapter in my life allows me to truly give aspiring culinarians and chefs that I teach, mentor, work with or associate with a genuine belief that being passionate about your craft has no limits in achieving the top honor," said Loving. "Ultimately, giving back to the profession has given me so many rewards and makes my mission complete."

On Wednesday, three days before the exam, candidates received the protein for their healthy cooking segment. Within 24 hours, they had to return a nutritional analysis, menu and ingredient list approved by a registered dietician. The practical exam is administered in eight segments: healthy cooking, buffet catering, classical cuisine, free-style cooking, global cuisine, baking and pastry,

continental and northern Europe cuisines and market basket, demonstrating that the chef is well-rounded. Each category is graded in two parts: kitchen skills and presentation, and tasting. The minimum passing score for the entire exam is 75 points out of 100. If a candidate fails along the way, he/she is ineligible to continue.

"To earn the Certified Master Chef designation is one of the most notable accomplishments of a chef's career. It bears witness to the commitment, hard work and consummate skill that candidates bring to this most challenging of tasks — the CMC exam," said ACF Certification Commission Chair Ronald DeSantis. "Shawn Loving and these six other chefs have chosen to undergo an intensive eight-day test of culinary skills and knowledge, and they have our good wishes. If successful, they will join 66 CMCs throughout the U.S. who proudly hold this prestigious certification."



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## Grandmother falls victim to money scam

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

An 84-year-old Canton woman was bilked of \$1,960 after a scam artist posing as her grandson phoned her twice to say he was in Spain and needed money wired to him.

"That's a very common scam that's going around," Canton Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr said Tuesday.

The victim became suspicious when she received a third call for money, and she notified local police in late July after she learned her grandson was actually in Chicago and not vacationing in Spain as the caller indicated.

The latest hoax started when the Canton victim received a phone call, supposedly from her grandson, saying he had received a free plane ticket to Madrid, Spain, from a friend. The caller said he had gotten into trouble because a woman traveling with his group had been caught with marijuana, a police report said.

The caller claimed he needed money for bond and turned the phone over to a supposed police officer who confirmed the scenario.

The Canton grandmother sent \$980 through Western Union and later received another phone call indicating her grandson needed an additional \$980 for court costs. She again wired the money, the police report said.

"All these scams seem to originate from outside the U.S.," Kerr said.

The victim became suspicious after she received yet a third call indicating her grandson had missed his flight home and needed another \$900 wired to him. She asked him to call back later and, in the meantime, contacted her actual grandson and learned he hadn't been to Spain.

The grandmother contacted a credit card company and was urged to contact her local

police department.

She did, and that's exactly what Kerr said potential victims should do if they have any doubts about the authenticity of a caller asking for money.

"If they think there's any validity to the call, they should first contact other relatives and confirm it," he said. "They shouldn't send any money without confirming it."

Anyone who has become the victim of such scams is encouraged to call their local police department. Kerr said authorities can steer the victims to the proper agencies if they need to take further action.

AARP, the American Association of Retired Persons, offers the following tips to help protect grandparents from scams like the one involving the 84-year-old Canton woman.

- Don't fill in the blanks with information to a caller. Instead, ask questions to try to verify whether the call is really a grandchild or other relative.

- Even if a caller gives proper identification, ask for family details such as the name of a family pet, a favorite vacation spot or an important anniversary — assuming this information isn't already on a Facebook account or similar location.

- Ask for a callback number for the police station or other place where the caller is supposedly located — then verify the number with an online search or other method.

- Volunteer to return the call to a grandchild or other relative's cell phone, but don't ask for the number. Get it from a trusted family member who has it.

- Don't give out account numbers. Although fake grandchildren usually request wire transfers, some may ask for bank or credit card account numbers.

- If possible, verify claims of a grandchild in trouble with a parent.

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lisa Diggs takes a look at some Michigan-produced art at Northville's "State of Mind" gallery on July 26. Diggs is in charge of the upcoming Buy Michigan Now Festival on Aug. 3-5 in downtown Northville.

## Fest puts focus on state products

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

The Buy Michigan Now Festival returns for its fourth consecutive year Aug. 3-5. Hosted by Buy Michigan Now and downtown Northville, the festival showcases Michigan entertainers, businesses, products, and educational opportunities with the goal of revitalizing the local economy. Vendor and sponsorship opportunities are available.

Lisa Diggs of Livonia founded Buy Michigan Now in 2007 to promote Michigan-based products and services.

"It's also the fourth year of Buy Michigan Week," she said of the event proclaimed by Govs. Rick Snyder and Jennifer Granholm. "The festival is a celebration of that." It introduces Michigan products and services to people.

Northville has been welcoming to organizers, Diggs said. "It's a great community. The

### HOURS

The Buy Michigan Now Festival is scheduled to run from noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 5.

people are lovely. There's a great emphasis on art. The vast majority of businesses are locally owned which is what we're all about."

Vendors bring in products ranging from Michigan-made cabinetry, salsas, jewelry and mittens, "a pretty wide variety," for the event, she said.

The free weekend celebration focuses attention on Michigan-based businesses and locally produced merchandise to help stimulate the economy. Main and Center streets in central Northville will be closed for pedestrian traffic.

Many consumers are trying to be a part of revitalizing

the economy, she said. If every Michigan household shifted \$10 a week of its spending to Michigan products and services, that would put about \$38 million into our economy.

Local Northville merchants will host a sidewalk sale, while Michigan vendors set up shop under tents in the streets for the festival. In addition to teaming up with downtown Northville, other major sponsors are: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Hiller's Markets, Tom Holzer Ford, OKE Financial and Internet Automotive. New this year will be The Toast to Michigan Tent, on the library lawn on Wing, just south of Main Street, featuring Michigan beers and wines. The tent will be open 5:30-10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3-4.

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## Schmitt's a humble, driven American idol

As I walked out of the Canton High School natatorium following my first meeting with Allison Schmitt seven years ago, I wasn't sure what had impressed me more about the emerging high school swimming star — her incredibly long limbs or her unassuming humility.

Although I peppered her with questions regarding the individual state records she had recently collected, Schmitt was politely insistent on talking about the Chiefs' relay teams she was a part of and how her teammates deserved equal billing in the article I was putting together.



Ed Wright

Much like her talent, Schmitt's smile was ever-present and radiant.

I could tell from the get-go that this young lady had a heart of gold.

Now she has a medal to match, which surprises me about, oh, zero percent.

### Saw it coming

Four years ago this summer, I interviewed Schmitt about her recent experience at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China. She talked exuberantly about meeting Kobe Bryant and President Bush; sharing a pool with the likes of Michael Phelps and Dara Torres; and winning a bronze medal as a member of a relay team.

While the pride she felt in the medal she carefully held in her hands that day was evidently abundant, there was something in the tone of her voice and the look in her eye that convinced me she wasn't completely satisfied with a single medal.

When the subject of the 2012 London Olympics came up, Allison flashed a 50-meter-wide smile and, in so many words, expressed how excited she was to begin working toward those games, which at the time seemed such a long, long way away.

### 1 in a million

It's easy to get chills when you think about what Schmitt has accomplished

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ROB SCHUMACHER | USA TODAY

Canton's Allison Schmitt is all smiles after setting an American and Olympic record in the women's 200-meter freestyle (1:53.61) Tuesday at the London Summer Olympic Games.

# CANTON'S GOLDEN GIRL

## Schmitt delivers smashing performance in London

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton's Allison Schmitt proved Tuesday she's in a world of her own.

The 22-year-old just didn't take a gold medal. She devoured it.

Swimming in Lane 5, Schmitt took charge from the start and didn't let off the gas to capture the women's 200-meter freestyle at the Summer Olympic Games at the London Aquatic Centre.

In a dominating performance, the 2008 Canton High grad set both an Olympic and American Record in 1 minute, 53.61 seconds with Camille Muffat of France, the Olympic champ who beat Schmitt for gold on Sunday in the 400 freestyle, taking second in 1:55.58.

Australian Bronte Barratt took third in 1:55.81, edging American 17-year-old Missy Franklin (1:55.82), who was slight ahead of Schmitt at 50 meters, for the bronze. Reigning Olympic champion and world record holder Federica Pellegrini placed fifth in 1:56.73.

Schmitt, who flirted with world record pace, shattered Pellegrini's Olympic record of 1:54.08 and broke her own American mark of 1:54.40 set in last month's Olympic Trials.

"I couldn't be happier," Schmitt told USAswimming.org. "I couldn't see anything other than the racer next to me, so I didn't know where I was or what the time was."

"I just tried to keep focused and to keep calm. Mike (Phelps) and I were joking before the race, and he said:

"As soon as you get on the blocks, it's time to start focusing."

Ironically, Schmitt took charge out of the blocks, hit the water first and never looked back.

"In (Olympic) trials I was a little heavier in the legs and I could feel it coming home," she said. "My strategy today was to lay off the legs so I could bring it home stronger. I knew I was taking it out fast but I knew the last three 50s (meters) I would have to work the legs hard."

Schmitt now has a total of four Olympic medals to her credit including a bronze for the U.S. in Saturday's 4 x 100 freestyle and a silver on Sunday in the 400 freestyle. She also captured a bronze in the

Please see SCHMITT, B3

## 80-somethings are a hit on area softball diamonds

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

Ed Wayne carefully aligned his knuckles on the handle of his silver-barreled Easton softball bat Tuesday morning as he stepped into the batter's box on the northwest diamond at Redford Township's Claude Allison Park.

Feasting on the first high-arcing delivery he saw from the opposing team's pitcher, Wayne laced a sizzling ground ball to the right of the shortstop, who couldn't get a grip on the fluorescent-yellow ball, giving Wayne a well-deserved infield single.

Even if the Metro Detroit Signs defender had fielded the ball cleanly, it would have taken an Ozzie Smith-caliber play

to throw out Wayne, who possesses good wheels for a catcher — not to mention uncommon swiftness for a man who is just a few days shy of blowing out 87 candles on his birthday cake.

"I've still got some speed," said a grinning Wayne, who, unlike a few of his over-70 Redford Grill teammates, refuses the luxury of a pinch-runner.

When he took the field a few moments later, Wayne snagged a couple of warmup pitches from his younger battery mate: 86-year-old Bobby Richardson, who keeps hitters at bay with a deceiving mixture of curve balls and spin balls.

While the dynamic pitcher-catcher duo came up a little short in their quest to lead Redford

Grill to a victory Tuesday morning, they continued to defy Father Time.

"Hopefully when the angels do come down to take me away," Richardson quipped, "I'm out there on that softball field. I love playing that much. I eat it. I live it. I sleep it."

### Like clockwork

Although they're both well into their seventh decade of playing baseball or softball, Wayne and Richardson display Cal Ripken-esque qualities. Both octogenarians rarely sit out an inning, let alone miss a game, for their Redford-based team, which plays a 30-game schedule that runs from April through August.

And both refuse to take

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ED WRIGHT PHOTO

Over-70 Redford Grill softball players Ed Wayne (left) and Bob Richardson form one of the most-experienced batteries around. Both players are 86-years-young.

### Hole-in-one

Bob Sitkauskas, 59, of Livonia, used a pitching wedge to ace the 140-yard, No. 6 hole Sunday at the Coyote Preserve in Fenton.

The Bentley High grad shot 90 for 18 holes. The hole-in-one was witnessed by playing partners Jim Brady and Tom Cook.

### GC tennis tryouts

Tryouts for the Garden City High School boys tennis team will be held 9-11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, at the school's tennis courts.

For more information, contact head coach Ron Pummill at pummil@gardencityschools.com.

### RU soccer tryouts

Open practices for the 2012 Redford Union boys soccer teams will be begin 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at McGowan Elementary School in Redford.

Any RU student interested in playing varsity or junior varsity soccer should attend. Players are encouraged to bring water bottles.

Official tryouts will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 13-15 at the same site.

For more information, contact head coach Jim Gibbs at onemeanycamino@yahoo.com.

### GC volleyball tryouts

Tryouts for the Garden City High School volleyball teams will be held Aug. 6-10 in the school's gymnasium.

Signups and measuring will take place Monday (5 p.m. for varsity and 6 p.m. for junior varsity); conditioning will be held Tuesday and official tryouts will be held Wednesday through Friday (JV will start at 5 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.)

For more information, contact head coach John Pace at gardencityVB@yahoo.com.

### Need cheer coach

Livonia Clarenceville High School is currently accepting applications for its varsity girls cheerleading coach position.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

**13-U baseball**

The Michigan Bulldogs will be holding tryouts for their 13-and-under baseball team from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, August 5 at Bicentennial Park's (Field No. 8), located off Seven Mile and Wayne roads in Livonia.

Players are asked to show up by 1:45 p.m. to get warmed up and fill out a tryout form.

Email Scott Coughlin at [scott.coughlin@yahoo.com](mailto:scott.coughlin@yahoo.com) for more information.

Tryouts for the 2013 Northville Cubs, a 13-and-under baseball team in the KVBSA travel league, will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, July 29; and 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 30 and Wednesday, Aug. 1, at Maybury State Park, located off Eight Mile Road (one mile west of Beck Road).

For more information, e-mail Jim Marshall at [jim@northvillebaseball.com](mailto:jim@northvillebaseball.com).

**12-U baseball**

Open travel baseball tryouts for the 12-and-under Dearborn Heights Knights will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7 and 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18 at the Canfield Arena/Central Park, located south of Ford between Beech Daly and Inkster Roads.

Interested players must be 12-years-old prior to May 1, 2013 and only need to attend one of the two tryout sessions.

For more registration information, call head coach Brad Ebben at (248) 924-0489; or e-mail [beben1.att.net](mailto:beben1.att.net).

Tryouts for the Livonia Longhorns, an under-12 baseball team, will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4 at Livonia Franklin High School.

For more information, call coach Matt Fournier at (734) 968-0499.

**11-U baseball**

Tryouts for the 2013 Motor City Chiefs under-11 travel baseball team will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 at Massey Field, 790 Plymouth Road, Plymouth; and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8 at Castle Gardens, 14501 Hix Road, Livonia.

Players are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to tryout time to register and warm up. (If unable to attend, a player evaluation can be scheduled upon request.)

For more information, call Dan Sheahan at (734) 377-3123; or Ken Gaffney at (734) 395-4058.

You can also e-mail [motorcitybaseball@gmail.com](mailto:motorcitybaseball@gmail.com).

**U-11 baseball**

The Livonia Lakers will hold under-11 baseball tryouts from 1-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5, at Livonia's Rotary Park (Diamond No. 4).

Tryouts are open to residents of Livonia schools (public or private only).

For more information, email Aaron Rumberger at [ccrumberger@yahoo.com](mailto:ccrumberger@yahoo.com)

**U-9 baseball**

Tryouts for the Livonia Bats, an under-9 baseball team, will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 at Livonia Franklin H.S.

For more information, call coach Bill Schaffer at (734) 891-3896.

**Plymouth High hockey camp**

Plymouth High School hockey players interested in trying out for the varsity team this fall are encouraged to participate in a summer mini-camp that begins Tuesday, Aug. 7, with a 90-minute skate at the Canton Arctic Edge Arena starting at 7:30 p.m.

A second skating session will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9.

The Plymouth varsity hockey mini-camp is a series of on-ice sessions and off-ice workouts for three weeks.

For more information, call Wildcats head coach Gerry Vento at (313) 215-3394, or visit the team's website: [www.hockey.plymouthwildcats.com](http://www.hockey.plymouthwildcats.com).

**Salem Rockettes set golf outing**

The 12th annual Salem Rockettes Golf Outing is slated for Sunday, Aug. 5 at Fox Hills Golf Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

Cost is \$100 per golfer for 18 holes of golf (scramble format) on the Premium Classic Fox course, followed by a buffet dinner and silent auction.

Also on tap will be contests with prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive and much more.

Register on-line at [www.golfoutingpro.com/event/salemrockettes](http://www.golfoutingpro.com/event/salemrockettes).

**Golf classes**

Late summer youth and adult golf classes are available during the month of August at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior or Township.

For more information or to book a lesson, contact PGA professional Tami Beal at [TrainwithTami@yahoo.com](mailto:TrainwithTami@yahoo.com); or call (734) 731-0238.

**Meteors hold golf outing**

The Westland Meteors youth football and cheer program will stage a golf outing Sunday, Aug. 5 at Fellows Creek Golf Course, 2936 S. Lotz Road, Canton.

Check-in for the four-person scramble begins at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$75 (includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner). Prizes include best team score, longest drive, closest-to-the-pin, 50-50 raffle and other raffle items.

For more information, call Meteors unit director Don Gibbs at (734) 740-0069; or e-mail [unitdirector@westlandmeteors.com](mailto:unitdirector@westlandmeteors.com).

You can also call booster president Daniel McNea at (734) 781-5253 or e-mail [dmnea@ymail.com](mailto:dmnea@ymail.com).

**Hawk golf outing**

The Farmington Harrison High School Football Boosters Club will have its annual golf outing Sunday, Aug. 5, at Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon.

The event will be a Texas Scramble starting at 2 p.m. The cost is \$100 per player or \$400 per foursome. A steak dinner will follow the golf outing.

A registration form is available at [www.gohawks.org](http://www.gohawks.org) or people may register by calling Dave Race at (248) 376-1535.

**Hawks girls hoops**

Free tryouts for the Livonia Junior Athletic League Hawks, a sixth-grade girls basketball team, will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, at the Churchill H.S. Fieldhouse (Court No. 2); 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12 and Thursday, Aug. 23, both at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (Main Gym No. 2).

Tryouts are open to anyone who reside in the Livonia Public School district regardless of school.

For more information, contact coach Jennifer Sopko at [jennifer\\_sopko@hotmail.com](mailto:jennifer_sopko@hotmail.com); or call (248) 854-4207; or coach Doug Freed at [um24osu12@hotmail.com](mailto:um24osu12@hotmail.com); or call (734) 634-5134.

**Farmington girls swim tryouts**

The Farmington High School girls swim and dive team is looking for interested girls to join the team. There are no tryouts, and everyone will get a chance to compete.

Practice officially begins Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Farmington High. For more information, contact coach Driska McCullough at (248) 561-2090.

**Meet the team night at Churchill**

Livonia Churchill High athletics will stage a Meet the Team Night beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15 at the Carli Auditorium.

All Churchill athletes from all three seasons, along with their parents, are urged to attend.

For more information, call (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

**Charity bowl**

The seventh annual Bowl-4 Animal Rescue will take place 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

All proceeds benefit the Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

Whether you bowl or not, you can help animals in need by becoming a sponsor, making a donation, donating an auction item or by getting pledges (donations).

The event has raised nearly \$100,000, and organizers are hoping to surpass that figure this year. Participants can earn V.I.B. (Very Important Bowler) status by raising \$300.

The event includes bowling, food, music, auctions, raffles, karaoke and more. For more information, email [michelle@yourbowlingcoach.com](mailto:michelle@yourbowlingcoach.com) or call (248) 615-9060.

**Triple Threat hoop program**

Triple Threat Training is hosting a developmental club for young basketball players at High Velocity Sports in Canton, running from Sept. 9 through Oct. 22. The six-week club is for boys and girls of all ages.

The club (\$250) is designed for those entering grades 3-8 who are interested in taking their game to the next level. Training will focus on improving individual skills, basketball IQ, strength, conditioning, speed and agility.

In addition to age-appropriate workouts will be instructional scrimmages with referees on Sundays from 3-6 p.m. A jersey will be included.

High Velocity is located south of Michigan Ave. west of Canton Center/Belleville Road in Canton. Call (734) 341-1336 or e-mail Troy Coleman at [tc Coleman@ttsports.net](mailto:tc Coleman@ttsports.net) for more details.

**GCYBSA tryouts**

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association will be hosting several tryouts for travel and competitive teams in the coming weeks.

All of the tryouts will be held on Saturdays at Canton High School's varsity field and a \$10 fee will be required.

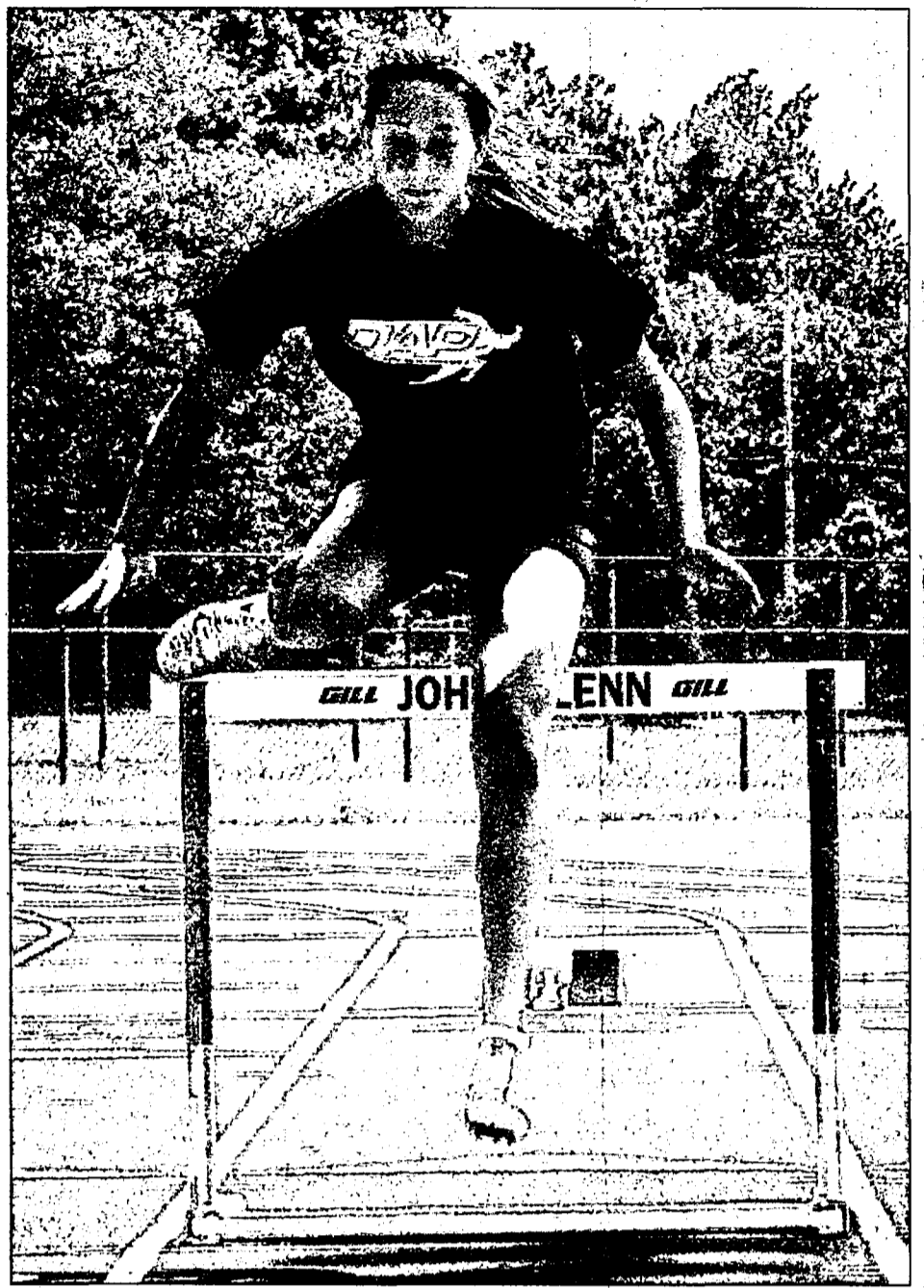
The tryout schedule is as follows: Aug. 4: 9-10U (noon-2 p.m.), 11-12U (2:15-4:15 p.m.); Aug. 11: 9-10U (noon-2 p.m.), 11U (2:15-3:35 p.m.); Aug. 25: 9-14U players will take part in a makeup session between 9 a.m. and noon. Times will be assigned.

Pre-registration is strongly suggested and info can be found at [www.gcybsa.com](http://www.gcybsa.com). For more information contact [dankrafft@hotmail.com](mailto:dankrafft@hotmail.com) or [cott@canton-mi.org](mailto:cott@canton-mi.org).

**GC novice hockey**

The Garden City Hockey Association will be offering a novice hockey program for kids who would like to learn to play the sport. The eight-week program, which begins in September, costs \$40. Rental equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information on the program, visit [www.leaguelineup.com/gcha](http://www.leaguelineup.com/gcha); or contact Darlene Hennessey at [shortdog@wideopenwest.com](mailto:shortdog@wideopenwest.com); or (313) 917-4173.



Kirsten Smith works on her hurdling technique during a workout session Friday afternoon at Westland John Glenn High School.

## Westland hurdler fits right in on national track stage

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland's Kirsten Smith didn't have to face Usain Bolt during her debut appearance at last week's National Junior Olympics track and field meet in Baltimore, Md.

But the rapidly-improving 16-year-old hurdler faced off against plenty of competitors who possessed lightning-bolt speed.

"There were some crazy fast girls there," Smith said, recounting her first visit to the prestigious meet. "Overall, I was pretty proud of the way I ran, especially since I've only been running track for two years."

Smith quickly proved she belonged among the nation's elite high school-aged hurdlers as she qualified for the semifinals in the 400-meter hurdlers with a personal-best time of 1:04.62 in the preliminary round.

"I ran OK in the semis,

but I wanted to make it to the finals so bad that I think I put a little bit too much stress on myself," she said.

Competing in the talent-rich 100-meter prelims, Smith posted a time of 15.31 seconds, which was two-tenths shy of her previous best.

"It was fun talking to some of the other girls about hurdling," she said. "But most of the time everybody was pretty focused, so it was pretty serious out there."

Smith said the experience of competing against elite competition — athletes trekked in from as far away as Hawaii — will only make her better once she laces up the spikes next spring for Westland John Glenn's track and field team.

"This will definitely help," she said. "And I want to get back here next year, so I know what to expect."

Smith said a lot of her

away-from-the-track time last week was spent checking out sights in nearby Washington, D.C.

A month away from the track awaits Smith, who was hampered at times by a back injury she suffered during her days as a competitive gymnast.

"I'm going to take all of August off to help my back get better," she said. "Next year at this time, I want to be running in the low 60s (seconds) in the 400."

Smith's future is bright — both on the track and off.

Owner of a 4.0 grade-point average, she aspires to pursue a degree related to sports medicine upon her high school graduation.

In addition to training for the National Junior Olympics this summer, Smith has helped tutor elementary-aged kids in math.

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## Off and running

Like most area youth football teams in the Observerland area, the Plymouth-Canton Steelers kicked off pre-season practices this week at Central Middle School in Plymouth. In the above photo, members of the junior-varsity Steelers run end-of-practice sprints. At right, a member of the junior-freshmen contingent completes a ball-secure drill as water from a nearby sprinkler keeps him cool. Check out Sunday's Observer for a story on how area youth football programs place a major emphasis on safety.





ROB SCHUMACHER | USA TODAY

Canton High grad Allison Schmitt led from start-to-finish in the 200-meter freestyle to capture her first gold medal in women's swimming Tuesday at the London Summer Olympic Games.

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4 x 200 freestyle at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

Schmitt will now try for another medal — perhaps gold again — in the 4 x 200 freestyle relay on Wednesday. The prelim heats start at 5:26 a.m. (EDT) with the final set for 5:04 p.m. (EDT) or

9:04 p.m. (London time). She now has three different colored medals in her possession.

"I got a whole collection of them now," Schmitt said. "Right now, they're somewhere in my room, a secret place, I kind of stashed them."

Schmitt took a year off to train for the Olympics from the University of Georgia to train under coach Bob Bowman at the North Baltimore (Md.)

Aquatic Club. The NCAA champion plans to return to Athens and swim for the Bulldogs her senior year.

"I am still the same person walking out of here with the gold medal or walking out of here in eighth place," she said. "I am excited to go back to school after being away for a year."

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## Schmitt earns 2nd career bronze

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton High grad Allison Schmitt collected her second Summer Olympic Games bronze medal in women's swimming as the U.S. squad placed third Saturday in the women's 4 x 100-meter freestyle relay in London.

Australia took home the gold medal with an Olympic record time of 3 minutes, 33.15 seconds followed by silver medalist Netherlands in 3:33.79 and the U.S. in an American record time of 3:34.24.

The 22-year-old Schmitt, who captured a

bronze medal in the 4 x 200 freestyle relay in Beijing, swam the anchor leg for the American quartet.

Lead-off leg Missy Franklin got the U.S. off to a flying start and second leg Jessica Hardy held the lead at the halfway mark, but the U.S. fell behind by split second at the end of Lia Neal's third leg.

Australian anchor Melanie Schlanger then brought home the gold by overhauling both Schmitt and Ranomi Kromowidjo of defending Olympic champion Netherlands.

Swimming the first three legs for the Australians were Alicia Coutts,

Cate Campbell and Britanny Elmslie.

Schmitt, who took a year off from the University of Georgia to train under coach Bob Bowman at the North Baltimore Aquatic Club (Md.), swam a leg during the preliminary heat that the Americans won in 3:36.53. Australia captured the other heat in 3:36.34.

Natalie Coughlin, who swam in the preliminary heat, but was lifted from the final for the U.S., picked up her 12 Olympic medal of her career with the third-place bronze.

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— and how high her ceiling is if she continues to pursue competitive swimming in the years to come.

When you consider how many people in the world swim (billions, right?), how many swim competitively beginning at a young age (millions, easy), how many are good enough to earn a college scholarship for swimming (thousands every year, I'd guess) and how many survive the pressure-packed Olympic Trials — just a precious few — it shines a ray of perspective on her remarkable feats.

All of us non-Olympians can only attempt to imagine the daily drive, the unyielding focus, the unthinkable sacrifice and the painful training the path to gold requires.

**American idol**  
I was a little disap-

pointed in the degree of props the national media was giving Schmitt heading into Tuesday's 200-meter freestyle final. Every headline on every website I visited — ESPN.com, SI.com, CNN.com, to name three — alluded to the emergence of teen sensation Missy Franklin, the decade-long dominance of Phelps or the disappointing performance of gymnast Jordyn Wieber.

There was barely anything on Schmitt — even though a national magazine had picked her to win gold in the 200 free a couple of weeks ago.

A few minutes after she blew away the competition in the 200 freestyle with an Olympic-record effort, a cbsports.com writer started his column like this: "There is a swimmer we all need to get to know a little bit better."

Amen, brother. I whispered to myself.

For all of us with sons or daughters who possess sky-high aspirations

— whether their dreams include becoming a brain surgeon, an NBA point guard or an Olympic swimmer — we now have a feel-good story we can share with them about someone who grew up literally right around the corner; someone who used hard work, humility and high morals to defy astronomical odds.

That someone's name is Allison Schmitt.

And she is a true hometown hero.

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# Silver lining for Schmitt's great effort

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton swimmer Allison Schmitt earned a new colored medal with a runner-up finish in the women's 400-meter freestyle Sunday at the London Summer Olympic Games.

The 22-year-old Canton High grad took the silver after being nosed out for the gold by Camille Muffat of France, who set an Olympic mark with a time of 4 minutes, 01.45 seconds.

Schmitt, meanwhile, established a new American record with a clocking of 4:01.77, breaking the mark of 4:02.20 set by Katie Hoff. It was Schmitt's third career Olympic medal. Muffat and Schmitt each beat the Olympic mark of 4:02.19, set by Federica Pellegrini of Italy at the 2008 Games in Beijing.

Great Britain's Rebecca Adlington finished third and took the bronze in 4:03.01, while Denmark's Lotte Friis finished fourth in 4:03.98.

In the final, Schmitt, who swam in Lane 5, next to Muffat in Lane 4, was second behind the French champion after the first turn. She stayed on Muffat's shoulder throughout the race. She made a charge in the final 50 meters but couldn't gain enough to make a move for the lead.

"I knew it would be close," Schmitt told USA Today. "It was tough. I could feel it, the pain coming in, but I was just hoping for the finish. Just

kicking hard. Just like we do in practice every day."

A smiling Schmitt accepted her medal in a gray Nike jacket and black pants, a standard look for the U.S. team, which won four medals in four finals Sunday. All three 400 freestyle medalists hugged before France's national anthem was played.

Both swimming in Heat 5 during the morning prelims, Muffat and Schmitt posted the two fastest times in 4:03.29 and 4:03.31, respectively.

"The goal is always a gold medal, but I couldn't be happier right now," Schmitt told USAswimming.org. "I'm proud to bring home the silver medal for the U.S., and I'm looking forward to competing again tomorrow."

### Relay bronze

On Saturday, Schmitt collected her second Summer Olympic Games bronze medal as the U.S. squad placed third Saturday in the women's 4 x 100-meter freestyle relay.

Australia took home the gold medal with an Olympic record time of 3:33.15 followed by silver medalist Netherlands (3:33.79) and the U.S. (3:34.24, also an American record).

In 2008 following her high school graduation, Schmitt captured a bronze medal in the 4 x 200 freestyle relay in Beijing.

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Franklin got the U.S. off to a flying start and second leg Jessica Hardy held the lead through the halfway mark, but the U.S. fell behind by split second at the end of Lia Neal's third leg.

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### 200 free heats

On Monday, recorded a semifinal record time of 1:56.15 in the 200 freestyle. The time was second-fastest among qualifiers, trailing only Australia's Bronte Barratt (1:56.08) and three-hundredths of a second ahead of medal rival Muffat.

Earlier in the day, Schmitt also posted the second fastest time of the five preliminary heats (1:57.33) with only Pellegrini going faster (1:57.16).

"I feel like I've been preparing for this race all year," Schmitt said after her first prelim heat. "I definitely feel ready to swim. I've been swimming well all year."

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## Livonia judo standout kicks it into high gear

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Nick Delpopolo, Marti Malloy and Travis Stevens may not be Olympic household names.

But for up-and-coming Livonia judo competitor Nick Joseph, they're as important as Team USA basketball players LeBron James, Kobe Bryant and Kevin Durant.

Joseph, who has Olympic dreams himself, earned a pair of bronze medals last month in two major junior tournaments competing in the 58-kilogram class in the Juvenile A division (birth years 1997-98).

At the recent USA Judo Junior Olympic Nationals in Irving, Tex., Joseph overcame a first-round defeat with five straight victories before losing to the eventual runner-up.

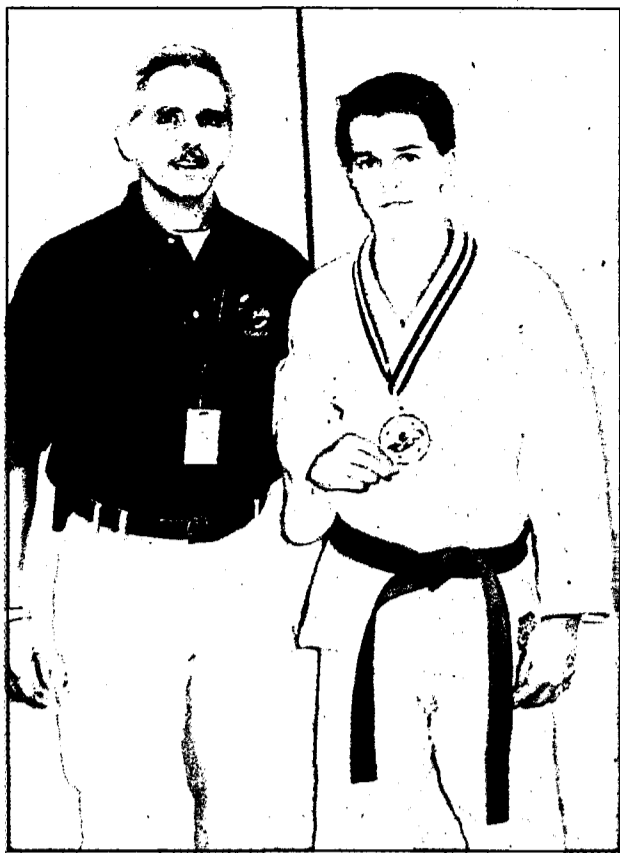
Joseph bounced back to take third, but learned a valuable lesson after falling in the opening bout.

"I really wasn't aggressive enough is what my coaches told me," Joseph said. "I didn't have a bye, so I had to fight an extra match. I had to win five straight to get to the medal rounds. If I lost, I'd be done."

After his successful trip to Irving, Joseph headed to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. to attend a three-day international training camp put on by two Olympians. He then competed against participants from 27 different countries in the Junior U.S. Open Judo Championships where he finished 2-2 and took home another bronze.

According to Joseph, there are number of factors which make a good judo competitor.

"You have to have good cardio, good stamina," he said. "You have to have good strength, be flexi-



Livonia's Nick Joseph (right), standing with his father, Rick, displays his bronze medal after finishing third last month in the USA Judo Junior Olympic National Championship.

ble and be a good athlete. You have to have good technique and be able to focus. A lot of it is mental."

Joseph, who will be an alternate for the U.S. Junior team at the Pan Am Games this fall in Brazil, had to meet the 127.6-pound weight limit to compete.

"I had to cut a little bit of weight, not too much," said Joseph, who stands 5 feet, 8 inches. "Just had to watch what I eat."

Joseph has been training the past five years under coach Noburo Saito at Saito-Wee Judo Club in Birmingham.

"Conditioning is a big part of it," he said. "I work out at the three or four days a week where I run, lift and do strength training."

Judo, meanwhile, has been a big part of Nick's life since an early age.

"My dad (Dr. Rick Joseph) and my sister Alexandra (now 18) both did it," Nick said. "And I said, 'Whoa, this looks cool,' so I started doing it."

Combined with his silver medal at the Scholastic National Judo Championship in March, Joseph

has secured the No. 2 ranking in his age and weight class.

"I'd say it's been one of my best years," Nick said. "Every event coming into nationals I took first in every tournament (including the Can-Ams in New York and Midwestern Championships in Chicago)."

Joseph will be starting his freshman year later this month at Novi Detroit Catholic Central High where he plans to play soccer.

"I still want to stay in shape, not the same training I did before nationals, but because soccer is coming up, and in case I get that call and go to Brazil," he said.

And he'll be keeping a close eye on his Olympic heroes Delpopolo, Malloy and Stevens during the London Games.

But Nick knows there's always a price to pay in more ways than one.

"It would be nice to go there," Nick said of his Olympic aspirations. "But it's hard because you need a lot of funding for stuff like that."

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## Rams dominant in Ohio

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

It was a dominating performance to say the least for the Michigan Rams in last weekend's All-American Amateur Baseball Association regional in Zanesville, Ohio.

The 20-and-under Livonia Collegiate Baseball League representative capped a 3-0 regional run with a 14-0 five-inning mercy-rule victory over Buffalo (N.Y.) at Gant Stadium.

Outscoring their opponents 27-1 over a three-game span, the Rams advance to AAABA National Tournament for the eighth time under manager Rick Berryman

beginning Aug. 5 in Johnstown, Pa.

The Rams jumped out to a 5-0 lead after three innings and put it away with nine runs in the top of the fourth.

Miles Sorise, who went 2-for-2 with three RBI, belted a 3-run homer in the third inning.

Also pacing the Rams' 14-hit attack were J.P. Maracani (2-for-3, two RBI) and Matt Priebe (2-for-3, one RBI).

Justin Sherman also knocked in two runs, while Brandon Katta, Garrett Gordon and Donnie Eaton added one RBI each as Buffalo starter Mike Wagner was roughed up for nine runs on five hits and five walks in three

innings.

Winning pitcher Mitchell Patterson worked the first 3.2 innings, allowing seven hits and a walk while fanning four. Reliever Josh Payzant (Livonia/Jackson Community College) retired the final five batters allowing one hit.

The Rams also got a boost defensively from Gordon, who threw out runners at the plate from his center field position both in the second and fourth innings.

Buffalo, which lost 5-1 to the Rams on Saturday, got two hits apiece from Mike Wagner and Vinnie Pericelli.

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## Ex-Spartans propel Rams

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Former Livonia Stevenson High pitchers Evan Piechota and Jeff Sorenson figured prominently in the Michigan Rams' 2-0 start in Saturday's All-American Amateur Baseball Association Regional tournament at Gant Stadium in Zanesville, Ohio.

Both threw complete games as the Rams defeated Buffalo, 5-1, and the host Zanesville Junior Pioneers, 8-0.

"I'm proud of my kids from Stevenson because I coached both of them - they did a bang-up job and both threw very well," said Rams manager Rick Berryman, who just completed his eighth year as Stevenson varsity coach.

Piechota, a redshirt freshman from Madonna

University, threw a three-hitter in tournament opener in the Rams' four-run win over Buffalo (N.Y.) The right-hander struck out four and walked only three in going all seven innings for the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League 20-and-under qualifier.

Offensively, Donnie Eaton led the Rams' 11-hit attack going 3-for-3 with an RBI, while Michigan Cobras' pick-up Matt Priebe went 2-for-4.

Also knocking in runs for the Rams were J.P. Maracani, Garrett Gordon and Miles Sorise.

In Game Two, Sorenson also went all seven innings allowing just two hits and a walk in the shut-out over the Pioneers.

The sophomore from Wayne State struck out 11 and got plenty of run support as Priebe led the way

going 2-for-4 with three RBI.

Gordon also went 2-for-4 with an RBI, while Brandon Katta scored three runs.

Sorise, Dominic Jarrett and Cobras' pick-up Logan Curtis each added an RBI for the Rams, who will face Buffalo at noon Sunday at Gant Stadium.

Berryman said he plans to start left-hander Mitchell Patterson (Spring Arbor) in Game Three as the Rams will try and clinch an automatic berth in the AAABA National Tournament, Aug. 6-12, in Johnstown, Pa.

Buffalo, which eliminated host Zanesville, needs two wins over the Rams Sunday to advance to the AAABA Nationals.

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## SOFTBALL

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the senior league's performance-enhancing drug of choice: ibuprofen.

"Every once in a while, my wife will offer me a Tylenol for my arthritis, but I don't need that stuff," Richardson said. "I'll drink one cup of coffee in the morning and I'm ready to go."

In an era when Major League Baseball players

miss multiple games with health issues as minor as a torn cuticle, Wayne and Richardson are virtual iron men.

"It's hard to keep them out of the lineup; they come to play every day," Redford Grill co-manager Bob Mosher said. "Bob and Ed are really an inspiration to us younger guys, even though most of us are in our 70s. We hope that we're in the kind of shape - in mind, body and spirit - that they're in when we're their age."

### Young fans

A passion for baseball engulfed both men at an early age, when they idolized members of the 1930s Detroit Tigers teams.

"When I was 9 years old, I was playing center field in a game on the sandlot near my house and somebody hit one over my head," Wayne recalled. "I ran back, back, back and caught it, and thought to myself, 'I want to play in the majors someday.'"

After perfectly reciting the Tigers' entire 1934 starting lineup, Wayne revealed his favorite player as a youth was Tigers third baseman Marvin Owen.

"He was 6-foot-5 and he only hit about .205, but I liked him," Wayne said. "He was a great fielder. His hands were so big, he could hold seven baseballs in one hand."

"I always liked Charlie Gehringer and Hank Greenberg," Richardson added. "Really, I liked all of the Tigers."

Both players can't get enough of the sport, particularly Richardson, who pitches for a pair of teams once he migrates to Florida every October.

"My family thinks I'm crazy for playing so much," Richardson said. "My two sons, who live in Tampa, ask me, 'When are you going to quit, dad?' I tell them, 'You love golf and I love softball. I'll keep playing until I can't.'"

Richardson figures he's played some form of competitive baseball or soft-



ED WRIGHT PHOTOS

Ed Wayne, 86, takes a rip at a belt-high pitch during Tuesday's slow-pitch softball game against Metro Detroit Signs.



Bob Richardson delivers a pitch during the second inning of Tuesday's game at Claude Allison Park in Redford.

ball for 71 of his 86 years. "I played from the time I was 9 until I was 59," he said. "The only reason I quit playing then was because we were running out of guys to play. Then I picked it back up when I was 64 and haven't stopped since."

Wayne's softball career hit a speed-bump in 2007 when he suffered a stroke.

"I used to play the outfield before then, but now I can't throw it as far anymore," he said. "I didn't miss any games, though."

The two men then packed up their equipment bags, slung them over their backs and walked down an asphalt path toward their cars.

By the looks on their faces, the anticipation was already building for their next game two days later.

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# Students learn math, reading at church

Faith Community Wesleyan Church in Livonia will offer a summer learning enrichment program for students, 4:45-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, 15 and 22.

C.L.E.A.P. Frog is designed to help sharpen skills in math, reading, science and other disciplines, within a Christ-

centered learning environment. The free community program encourages parents and guardians to get involved with what their children learn and to get to know others in the community. A variety of classes will be available to students going into grades 1-5. Special classes will be

available for teens and tots, 4-5.

Pre-registration deadline is Aug. 3. No walk-ins will be accepted. Call Mary at (248) 471-1322, Melissa at (734) 466-8694, or Angela at (313) 377-0840.

The church is located at 14560 Merriman, Livonia.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

### August

#### CLASSIC CARS

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4

**Location:** St. Matthews United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Classic Car Show celebrates 50 years in Livonia. Give bags for the car owners and games for the kids

**Contact:** Rod at (248) 982-6502

#### CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date:** 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25

**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, Canton

**Details:** Free clothing available to anyone in need

**Contact:** (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

#### KIDS CAMP

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Aug. 6-9

**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Designed for kids, 5-12, the camp will include nightly themes with related activities presented by church members. Monday is dance night; Tuesday is soccer night; Wednesday focuses on photography and drama rounds out the week on Thursday. Fee is \$5 per student or \$10 per family. Register at [www.christsaviorsavior.org](http://www.christsaviorsavior.org)

**Contact:** Linda Hollman at (734) 522-6830

#### MASS, CARDS

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18

**Location:** St. Valentine Church, 14841 Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** After Mass, participants will enjoy light refreshments in the school meeting room, along with cards and socializing. Sign up to bring food items such as veggie tray, dip, chips, salad, cheese and crackers. Drop off your dish by 4 p.m. at the school meeting room. RSVP by Aug. 10

**Contact:** Ann Marie at (248) 477-6167, Donna at (734) 420-0461 or Laura at (734) 942-3866.

#### RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12

**Location:** St. Sabina Church, 25605 Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Includes craft and bake sale. Donate items at gym door #10. Craft table rental costs \$20 for parishioners and \$25 for non-parishioners. Sponsor tables are \$50

**Contact:** maryloujaniga@yahoo.com

#### SEEKING CRAFTERS

**Time/Date:** Show is Oct. 6

**Location:** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

**Details:** An 8- by 10-foot space can be rented for \$30. Tables are available for \$5 and electricity for \$5. Crafts must be handmade; no resale. Profits will go to mission work in the community

**Contact:** (248) 478-4708 or e-mail [jsinc2436@yahoo.com](mailto:jsinc2436@yahoo.com)

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Aug. 6-10

**Location:** Emanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

**Details:** SPLASH VBS is for kids entering preschool (potty-trained) through 6th grade in the fall of 2012. Registration fees are \$5 for one child, or \$10 per family and will include crafts, games, singing, Bible stories, science, snacks, and more. Pick up an application at the church or register by phone

**Contact:** Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8:45 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Aug. 19-23

**Location:** Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton

**Details:** "Adventures on Promise Island," is designed for children, 4 years-5th grade and will include Bible stories, crafts, snacks, games, music, skits, and more. Registration on or before Aug. 12 is \$5 per child or \$10 maximum per family; after Aug. 12 is \$8 per child or \$15 maximum per family

**Contact:** (734) 495-0035

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25

**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

**Details:** "Rocky Point Lighthouse" is designed for children, 5-11 or in K-5th grade. It will include stories about Jesus, crafts, music, games, snacks, lunch and more. \$5 donation per child. Sponsorships are available to families in need

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**CROTEAU, MICHELLE MARIE**

Age 53 of West Branch, passed away Sunday, July 29, 2012 at her home. Michelle had lived in West Branch since 1998, formerly of Livonia. She enjoyed her computer, the food network, music and chat rooms. Michelle is survived by her daughter, Faye Croteau of Chicago, her son Eden Croteau of Livonia, her father John P. Young of Livonia and West Branch, her mother Shirley Janisse of Cheboygan, her sisters, Vicki (Dan) Estes of Biloxi MS, Cheryl (David) Wallman of Livonia and Amy Young of Spring Hill, FL and her brothers, David Young of Redford and Michael Young of Indiana and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother John A. Young. Per her wishes, cremation has taken place. Arrangements by Steuermol & McLaren Funeral Home, West Branch, Michigan.



**HAUK, JANITA O.**

Conductor Emeritus of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, passed peacefully surrounded by her family at her Lake Suzy, Florida home on Sunday, July 29, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 79. After college Mrs. Hauk taught elementary music and vocals in the Wyandotte and Wayne school districts in Michigan, and played in the Detroit Women's Symphony, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, and the Dearborn Symphony. Her first conducting assignment was with the Livonia (Michigan) Youth Orchestra. Mrs. Hauk and her late husband Marvin Hauk relocated from Michigan to Charlotte County in 1987. She leaves a son, Todd Hauk, of Westland, Michigan; a daughter, Alea Hauk DeNeau of Seattle, WA; a brother, Jan Riedel, of Tiffin, OH; two sisters, Karen Riedel of New York, NY, and DaLee Miller of Pittsburgh, PA; David Bewernitz of Wesley Chapel, whom she raised with her husband as a son; and three grandchildren, Amber Hauk, Natasha Bewernitz, and Jeremy Bewernitz. Visitation hours are on Wednesday, Aug. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Kays-Ponger Funeral Home, 635 East Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 2, at the funeral home. Burial will be in Royal Palm Memorial Gardens, 27200 Jones Loop Road, Punta Gorda. In lieu of flowers, friends may make donations in Mrs. Hauk's memory to the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, PO Box 510476, Punta Gorda, FL 33951-0476; Visiting Angels Home Care Services, 25166 Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL 33950; or Tidewell Hospice, 917 N. Arcadia Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266



**VATCA, SAM**

Age 86, suddenly, July 29, 2012. Beloved husband of Connie. Loving father of Dawn (Todd) Tillman, Shelly (Dan) Buszka, Cindy (Don) Murphy and the late Kimberly Ahola. Dear grandfather of Ashley, Jordan & Mackenzie, Preston & Parker and Cade & Connor. Dear great-grandfather of Angelina. Brother of Helen (John) Gasperetto. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. A Funeral Mass for Sam was August 2, 2012 at St. Colette Catholic Church, Livonia. Memorials may be directed to the Crohns and Colitis Foundation of America. Please share a memory at [www.rggharris.com](http://www.rggharris.com)

#### WIK, TERRY I.

Age 70, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away July 27, 2012. Arrangements: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

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**IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM C. FERMAN, OD**

November 29, 1928- August 31, 2007, of Clermont, Florida, formerly of Plymouth, Michigan. Dr. Ferman passed away from complication of Parkinson's disease. He was born November 29, 1928 in Detroit. He was a member of the Air Force Reserve attaining the rank of Captain; member of and past president of Wayne County Society of Optometrists, Metropolitan Detroit Optometrists Society and Michigan Optometric Association. He was president of the Plymouth Rotary and past master of the Masons. Dr. Ferman maintained optometric offices in Detroit and Plymouth for 43 years. Surviving is his wife, college sweetheart and the love of his life for 57 years, Ora Lee Ferman; children Gregory Ferman and wife Christine of Plymouth, MI, Susan Gordon, Westland, MI, and Ted Ferman and wife Debra, Canton, MI as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren. "You are loved beyond forever."

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



**GEDDES, LORETTA J.**

Age 83, July 29, 2012. Dear wife of the late Jim. Loving mother of Dan (Cindy), Bill (Jeannine), Tim (Terry) and Mary (Tom) Laundroch. Proud grandmother of Dan, Luke, Elizabeth, Lauren, Tommy, Jimmy, Kenny, Amanda, Katie, Tabitha and Josephine. Loving sister of Gee (Jim) Meloche and Marilyn (Al) Smith. Also loved by nieces, nephews, extended relatives and friends. A generation of neighborhood children in Garden City and 35 years of St. Raphael catechism students felt her love. She touched lives in remarkable ways. Please no flowers. Make donations to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, [www.cffa.org](http://www.cffa.org). Services were held Tuesday. Arrangements by Santeuf & Son Funeral Home. Share memories at [www.santeufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeufuneralhome.com)



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## Band plays original blues, rock tunes in Farmington Hills

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Bob Young will make his dream come true when the Delta Twins band takes the stage Thursday, Aug. 2 at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

"Heritage Park is almost in my backyard," said Young, who makes up the core of the band along with Tom Kozanecki, also of Farmington Hills. Young, married, and the father of four children, grew up in Redford and lived in Livonia before moving to Farmington Hills 10 years ago.

"When we moved here and we took the kids to Heritage Park, I saw the amphitheater. It's been my dream for 10 years to play in that amphitheater. Now it's coming true."

Young and Kozanecki, who's also married and has two grown children, will perform as the Delta Twins, along with a back-up band, during the weekly "Stars in the Park" concert series in Heritage Park, located at 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. The show will start at 7 p.m.

Young plans to make sure the show is as unforgettable for the audience as it will be for Delta Twins. "We saw Shout!, the Beatles tribute band several weeks ago to get a feel for the site. That was a great audience and it gave us an idea what to do to make the evening special for people — not



The Delta Twins are Bob Young (left) and Tom Kozanecki (right). Also playing with the group are Bob's son, Josh, (left background) on bass guitar, Jake Burdock on lead guitar and Leland McCann on drums.



The Delta Twins logo

just a bunch of guys standing on stage but engaging the crowd and making them a part of the show,"

Young said. "This is a showcase event for us and we're going all out."

With wireless equipment, they'll have the capability to walk among listeners, encouraging the audience to sing along or clap their hands to the Twins' bluesy Americana "rock music for the soul." Young also is looking into getting swing dancers

to perform during a few songs.

"I can't promise it, but my hope is to get two to four couples. We want to make this more than just watching people stand in position in front of a mic. This is going to be a big event for us."

The band will record the performance as it does most of its shows. Songs from previous appearances at clubs in the metro area landed on two CDs, *King-Size Plan*, recorded in 2010 and *Skyline*, recorded last year at the Skyline Club in Southfield. Both will be sold at the Heritage Park concert, along with Delta Twins gear.

### Meaningful lyrics

Young and Kozanecki began playing together in 1998 at church. Three years ago they started performing at secular venues, hoping to make a positive impact "on the world" with their music.

"Delta Twins implies Delta blues, but it's really more about delta, the difference," he said, referring to the triangle-shaped Greek symbol.

He describes their song lyrics as having depth without being pretentious.

"We're not promoting a religion," he said. "I'm influenced by the philosophy of Jesus. One of the last things he said to his disciples was to love one

another. We need to be willing to go that far as a society. If the world were to follow the 'golden rule' it would be a different place."

Although that notion underpins many of Delta Twins' original songs, their approach has always been to "get toes tapping, heads bobbing and bodies involved."

"If you get the body involved, you might get the head involved. If you can get the head involved you might get the heart involved. And that is when you make a difference."

Young began writing songs at age 13, after exploring the poetry of Simon and Garfunkel in

an English class. During college he took music theory and piano, later teaching himself guitar and working with music and computers. Young is self-employed as a software developer.

Kozanecki, who works as an analyst at a financial firm, learned violin from his grandfather. That led to playing bass guitar, mandolin, autoharp and just about "anything with strings," Young said.

"He's good with hand percussion. Self-taught."

### Around town

Delta Twins has performed at Callahan's Music Hall in Auburn Hills, Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham, Trinity House Theatre in Livonia, Liberty Street Brewing Company in Plymouth and many other clubs. Outdoor venues have included Campus Martius Park, the Buy Michigan Now Festival and Victorian Festival in Northville, IaRT Festival in Redford, Founders Festival and ThriveFest in Farmington and Stars & Stripes Festival in Mount Clemens. They've been involved with the Canton firefighters' charity fundraiser at Liberty Fest the past three years.

"We love being associated with stuff like that. That's making a difference."

The band will perform at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 on the main stage at the Buy Michigan Now Festival in downtown Northville. Young and Kozanecki also will play at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16 at the Mentobe Cafe, 33336 Grand River Ave., east of Farmington Road.

For more information, visit [www.deltatwins.com](http://www.deltatwins.com).

## Learn about river on Rouge cruise

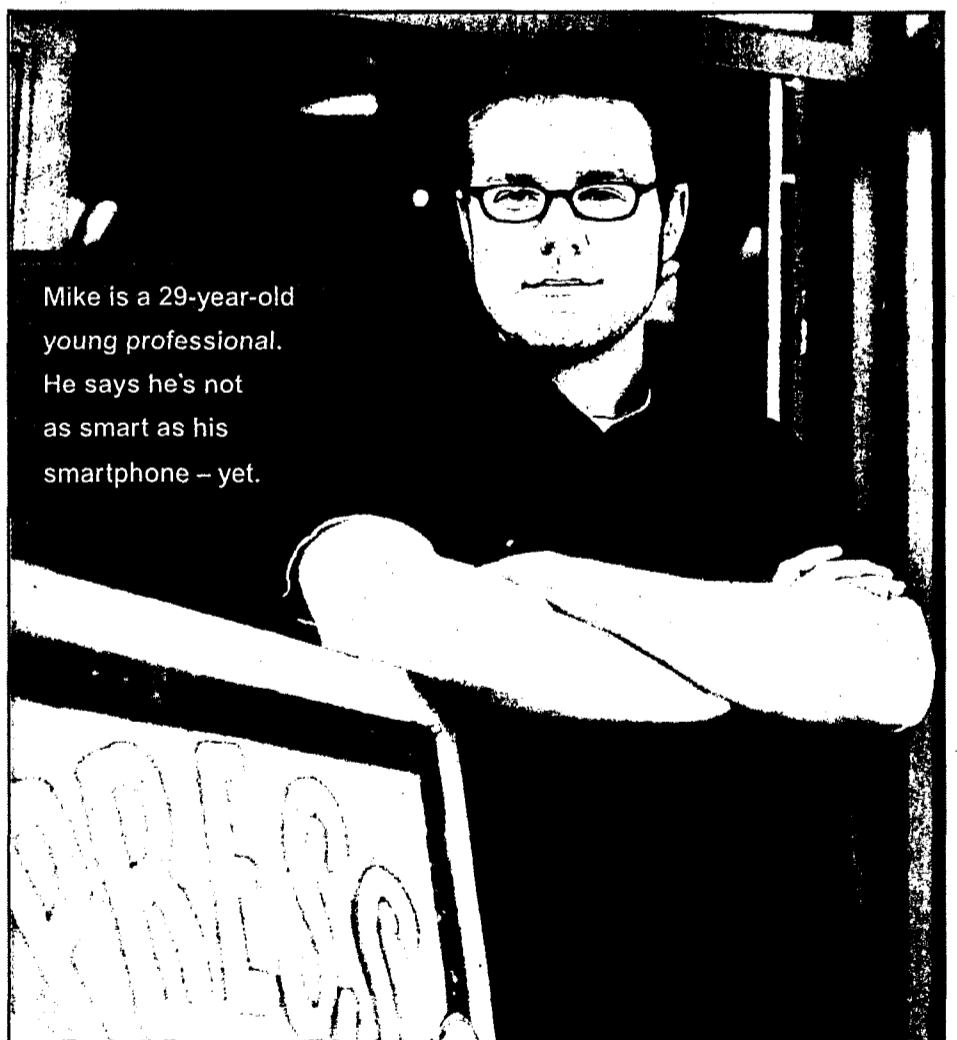
There's still time to register for the Friends of the Rouge 4th Annual Rouge Cruise that will feature narration by John Hartig, refuge manager of the Detroit International Wildlife Refuge.

Cost is \$45 for the event aboard the Diamond Belle, 5:45-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7. Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 3.

The route will take the boat past Zug Island and as far into the Rouge River as the turning basin at the Ford Rouge Complex. Participants may bring binoculars for a chance to spot great blue herons, red-tailed hawks, kestrels, kill-

deer, belted kingfishers, spotted sandpipers, green herons and other native Michigan birds. For this dinner cruise, each ticket covers the cost of one meal (veggie option available). A cash bar with snacks also will be open throughout the evening.

Space is limited. Register at (313) 792-9900 or register online at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org). Admission is non-refundable and the event will take place rain or shine. Attendees will board the boat at Stroh's River Place near the intersection of Atwater and Joseph Campau in Detroit.



Mike is a 29-year-old young professional. He says he's not as smart as his smartphone — yet.

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**Time/Date:** Through Aug. 24  
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**Details:** "Fire and Ice" exhibit features photos by Royal (Roy) Severs. Severs was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2001. His now-limited mobility, however, has not put a damper on his love for photography. He often uses a vehicle to get him to his subjects, whether on land or water

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**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Aug. 3-25; artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** "Thoughts With Thread" exhibit features art quilts, woven tapestries, embroidery, paper, baskets, felted wool and figurative work

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

Comedy

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

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

**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

**Time/Date:** Shen Wang, Aug. 2-4; James Ervin Berry, Aug. 9-11; Mike Bonner, Aug. 16-18; KT Tatara, Aug. 23-25

**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

Dance

FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

**Time/Date:** 7:30-10:30 p.m. every Thursday

**Location:** Lyskawa V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Singles and couples dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments

**Contact:** Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500

MOON DUSTERS

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

**Contact:** Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

STARS OF RUSSIAN BALLET

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18

**Location:** Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor

**Details:** Stars of the Russian Ballet gala performance features dancers



Bob Cox (left) and Conner Rhoades, both of Plymouth, work puppets in "Avenue Q." Farmington Players presents the show Aug. 10-25.



Lynn Krawczyk's collage will be among the works on display at the "Thoughts With Thread" exhibit, Aug. 3-25 at Northville Art House.

from Mariinsky Theatre, National Ballet of Ukraine, the Bolshoi Ballet and other international companies. Tickets are \$48-\$68 available from the Michigan Union Ticket office

**Contact:** (734) 763-8587

Film

COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

**Time/Date:** Gates open at 7:30 and movies start at dusk; open nightly through Sept. 2

**Location:** 14900 Beck, Plymouth

**Details:** Listen to the film through a battery-operated FM radio or your car radio. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6 for ages 4-12 and free for age 3 and under. Students with ID pay \$7

**Contact:** (734) 453-8300

PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3 and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5

**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

**Details:** "The Avengers," \$3

**Coming up:** "Men in Black 3," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12

**Summer Cinema:** All shows screen at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. "Raiders of the Lost Ark," Thursday, Aug. 2; "Batteries Not Included," Thursday, Aug. 16; "Wallace & Gromit The Curse of the Were-Rabbit," Thursday, Aug. 23; and "Muppets from Space," Thursday, Aug. 30. Tickets cost \$3



Stars of the Russian Ballet gala is set for Aug. 18 at the Power Center in Ann Arbor. The performance will include dancers, such as Keenan Kampa, from top international ballet companies.

**Contact:** (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Aug. 10 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 11

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

**Details:** Abbott & Costello double feature, "Buck Privates," and "Abbott & Costello meet the Killer," \$5

**Coming up:** "North by Northwest," 8 p.m. Aug. 24 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 25

**Contact:** (313) 537-2560

Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

**Details:** Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free.

**Exhibits:** "The Chris Webber Collection: Exceptional People During Extraordinary Times, 1755-Present," includes rare artifacts collected by Detroit native Chris Webber, through September; "Witness: The Art of Jerry Pinkney," through Sept. 9

**Contact:** (313) 494-5800

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday through Nov. 7

**Location:** 155 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** "Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies" is the new exhibit, featuring 14 reproduction inaugural gowns. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17

**Contact:** (734) 455-8940

Music

THE ARK

**Time/Date:** Maia Sharp, Aug. 2; The Makem & Spain Brothers, Aug. 3; Riverfolk Festival Finale Concert with Christine Baffa & Friends, Bob Black & His Bluegrass Boys, Songwriting Contest Finalists & The Raisin Pickers, Aug. 4; Harpeth Rising, Aug. 6; The Persuasions, Aug. 7; Open Stage, Aug. 8; The Applesseed Collective, Aug. 9; Candye Kane, Aug. 11; JJ Grey & Mofro, Aug. 12

**Location:** 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor

**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz at the Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans

**Contact:** (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

**Time/Date:** Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Dave Carter Tribute featuring Potter's Field, Aug. 3; Julie and John Pennell, Aug. 9; Ronny

Cox, Aug. 10; Beth Wood, Aug. 17. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

**Contact:** (734) 464-6302

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Monday, Friday, Saturday

**Location:** 884 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** Open mic on Monday; live music Friday-Saturday. Americana, folk, rock, pop, country and soul by solo singers, duos and bands

**Contact:** (734) 454-0178

Something different

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

**Time/Date:** 5-9 p.m. Aug. 6, 13, 20 and 27

**Location:** Italian American Banquet & conference Center, 39200 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia

**Details:** "Cruise for a Cause" classic car show. Classic cycles welcomed. Proceeds of 50/50 raffle benefit Go To Light of Life Foundation

**Contact:** (734) 953-9724 or (734) 953-1137

DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, with extended hours — 8 p.m. — Wednesday

**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

**Details:** Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free. Reduced admission is \$5 for all guests after 5 p.m. Wednesday

**Wild Summer Nights:** Concerts take place 6:30-8 p.m. in the main picnic grove and are free with zoo admission. Performers are Jill Jack, Aug. 8; Gemini, Aug. 15; Sun Messengers, Aug. 22; Playdate and Friends, Aug. 29. Guests may bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic baskets. Food, snacks, beer, wine and soft drinks are available for purchase from Zoo concessions

**Zoomance:** The after-hours, 21-and-older event will take place 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the gate. Parking is free for Detroit Zoological Society members and \$5 for non-members. Includes live entertainment at the Horace H. Rackham Memorial Fountain, and food and adult beverages available for purchase. Guests can view animal habitats, experience the Wild Adventure Ride and take a ride on the carousel

**Contact:** (248) 541-5717

TINY TOT OLYMPICS

**Time/Date:** 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 3

**Location:** Heritage Park Amphitheater, south of Cherry Hill, west of Canton Center, in Canton

**Details:** Children, 2-6, can participate in Olympics-inspired activities and games. The fee is \$3 and no advance registration is required

**Contact:** www.cantonfun.org or (734) 394-5460

Theater

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11 and Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 16-18 and 23-25; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12 and 19

**Location:** Farmington Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills

**Details:** The edgy musical, "Avenue Q" draws inspiration from the format and characters of "Sesame Street," but is designed for adult audiences. The characters occasionally spew profanity as they grapple with adult themes. Tickets are \$18 for adults, students pay \$16 and seniors get a \$2 discount on Aug. 12. "Thrifty Thursday" discounts are \$2 for Aug. 16 and 23

**Contact:** www.farmingtonplayers.org or (248) 553-2955

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Sweet, Spicy and Smoky Spareribs

## Are you ready for ribs?

When it's time to fire up the grill, go beyond the bun this season with succulent pork ribs. Armed with these juicy tips and a great recipe, you'll be ready to grill with the best — and that could mean big prizes for you.

Need a rundown on ribs? The National Pork Board has the tips and tricks you need to know to take your grilling game to the next level:

- Back ribs originate from the blade and center section of the pork loin, which is known for the "finger meat" between the bones. Back ribs also are referred to as "baby" back ribs because they are smaller than spareribs.

- Spareribs, usually larger and heavier than back ribs, are known for their delicious, meaty pork flavor.

- Dry rubs are a mixture of herbs and spices applied to ribs just before barbecuing to create an intensely flavorful, smoky crust.

- Ribs are often basted with sauces during the barbecuing process to enhance flavor and to cre-

ate a sweet and savory glaze. For best results, brush ribs generously during the last 30 minutes of cooking.

- Always use tongs, not a fork, to turn ribs as they cook — piercing the meat causes juices to escape.

- When grilling ribs, adding aromatic wood chips like hickory, apple or oak to the preheated coals infuses the meat with the distinctive smoky flavor prized in authentic barbecue.

Think you have a winning rib recipe? Enter the "Dibs on My Ribs Pork Recipe Cookoff." Visit [www.porkbeinspired.com/dibsonmyribs](http://www.porkbeinspired.com/dibsonmyribs) and enter your original sparerib recipe before Aug. 12. All entries must use a minimum of three ingredients, including pork spareribs, at least one McCormick spice or seasoning product, and at least one Kraft Foods BBQ sauce (if recipe requires a sauce).

Two Grand Prize winners will receive a one-year supply of groceries and the chance to attend the 2013 Memphis in May

BBQ Event in Memphis, Tenn. Visit the website for complete rules and entry form.

### Sweet, Spicy, and Smoky Spareribs

Serves 6  
Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Cook Time: 2 hours

5 pounds spareribs, cut into 4-rib slabs  
1 tablespoon smoked sweet paprika  
1 tablespoon kosher salt  
2 teaspoons dried oregano  
2 teaspoons cumin, ground  
1 teaspoon ground chipotle chiles, or chili powder  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
1 teaspoon onion powder  
½ cup honey, heated until liquid  
Mix paprika, salt, oregano, cumin, chipotle or chili powder, garlic powder and onion powder together in small bowl. Sprinkle generously over both sides of ribs. Let stand at room temperature while preparing grill.

Prepare outdoor grill for indirect medium-hot grilling. For a gas grill, remove cooking grates. Preheat grill on High. Turn 1 burner off.

Place disposable aluminum foil pan over off burner and add 2 cups water to pan. Replace grates. Adjust heat to 350°F. For a charcoal grill, place disposable aluminum foil pan on 1 side of charcoal grate. Build fire on opposite side, and let burn until coals are coated with white ash. Spread coals in grill opposite pan and let burn 15 to 20 minutes. Add 2 cups water to pan. Position cooking grate in grill.

Lightly oil cooking grate. Place ribs over foil pan and cover grill. Cook, adding water to pan as needed, until ribs are browned, fork-tender, and meat pulls away from end of bone, about 2 hours. (For charcoal grill, add 10 briquettes to fire every 45 minutes to maintain heat.) During last 20 minutes, occasionally brush both sides of ribs with warm honey.

Let stand 5 minutes, cut into ribs, and serve hot.

— Courtesy of Family Features

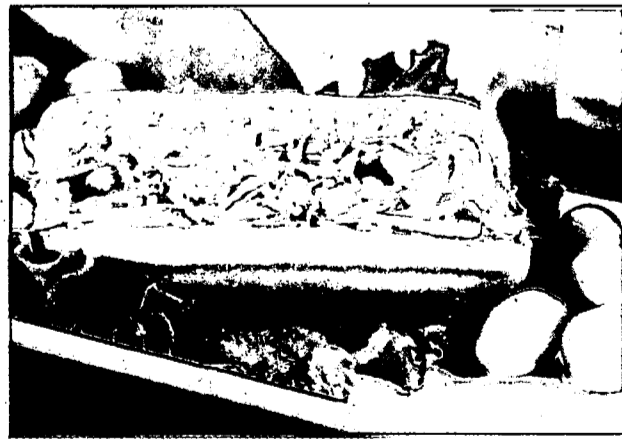
## Great gluten-free grilling

Cookouts, picnics and barbecues mean sharing food and good fun with family and friends. For those living gluten-free, whether due to dietary restrictions or personal choice, these gatherings can cause added stress, because finding foods they can eat may prove difficult. Likewise, gluten-free eaters may worry they'll be perceived as picky or difficult.

But with today's great-tasting gluten-free options, such as cookies and brownies, hotdog and hamburger buns, and even pizza crusts, gluten-free individuals can now join in the hot-off-the-grill goodness.

Hosting your own backyard barbecue? Here are some simple tips to make gluten-free grilling deliciously easy and safe for all your guests:

- Always check the labels. Gluten shows up in some surprising places, including marinades, condiments and even some processed meats.
- Many grilling side dishes are naturally gluten-free, so set out plenty of potato salad, grilled



Spicy Slaw Dogs

vegetables, corn on the cob, melon and other fruits, and baked beans.

- Grill any gluten-free foods first — that way you'll avoid the possibility of cross-contamination with foods that do contain gluten. You can also grill individual meals inside foil or parchment packets and prevent cross-contamination that way, too.

- If you're going to someone else's party, bring your own crackers and snacks, and even your own gluten-free buns.

And, try this recipe for Spicy Slaw Dogs which is completely gluten-free,

from the hot dogs and condiments to the tangy slaw and tender buns. You can find more great gluten-free recipes for grilling — and anytime — at [www.udisglutenfree.com](http://www.udisglutenfree.com).

### Spicy Slaw Dogs

Preparation time: 15 minutes  
Cooking time: 15 minutes

1 pack gluten-free hot dog buns such as Udi's  
2 tablespoons butter, softened  
2 tablespoons stone ground mustard, (gluten free)  
2 tablespoons ketchup  
1 tablespoon soy sauce, (gluten free)  
½ teaspoon vegetable oil

1 large garlic clove, minced  
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon honey  
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon sherry vinegar  
6 cups finely shredded green cabbage, (about ½ head)  
3 fresh red or jalapeño chiles, (seeded and thinly sliced)  
Salt to taste  
Gluten-free hot dogs

To prepare hot dog buns:  
Mix together butter and mustard; spread on buns. Lightly toast buns on grill.

To prepare hot dogs:  
Mix together ketchup, soy sauce, vegetable oil and garlic in a small bowl. Cut cross-hatches in hot dogs. Pour mixture onto a plate and roll hot dogs in it. Grill to desired doneness.

To prepare slaw:  
In large bowl, stir honey with sherry vinegar until honey is dissolved. Add shredded cabbage and chiles; season with salt and toss. Let stand until cabbage is slightly softened, tossing a few times, about 15 minutes.

Place grilled hot dog in hot dog bun and top with slaw.

— Courtesy of Family Features

## Meandering smorgasbord of coffee geekness

By Dan Dean  
Staff Writer

I recently visited Port Austin over the Independence Day holiday and I can report that according to my coffee-loving extended family (who all thought someone else was bringing the coffee) there is not a good cup to be found anywhere in the Thumb. Thankfully for them, coffee is always part of my pretrip checklist and I made a last-minute purchase on the fly at an unexpected gem in downtown Rochester. The Desert Oasis features fresh roasted coffee from the teenage son of owner Jamal Hamood. Here is a thumbs up from the Thumb-traveling Dean clan to Nathan for saving the day with his batch of fresh beans from Rwanda.

Speaking of traveling, what do you do when you go on vacation? In this day of smart phones, it is easy to look for places online. And while it is fun to check out new places when traveling I typically do not leave my coffee

drinking in the hands of such intuitive reviews as "Has great hot chocolate" or "Love the atmosphere."

I have a couple standard solutions depending on where I am going. Of course it always starts with planning to buy fresh roasted beans before leaving. For camping trips I take a small manual burr grinder and a one-cup plastic dripper and boil water in a pan on the camp stove.

If I am hoteling it, I will take along a small electric water kettle, and if I have room, I will take a Chemex brewer and smaller blade grinder to replace the dripper and hand grinder. I will usually dial in the amount of coffee before leaving, either parcelling out beans in one-serve baggies or taking along a scoop of some sort, with a predetermined mark for the amount of beans needed per serving.

### Smart ideas

I read an article recently that rated the best iPhone apps for coffee geeks. I am a total rookie when it comes to smart phones but I have checked out a couple of the recommended apps that are pretty cool. Bloom Coffee Timer (\$1.99) is a timer you can use at home for brewing coffee using a number of different devices such as Beehouse and Hario V60 drippers, Chemex and French press among others. You can edit and save new profiles when you dial in a coffee and want to save the details. The other is Smart-Coffee (free). I have not tried out all the functions like using the camera in your phone to evaluate coffee beans you might want to purchase, but it is full of great information that could help determine what coffee you will like to drink based on parameters you choose.

### Reuse

I love fresh vegetables and one of the things on the fall "to do" list is building a composting bin. We are the proud producers of our first garden — one whopping 4-foot square garden with two tomatozila plants crowding out the two cucumber, three corn, two pepper and an assortment of carrots and onions. Every time I trim celery stalks and cut up carrots to munch on at work, I cringe when I have to throw the ends into the garbage. I also cringe when throwing away coffee grounds as they are a great addition to a compost pile.

Oregon State University Extension Service, which has been composting literally tons of coffee grounds collected from local coffee shops since 2001, has found that used grounds make an excellent addition to a compost pile. In a 2008 *Science Daily* article I read online, the folks at the OSU Extension say that coffee grounds contain up to two percent nitrogen and should be balanced with one part carbon material such as brown leaves or twigs. Paper coffee filters are OK to add as well. OSU also noted that coffee grounds seem to attract earth worms.

### My favorite is back

Jeff Taylor at PT's Coffee calls it a great transitional coffee. I call it "simply awesome" and it is back in stock at [ptscoffee.com](http://ptscoffee.com) (\$18.20 for a 12 oz. bag). It is Panama Elida Estate, the first coffee that I tasted that made me a believer when I was previously a skeptic. Drinking this coffee you understand when coffees are described as: bright and juicy fruit forward with a floral tea rose aroma. The bright acidity resembles that of a pineapple. Sweet strawberry notes compliment the creamy body with a honey finish. Try some, you will not be disappointed.

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Coffee Preacher

Dan Dean



A trip to the Thumb was saved with a last-minute stop on the way at Downtown Rochester's Desert Oasis where I found a great Rwandan coffee.

# Improve your curb appeal with a few outdoor painting projects

Summer is finally here, and with warmer temperatures and longer days, it's the perfect time to brighten up your home with a few outdoor painting projects. You can add the right amount of color and increase your curb appeal in just one weekend, leaving you the rest of the season to enjoy the finished product.

## Your home, your style

Before rushing to pick out a new paint color or even accessories, first determine what will complement your home's existing exterior features. By keeping in mind your house's style factors — like its design, size and age — you'll be able to make updates that add value to your home. Next, look for inspiration by browsing through home catalogs, online or even by driving through a few nearby neighborhoods. Make note of the color combinations you like on homes that are similar to yours.

Once you have your new palette in mind, you're ready to get to work. The fastest way to make an impact? Apply a fresh coat of paint or stain to outdoor areas like doors, shutters, trim and fencing.

To achieve professional-looking results, be sure to use a high-quality painting tool. If you're looking for a brush that can get nearly every job done, try the new XL Elite brushes from Purdy. These are great for interior and exterior projects because they provide ultimate performance with any paint or stain by delivering the perfect finish on any surface. Plus, they work great in all environments, but best with heavy-bodied and fast-drying coatings. Also, when properly cleaned and cared for, Purdy brushes will last for a number of years.

Doors, shutters and trim do more than just accessorize your



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home; they also make a big impact on its overall impression. Unfortunately, they take a beating from exposure to the elements, causing them to become faded and dingy. By repainting them, you can quickly make your house look more polished and refined. As with any painting project, surface preparation is the first important step. Make sure the surface is clean, dull and dry before starting to paint or stain. It is also important to remove loose or peeling paint so that you are starting with a smooth and uniform surface.

Now that the house looks refreshed, don't neglect wood fencing and latticework.

Update these surfaces with a new coat of paint or stain. Not only will it keep your entire property looking impeccable, it will help protect and extend the life of your fence or latticework. Surface preparation is also key for these projects. After cleaning the surface, remember to replace any broken or failed wood and replace any nails or screws that have failed before you start applying the paint or stain.

Be sure to add a few finishing touches to your lawn to really make it look pulled together. Planter boxes can add color and interest to your curb appeal, and can be rear-

ranged whenever you're looking for a change. Freshen up yours with a new coat of paint to add additional color and fun to your space; consider using a bold shade to brighten things up. When picking out plants and flowers for the boxes, include a variance in size, color and texture for optimal results.

With these new summer projects, it's easy to increase your curb appeal, especially with the right painting tools and tips. Adding fresh colors to the outside of your home will make it more inviting for anyone who visits.

— Courtesy ARA

## Investing options in Asia

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** I travel to Asia and spend several months out of the year there. I am wondering if housing costs and/or the cost of living is less expensive in Cambodia than say Hanoi or other parts of Vietnam.

**A:** Generally speaking, upscale housing is generally more expensive in Cambodia. Every house usually has what is referred to as a "spirit house" separately attached which is designed to keep

out the bad spirits and protect the family. The American dollar and English is widely accepted

and there is a new high rise condominium under construction now in Phnom Penh. The units will range from \$150k U.S. to close to \$800k for a penthouse unit on the 20th floor or above. Condos in Hanoi generally are much more expensive per square foot in the city but as always, it depends on the location and the amenities.

**Q:** I hear Thailand offers a great climate for residential investment and/or living. What briefly can you tell me?

**A:** Bangkok has many condominium high-rises that foreigners can invest in. Of course, the closer to the river, where many of the five star hotels are located, the more expensive in this capital city. Indeed, condominiums are literally twice as expensive here than in Thailand's second largest city, Chiang Mai, which has no public transportation, unlike Bangkok, which has subways and buses. The economy is growing, but real estate is much cheaper than, for example, in Singapore, although the cost of living and currency is favorable to the U.S. dollar. It is best to consult with several different real estate agencies before making a purchase.

**Q:** I am interested in the residential opportunities for purchase in Seoul, Korea, because our company is planning on building a factory in the area. What do you know about Seoul?

**A:** Like most major cities in Southeast Asia, Seoul has a number of high rise apartments which they utilize as condominiums in the center or around the center of the City. Again, the cost of land in the center of the City is at a premium and is very expensive. However, Seoul has the opportunity to develop certain underutilized areas with respect to high rises, and new condominium apartments are being built at relatively modest prices. Transportation in Seoul is much better than, by way of example, Vietnam, as there are many more cars, with fewer restrictions in terms purchasing, as well as the fact that there are at least two major auto manufacturers in South Korea. I would contact an Americanized broker to assist you in the purchase of an apartment near the core of the City.

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



Robert Meisner

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS/WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 16-20, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**CANTON**  
41461 Bobcat Ct \$126,000  
1991 Brookfield St \$135,000  
3976 Brookstone Dr \$185,000  
1054 Holbrooke Dr \$351,000  
1416 Ledgewood Dr \$158,000

43090 Ryegate St \$155,000  
1937 W Franklin Dr \$69,000  
1128 Whittier Dr \$165,000  
**GARDEN CITY**  
32673 James St \$84,000  
31457 Sheridan St \$19,000  
**LIVONIA**  
36515 Ann Arbor Trl \$175,000  
38160 Ann Arbor Trl \$29,000  
11498 Cardwell St \$60,000  
29959 Curtis Rd \$130,000  
36264 Dover St \$84,000  
32827 Fargo St \$13,000  
19351 Hillcrest St \$135,000  
15545 Merriman Rd \$145,000

37478 N Laurel Park Dr \$111,000  
29168 Rayburn St \$65,000  
31553 Scone St \$140,000  
**NORTHVILLE**  
16795 Country Knoll Dr \$244,000  
16065 Pine Valley Dr \$565,000  
**PLYMOUTH**  
424 Adams St \$132,000  
1676 Cassidy Place Dr \$149,000  
304 Pinewood Cir \$62,000  
136 S Union St \$317,000  
784 York St \$102,000  
**REDFORD**  
14213 Breakfast Dr \$125,000  
9976 Farley \$24,000

17309 Fox \$25,000  
19420 Kinloch \$21,000  
20102 Kinloch \$38,000  
24645 W Chicago \$19,000  
**WESTLAND**  
34205 Aztec Dr \$72,000  
8320 Emerald Ln E \$141,000  
31510 Fairchild St \$60,000  
32132 Glen St \$16,000  
32326 Glen St \$53,000  
8355 Rickie Ln \$80,000  
1132 S Carlson St \$100,000  
369 S Norma St \$91,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 2-6, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**BINGHAM FARMS**  
23910 Greenglen Ct \$260,000  
30865 River Crossing St \$250,000  
**BIRMINGHAM**  
1748 Graefield Rd \$94,000  
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**  
229 Barden Rd \$120,000  
5250 Brookdale Rd \$745,000  
4459 Chamberlain Dr \$377,000  
2651 Colonial Way \$180,000

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
3390 Burning Bush Rd \$770,000  
831 Highwood Dr \$1,875,000  
4876 Keithdale Ln \$315,000  
4597 Kiftgate Bnd \$685,000  
1580 S Hill Blvd \$65,000  
4592 Wagon Wheel Dr \$303,000  
2860 Whittier Dr \$320,000  
**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP**  
5026 Birkdale Dr \$282,000  
1720 Fenwick Dr \$50,000  
4110 Forest Edge Dr \$220,000  
3109 Ivy Hill Dr \$300,000  
634 Sherbrooke St \$122,000  
1957 Tiley Cir \$155,000  
**FARMINGTON**  
28805 E King William Dr \$218,000  
**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
27900 Berrywood Ln \$27,000

26262 Dundalk St \$180,000  
24482 Martel Dr \$110,000  
28499 Orchard Lake Rd \$200,000  
28807 W King William Dr \$275,000  
22974 Willowbrook Dr \$235,000  
**FRANKLIN**  
25675 Dennison Rd \$285,000  
26415 Scenic Hwy \$160,000  
**MILFORD**  
2250 Applewood Ln \$200,000  
861 Byron Dr \$128,000  
1164 Riverside St \$268,000  
**NOVI**  
21772 Chase Dr \$430,000  
29740 English Way \$250,000  
22890 Ennishore \$359,000  
26392 Fieldstone Dr \$259,000  
40562 Lenox Park Dr \$251,000  
27869 Middleton Dr \$152,000

47330 Scarlet Dr N \$207,000  
21899 Shadybrook Dr \$200,000  
1127 South Lake Dr Unit 219 \$42,000  
24343 Venice Dr \$236,000  
23361 Whitehall Dr \$460,000  
**SOUTH LYON**  
335 Gibson St \$105,000  
22290 Quail Run Cir \$120,000  
26451 Shumans Way \$50,000  
252 University Ave \$65,000  
**SOUTHFIELD**  
25827 Arrowhead St \$66,000  
30575 Old Stream Cir \$74,000  
27461 Sutherland St \$87,000  
**WHITE LAKE**  
935 Aglaia Dr \$136,000  
9694 Cedar Island Rd \$50,000  
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## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. Email [Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com](mailto:Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com) or visit [FreeForeclosureTour.com](http://FreeForeclosureTour.com).

### Finance seminar

Learn how to finance your purchase and rehab projects in and around Detroit. Hear from an expert in the lending business, Trent Dalrymple, who has more than 25 years of experience. Real estate and investment professionals are welcome. Seating is limited, so call (248) 547-3006 or sign up at [www.metro-mi.com](http://www.metro-mi.com). These free one-hour seminars will be 6-7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month at Metro Mortgage Investments, 26711 Woodward Ave., Suite 301, Huntington Woods.

### Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage

Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, ext. 33.

### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Participants will discuss what they have learned. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at (313) 277-4168.

### Come & learn all about "flipping" notes

This is a seminar about buying financial notes secured by real estate at a discount and re-selling the note for a higher price for a profit. Sponsored by Real

Estate Investors Association of Oakland from 5:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9, at Club Venetian, John R Road, just north of 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights. Seminar is free to members and \$20 for non-members.

Call (800) 747-6742 or visit online at [www.REIAofOakland.com](http://www.REIAofOakland.com).

### Shopping for Investment Property

This is Class No. 3 in a series of 10 classes sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland. The 3 1/2 hour class will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Royal Oak Senior Center, 3500 Marias, Royal Oak, (north off 13 Mile, between Crooks and Main). The class teaches "What & Where" to buy investment property. Cost is \$49, plus materials.

For more information, email to [OREIAClass@AddedValueRealty.com](mailto:OREIAClass@AddedValueRealty.com) or call (248) 787-7325.



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## Challenging fun for ALL ages

# Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS									
1	Guitar sound.	38	Trellis coverer						
6	Notre Dame	39	Pond maker						
11	Sell chances on	41	Crewmate of Uhura						
13	Cheese dip	43	Addams						
14	Boston hockey great	44	Copland or Spelling						
15	"Ghosts" playwright	46	Velvety surface						
17	Be mistaken	47	Rumor, perhaps						
18	Numerical prefix	48	Fountain in Rome						
19	Bundles of hay	49	Sassy talk						
20	Way back when	50	Pole vault and javelin						
21	Jiffies	52	Daimler invention						
23	"Futureworld" name	54	Exorcist's quarry						
24	Two fives for	55	Made a choice						
DOWN									
1	Runs slowly	5	Facile						
2	Billionaire	6	Charged particles						
3	Buffet	7	ER staffer						
3	Where the Nile is	8	Form a thought						
4	Labrador prov.	9	Groundswells						

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ABUT	BLUE	GAM
RASH	ROME	APO
THOREAU	RIAZED	
ICY	GIBE	
CELLO	WRESTLE	
OPAL	VIES	TAM
ISM	FILET	ESC
FOP	ABET	FETE
SMOKIES	WORSE	
OARS	LIIT	
ANNIE	PIGSKIN	
NEE	SIAM	TARA
TAD	TALE	SNAG

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Fun By The Numbers

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			4	6				
2								9
9	8	4		2				1
6				1	5			2
	4		5	6				1
5	7							8
3		5	6	7				
4					9	1	3	
7			4	3		2	5	

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## SUMMERTIME WORD SEARCH

WORDS

Barbecue Protection  
Baseball Sand  
Beach Sandals  
Bicycle Sandcastles  
Blue Sea  
Boating Shell  
Camp Shorts  
Capris Sky  
Day Sun  
Fish Sunscreen  
Hot Swimming  
Humid Tan  
Ice cream Tank  
Insects Umbrella  
July Undertow  
Lawn Vacation  
Mirage Volleyball  
Ocean Wade  
Picnic Warm  
Pool Waterski

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

#### Sudoku

9	5	2	8	6	7	6	1	7
7	8	1	6	9	2	8	9	7
8	6	7	1	7	9	9	2	8
4	8	9	2	6	8	1	7	9
8	1	6	7	9	9	2	7	8
2	7	5	7	4	8	1	6	9
1	9	6	9	2	7	4	8	6
6	7	4	8	1	8	9	9	2
5	2	8	9	6	7	8	1	7

#### Word Search

BARBECUE PROTECTION BASEBALL SAND BEACH SANDALS BICYCLE SANDCASTLES BLUE SEA BOATING SHELL CAMP SHORTS CAPRIS SKY DAY SUN FISH SUNSCREEN HOT SWIMMING HUMID TAN ICE CREAM TANK INSECTS UMBRELLA JULY UNDERTOW LAWN VACATION MIRAGE VOLLEYBALL OCEAN WADE PICNIC WARM POOL WATERSKI

