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**Meet and greet**

Radio Disney AM 910 Detroit is hosting a family-friendly "Back to School Celebration" with Wayne-Westland Schools from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18. Families are invited to join the Radio Disney AM 910 Road Crew at the stage for interactive entertainment including performances from Wayne-Westland Community School groups and prizes. The event will conclude with a special concert by Coco Jones, star of Disney Channel's *Let It Shine*, a former *N.B.T.* artist now signed to Hollywood Records. Fans ages 16 and under can stop near the customer service desk in the mall and enter for the chance to win a private meet and greet for themselves and three friends with Jones. Winners will be selected and notified by Aug. 13. Westland Shopping Center is at 35000 Warren Road at Wayne Road in Westland. For more information, visit [www.radiodisney.com/detroit](http://www.radiodisney.com/detroit).

**Surplus food**

The City of Westland will distribute surplus federal food at the Dorsey Community Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, for residents living north of Michigan Avenue. Residents living south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Call (734) 729-1737 for information. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution. For August, apple sauce, beef stew, elbow macaroni, sliced carrots, frozen strawberry cups, tomato sauce and possible additional items will be distributed. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

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**PRIMARY ELECTION 2012**

**Library board looks at ramping up services with millage approval**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Now that Westland voters have overwhelmingly approved a 10-year millage increase for the William P. Faust Public Library, the question is how and when budget cuts will be restored. "We can't immediately make major changes to the library until we are close to when the mon-

ey is coming in," Library Board President Mark Neal said. "This millage will be on the winter tax bill and not be available until February. We're probably looking at a plan to ramp up the library around the first of the year." To offset reduced revenues, cuts made at the library July 1 included layoffs, program eliminations and reductions

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and operating the library only 40 hours per week. That meant closing the library doors Sunday and Monday. "The Library Board has to meet to discuss the

particulars and get input from the library director," Neal said. With less than a year on the job, Library Director Sheila Collins said that she was thrilled with the level of support for the library from Westland citizens. With over 71 percent of the votes in favor of the 0.99-mills increase, library board members, staff and support-

ers decked out in Save Our Library T-shirts were celebrating the early returns at Marvaso's Tuesday night. "We are thrilled with the public support that we have received, it is heart-warming to know that people love the library as much as we hoped that they did," Neal said.

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Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy (left) and Westland Mayor William Wild hold the ribbon for Jessica Buehler to cut at her new home on Manila in Westland.

**House dedication celebrates city-school district partnership**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

It's not everyone who gets to cut a giant red ribbon to celebrate moving into a new house. Jessica Buehler and her son had actually moved into their home on Manila on July 18 but Westland Mayor William Wild, Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy and others turned out for the official dedication ceremony Monday morning. "I was renting a house in Canton. I was looking on a website and found a new listing (for the home). I saw it the next day," said Buehler, a widow who works as a cashier at the Westland Lowe's store. "We moved in the day we closed. It's won-

derful. The students did an amazing job. I'm very happy." The new construction home is the result of partnership between the city, which obtained a blighted property and funded the construction materials through the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program, and the school district, which provided the labor through the construction technology program at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. "Welcome to the City of Westland. It's a beautiful home in a beautiful subdivision," Wild said. "The city provides the funds, the schools the labor. It provides economic stimulus, removes a blighted property and creates a new homeowner

like Jessica." This is the fourth home project for the city-schools partnership — two new construction and two renovations. Another project will get underway in the fall on Second Street, east of Wayne Road and south of Palmer. As a possibly good sign for the economy, Wild said the house sold within four days of being listed and also for \$13,000 higher than the previous home completed through the partnership. Congratulating Buehler on her new home, Baracy noted the construction program had been honored by the state. "I know the home will exceed

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**Conyers triumphs in 13th District**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Residents of the new 13th Congressional District will have a new representative in Washington after November but it will be a familiar face. U.S. Rep. John Conyers easily bested a field of four other Democrats, even crushing two Westland candidates in their hometown. In the traditionally Democratic communities, Conyers would be expected to take the seat in November for a 25th term — the previous terms served in the old 14th District. State Sen. Glenn Anderson of Westland finished a distant second in the race, even in Westland. Anderson drew 18 percent of the vote locally compared to Conyers 55 percent. "It isn't going our way, I feel

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PRIMARY RESULTS	
The following are unofficial vote totals.	
Glenn Anderson	12,585
* John Conyers Jr.	38,357
John Goci	2,664
Shanelle Jackson	8,695
Bert Johnson	6,922

**Goci plans to return campaign donation**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

A Wayne-Westland school board member plans to return a campaign contribution to his failed congressional campaign from a Westland business owner who was found to be in the United States illegally. Troy resident Ibmo Duhanaj, owner of Bray's Hamburgers in Westland, is in federal custody several days after the restaurant and several other businesses were raided



Goci Duhanaj by FBI agents. Although the FBI has refused to comment on the investigation, Duhanaj is facing federal charges of lying to investigators about running a loan sharking operation within the local Albanian community. Duhanaj, 42, has been identified by federal offi-

cials as a former Albanian freedom fighter who entered the country illegally after failing to be granted asylum and is now being deported. Described as a self-employed restaurateur/entrepreneur, Duhanaj donated \$1,000 to the Congressional campaign of Wayne-Westland school board member John Goci, who immigrated from Albania as a youngster. "I've known him for awhile, I didn't know he was here illegally," Goci said. "I was officially

informed on his status. I'm returning the money. It said his wife donated the money, but I'm returning it all the same." Goci also has been identified in federal court records as having borrowed \$30,000 through Duhanaj to remodel his restaurant. He has said that he was paying 15 percent interest on the loan, although the FBI has put the figure at least 45 percent. One of Goci's opponents in the congressional race, State Sen. Glenn

Anderson, D-Westland, had called upon Goci to return the funds immediately. "The law is clear," Anderson said. "It is illegal for any candidate to accept funds from any non-citizens for their election. Only citizens are allowed to vote and only citizens are allowed to contribute funds. Mr. Goci has to follow the law just like everyone else and he should return the funds and provide proof

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# Millage requests, politics bring out Westland voters

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Undecided voters turning out at Edison Elementary School found plenty of help available in making a choice in the 11th U.S. House race Tuesday afternoon.

"It's been beautiful. Pretty steady — on par with what we expected," said Nicole Jackson who was handing out literature for her niece, State Rep. Shanelle Jackson, D-Detroit.

Shanelle Jackson was one of five candidates running in the redistricted 11th House District which includes Westland, Garden City, Redford, Romulus, part of Detroit and Downriver communities. The frontrunners were U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit, and State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Detroit, in a field that includes State Sen. Bert Johnson and Wayne-Westland school board member John Goci.

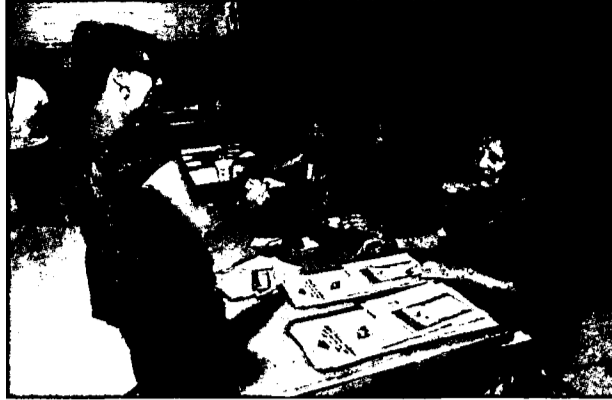
ty positive. The voters will indicate if they like your candidate if they speak. Some don't speak," said Nicole Jackson, adding she's been working on her niece's campaigns for 10 years.

Like Jackson, Shonira Vanommeren had been at Edison since the polls had opened at 7 a.m. She was handing out literature to support Johnson and like the other poll workers were attempting to find a shady spot to wait for voters.

"It's been going great. There has been a steady flow of folks. At 7 a.m., there were 20 people here," Vanommeren said. "Some people come in with their minds made up, others listen to what we're representing. It's been positive."

Later in the afternoon, Anderson also turned up to talk with voters as they arrived at Edison.

"I've been to Romulus, Inkster, around Westland and I'm heading to Dearborn Heights," Anderson



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Precinct 29 election workers Lisa Mitchell, Josh Caruana and Connie Bleyaert help voter Karen Kietur.

said. "We've been getting a really good response. We've 10-15 people working a phone bank to get people out to vote."

Edison hosts four voting precincts now — 5 and 29 with 4 and 8 moving over from the now-closed Bailey Recreation Center.

Riding to the precinct on their bicycles, Raymond and Colleen Stewart said they normally vote at every election.

The couple were particularly interested in the

millage questions on the ballot.

There were three questions — 0.2 mills to fund the Detroit Institute of Arts, 0.99 mills to fund operations at the William P. Faust Public Library and renewal of 2011 Headlee rollback amount of 0.9381 mills to fund the operation of three Wayne County jails and juvenile detention programs.

"It was definitely the millage. Yes, no and no. Yes to the DIA, no to the



Nicole Jackson hands out candidate brochures for her niece Shanelle Jackson who was seeking the Democratic nomination in the 13th Congressional District.

library and no to the jail," Colleen Stewart said.

Asked how the jails should be funded without the millage renewal, Colleen Stewart said that was someone else's problem.

"If they didn't want my opinion, they shouldn't have asked me," she said.

Talking after casting their ballots, the couple

seemed to have voted the same way although sometimes they cancel each other out voting.

"We had to vote straight party this time. We might cancel each other out next time," Colleen Stewart said.

Another voter, Gerald Burger said he wasn't too impressed with the millage proposals but didn't indicate how he had voted. He also said he had a couple of candidates he found interesting in the congressional race but didn't want to say who he supported.

The relocated Bailey precincts 4 and 8 were housed in the Edison library while 5 and 29 were in the school gym.

"We are getting a lot more people than we expected. I'm glad to see more voters," said precinct worker Lisa Mitchell, who works at the Friendship Center which was closed for the election.

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# Knezek ready to knock on more doors in 11th District

By Sue Buck  
Observer Staff Writer

Dearborn Heights resident David Knezek Jr. isn't wasting any time after winning the Democratic nomination for state representative in the 11th District.

He will again be knocking on doors and getting to know even more people as he prepares for the November election.

"They called the election this morning," Knezek said Wednesday. "We knocked on 20,000 doors. The face-to-face interaction really helped. We will be out again for the November race. We have a terrific team."

Four candidates hoped



Knezek

that voters in the state's redistricted 11th House District would favor them in the primary election

held Aug. 7.

Knezek's win in this predominantly Democratic area, means that he is expected to be the next state representative for the district that includes all of Garden City and Inkster and portions of Westland, Livonia and Dearborn Heights.

Republican Kathleen Kopczyk is unopposed in the election.

The district has a 70 percent Democratic

## VOTERS' CHOICE

* David Knezek	3,804 votes
Cody Bailey	1,569 votes
Bill Kaledas	664 votes
Dorothy Webb Grady	1,551 votes

base. "I will be out there again and I will be helping other Democrats get elected," Knezek said.

Knezek and Cody Bailey, a Garden City resident, vied heavily for the top spot. Bailey said Wednesday morning that he was disappointed at the results.

"We all worked very hard," Bailey said. "We had a good team and good workers."

Bailey stood ready to

introduce several pieces of legislation in his first 100 days, one of which was to lock down the State School Aid Fund to make sure the money goes for where it's meant — K-12 education.

Unofficially, Knezek garnered 3,804 votes (49.9 percent). Bailey was a distant second with 1,569 votes (20.58 percent), followed by Dorothy Webb Grady of Inkster with 1,551 votes (20.34 percent) and for-

mer Garden City mayor Bill Kaledas of Garden City with 664 votes (8.71 percent).

Katherine Bailey, Cody's stepmother, waited for a time at Garden City Hall with pad and paper in hand.

"I have never done this before," said Bailey who is a special education teacher for Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The Superior Township resident said that she was surprised when Cody announced his candidacy more than a year ago.

"Many of the things he has to say are good ideas," she said. "He thinks out of the box."

She liked the fact that he focused equally on

student success and teacher success. "The student can't succeed without the teacher succeeding," she said, adding that he has "a business mind."

Dennis Lienhardt, a Riverview resident, is a friend of Knezek's for five years who also waited for election results. A senior at the University of Michigan, Lienhardt said that they met at the college.

After observing Knezek's military and student career, Lienhardt believes that Knezek is "the best person for the job."

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Efforts to get the library millage approved had no organized opposition.

"The only opposition that I heard was a couple of people at

the council meeting. There is 75-80 percent in favor of it (based on early returns)," Neal said. "That is phenomenal. You don't see support at that level for anything — at least I haven't seen that. It's a great day."

With the cuts already made to library servic-

es, a projected 5 percent revenue cut for 2013-14 would likely have resulted in the library being open less than 40 hours per week, Neal said, a concern that seems to have resonated with voters.

Antoinette Martin, the Library Board vice president, credited Technolo-

gy Librarian Kristy Cooper with getting the millage idea rolling.

"Two years ago, she came to us and told the board that we running out of money and needed to do something," Martin said. "Our reaction was that it wouldn't pass with the amount we had in reserve."

That changed as revenues continued to drop, expenses rose and capital needs or the building mounted. Cooper approached the board a second time and the millage request, which will cost the owner of an average \$58,600 Westland home under \$30 per year, was placed on the

ballot. Westland voters also approved renewal of the Wayne County jails millage with 77.4 percent support and the Detroit Institute of Arts millage with 68 percent of the vote.

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that he has done so. If he doesn't do so immediately, I will call on the federal authorities to force him to do so."

Goci pointed out that candidates have no legal obligation to do background checks on people who contribute to

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your expectations. I would like to thank the mayor, council and city staff for working with our people," Baracy said.

"Without the partnership, we couldn't bring these programs to the city. It's a win-win for all. It gives the students in building trades hands-on skills."

At the dedication program, Buehler was joined by her mother Car-

gressional District. In fact, the Huffington Post website reports Duhanaaj has donated \$9,500 to the Peters campaign since 2011. In 2010, Duhanaaj is reported to have donated \$2,400 to Democratic U.S. Rep. Sander Levin's campaign.

Goci was running for the redistricted 13th District congressional seat and finished fifth in the field of candidates that included Anderson, veteran U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit, who served the old 14th District, State Sen. Bert Johnson, D-Highland Park, and State Rep. Shanelle Jackson, D-Detroit.

Conyers won the nomination in Tuesday's election.

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# Sea Cadets drop anchor in Garden City

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

For Edward Brennan, moving the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet program from Ferndale to Garden City has been a dream come true.

The James M. Hannan Division had been meeting at the Royal Oak Recreation Center in Ferndale for two years before finding a new home at the Henry Ruff School in Garden City. On Saturday, the cadets in their dress whites will hold their first drill in their new home, a classroom at the former elementary school.

"It was an old building, it had a lot of problems," said Brennan, the division's executive officer. "We were looking around for something new and found this. We moved in on July 1."

The Hannan Division is the oldest continuously serving sea cadet unit in the state, and Brennan believes the second oldest unit in the United States. It got its start almost 48 years ago, offering youth ages 11-18 the "unique opportunity to experience what it's like to be in the military without making a four-year commitment."

The unit called the Broadhead Armory in Detroit home for 40 years until it closed. It then moved to Redford Presbyterian Church for five years until it closed because of declining membership and has been based in Ferndale for two years. It will mark its 48th year of operation in October.

The U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps is a federally chartered non-profit educational organi-

zation sponsored by the Navy League of the U.S. and supported by the Navy Department and U.S. Coast Guard. The Sea Cadet Corps has two units: The League Cadet Corps, supported entirely by the Navy League, for youth ages 11-13 and the Sea Cadet Corps for 13-18-year-olds.

The Hannan Division meets twice a month — 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays. The cadets learn about naval history and customs, seamanship, close order drill, naval terminology, decision making, personal responsibility and physical fitness.

The cadets have to complete basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois before they can take the advance training — 53 one- to three-week programs sponsored by the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard.

"It's a 10-day miniature boot camp," Brennan said. "It's taught by the Navy, and all cadets have to take it before they go on the programs. The cadets do 10 days, Navy recruits do 16 weeks."

This summer, the division has cadets taking advanced training with the Navy SEALs in Virginia, attending submarine school in New England, taking master at arms classes at Central Michigan University and doing aviation training on the West Coast.

There's also the opportunity to take a two-week cruise aboard the USS Greyfox, a 120-foot former naval ship that cadets run, from steering it and cooking the food to plotting the courses, standing watches and learning what it's like to sail on a Navy ship. Brennan said.



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Members of the U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps perform some drills aboard ships like the USS Greyfox.

And cadets can also take part in an exchange program with 16 other countries. They can spend two, three or four weeks in countries like Russia, Japan, England and Scotland.

The Hannan Division serves southeast Michigan and has about 40 cadets from throughout the metropolitan area — Detroit, Downriver, Warren, Howell, Ypsilanti, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights. Brennan, who lives in Milford, hopes the new location will help grow the program.

He's been involved in the Sea Cadets for 10 years. He served in the Navy during the Korean War and was active in the Boys Scouts as an adult. He lost that connection but found out about the Sea Cadet program after moving to Mil-

ford. "Sea Cadets is one the best kept secrets in the world," said Brennan who holds the rank of lieutenant and is the unit's recruiting officer, executive officer and administrative officer. "I stumbled on the program, joined and I've never looked back. Imagine a kid spending three weeks with the Navy SEALs, it's an experience of a lifetime."

Parents and youth who want to see what the Sea Cadet program is all about can stop by Henry Ruff School during the drill. The school is at 30300 Maplewood, east of Merri-man, in Garden City. They can also call Brennan at (248) 685-9568.

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## Services set for Westland drowning victim

By Darrell Clem  
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Funeral services are scheduled this week for a Canton woman and a Westland man whose bodies were recovered Sunday from Belleville Lake after being reported missing the night before.

Heather Nicole Hill, 20, and Eric Wayne Rose, 28, of Westland have been identified by Van Buren Township police as the pair whose bodies were recovered Sunday by a dive team.

According to authorities, a third person who had accompanied Hill and Wayne told police they had been to the beach in the park and had walked along a sandbar before getting onto a boat anchored in the area.

Authorities believe Hill and Rose drowned after they became disoriented in the dark after leaving the boat and trying to walk back to the park. The third person contacted police after realizing his friends were in trouble, prompting a search.

Hill was the daughter of Dana Cowell and Paul Hill, Jr. She also is survived by a grandmother, Debbie Cowell, a grandfather, Roger Caldwell, aunts and cousins.

Memorial services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. today (Thursday) at Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Road, in Westland.

Rose was the son of Ronald and Christine Rose. He also is survived by brothers Paul Rose, Marc Rose and Michael Rose and a grandmother, Wanda (Allen) Rose.

Visitation is 6-8 p.m. today (Thursday) and noon to 8 p.m. Friday at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, 30895 W. Huron River Drive in Flat Rock.

Service is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Woodhaven Free Will Baptist Church.

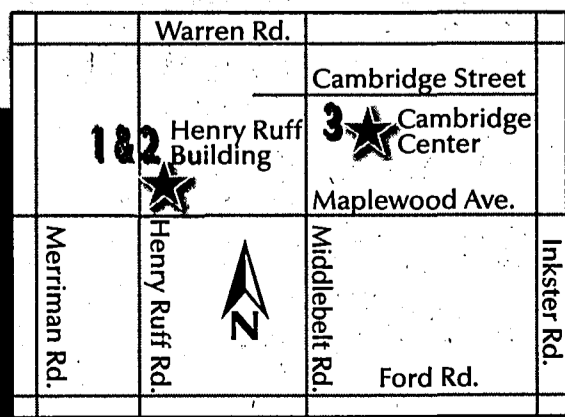
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# German exchange students experience hectic pace of America

By David Veselenak  
Observer Staff Writer

Hannah Zachrich had to adjust to having more siblings than usual while visiting her host family in Redford.

"I have only two sisters at home, and my host sister has four brothers," said Zachrich, a 17-year-old student from Germany. "It's a big change for me to have four brothers."

Zachrich was one of several students from Gau-Algesheim, Germany, who spent 12 days in Redford as a part of the sister city exchange. Gau-Algesheim is one of Redford's sister cities, as well as St. Johann, Austria.

Hanna Schaefer, the chairwoman of the sister city commission, said the group of students — four girls and two boys — have kept busy, going to places such as the Detroit Zoo, Red Oaks Waterpark in Madison Heights, Ann Arbor and Belle Isle.

In Redford, they met with township officials, the police department and visited the 17th District Court.



Hanna Schaefer and students who participated in the exchange program between Redford and Gau-Algesheim, Germany. Six students from Europe came and spent about two weeks in Redford.

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"Everything was well-planned," she said. "We try to keep them busy."

Roland Buecher, a 16-year-old student visiting, said the pace of life in Metro Detroit is more fast-paced than what he's used to seeing.

"It's crazy in America," he said. "I like it very much."

The program sends Redford students to Europe as well as hosts them. Schaefer said the program has continued to succeed since launching

more than a dozen years ago. The students were scheduled to leave Michigan Wednesday.

It used to receive funding from the township, but with current economic conditions, the program has not received

any money and operates on its own budget.

"We used to take them down to Ohio to Cedar Point, but that got to be too expensive," Schaefer said. "So we have to work with what we have in our account."

But some host families made the trip to Ohio. Both Zachrich and Buecher went to Cedar Point with their host families. Having the opportunity to ride roller coasters more than 300 feet tall is an experience neither have had in Germany.

"In Germany, we only have three parks," Zachrich said. "I'm an adrenaline junkie, and because of this, I rode everything."

Some host families expressed interest in spending more one-on-one time with exchange students, Schaefer said. So instead of planning all their time in the United States, each family had several days where they could do whatever they wished with their students.

"We used to plan every single day, but some of

the host families complained they wanted more time with the student," she said. "One lady took off work for two weeks."

Pamela Broderon hosted Buecher over the last few weeks, and was at a loss for words at the experience. A bond develops between the student and the family, she said. Her son continues to stay in contact with the former student who stayed with them, and spent several weeks with his family in Germany last year.

She said she was nervous when she first hosted a student two years ago, but found it to be simpler than she thought.

"It's a really comfortable experience. It's like the student fits right into your family," she said. "It's just easy-going, and part of your family."

While it was her first trip to the United States, Zachrich said she's ready to return when she gets the chance.

"I'd like to come back to America," she said. "I love America and Redford."

# Parents of 'abused' preschoolers want trust restored, lost year made up

By Karen Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

A group of parents of special-needs preschoolers who were allegedly abused by a teacher and parapro at Webster Elementary asked the Livonia school board Monday to restore their trust by holding those responsible accountable and giving back students the instruction they missed.

Attorneys James L. Spagnuolo Jr. of South-

field and Jeffrey T. Stewart of Farmington Hills have been retained by two of the parents. They attended the school board meeting, but did not address the board.

Spagnuolo said a decision on a lawsuit has not been made. "At this point we're doing an investigation," he said.

In June, the board fired the parapro and recommended the state tenure commission terminate the employment of the teach-



Parents of special-needs preschoolers allegedly abused at Webster Elementary gather for a group hug outside the Livonia school board office Monday after speaking to the board. From left are Lauren Gohl, Jim Davenport, Rosalyn Peterman and Terri Roeder.

er, Sharon Turbiak. Neither one has been charged with a crime and both deny any wrongdoing.

Parent Lauren Gohl of Plymouth asked the board when those who witnessed the alleged abuse will be terminated for not reporting it to the Michigan Department of Human Services, as required by law. "What recourse do the parents have if (Superintendent) Randy Liepa decides that only certain individuals receive a disciplinary action for their part in this absolutely unacceptable cover up?" she asked.

State law mandates that school personnel immediately report to DHS, not just their supervisor, any suspected abuse even if they have not witnessed it.

A social worker allegedly witnessed Turbiak on March 5 grab her son by the top of his head,

jerk it back "quite aggressively," yell at him and continue to jerk his chin upward while pushing the top of his head back. The boy, 4, was born with hydrocephalus and has a brain shunt. Any injury to his head can be life-threatening, she said.

### Reporting law violated?

Gohl said the incident wasn't reported to DHS until after April 23, when Mark Schultz, a former police officer who serves as the district's administrator of public safety, began an internal investigation into the classroom environment and called the Livonia Police Department the following day.

Several school district employees, including administrators, are identified as witnesses on a heavily redacted 75-page police report.

Parent Terri Roeder of Ypsilanti said parents of

the 12 special-needs children ages 3-5 who were in the classroom have been in contact with each other. "I can assure you that there are many of us who will not rest until across-the-board justice has been administered," she told the board.

The class was part of a Wayne RESA center program serving students from multiple districts. All of the children are cognitively impaired and some also have physical impairments.

Parent Rosalyn Peterman of Wayne told the board she has heard and read about terrible things happening to children around the country, but she never thought her son, Cameron Williams, would be in the same predicament. "I'm here to show support for my child and the other children and to ensure that you hold yourself accountable for what has happened and to make the necessary changes and implement the necessary precautions that will help our children to feel safe so they can learn and also somehow restore our trust in the educators to do right by our children," she said.

### 'Lost' school year

Jim Davenport of Garden City, who said his daughter McKenna had her chair pulled out from under her and was laughed at when she fell to the floor, said McKenna spent "1,040 hours in an environment of fear and bullying at the hands of Sharon Turbiak" and the parapro.

He said the program

was designed to give the children a head start so they could have a chance at a normal school life. He said he feels it is the board's responsibility to make up for that lost time.

The Livonia Police Department investigated the abuse complaints, but the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office decided there was insufficient evidence to bring charges against anyone.

"We did not have a case that we could prove beyond a reasonable doubt in court," Maria Miller, assistant prosecuting attorney and director of communications, said in an interview July 26.

Stewart, who specializes in representing students whose rights have been violated by teachers and their supervisors, said the prosecutor's decision was "not a decision we welcomed."

However, he said, the burden of proof in a criminal case is "exceedingly high" compared with a civil case and prosecutors have "enormous discretion" in deciding which cases to pursue.

He said if the accounts in the police report are true, he believes the children were abused.

He said child abuse, like pornography, is hard to define, but quoting U.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart's famous characterization of pornography in a 1964 case, he said, "I know it when I see it."

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# Vote paves way for free DIA admission

By Karen Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland and Garden City residents now have free admission to the Detroit Institute of Arts with proof of residency.

And, if they hurry, they'll get to see one of only 35 Johannes Vermeer paintings in the world. The 17th century Dutch artist's masterpiece *Woman Holding a Balance* is on display through Sept. 2, on loan from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. It is the first time since the 1940s the DIA has had a Vermeer on exhibit.

Voters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties on Tuesday approved a 0.2-mill tax for the next 10 years to fund the museum. The tax will cost the owner of a \$150,000 home about \$15 annually.

The proposal was approved by 68 percent of the voters in Wayne, 64 percent in Oakland and 51 percent in Macomb, according to unofficial vote tallies.

Annmarie Erickson, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the DIA, said it was a great night for the museum and a great night for tri-county voters.

"We got the message out to the residents and they heard it and they supported it," she said. "I think we would all like to thank them for making this investment in the museum and reassure them they will see value."

She said the museum will continue to be an important part of voters' communities through its



This rare masterpiece by 17th century Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer, *Woman Holding a Balance*, is on display at the DIA until Sept. 2.

popular Inside Out program, which brings copies of DIA artwork out into the suburbs, as well as other programs. She said the DIA will be asking communities what the DIA can do for them.

She encouraged tri-county residents to visit the museum for free, which some were already doing on Wednesday morning.

The tax will generate approximately \$23 million per year — \$10 mil-

lion in Oakland, \$8 million in Wayne and \$5 million in Macomb. The DIA's operating budget is \$25 million. The tax was needed to cover the shortfall for museum operating expenses caused by the loss of funding from the state and city of Detroit, Erickson said.

The museum has been relying on the private sector for operations, a model that was not sustainable, she said.

Each county will have

an art authority to oversee how the money is spent. The art authority members will be appointed by the commissioners and executives in each county, which will also have contracts with the DIA.

The DIA will continue to be governed by its board of directors under an operating agreement with the city of Detroit.

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State Sen. Glenn Anderson shares a laugh with campaign worker Steve Hewer during a stop Tuesday afternoon at Edison Elementary School in Westland.

## PRIMARY

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that we did well with the resources we had," said Anderson, conceding the race to Conyers, D-Detroit.

Anderson was drawing more votes than three other candidates — State Sen. Bert Johnson of Highland Park and State Rep. Shanelle Jackson of Detroit, and Wayne-Westland school board member John Goci. Locally, Jackson was in third place with 12.5 percent of the vote followed by Johnson at nearly 7 percent and Goci in last place with 3.8 percent.

"I can't imagine a more energetic or determined crew than I had. We had a caller making calls to voters in Spanish who taught me the Spanish to record a call," said Anderson, who gathered at Ashley's Bar and Grill in West-

land to await results with members of his campaign and supporters.

Surprised at the results he had seen so far, Anderson said the race was not as close as he had expected.

"We had people requesting signs and the calls we got, even from Detroit," he said. "You see just how much money flowed into the Conyers campaign from large out-of-state PACs (Political Action Committees). Hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Additionally, Conyers had the best recognition in a field crowded with Democrats who were well-known in their home communities but not across the new district that extends from Westland to Detroit and downriver.

In November, Conyers will take on Republican Harry T. Sawicki.

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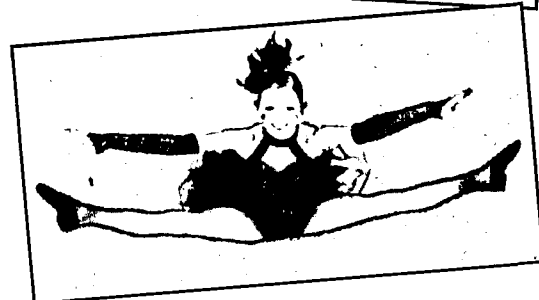
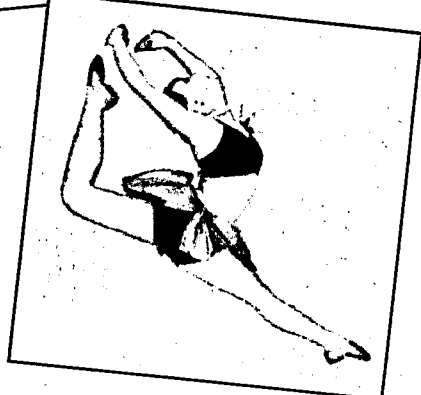
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Scots and Scots wannabes gather at Greenmead for the Highland Games.

# Highland Games a hit despite heat, humidity



John Tracy, of Wayne, tosses the hammer in the amateur competition.

It was hot and humid Saturday, but that didn't stop an estimated 10,000 people from enjoying the Highland Games at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

"We had a good crowd out there. We were very pleased," chair Cathy Hasse said, adding the crowd was about the same size as in past years. "Things went really well despite the heat and high humidity."

The Highland Games have been presented by St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, the oldest benevolent organization in Michigan, for 163 years, the past 13 at Greenmead. The group was founded to help Scots new to the area assimilate.

The games include a bagpipe competition, tug-of-war, Highland dancing and heavy athletic contests like the popular caber toss and stone put.

The event raises about \$20,000 annually. "It is a fund-raiser; all the money goes to charity," Hasse said, except for a small portion of seed money to fund the next year's event.

Money is given to national, Scottish and local charities. The group has a large scholarship program to promote the Scottish arts. Each month the organization takes on a special cause such as Toys for Tots, the Clothes Closet of Children's Hospital



Graham MacMaster competes in the amateur piping competition. He is from Flint.

of Michigan and packing boxes for the American troops overseas.

Hasse said the attendees came in shorts and tank tops, but the bagpipers were "out there in full wool uniforms." "They all made it through," she said.

The winner of the solo piping competition, Jacob Mack of Dearborn,

even won again for the sixth year in a row. (Other winners are expected to be posted on the group's website, [www.highlandgames.com](http://www.highlandgames.com))

Hasse said the Highland Games will be back in Livonia again next year. "We like our venue in Livonia; we're pleased to be back there."

— By Karen Smith



Madelyn Schanz, of West Bloomfield, and Noel Nelson, of Harbor Springs, in the sword dance competition.



Mindy Albright, of Farmington Hills, chaplain of the St. Andrew's Society, adjusts the hair and headpiece of granddaughter Haylie Perry, 6 years old, of Redford.

# ATM cash skimming hits local banks

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

The Oakland County Sheriff Department is looking for help in identifying five suspects in an ATM skimming scheme that has scammed \$500,000 from local banks and credit unions.

According to Oakland County Sheriff Lt. Clay Jansson, the perpetrators have committed the skimming crime in 12 Oakland communities and in Wayne and Livingston counties. Novi, Commerce Township, West Bloomfield Township, Livonia, Ferndale, Westland, and Wixom have all been impacted.

Jansson said the first case reported was on June 28. The suspects are attaching an external technological device that can help them read PIN codes and duplicate ATM cards. The device is difficult to notice on a machine and is able to both capture core information from its magnetic strip and visually read the PIN being punched in.

He said because of this crime's capability it's important that individuals keep track of their accounts, just in case.

The suspects have taken out amounts up to as high as \$500, but usually stick to smaller withdrawals, Jansson said.

The U.S. Secret Service is also working with local agencies on the case. But, because they have surveillance photographs, Jansson said they are looking to the



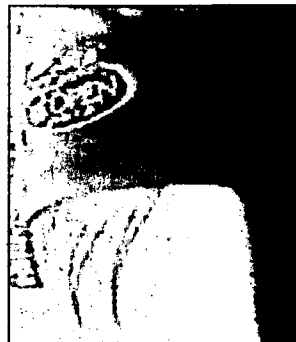
The Oakland County Sheriff Department is looking for help in identifying these suspects in an ATM skimming scheme in Oakland, Wayne and Livingston counties by calling (248) 858-4950 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-Speak Up.



public for help. He said this is the first time he has dealt with such a crime.

"The best way we'll be able to solve this is if someone can help us name or identify a suspect," Jansson said.

The police are look-



ing for identification (names) on the suspects and the vehicle involved, which is reported as a 2010 Blue Ford Fusion.

Those with any information can contact the Oakland County Sheriff's Office at (248) 858-4950 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-Speak Up. Reward money is available.

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## Fraudulent use of Bridge card reported

### Fraud

A Garden City resident who lives in the 31000 block of Block reported to police that while she was hospitalized in Garden City Hospital from July 25 to Aug. 1, someone used her Bridge card to make purchases.

She said that when the ambulance arrived to transport her, the patio door to her residence was left unlocked.

When she returned from the hospital, she found about \$300 in fraudulent purchases for gas and merchandise were made.

### Fraud

A resident who used an ATM machine locat-

### GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

ed at the CVS store at 27435 N. Inkster Road at 11 a.m. Aug. 6 reported to police that someone fraudulently used his credit card to steal \$500 from his account.

### Thefts

A stereo face plate was stolen from a 2002 Chrysler that was left unlocked Aug. 6 in the driveway of a home in the 3000 block of Ross-

lyn.

A resident in the 29000 block of Florence reported that someone stole a Red Nintendo DS and a Michigan Education Mastercard from a 2008 Dodge Caravan that had been left unlocked Aug. 4.

### Property damage

A resident in the 32000 block of Rosslyn reported Aug. 6 that someone damaged a large house window with an unknown object, causing \$200 of damage.

By Sue Buck

## Two West Nile virus cases confirmed in Wayne County

The Wayne County Department of Public Health has confirmed two cases of West Nile virus (WNV) in Wayne County. Both individuals, an adult female and male, were hospitalized with WNV meningitis. They have since been treated and discharged.

West Nile virus is a virus that is transmitted by mosquitoes. The majority of individuals infected with West Nile virus experience no symptoms. A minority of patients develop symptoms that may include a fever, rash, headache, joint pain, muscle aches, gastrointestinal symptoms, fatigue and weakness. Less than 1 percent of cases develop neuro-invasive WNV disease, which typically presents as meningitis, encephalitis and/or paralysis. Currently, there is

no vaccine for humans against West Nile virus.

"With these new cases of West Nile virus in Wayne County, it is especially important to take precautionary measures against becoming infected," Dr. Mouhanad Hamami, acting director/health officer, Wayne County Department of Public Health, said in a prepared statement Friday.

The unseasonably hot summer has contributed to an earlier development in mosquito populations which typically peak in late August, he added.

The best way to avoid WNV is to prevent mosquito bites:

- Mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn. Be sure to use insect repellent and wear long sleeves and pants or consider staying indoors during these hours.

- Make sure you have good screens on your windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out.

- Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by:
  - Emptying standing water from containers, flower pots, buckets, barrels or children's wading pools and tire swings.

Wayne County Public Health expects to see continued WNV activity throughout the summer. Persons experiencing symptoms suggestive of WNV should see their health care provider promptly.

For more information, call the Wayne County West Nile virus hotline at (734) 727-7445 or visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

Residents who have additional questions should call the Wayne County Environmental Health Division at (734) 727-7400.

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### Upcoming Events

#### INFORMATION NIGHT

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16  
**Location:** American House Westland-Joy, 39201 Joy, west of Hix, in Westland

**Details:** American House-Joy is holding a Family Information Night on the "third Thursdays." This month's will have guest speaker Carol Waarala of Odyssey Hospice who will share her insight with her presentation, "A Caregiver's Travel Guide: The Alzheimer's Journey." The public is welcome and refreshments will be served.  
**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 468-1113.

#### CROP FOR A CAUSE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18  
**Location:** Scrappy Chic, 33509 W. Eight Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Scrappy Chic is the site of a 12-hour Cropping for a Cause fundraiser to benefit the IBC (Inflammatory Breast Cancer) Foundation and Angels of Hope, a family cancer foundation. The cost is \$30 and includes three meals, goodie bags, snacks throughout the day, make and take projects, electric cords at every table, 50/50 raffle and Chinese auction.  
**Contact:** Pre-register by calling (248) 426-9020. For more information, visit the Scrappy Chic website at [www.scrappychiclivonia.com](http://www.scrappychiclivonia.com).

#### BLOOD DRIVE

**Time/Date:** 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 27  
**Location:** St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Red Cross are partnering in a blood drive campaign in the auditorium. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). There will also be appointment sheets in the hospital cafeteria. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.  
**Contact:** For directions or additional information, visit the hospital website at [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org) and click on "classes and events."

#### WIDOWED FRIENDS

**Time/date:** 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18  
**Location:** St. Valentine Church, located at 14841 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, in Redford  
**Details:** Come to 5 p.m. Mass at St. Valentine Church. Afterwards we will go across the street to the school meeting room to enjoy light refreshments. Please sign up to bring food items, such as veggie tray, dip, chips, salad, cheese and crackers, etc. No main course items please. Drop off your dish by 4 p.m. at the school meeting room. Stay until 9 p.m. RSVP by Aug. 10 to say what dish you would like to bring.  
**Contact:** For information, call Ann Marie at (248) 477-6167, Donna at (734) 420-0461 or Laura at (734) 942-3866.

#### GOLF OUTING

**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12  
**Location:** Fox Hills Golf Club, 8768 North Territorial Road in Plymouth Township  
**Details:** The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Metro chapter will have two golf courses - the Strategic Fox or the Golden Fox - open for its annual skins and pins golf outing. It includes 18 holes with a cart, a gift bag for all golfers, closest to the pin on every hole, a hole in one contest to win a two-year lease on a new car, brunch in the Golden Fox Clubhouse immediately after golf, \$25 Skins on every

hole and special contest holes. For those that are not golfers, but want to join in on the fun and have chances for the prizes, sign up for the brunch.  
**Contact:** For more information, call Tony Mitchell at (313) 550-2117, Vince Toia at (734) 455-2630, NAMI Metro at (248) 348-7197 or go online to [www.skinsandpins.org](http://www.skinsandpins.org).

#### RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12  
**Location:** St. Sabina Church, 25605 Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights  
**Details:** St. Sabina is holding rummage sale, craft sale and Right to Life bake sale. Donated items can be dropped off at Gym Door #10. Craft tables are \$20 for parishioners and \$25 for non-parishioners. Business sponsor tables are \$50.  
**Contact:** [maryloujaniga@yahoo.com](mailto:maryloujaniga@yahoo.com)

#### CRAFTERS WANTED

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13  
**Location:** St. Theodore's Parish, 8200 Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available at a cost of \$25 each. No vendors please.  
**Contact:** Mary at (734) 425-4421 (VM #10)  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29  
**Location:** St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights  
**Details:** St. Mel's Women's Club is looking for crafters for its craft fair. More than 50 eight-foot tables available. They cost \$25 each. A table with electricity is \$30. Helpers provided.  
**Contact:** Call St. Mel's Church at (313) 274-0684 or send an e-mail to [stmelscraftfair@yahoo.com](mailto:stmelscraftfair@yahoo.com) for applications.  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13  
**Location:** Perrinville Early Childhood Center, 28201

Lyndon, Livonia  
**Details:** Crafters and vendors are wanted for the Perrinville Early Childhood Center fall craft show.  
**Contact:** Tami at [holidaycraftfair@yahoo.com](mailto:holidaycraftfair@yahoo.com) or Brenda at [wjob2010@yahoo.com](mailto:wjob2010@yahoo.com).

### Volunteers

**FIRST STEP**  
**Details:** First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.  
**Contact:** (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223

**VNA HOSPICE**  
**Details:** Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.  
**Contact:** (248) 967-8361, [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org)

**SEASONS HOSPICE**  
**Details:** Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community.  
**Contact:** (800) 370-8592

**LITERACY COUNCIL**  
**Details:** The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area.  
**Contact:** (734) 416-4906

**HEARTLAND HOSPICE**  
**Details:** Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.  
**Contact:** (888) 973-1145

**SUPPORT GROUP**  
**Time/date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month  
**Location:** American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland  
**Details:** Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.  
**Contact:** Chris Goldberg at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. third Thursday of the month  
**Location:** American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland  
**Details:** - Westland  
**Details:** A support & education group for family caregivers is available for residents of southern and western Wayne County. The group, for people who are caring for family members 60 and older, or who are 60 years and older themselves, is offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.  
**Contact:** Call Helen Streett at (734) 629-5004 to confirm time and date, if attending for the first time.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. second Wednesday of the month  
**Location:** Lower level Classroom 2 of the Allan

Breakie Medical Office Building at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City  
**Details:** Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join the free monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns.  
**Contact:** Call (734) 58-4330 for more information.

### For Your Health

**W-W NAMI**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month  
**Location:** St. Johns Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** The Wayne-Westland affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) provides support and information for individuals and families dealing with mental illness.  
**SAFE PLACE**  
**Time/date:** 7 p.m. Thursdays  
**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.  
**Details:** A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.  
**Contact:** Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

**ADULT DAY SERVICES**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays  
**Location:** 570 S. Main St., Plymouth MI  
**Detail:** A structured weekday alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals  
**Contact:** Laurie Krause at [laurie.lifecare@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.lifecare@ gmail.com) and (734) 956-2600

**METRO FIBROMYALGIA**  
**Time/date:** 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month  
**Location:** Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City  
**Details:** The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.  
**Contact:** Lucy at (734) 462-1768, [www.MetroFibroGroup.com](http://www.MetroFibroGroup.com)

**MENOPAUSE & MORE**  
**Time/date:** 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month  
**Location:** Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge.  
**Contact:** (734) 655-1100

**COUNTERPOINT**  
**Details:** Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.  
**Contact:** (734) 563-5005

**TOUGHLOVE**  
**Time/date:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Location:** Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia.  
**Details:** Support group, newcomers welcome.  
**Contact:** (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748

**LIFECARE**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 570 S. Main St., Plymouth  
**Details:** LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.  
**Contact:** Lillian Easterly-Smith at [info.lifecarecc@gmail.com](mailto:info.lifecarecc@gmail.com) or (734) 956-2109  
**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.

### Education

**WILLOW CREEK**  
**Location:** 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland  
**Details:** Willow Creek Co-

operative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.  
**Contact:** (734) 326-0078  
**ST. DAMIAN**  
**Location:** 29891 Joy, Westland  
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**Contact:** (734) 427-1680, [www.stdamian.com](http://www.stdamian.com).

**YWCA PRESCHOOL**  
**Details:** The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.  
**Contact:** (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

**OPEN ENROLLMENT**  
**Location:** St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne  
**Details:** St. Mary School is currently registering students for the 2012-2013 school year. Openings are available in pre-K 3 and 4 and kindergarten-eighth-grade. St. Mary has been recognized as a School of Distinction.  
**Contact:** For more information, call the school office at (734) 721-1240.

### Organizations

**FRIENDS OF ELOISE**  
**Time/date:** 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November  
**Location:** Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.  
**Contact:** Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or by e-mail at [pibbotso@aol.com](mailto:pibbotso@aol.com) or Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

**WESTLAND ROTARY**  
**Time/Date:** 12:15 p.m. Thursdays  
**Location:** Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland  
**Details:** Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check [www.westlandrotary.com](http://www.westlandrotary.com) for more information about meetings, programs and events.  
**Contact:** Jeff at (734) 261-5010

**FAMILY CAREGIVERS**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. first Monday of the month  
**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.  
**Contact:** Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

**CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.  
**Contact:** Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

**CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month  
**Location:** American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland  
**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.  
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While Westland was caught in a massive heat wave, the Swiss Alps were covered in snow.



Valsangkar enjoyed the snow and cold weather up in the mountains in Chmonix.

## Wish You Were Here

When it was hot here last month, Suresh Valsangkar of Westland and his family were feeling the cold on a trip to Geneva, Switzerland and France. A Realtor and notary public with Century 21 Dynamic in Westland, Valsangkar and his family was in Chmonix up in the mountains in the snow and cold weather. They stayed at Ibis Hotel, one of the best hotels in Geneva. They also enjoyed Lake Geneva, Petek Philippe Museum, St. Pierre Cathedral Monument of Reformers and a boat tour. "It was a great vacation," according to Valsangkar. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

## AROUND WESTLAND

### Information Night

American House Westland-Joy is holding a Family Information Night on the "third Thursdays." This month's program will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16. The guest speaker will be Carol Waarala of Odyssey Hospice who will share her insight with her presentation, "A Caregiver's Travel Guide: The Alzheimer's Journey."

The public is welcome and refreshments will be served. American House-Joy is at 39201 Joy, west of Hix, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 468-1113.

### Crop for a Cause

A 12-hour Cropping for a Cause fundraiser to benefit the IBC (Inflammatory Breast Cancer) Foundation and Angels of Hope, a family cancer foundation, will be held 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at Scrapy Chic, 33509 W. Eight Mile, Livonia.

The cost is \$30 and includes three meals, goodie bags, snacks throughout the day, make and take projects, electric cords at every table, 50/50 raffle and Chinese auction.

Pre-register by calling (248) 426-9020. For more information, visit the Scrapy Chic website at [www.scrapychiclivonia.com](http://www.scrapychiclivonia.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 informa-

tion, 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.

### 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 business, the Avenue Bar and Grill and Tim Horton's.

### Garage Sale

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce is hosting Michigan's longest garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, on West Michigan Avenue in downtown Wayne. Booth space is available for \$25 per space. Call (734) 721-

0100 or send an email to [sherrie@waynechamber.net](mailto:sherrie@waynechamber.net).

### Dinner show

Tribute artist and impressionist Chris Aoytte will perform Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tom Jones, Elvis Presley and more at a dinner show Friday, Sept. 21, at Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford Road, Westland.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 per person and include dinner and the show. Dinner includes a tossed salad, pasta, main course, potato, vegetable, canno-

lis, coffee, tea and pop. A cash bar will be available. For tickets, contact Kathy at (734) 216-9451 or at [www.agelos1958.com](http://www.agelos1958.com).

### Craft show

Applications are being accepted for St. Damian's annual Fall Arts and Craft Show planned for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at the parish, 30055 Joy Road, Westland. Table space is \$25 to \$40, depending on size.

For more information, call the parish at (734) 421-6130 or download an application at [www.stdamian.com](http://www.stdamian.com).

### Fund-raiser

AmVets Post 171 is hold-

ing 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).



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# Woman fights 'good fight' against ovarian cancer

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Ovarian cancer is the fifth-leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women. It lacks an early detection test, and fewer than 20 percent of cases are diagnosed in the important early stage.

The American Cancer Society says in 2012 about 22,280 new cases will be diagnosed, with 15,500 women in the U.S. dying of ovarian cancer. Survival rates for other cancers have improved dramatically recently, but much less so for ovarian.

Terrie Karebian of Northville Township wants to change that. The mother of a son and daughter in their 20s has been in chemotherapy for the disease four times, fighting it since 2003. She's in remission.

Karebian, 58, gets a lot of her information from www.mioa.org, established in 2011. That's the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance and its website.

September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Karebian has been working with Northville business owner Margene Buckhave on a 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, event at Northville Square on Main Street in downtown



Terrie Karebian of Northville Township describes husband John as her "rock" through her battle with ovarian cancer. She and others are working to boost awareness of ovarian cancer issues, including the need for early detection.

Northville.

There will be a table out that evening with information, and GG Boutique will give a percentage of sales to MIOCA and a match.

Organizers will also "Turn the Town Teal" with teal-colored ribbons around town from the end of August until the Victorian Festival. "I'm in remission so

that's a good thing," Karebian said. "I just keep fighting it and hope for the best."

Her children "and a great support system of family and friends" help

tremendously.

She emphasizes the importance of getting a second opinion upon diagnosis. Karebian is being treated at the University of Michigan, but has been

to other facilities as well. Ovarian cancer is harder to detect, said Karebian, a retired teacher of family and consumer science in the Bloomfield Hills schools. Its symptoms prompt its name as the "Silent Killer."

"I really was pushing for more testing to be done," she recalled.

The local events are designed to promote awareness. "We're excited that they're letting us turn the town teal," she said of the ribbons. She's grateful for Buckhave's support as well.

In addition to the Sept. 7 event, local fine artists and craftspeople will hold an "invitation only" autumn air fair Oct. 5-7 at Northville Square in downtown Northville. Fair hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The art event is in support of artist participants and in fundraising for MIOCA. Each artist participating is donating a portion of sales to the alliance. Some of the artists are cancer survivors.

During the first night of the fair, Northville's First Friday event will offer shops, eateries and galleries open later with food, wine and music.

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# Westland resident receives Girl Scout volunteer award

A Westland resident has been recognized by the Girl Scouts of South-eastern Michigan for her exceptional dedication and service as a volunteer.

Debbie Foust-Winkles of Westland was among 20 volunteers recently honored for their work by the GSSEM. Foust-Winkles received the national Volunteer of Excellence award. Shes has been a volunteer training facilitator for more than two

years and has developed innovative training methods using conference calls and webinars.

She also has served as a member of GSSEM Volunteer Structure Task Force, a committee that worked to restructure the council's volunteer organizational structure in providing better service to girl and adult members.

"Girl Scouts is a volunteer driven organization. We could not fulfill

our mission of building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place without them," said Denise Dalrymple, GSSEM CEO. "They lead troops, oversee our annual cookie sales in their area, serve on committees and on our board, and perform administrative duties, often at the same time. Their dedication and hard work makes life-long impact on girls' lives and advances the Girl

Scouting movement."

"This year it's especially exciting to honor these volunteers as 2012 has been declared Year of the Girl, a time when we focus on engaging society in supporting girls and their leadership ability," said Linda Morrell, director of Volunteer Management. "These volunteers we honored exemplify commitment to helping girls reach their full potential, and we are so pleased to have them as

part of our organization."

All of the honorees were nominated by fellow volunteers, or GSSEM staff who vouched for their "above and beyond the call of duty" level of service to girls and other adult volunteers in the GSSEM service area. Volunteer of Excellence Awards are presented to volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering with girls to implement the Girl Scout Leadership

Experience through use of the National Program Portfolio, or who have contributed outstanding service to GSSEM's mission delivery to girl and adult members.

GSSEM is the local council chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA. It serves more than 40,000 girls and adult volunteers in Oakland, Macomb, Genesee, St. Clair, Sanilac, and parts of Wayne, Monroe and Livingston Counties.

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# Game show holds contestant search at MJR in Westland

Think you have what it takes to be a contestant on the CBS's *The Price Is Right*?

The popular TV game show will be back in the Detroit area on Monday Aug. 13, to conduct a contestant search, hosted by CBS 62.

The event will take place 3-7 p.m. at the MJR Westland Digital Cinema 16 on Wayne Road, south of Warren Road in Westland, U.S. legal residents ages 18 and up are invited to audition.

Two participants from CBS 62's local search will be selected to fly to Los Angeles and attend a taping of the legendary game show. A bidder's spot on Contestants' Row will be guaranteed to one of the two participants, who will learn if they are selected to "come on down" when they hear their name called during the show's taping.

*The Price Is Right*, hosted by Drew Carey, is the longest running game show in television histo-

ry, currently in its 40th season on CBS. *The Price Is Right* held its first ever nationwide contestant search in 2009.

For the fourth year in a row, *The Price Is Right* is back with local events occurring in select cities across the country. The stop at the MJR Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16 is one of only 5 confirmed events nationwide.

Each person auditioning at CBS 62 local search on Aug. 13 must bring a completed application, along with a valid photo ID. Applicants will be videotaped by CBS 62 and will get 30 seconds to explain why they want to be on *The Price Is Right*. Viewers can log on to CBSDetroit.com to download the application and eligibility requirements.

For more information about *The Price Is Right* Contestant Search, contact Melissa Rowe, CBS 62 Sales

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Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport now has a children's "Play Port," featuring soft-sculpted play equipment, such as an aircraft, luggage and a fun slide through the clouds, and a soft airfield-themed floor.

## Metro Airport adds play area to North Terminal

A new children's play area, with the dual themes of aviation and recycling, has opened in the North Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

The colorful "Play Port" features a comfortable seating area where parents can watch their children climb on soft-sculpted play equipment, such as an aircraft, luggage, and a fun slide through the clouds. The soft airfield-themed floor features a 1 1/2 inch thick foam pad and provides a graphic depiction of Runway 4R/22L - one of DTW's actual runways.

The facility was built, at no cost to Wayne Coun-

ty Airport Authority, by Aquafina, which provides bottled water in DTW's shops and restaurants. The interactive themed play equipment was provided by the market-leader in soft foam children's playgrounds, PLAY-TIME, through an innovative sponsorship agreement between the Airport Authority and Pepsi Beverages Company.

"It's nice for parents traveling with children to have a safe place for their kids to burn off some energy before embarking on a long flight," said Tom Naughton WCAA Interim CEO. "In addition to Aquafina, the Airport Authority's Conces-

sions, Planning and Maintenance Departments all contributed to the successful opening of Play Port."

Play Port is located on the North Terminal's Concourse D about halfway between the two passenger screening checkpoints, across from Gate D16

DTW is operated by Wayne County Airport Authority, which also operates nearby Willow Run Airport. The Airport Authority is entirely self-sustaining and does not receive tax dollars to support airport operations. For more information, visit [www.metroairport.com](http://www.metroairport.com).

## Top online sites for vacation planning

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

Consider it a point of pride to get the best deal on a purchase by being relentless with my online research. The more expensive the product, the more important

the research which is why comparing hotel and flight costs are almost like an amateur hobby.

Here are my top six travel sites that will help you get more value for your vacation.



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

tered the art of predicting flight prices, you need a place to buy tickets.

Try Expedia. It sells travel packages in bulk and also subsidizes its business by promoting hotels and resorts. The result - cheaper hotels, rental cars and flights. Expedia even shows users how much they save by combining flights and hotels or flights hotels and cars. Expedia has routinely given me the best vacation packages for a variety of trips. It also has a low-price guarantee where if your package goes down in price, it will be adjusted. More researching has allowed me to take Expedia.com up on this offer three times.

### Travelocity.com

Similar to Expedia, Travelocity has some of the lowest prices on vacation packages. Depending on your travel dates and destination the trips on Travelocity are sometimes cheaper than Expedia. Travelocity is also a good site to use for comparison - because if prices are lower, Expedia will match it and vice versa. Travelocity is also a partner of American Express. So if you digitally sync your card online you can get even deeper discounts and limited offers.

### Orbitz.com

Occasionally, Orbitz will have a specific hotel and flight combo among the throngs of listings that are cheaper than its competitors. Its best feature is the way it showcases prices -

in a grid format so you can see which airlines, flight times and hotels are more expensive at a glance:

### Kayak.com

Although I've never booked a vacation or hotel through Kayak, the site is great for research purposes. Kayak.com has a very user-friendly site that allows visitors to compare Kayak prices with prices at other sites such as Hotels.com and Priceline.

### Priceline.com

If you are in the market for a hotel room and no flight, Priceline is always a good starting point because it lets users submit their own prices for hotels. Users don't get to know the specific hotel until after booking (that's the catch), but there are some indicators that help you choose the right place. Users can base their price on location (Detroit and vicinity) and star-rating. If you are in a more remote area, you can get a good idea of what hotel you are trying to score a deal on by figuring out the star rating through another site. Priceline says rooms purchased this way aren't refundable but that's not true. Based on company policy, refunds are up to the hotel, so if you don't get the value you are looking for, it isn't the end of the world.

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### Bing.com/Travel

This search engine has the upper hand on Google in one important area: airfare. Bing.com's flight predictor allows users to put in prospective travel information (dates, times, airports) and spits out a price prediction. Using a number of indicators, Bing's flight predictor tells users how likely the airfare cost is to fluctuate. From there the site offers a suggestion of when users should buy their tickets. On a previous trip to New York, Bing was 80 percent confident that my flight of choice would go down. A month later, the trip was \$50 less. Bing also has a smartphone app for its flight predictor service.

### Expedia.com

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## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### New CEO at Parkside

Parkside Credit Union has announced Martin Carter will join the organization as president and chief executive officer.

Carter brings more than 30 years of credit union industry experience to this position. His expertise spans many areas including branch operations, marketing and business development, human resources and training, compliance and risk management and investment services.

Carter attended Walsh College where he earned his master's degree in finance and his bachelor's degree in business administration.

Parkside Credit Union, a Michigan based financial institution, has been serving the community since 1953. Parkside offers a full line of financial products and services to its members and provides convenient account access with thousands of nationwide fee free ATM and service center locations as well as mobile, online and telephone solutions.

For more information, visit Parkside's website at [www.parksidecu.org](http://www.parksidecu.org) or on Facebook at [\[book.com/ParksideCU\]\(http://book.com/ParksideCU\).](http://www.face-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

### New staff member

Wayne Health and Rehab has announced that Dr. Jeff Pierce is its new physiatrist (PMR) at its facility located at 4427 Venoy, Wayne.

Dr. Pierce joins Wayne Health and Rehab with an extensive background and experience in the rehabilitation field as the medical director of the Michigan Sports and Spine Centers. He specializes in a comprehensive treatment program for spine, musculoskeletal and joint injuries, including sports and occupational problems. His focus for each patient is on comprehensive evaluation, proper diagnosis and individualized treatment regimens.

Short-term and Long-term residents at Wayne Health and Rehab will benefit from Dr. Pierce's research and clinical expertise in which he has created an aggressive, non-surgical, comprehensive spine care program which has over an 80 percent success rate for return to work and normal function compared to the national average of approximately 50 percent. The program

includes various treatment options, such as manipulation techniques, nerve testing, physical therapy, spinal injections under fluoroscopy and most recently, musculoskeletal ultrasound.

"We feel honored to have Dr. Pierce on staff," said Kay Ravizee administrator at Wayne Health and Rehab. "Dr. Pierce's experience, professionalism and drive to meet and exceed our residents expectations coincides perfectly with Wayne Health and Rehab's goal to enhance our person-centered care model."

Dr. Pierce has more than 15 years of experience dealing with a large variety of situations, including workman's compensation cases, auto accidents, sports injuries and rehabilitation from various injuries. He has spoken on many subjects related to physical medicine and rehabilitation, sports injuries, both locally and nationally, as an associate professor at Michigan State University.



Parkside CEO Martin Carter



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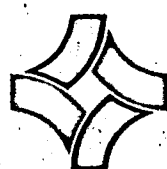
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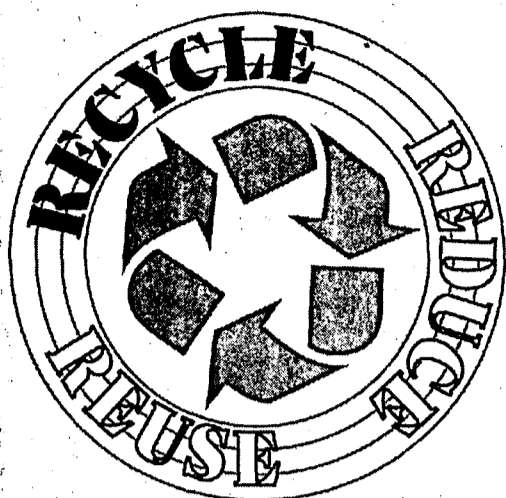
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## OUR VIEWS



We have learned through our mistakes and have become stewards of our environment. We recycle and reuse, cutting down on the amount of trash that goes to landfills.

## The right way Dispose of hazardous waste at county collection

On Saturday, Aug. 25, the Wayne County Department of Public Service will hold the third of four annual household hazardous waste collections. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., county residents can bring household waste not suitable for disposal through their normal weekly trash pick-ups to the collection site in the lot behind JC Penney's at the Westland Shopping Center.

The hazardous waste collection is a responsible alternative to depositing toxic, flammable or corrosive items in landfills. It's a chance to do something good for our environment and prevent further contamination of our water supply and ground.

Years ago, little thought was given to disposing of paint and stain, pesticides and household cleaning products in the garbage, dumping used motor oil down the sewer or discarding unwanted items in vacant fields. We have since learned there's a price that must be paid to clean up those messes.

We need only look to Westland's Central City Park where city officials gathered this afternoon to re-dedicate the park and open it to the public. In its previous life, the park had been the site for legal - and illegal - dumping, but more than five years ago it was closed and fenced off due to contamination. Only a small portion of the park has been cleaned up, the rest will remain closed to the public.

We have learned through our mistakes and have become stewards of our environment. We recycle and reuse, cutting down on the amount of trash that goes to landfills. Cardboard, plastic and paper that once went out with the trash has found new uses through recycling.

Last fall, the city of Westland reported that two years of curbside recycling diverted more than 23 million tons of trash from landfill and that 71 percent of single family homes participate in the program. As a result, the city has received more than \$209,000 for the material taken to the recycling center and has saved another \$266,000 in landfill costs.

We also have been addressing the mess. A good example is the Friends of the Rouge, an organization that has spent 25 years cleaning up the Rouge River watershed. Their annual Rouge Rescue began in 1986 with volunteers removing large quantities of trash from the river. Those efforts improved public perception of the river, shifting it away from the thought that the river was an open sewer and a place to dump trash. Today the rescue focuses on river restoration.

And the fruits of their labor became abundantly clear earlier this year when the Friends' annual spring bug hunt found two branches of the Rouge improving. The bug hunt collects information on the health of Rouge streams and one of the two streams that improved was the Middle Branch that follows Hines Drive from Northville through Westland to Ford Road in Dearborn.

What kind of world we leave our children will be dependent on what we do today to help it. Let's get started on a legacy of a clean and healthy planet by disposing of hazardous waste items the right way at the Wayne County collection on Aug. 25. A complete list of items that will and will not be accepted can be found on the Wayne County Department of Public Service page at [www.waynecounty.com](http://www.waynecounty.com).

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"No, because I'm too lazy to."

**Kanzie Carr**  
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"No, I'm only going to be going to school for a semester."

**John Robytoy**  
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## LETTERS

### Context is everything

Shamefully, it seems as if the Romney folks are intent on basing much of their campaign upon using creative editing rather than presenting a case for how Gov. Romney represents a clear policy break from the disastrous Bush administration both economically and otherwise or has a legitimate plan going forward.

The latest adventure in editing, representing the fifth incidence of Obama blatantly being quoted out of context in an ad, involves the so-called "you didn't build that" quote. The dishonest Romney version seems to be gaining traction with many seemingly sane Republicans, although it should be clear to any "objective" observer that the quote attributed to the president was clearly lifted from context.

You be the judge. Obama's entire statement: "Somebody helped to create this unbelievable American system that we have that allowed you to thrive. Somebody invested in roads and bridges. If you've got a business — you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen. The Internet didn't get invented on its own." Now the Romney ad version: "If you've got a business — you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen." All I can say is, "really?"

For those who enjoy the he-said-she-said reality show style of politics or are looking for "proof" of what you want to or already believe, word has it the Romney campaign has been busy in the cut room creating another deceptive masterpiece.

This edition includes a portion of a speech where Obama in reality is regaling the accomplishments of the Clinton administration skillfully sliced and diced down to what appears to be evidence of Obama making false claims and being out of touch when evaluating his own administration.

Aside from being sophomoric and amateurish, basing weeks of a campaign on editing trying to convince voters that someone said something that they didn't in order to lend substance to a particular narrative is less than honest and should be beneath someone who piously claims to be a paragon of integrity.

Creative editing, coupled with the pattern of deceit involving how time was spent, misrepresenting facts and creating a veil of secrecy around business and financial dealings and tax returns, makes Romney as questionable as any presidential candidate in recent history. Ask yourself, "Would you buy a used car off of this guy?"

**Mitch Smith**  
Canton

### Job creator?

Gov. Romney criticized President Obama for the weak recovery in our economy. Apparently, Gov. Romney does not realize there have been 28 consecutive job growth months

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in the private sector under President Obama.

Obama was handed an economy by President Bush, where we were losing 700,000 jobs a month.

Mitt Romney's principle campaign message in opposing President Obama is that Romney is a job creator. He knows how to do this. This caused us to wonder just when and how Romney acquired this secret skill which he possesses? Certainly not as governor of Massachusetts, where his state was 47th in job creation when Romney left this job.

Certainly not while he ran Bain Capital, where Romney, as head of this venture capital company, bought and sold other companies. Bain Capital's mission was to make money for select investors and not create jobs.

Bain Capital, under Romney, was known as having "pioneered outsourcing." Perhaps Romney created outsourced jobs in India, China and South America. But his job creating skills were all at the expense of American jobs. Which goes back to the central question. How did Romney become the job creator? Only he knows, and he is not telling.

**Gerald Maxey**  
Farmington Hills

### Make a choice

The upcoming presidential election will come down to fairness or freedom. Mitt Romney offers freedom. His idea of freedom is you are on your own. You will not be able to rely on the government for any help. He will work for tax breaks for the wealthy so they can create profits. He will do away with regulations so you will not be held accountable for anything like the banks during the Bush years. Remember when they received bailouts but did not go to jail for causing us all to lose equity in our homes and in our 401(k)s?

Also he won't release any more tax returns because he really doesn't want you to know how he makes his money and where he keeps it. By the way, in 2010 he and Ann took a \$77,000 tax loss on Ann's horse. Apparently the horse eats

a lot.

On the other side, President Obama is running on fairness, especially for the middle class. He had an American Jobs Program that would have helped put people back to work. But guess what? The Republican House would not even consider it. They want people to be unemployed so you will blame President Obama for it. Obama wants to have loans for small businesses and loan for students and help for seniors.

Well, you have a choice in November. Either help the rich get richer or the middle class gets better jobs. Remember, we also need to elect more Democrats so we can pass the American Jobs Program and put people back to work. Of course, this is my opinion. What is yours?

**Joanne Braund**  
Royal Oak

### Sympathy for circus animals

When I was a child, my grandparents took me to the circus in Florida. While I was in pure awe of the animals, I felt a creepy and confused feeling seeing whips and chains for the first time, and they were being used on the elephants and tigers. Because of those bad memories, I never wanted to go to a circus again.

As an adult, with exposure to NatGeo and other such programs on TV, I came to understand and cherish the beauty of all sorts of animals around the globe. I learned that elephants have emotions just like us — they are happy, work as a group to solve problems, nurture their babies and grieve when one of their family members dies.

If you do take your family to the circus, take some time to get your kids off Facebook, Twitter and their iPods for a minute, and go online to look at a couple of sites that describe circus animal abuse. I think that if you have heart, you will feel that same sickening feeling I experienced as a child, and that you will abhor the abuse these animals live with and begin to see each animal as a creature worthy of respect for what it inherently is — a force of life for us to enjoy, not beat down.

We pride ourselves on being so educated, sophisticated and smart, but then we spend a few bucks to be awed by the big cats being prodded into submission and we laugh at the gentle giants, obedient in the ring, free for a moment from the shackles that are their life.

In this crazy, sped up world, when stopping for a moment is a lost art form, give a quick thought to how these animals are caught and brought to the point of performing. You may discover that the capacity for learning, reasoning and understanding, even for things that don't relate to your daily life, are in you along with a tender heart that knows what's right.

**Susan King**  
South Lyon

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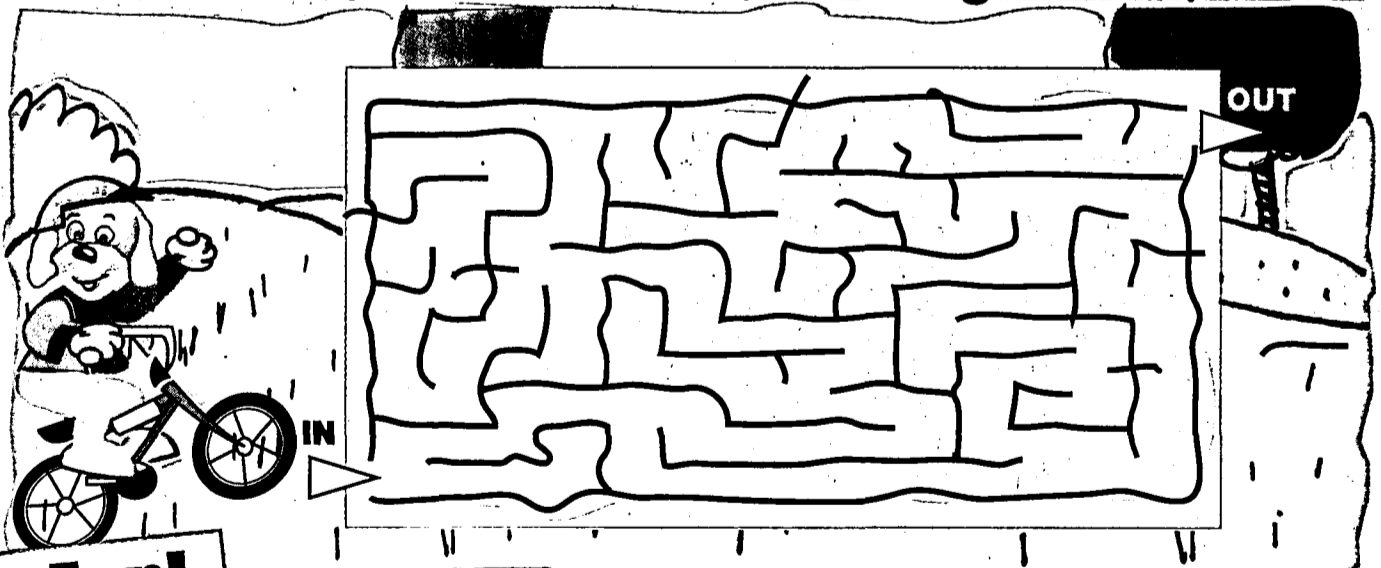
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Paint the wavy ridge of the paper plate dark green. This will be a circle around the plate approximately 1" thick. Now paint a smaller circle lighter green just inside of the larger circle. Completely paint the center of the plate pink. Using the black paint, make small little tear shapes to simulate seeds. Once the paint is completely dry, fold the paper plate in half. You have just created the perfect slice of watermelon.



## Help Scoop find his way through the park



## July 4th Family Fun!



Jack of Royal Oak spent the Fourth of July with this family at their family cottage for their annual Kid's Day. The day was filled with fun, games and competition including sack races, limbo contests, eggs toss, tug of war, wheel barrel racing, water balloons and more. This year Jack won the sack race.

Jack Armstrong - Royal Oak



Hope enjoyed the day with her proud dad while he snapped photos of her participating in the Milford July 4th parade.

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## A day with Dad!



Meaghan from Livonia and her Dad on a carousel at Greenfield Village. "We all had a fabulous time. Meaghan really liked the rides in the old cars around the village, however she always enjoys a carousel ride."

Meaghan Dick - Livonia



Elizabeth from Farmington and her dad kayaking on the a pond on the Huron River. "It's still a beautiful autumn Saturday to go kayaking with my dad: It's our own father-daughter time"

Elizabeth Ho - Farmington



Grace from Farmington and her dad at the Grand Prix. "Dad made me a pine-wood Derby car and I won first place this year. I brought home a trophy because my dad made me a terrific car. Thank you Dad and I love you!"

Grace Ho - Farmington

# World of investing shares traits with Olympic training

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

As I was watching the Olympics and saw the incredible talents of Michael Phelps, Gabby Douglas and Canton's own Allison Schmitt, it reminded me of the incredible amount of time and energy they spent to achieve their dreams. You can only imagine how many hours Michael Phelps spent training and the sacrifices he made in order to achieve his goals.

Even more incredible are the hundreds of ath-



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

letes from throughout the United States and thousands throughout the world that trained and made sacrifices in Olympic sports that you and I have barely heard of. In looking at these incredible athletes, there is one common thread. The investment they made in themselves did not pay off

over the short run. Their sacrifice and dedication only paid dividends over the long run.

Their dedication to their sport is somewhat analogous to investors. If Olympic athletes were like most investors, they never would have achieved their goals.

Our journey as investors, just like Olympic athletes, is not easy and has its fair share of twists, turns and rocky roads — that's just the way it is. Just as world-class athletes must not let short-term discomfort and emotions sway

them from their path, the same thing can be said about investors. Too many investors let their short-term discomfort and emotions dictate how they invest their money.

Fear and greed are the two emotions that investors need to avoid. Yes, it's always nice when the market is moving forward and it is somewhat depressing when markets are in retreat. However, for as long as there have been and will be markets, they will always be a rollercoaster ride. That's just the way it is. The sooner we, as investors, accept

that, the better we will be.

Everyone who participates in the Olympics can't win a medal and the same can be said about investing. You don't have to hit a home run to be a successful investor. Too many investors spend time trying to figure out what is the best stock or mutual fund to buy. Some people drive themselves crazy buying and selling in their attempt to hit the proverbial home run. Focusing on the overall game plan is a better strategy. Having the right game plan will lead to greater success than

trying to pick the next Google.

Just like not all athletes are going to be as successful as Michael Phelps, not all investors are going to be as successful as Warren Buffett. However, you don't have to be Buffett to be a successful investor. Good luck!

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# SPORTS

## Prep gridgers get into shape before first day

By Dan O'Meara  
Observer Staff Writer

Priorities have changed with the times for the official start of high school football practice. With tech classes, summer passing leagues and more emphasis on personal fitness, conditioning is no longer the focus of early drills. It's not necessary to spend valuable time whipping athletes into playing shape anymore. Instead, the Harrison and Farmington teams got right to the business of running their offenses and defenses Monday.

"We don't have to worry about conditioning; we're into the football stuff," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "Kids today show up in pretty good shape. We still do conditioning at the end of practice, but it's not the emphasis. Years ago, you never thought about football until after Labor Day, and then you had to condition. I think most teams are (doing offense and defense right away). It's not like the old days when the three days without pads were for conditioning. Everybody has their kids in shape." Like most schools do now, Farmington has off-season and summer conditioning programs, which enable it to begin actual practice at an advanced stage.

"Conditioning is not a factor right now," Falcons coach John Bechtel said. "We want kids going through drills at full speed, and that's our conditioning. The emphasis is on trying to perfect technique and doing it with great pace. I thought we did that; it was a really good first day for us." Bechtel added all the Farmington drills were specific to its offensive and defensive schemes.

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JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
John Herrington begins his 43rd season as Harrison's only head coach.



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Canton sophomore Greg Williams practices his punting form during Monday's opening day of official team practices.

## Rites of August

Opening practices signal fresh start for area football teams

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

The countdown to the 2012 prep football season started Monday morning with Observerland teams participating in two-a-day sessions.

And nothing could be better as far as Canton senior offensive guard Michael Ditzler and junior center Ken Wooley were concerned — except perhaps for the start of full-contact drills today. For the first three days of practice, all Michigan high school players cannot wear shoulder pads.

Both players were enthusiastic about the arrival of football season, with Monday's perfect weather (sunshine and low humidity, anyone?) quite the bonus.

"A day like this it just shows you that God loves football," Ditzler said as he left the practice field. "Today, it felt like 75 (degrees). It's a wonderful day for football."

For Wooley, Monday was perfect for another reason. With the completion of each practice day, he is closer to realizing his goal of making the varsity. Canton opens Thursday, Aug. 23, against Midland.

"It's crazy, I've been dreaming about being varsity for a long time and it's finally coming true," said Wooley, a junior varsity player in 2011. "To be in a starting position is very amazing. It's a great feeling."

### Special message

Across Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Plymouth Wildcats were starting team practices with a special visitor in tow. Somebody who can relate to how "amazing" varsity football can be — 2012 Plymouth graduate and football standout Donte Fox — stopped by.

Fox said he wanted to catch the first day there before leaving for football practice at Grand Valley State University

as well as offer encouragement to current players.

"I just wanted to say goodbye and tell everybody to cherish the moment" of playing high school football, Fox said.

He was a key player on the 2010 team that played in the Division 1 state championship game.

Meanwhile, nobody knows how the 2012 season will unfold, but that 2010 Plymouth team started the year the very same way — with two-a-days in the August sun.

"I'll take this (weather) every day," Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuk said. "After it's been so hot in the summer, I was a little leery of how hot it was going to be out here."

### Playing it smart

On Monday, the weather wasn't oppressively hot (which wasn't the case much of the summer).

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## Cope wins PDL honor

Kevin Cope, of Canton, a member of the Michigan Bucks soccer team, has been named the 2012 Defender of the Year in the Premier Development League.

Cope, a former Salem High School standout who is captain of the Michigan State team, is the third Bucks player to earn the award, following in the footsteps of Stew Givens (2011) and Kevin Taylor (2005).

Cope, who has played three seasons in the PDL, was with the Chicago Fire last year before returning to the Bucks.

"It was a hard decision for me to leave last year, and I knew it might have some negative repercussions from the Bucks organization," Cope said. "They supported my decision last year and welcomed me back this year with open arms. There aren't many clubs that would do that, given the rivalry between the two teams."

"Needless to say, I was highly motivated the three times we played the Fire, and I can't put into words what it meant to play and defeat the MLS side."

"The Bucks helped me get, in a week of training with Sporting KC this summer, and now I am rewarded with this great honor. I am extremely grateful to the owners and coaches for their support."

The Bucks took four of five individual awards for the first time in league history.

Adam Grinwis was named Goalkeeper of the Year and Rookie of the Year, while Gary Parsons is the first coach in PDL history to win consecutive Coach of the Year honors.

## A long shot for golf ace

It wasn't just your average hole-in-one that Westland resident Jeremy Alt recorded July 21, if such a feat is ever average.

The 37-year-old Alt had one of the most impressive aces ever recorded when he hit the ball 358 yards for a double eagle on the par-4 No. 3 hole at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Township.

Hitting from the blue tees, Alt used a driver to notch his first hole-in-one in the 25 years he has played golf.

Also recently scoring a hole-in-one was 13-year-old Jackson Sartian of Canton, who July 25 sank his tee shot at the 141-yard No. 3 hole at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth. He used an 8-iron for his shot, which sparked Jackson to a nine-hole score of 39.



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Members of the U.S. women's 400-meter relay team celebrate after winning gold on Saturday. From left are Dana Vollmer, Rebecca Soni, Canton's Allison Schmitt and Missy Franklin.

## Schmitt wins fifth Olympic gold medal

Canton swimmer anchors U.S. victory in women's medley relay

By Jo-Ann Barnas  
Gannett News Service

LONDON — When Jessica Hardy qualified for the final of the 50-meter freestyle, Allison Schmitt knew there was a chance she would be considered to swim the freestyle leg on the U.S. 400-meter medley relay.

Schmitt, the 22-year-old from Canton, though, still was surprised when she was called into duty Saturday morning on the final day of the swimming competition at the

Olympics.

"I told the girls in the relay room, 'I'm so excited to be here!'" she said.

All Schmitt managed to do was replicate what she had done the past week in London: She captured another Olympic medal, her fifth of the Summer Games, tying her with Missy Franklin for most on the U.S. women's team.

But this time, she got what she wanted: She anchored the 400 medley

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# Cougars ready to get cracking

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

For as much as Garden City varsity football players relish being back on the gridiron this week, the best is yet to come.

After three days of no-pads workouts, the Cougars will get cracking for real on Thursday — the first day full equipment can be worn by Michigan prep players.

In two weeks or so, it's game time.

"I just can't wait for the season to start," senior lineman Justin Steffen said, during a Tuesday evening practice at Garden City High School.

"I'm looking forward to game time, we're ready as a team. We're faster and stronger than we were last year."

After taking a quick swig of water, Steffen smiled and summed it all up. "I can't wait to hit people."

Steffen's teammates certainly are thinking the same thing and Cougars third-year varsity coach



Garden City head football coach Scott Murray (center), shown in this file photo, says his team is "chomping at the bit" to begin full-pad workouts.

Scott Murray senses that the Cougars are more than ready to get back in the trenches.

On Tuesday, players were working on upper body tackling technique and long-snapping the football to a punter. But all of that merely is fill-

ing time until the shoulder pads make their return.

"I think we're ready for pads and that type of thing," Murray said. "Our kids are chomping at the bit to get after it and actually start playing some real football."

"We're out here and we get to tighten up our plays and that type of thing, it's just kind of a dress rehearsal if you will for pads on Thursday."

As for getting through the opening practices, Murray said players were

ready to go regardless of weather conditions (which were surprisingly comfortable).

"Our kids have been pretty much acclimated because they've been doing speed training and lifting all summer," he continued. "We've been through all the heat and humidity and that type of thing."

"Obviously, they're adjusting to helmets which is always interesting for the first couple days. But other than that, I think we're right where we need to be. As far as the heat and humidity, bring it on. I think our kids are ready for it."

### Zebras' new era

Over at Wayne Memorial, the coaching regime of Lee Grizzell got off to a good start on Monday with a total of about 90 players including varsity, JV and freshmen.

Grizzell — who left his position as offensive coordinator at Dearborn Edsel Ford to take over the Zebras from Kev-

in Weber — said the first day of practice focused on a little bit of everything ahead of Thursday's full-pad sessions.

"Most of it today was about individual skills at each of the positions, making sure kids understand the systems so that when it comes time for impact no one gets hurt," Grizzell noted.

The Zebras also dabbled in group drills, "a little bit of the kicking game and just a little bit of 7-on-7s but not much," he added.

According to Grizzell, one difference for him from recent years is that he will be calling defensive plays this season. The last time he did so was about 11 years ago.

"I'm going to be doing a lot of new things this year, I guess," he said.

Wayne Memorial opens with a home game 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, against Waterford Mott.

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Farmington coach John Bechtel is pictured with senior running back Connor Mohr.

## GRIDDERS

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"We want the quarterbacks doing drop drills and foot work; the backs are doing running back drills," he said. "We put in eight running plays and most of the passing game. The kids should know a lot of it. The whole idea is to get stuff in quick and, over the next two to three weeks, refine it."

A temperature in the low 80s for the first day

of practice was a welcome change "compared to what we went through this summer," Herrington said, adding the heat was not really a concern Monday. "We've been conditioning in 98-degree weather. This seems cold."

Hydration is always a matter of concern during any summer workouts, however. Unlike years ago, players are encouraged to drink water during practices and given ample access to it.

"Even on a day in the 80s, you still have to be careful," Bechtel said.

"Our kids weigh in and out of every practice. If they have more than a three-percent weight loss, they can't participate in the next practice (unless they've re-hydrated)."

"We want our kids to take 15 swallows of water every 20 minutes. That's the minimum, and it's certainly going to help our kids. The water cart is there, and they can get a drink any time."

Thursday is always a highlight of the first week of practice. It's the first day in pads and for full contact.

"We've got so many

new players," Herrington said. "We're not sure we have them in the right positions. Once the pads go on, hopefully, we can sort things out. We'll find out who steps up and who might step back a little bit."

Bechtel and his coaches also were looking forward to Thursday "from the standpoint of having some equipment on prevents injuries," he said.

"You always worry about a helmet hitting a knee, thigh or hip without those pads on. You try to control the tempo but, at the same time, you want the kids to go hard."

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A similar scene as this was played out on practice fields all over Observerland on Monday. Here, Canton's Jack McAllister (center) runs 3 on 1 drills with Brandon LaMontagne, Corey Folkes and Blaine Golles. In the background is coach Craig Hnatuk.

## AUGUST

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But the importance of drinking tons of water regardless was something coaches and athletic trainers at PCEP could not stress enough. (The third campus team, Salem, was at Adrian College to open the first week of practices.)

"They're drinking lots of water, bringing their water bottles with them to practice," said Susan Butcher, athletic trainer for the Chiefs.

Butcher added that the fact players have been staying well-hydrated throughout individual workouts during the summer should pay dividends as they get acclimated to team practices.

Concurring was Joe Durocher, athletic trainer

at Plymouth High School, who formerly held that role at Redford Union.

"Just a normal athlete needs to drink about 100 ounces of water a day, and then if they work out they need to replace what they lose by weight," Durocher said. "So a lot of these kids, just doing a light workout, will need 120, 140 ounces of water during a typical day."

"And if it's a hot one, it can get to be more. That's a lot of water when you think about it."

### Water for thought

But Monday's respite from recent hot weather, although a welcome one, did not mean frequent water breaks could be erased from the daily agenda.

The berm located to the south of the practice field was lined with various

water jugs. And a new-fangled drinking fountain — where six players at a time could gulp from pressurized hoses — gave them another option.

"When they're hydrated they're able to work out harder, they're able to be more efficient during their workouts," Durocher said. "Their thought processes are better, they're able to make better decisions. It's all-around better for them when they're doing that."

During the first day of practice, Durocher sat in a golf cart on the sidelines waiting for any players who might need assistance.

"The kids have been doing well," Durocher said, adding with a chuckle that for Monday's workouts at least "basically my only job is making sure the helmets fit."

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# Trojans have running start in football

By Dan O'Meara  
Observer Staff Writer

Clarenceville football coach Ken Fry told his players last spring to be ready to run when practice started Monday. Not all heeded his warning, however.

"We started off with a mile run, which they didn't believe I was going to make them run," Fry said. "The linemen had to be under seven minutes, or they were going to run it again."

"We'll run it all the way up to when school starts. It was the same thing for the backs and receivers. Only six (of them) made the six-minute mile. We'll be back at it tomorrow. "That's how we started practice. Instead of so much conditioning, we worked on special teams, where everybody runs and participates, and a lot of up tempo stuff."

Fry added it's essential for players to be in shape when practice starts, because teams had just three days until they donned full equipment and started hitting today. "It gets tougher then," he said. "If you're not in condition when you come back, you really won't be until the first game or two; so you put yourself at a disadvantage."

While it wasn't as hot as recent days, the Trojans still made a priority of water breaks Monday. "We really hydrate,"

Fry said. "We're really cautious about what we do. The trainer is always looking at me and telling me to hydrate. She's my conscience."

The first day in pads is a big event for every team, and the Trojans, who begin their third season with Fry at the helm, were looking forward to it.

"Everybody likes to see who's the tough guy," Fry said. "We have a lot of young guys coming up, so we'll be able to check them out and see who the big man on the block is, so to speak."

Much of the Clarenceville practices were devoted to offensive and defensive drills, both in position groups and as whole units.

"Basically, we walked through blocking technique and tackling," Fry said. "The kids get to hold pads and everybody gets a little excited, because they get to hit something. We have to reel 'em in a little bit. We didn't have any twisted ankles or anything on the first day, so everything is good."

Fry started with 32 varsity players and was hoping to add to that number. After nine months away, it was good to be back on the practice field, he added.

"Football is football, so it's nice to be back with the kids," Fry said. "It's been a long summer. It's nice to start doing some things."

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### 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 or call (248) 615-9060.

### FHS girls swim

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 began Wednesday, Aug. 8. For more information, contact coach Driska McCullough at (248) 561-2090.

### Thirst for Life Run

The Thirst For Life 5K Walk/Run will take place Saturday, Sept. 8, at Bicentennial Park in Livonia to benefit Team World Vision.

Registration begins at 7:45 a.m., the race at 9. Bicentennial Park is on the north side of 7 Mile Road, between Gill and Newburgh roads.

All of the money raised will be used to fund water and sanitation projects in the villages of Mayo and Hamandu in Zambia, Africa.

For more information and to acquire a registration form, go to [www.ThirstForLife5k.org](http://www.ThirstForLife5k.org). World Vision is a Christian relief and development organization dedicated to helping children, families and communities worldwide.

### 12-13U baseball

Tryouts for the 2013 13-and-under and 12-and-under Motor City Riversharks travel baseball teams will be held Saturday and Sunday at Walz Quadraplex, which is located on Forest Road (between Venoy and Hubbard) in Wayne.

The 12U tryouts will be noon to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The 13U tryouts are set for 1:30-3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

All players are encouraged to sign in 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the tryout.

Players are not required to attend all three tryouts. Players must be willing to commit to 40 to 50 games, including weekend tournament play, from April through July.

For more information and to pre-register for tryouts, send an e-mail to [motorcityriversharks@gmail.com](mailto:motorcityriversharks@gmail.com).

### GC boys tennis

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

For more information, contact head coach Ron Pummilr at [pummilr@gardencityschools.com](mailto:pummilr@gardencityschools.com).

### RU boys soccer

Open practices for the 2012 Redford Union boys soccer teams will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 13-15 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.

For more information, contact head coach Jim Gibbs at [onemean camino@yahoo.com](mailto:onemean camino@yahoo.com).

### GC volleyball

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

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

For more information, contact head coach John Pace at [gardencityVB@yahoo.com](mailto:gardencityVB@yahoo.com).

### Bulldogs tryouts

The Michigan Bulldogs will have tryouts for their 9U, 10U and 11U travel baseball teams 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, and Sunday, Aug. 12, at Bicentennial Park, Field No. 2.

The park is at 7 Mile and Wayne roads in Livonia. For more information, contact Mike Heard at (734) 834-6950 or [mikeheard34@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeheard34@yahoo.com).

### Meet the teams

• Livonia Stevenson High School will have a Meet the Team Night for athletes, parents and coaches involved in a fall sport 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, in the school auditorium.

Freshman and sophomore athletes and their parents should attend an introductory meeting 7-7:45 p.m. Junior and senior athletes and parents should attend 7:45-9 p.m. The introductory meeting at 7 p.m. in the auditorium is optional for junior and senior athletes and parents, but their attendance is encouraged.

• Livonia Churchill High athletics will stage a Meet the Team Night 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.

### 12-U baseball

• Open travel baseball tryouts for the 12-and-under Dearborn Heights Knights will be 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 information, call coach Brad Ebben at (248) 924-0489; or email [bebben1.att.net](mailto:bebben1.att.net).

### Hockey camp

Plymouth High School hockey players interested in trying out for the varsity team this fall are encouraged to participate in a mini-camp 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at Canton Arctic Edge Arena.

The mini-camp is a series of on-ice sessions and off-ice workouts for three weeks. For more information, call coach Gerry Vento at (313) 215-3394 or visit the team website: [www.hockey.plymouthwildcats.com](http://www.hockey.plymouthwildcats.com).

### Hawks girls hoops

Free tryouts for the Livonia Junior Athletic League Hawks, a sixth-grade girls basketball team, will be 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, 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.

## SCHMITT

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relay to a world record — and gave the Americans their first team gold in the event since the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

The Americans won handily, beating silver medalists Australia by nearly 2 seconds, with a time of 3:52.05. Japan took the bronze.

"Diving in with the lead, I'm speechless right now to get a world record tonight," Schmitt said. "I knew the three other girls (Franklin, Rebecca Soni and Dana Vollmer) already had their world records, and I wanted to join the club."

"On the last 50, I was actually thinking about it. I could see it in my head."

Bob Bowman, her coach at the North Baltimore Aquatic Club, was impressed with Schmitt's 53.25 closing effort, particularly her 25.68 opening 50.

"Fantastic split," Bowman said. "I'm so proud of her. She came through and did exactly what we wanted. And what more can you ask of somebody? Three gold medals, a silver and a bronze — that's a big improvement in four years."

## Olympian makes cut



JOHN DAVID MERCER | USA TODAY

Allison Schmitt isn't the only Olympian from Canton making noise at the London Summer Olympics. On Tuesday, Jeff Porter (above) advanced to Wednesday's semifinals in the men's 110-meter hurdles by finishing third in his heat with a time of 13.53 seconds. Porter, an athlete at the University of Michigan, was among 24 hurdlers in the event to make the cut. Meanwhile, Porter's wife Tiffany also was competing in the Olympics in the women's 100-meter hurdles, but did not advance — finishing in 12.79.

Schmitt's medal haul: Gold in the 200 free, 800 free relay and 400 medley relay; silver in the 400 free; and bronze in the 400 free relay. She swam anchor in all three relays. "I have never had so much confidence in

someone as I do with Allison being on the end of the relay," Vollmer said. "There's nobody that I would want on the end of the relay more than her, knowing that she fights so hard."

The U.S. women's team

finished with an impressive Olympics overall: 13 medals, including eight gold. The eight golds were the most they had won the past two Olympics combined. The 13 overall is the most they had won since 16 in Sydney.

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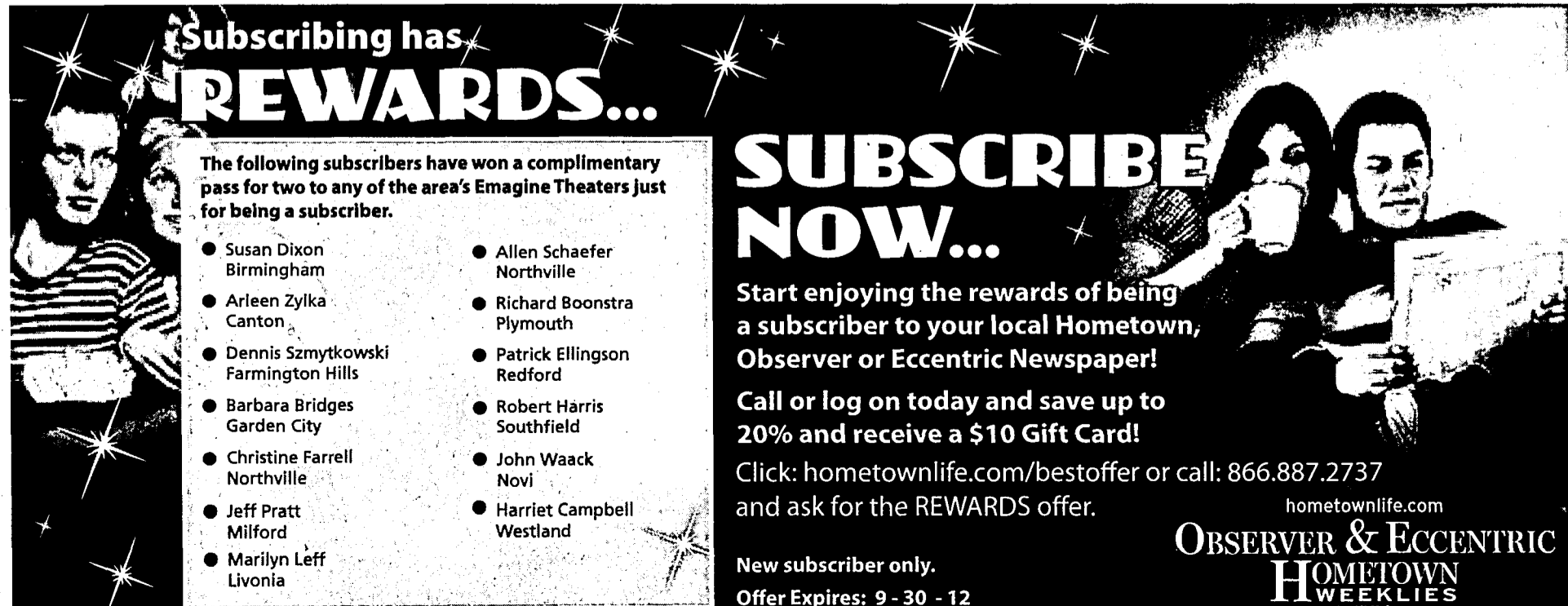
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# Rams start 2-0 in national tourney

The Michigan Rams had a terrific start earlier this week in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association national tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

They defeated a pair of perennial powers in their first two games, including a come-from-behind, 12-7 win Tuesday over heavily favored Baltimore.

The Rams had the lead until the seventh inning when Baltimore pushed across four runs and moved in front, 7-6.

Coach Rick Berryman's Michigan team also staged a four-run rally in the eighth and added two insurance runs in the ninth to win the game.

Rams closer Justin Hicks held the mighty Baltimore lineup scoreless over the final two innings.

Rams right fielder Zack Zott provided a pair of defensive highlights during the game, throwing two runners out at the plate.

Garrett Gordon and Trent Drumheller sparked the Rams offensively with three hits apiece.

Gordon went 3-for-5, drove in five runs and scored twice; Drumheller had a 3-for-6 game and accounted for three runs.

JP Maracani was 2-for-2 with one RBI and two runs scored, and Miles Sorise and Dominic

Jamett were 1-for-3 with three RBI each.

Baltimore was considered the tournament favorite, having won eight of the last nine national titles.

Livonia's Evan Piechota pitched seven-plus solid innings Monday as the Rams opened with a 6-1 victory over New Orleans.

Piechota, a Stevenson High School product who plays for Madonna University, allowed one run on just three hits.

He posted nine strikeouts and walked two batters in 7.1 innings before giving way to reliever Donnie Eaton, who struck out four in the final 1.2 innings.

In addition to the outstanding pitching, the Rams also played strong defense (two double plays and no errors) and had timely hitting, according to Berryman.

The Rams scored twice in the bottom of the fourth inning for a 2-0 lead. New Orleans got its only run in the fifth. The Michiganders added a pair in both the seventh and eighth innings to clinch the victory.

Zott went 3-for-4 with two RBI. Matt Priebe hit a two-run homer, and Maracani also knocked in two runs with a hit.

Sorise was 2-for-4 and scored twice; Brandon Katta and Eaton accounted for the other runs.



During Saturday's Plymouth Whalers alumni game for Gleaners, James Neal (left) chases puck-carrying Tyler Seguin (No. 9), a current star with the NHL's Boston Bruins.

PHOTOS BY RENA LAVERTY

# Whaler alums score to fight hunger

There were a lot of goals scored during Saturday's Plymouth Whalers Alumni Game, played at Compuware Arena for the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

But there were more smiles than goals in the event — from the players who put on a fun show, to the fans who appreciated the efforts of the players. After the game, the fans gave the players a standing ovation. In return, the players stood as a group at center ice and saluted

the fans.

During a special event billed as the "Champions for a Hunger Free Summer," Team White defeated Team Blue, 11-8. The scrimmage ran two, 25-minute periods while the Blues came back to win 4-2 in the subsequent shootout.

Hockey is back in business in Plymouth for 2012-13 and hungry people benefited.

Jesse Boulerice — a late addition to the game after finding a flight Friday from North Carolina — scored the hat trick to lead the Whites. James Neal and Mark Cadotte scored two each as the Whites raced to an 8-2 lead after the first period.

Chris Terry scored the hat trick to the Blues, who stormed back in the second period to make the game interesting.

Duane Harmer, James Sheehan, Chris Terry and J.D. Eaton lit the lamp in the shootout for the Blues. Mike Morrone and Mark Cadotte replied in the shootout for the Whites.

### Autograph session

The players partic-



Members of the Plymouth Whalers' alumni Blue Team share a moment waiting for their next turn on the ice Saturday. From left are Ryan Hayes, Chris Terry and Tyler Seguin.

ipated with fans in an autograph session before the game. Jason Carriere of Cleveland, Ohio drove with his son to see the game and mix with the players in the session.

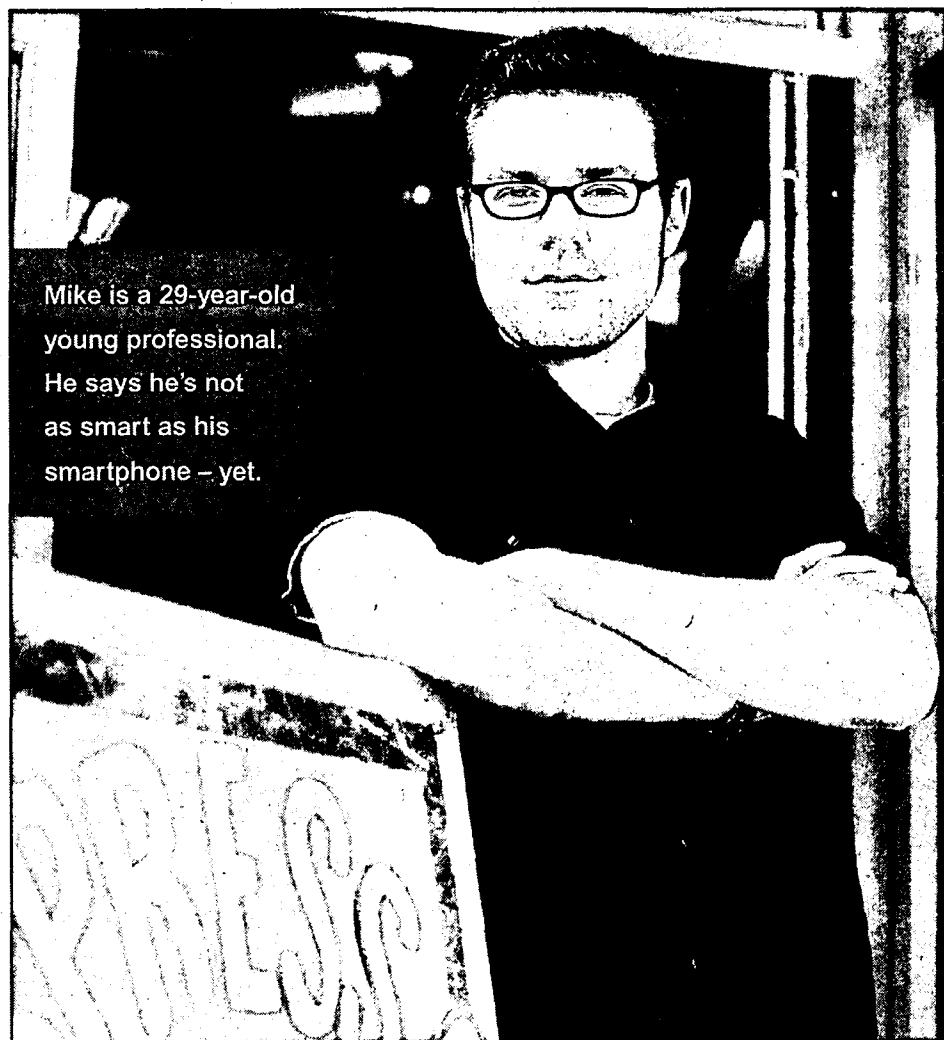
"My son is six years old and just started playing hockey last year," Carriere said. "He likes Tyler Seguin and the Bruins. My parents live in Plymouth, so we catch three or four games a year."

"This is the first time we've ever come to an

alumni game. We love hockey and this (the Whalers) is a great organization. A lot of players here get drafted, the team makes the playoffs and it's very exciting hockey."

Plymouth starts the 2012-13 season with training camp in late August, with the first preseason game set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1 against Windsor at Yack Arena in Wyandotte.

— Pete Krupsky, Plymouth Whalers



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

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Hoops program

Triple Threat Training is hosting a developmental club for young basketball players at High Velocity Sports in Canton, running 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.

Call (734) 341-1336 or e-mail Troy Coleman at tcoleman@tttsports.net for more details.

### Run, bike, golf

Tami's Tri, a 5-kilometer run, 20K bike and 9-hole scramble golf event will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The cost is \$65 (through Sept. 15) or \$75 (through race day). Included in the cost is a free golf clinic conducted by PGA professional Tami Bealbert at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 at Hickory Creek. Tami's Tri includes gift pack, prizes and lunch included. Space is limited to 144 golfers.

Proceeds will go to the non-profit organization Growth Works, Inc. of Can-

ton and Plymouth.

To RSVP, e-mail TrainWithTami@yahoo.com. For more information, call (734) 731-0238; or visit www.TrainWithTami.com.

### Franklin cheers

The Livonia Franklin varsity cheerleaders will host a pair of skills clinics 6-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, and Wednesday, Aug. 29, in the school's cheer room.

The camp is for ages 4-13. The fee is \$30 and includes a T-shirt, pizza party and game performance. Participants will cheer at the home football game 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30.

Registration will be 5:30-6 p.m. Aug. 27. For more information, send an email to bizybizyb@yahoo.com.

### 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. 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. For more information contact dankraft@hotmail.com or cott@cantonmi.org.



Plymouth Whaler alums — who squared off against each other during a benefit game for Gleaners — pose for this group shot Saturday at Compuware Arena.



## RELIGION CALENDAR

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

### August

#### CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date:** 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

#### 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 hand-made; no resale. Profits will go to mission work in the community  
**Contact:** (248) 478-4708 or e-mail jsinc2436@yahoo.com

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Time/Date:** 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 13-17  
**Location:** Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth  
**Details:** Classes are aimed at children, age 4-6th grade, and will include Bible stories, crafts, music, snacks, recreation and prizes.  
**Contact:** (734) 453-1525

#### 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  
**Contact:** Register at (734) 427-3660

### September

#### BIBLE STUDY

**Time/Date:** 9:25-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Nov. 13  
**Location:** Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville  
**Details:** W.O.W. Ladies Bible Study focuses on the Book of Proverbs in these interdenominational sessions. Fee is \$15. Free children's program for children, 5 and under  
**Contact:** (248) 348-7600

### Ongoing

#### CLASSES/STUDY

**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7

a.m. and study at 8 a.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491  
**New Life Community Church**

**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville  
**Contact:** (734) 846-4615  
**Nicole's Revival**

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday  
**Location:** YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford Township  
**Details:** KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer

**Contact:** (313) 531-1234  
**Our Lady of Loretto**

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** (313) 534-9000

**St. Michael the Archangel**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday.

**Location:** School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Letter to the Hebrews. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455,

Ext. 200, or www.livoniast-michael.org  
**Ward Presbyterian**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays  
**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

#### CLOTHING BANK

**Canton Christian Fellowship**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday  
**Location:** 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

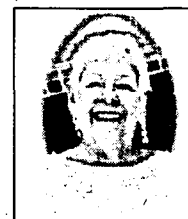
**Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

#### FOOD BANK

**New Hope Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only  
**Location:** 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton  
**Contact:** Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

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**KUYKENDALL, MARTHA**

Age 76 of Livonia. Beloved wife of James. Loving mother of Beth (Steve) Carlson, and Joan (Jeff) Tryon. Cherished grandmother of Chelsey Carlson. Dear sister of Kay Fluckey, Linda Nicholson, Dorothy Stuart, and Nancy Carreon. A memorial service will take place at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard in Livonia, Thursday August 9th 10:00AM gathering, 11:00AM service. Memorial Donations may be made to Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Fred Wood Funeral Home, Livonia.



**McWATT, CHRISTINE H.**

Age 61 of Plymouth, passed away on August 5, 2012. Born in Baltimore, Maryland to parents Frederick and Ruth Hoeprich. Survived by her loving and devoted husband Robert. Dearest step-mother of Stephanie Smith, Maggie McWatt and Derek (Cammi) McWatt. Proud grandmother of Madison, Aubrey and Abigail. Also, survived by her mother in law Ruth McWatt. Dear sister of Susan (Lawrence) McGee and F. Michael (Carolyn J.) Hoeprich Jr. Christine received her B.S. from Western Michigan University and Masters of Arts degree from Eastern Michigan University. Christine was devoted to her faith and had a passion for teaching. She was a longtime Art Teacher for the Plymouth/Canton Community Schools. She also had the opportunity to teach in Japan. Chris was a member of the Great Lakes Beadworker's Guild, and she enjoyed traveling around the world. She was extremely devoted to her family. A memorial gathering will be held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home this Friday August 10th from 2 - 9pm. The Funeral Service will be held (also at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home) on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at 3:00pm, located at 280 South Main St, Plymouth, MI. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI. Share memories at Schrader-Howell.com.

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## Church to welcome new music minister

Andrew Lenhart has accepted a position as music minister at Praise Baptist Church in Plymouth.

Lenhart, who holds a Doctor of Music degree from The Julliard School in New York, will begin serving the church on Aug. 28.

He and his wife, Sarah, along with their two children, Rachel and Jonathon, plan to move to Plymouth from New York, where Lenhart was the music minister at Ridgeway Alliance Church in White Plains for the past seven years. He studied piano per-

formance and accompanying at The Cleveland Institute of Music and The University of Michigan, in addition to Julliard. His D.M.A. degree is in collaborative piano.

Lenhart has performed at Alice Tully Hall in the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York, N.Y., the Chicago Cultural Center and on the Music in the Loft Concert Series in Chicago, among other venues. He has taught in the school of music at Wheaton College and Nyack College.

Praise Baptist Church is located at 45000 N. Territorial Road.



Andrew and Sarah Lenhart and their children, Rachel and Jonathon, this month will become members of Praise Baptist Church in Plymouth. Lenhart has accepted a minister of music position at the church.

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## Civic groups in Redford, Plymouth bring circus to towns

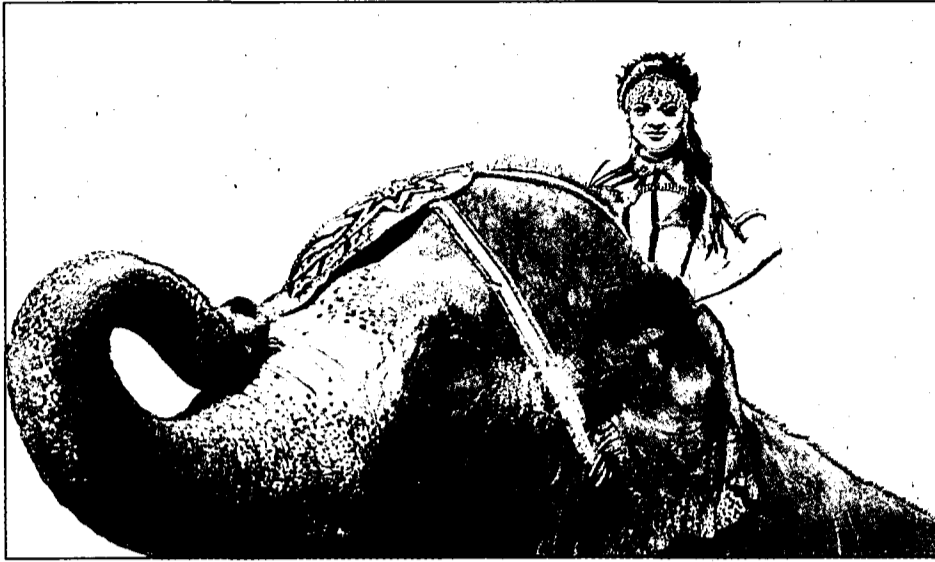
By Sharon Dargay  
 O&E Staff Writer

Doreen Arwood loves the circus, but it's the show just outside the "big top" that never fails to entertain her.

"My favorite thing is watching the big rigs come down Five Mile and watching them come in and set up," said Arwood, president of the Redford Jaycees, one of several Metro Detroit civic groups that will sponsor circus shows next week. "Monday morning between 6-7 a.m. they'll be in. They start setting up as soon as they have everything in. At about 8:30 a.m., the elephants raise the tent.

"I'm amazed how the circus people work together to raise it."

Arwood said the public may watch the set up between 8:30-9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13. She hopes families will return later that day to watch the Kelly Miller Circus perform in the tent at Bell Creek Park, located at Five Mile and Inkster. Shows are set for 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 2-11; Pre-sale tickets are available for cash only at Keg & Wine Party Store, 15590 Beech Daly; Cardinal Barbers, 27309 Five Mile; and the Redford Chamber of Commerce, 26050 Five Mile and with PayPal online through the Jaycees website, [www.redfordjaycees.org](http://www.redfordjaycees.org). Circus day admission is \$15 for adults and \$7 for children



Delayna Fusco of the Kelly Miller circus rides an elephant.



Fridman Torales performs his Rola Bola act with the Kelly Miller Circus.

Day collections. "The circus is probably one of the most effective ways to draw people in. It's a win win because they get something they enjoy and the money goes to a good cause."

Taksony said the public also may watch the circus set up in Plymouth. As the main poles are raised bystanders are directed to watch from inside the tent.

"It's free and they will give you a tour to see what is going on at 8 or 8:30 in the morning," he said. "The kids who see that are really pumped up."

### New acts

The circus, based in Oklahoma, tours 38 weeks every year and will make other stops in Michigan. Shows are set for Saturday, Aug. 11 at Atwood Park in Wayne, and Friday, Aug. 17 at Atchison Park in South Lyon, among other communities.

Jim Royal, Kelly Miller general manager, said new circus acts this year include the Duo Delara, a thrilling aerial performance; camels in routines with a zebra; a revamped tiger show; and a pirate-themed production with aerial ballet, performing dogs and knife juggling.

Rebecca Ostroff, who did stunt work on the movie, *Water for Elephants*, performs on trapeze.

"She does an iron jaw act ... she hangs by her teeth and spins," Royal said. "We have all new clown routines this year. We try to freshen it up each year."

at the circus box office.

The organization will get a percentage of ticket sales.

"We'd love to make a lot of money," said Arwood, adding that the event is designed to "help make people smile" no matter how much the Jaycees raise. "The money we raise goes back to the community projects we run, like Angels Night and Christmas Shopping Tour."

Youngsters trick or treat at local businesses on Angels Night and residents in need of a helping hand are treated to shopping during the Christmas Tour.

### In Plymouth

Proceeds from performances on Tuesday, Aug. 14 in Plymouth also will fund local projects in that community.



Steve Copeland and Ryan Combs will present new comedy routines when the Kelly Miller Circus visits Redford and Plymouth next week.

"The Lions in general, their focus is on Leader Dogs for the Blind, the Michigan Eye Bank, Paws with a Cause," said Ross Taksony, a board member of the Plymouth Lions

Club. "We also do community work, scholarships for Plymouth and Canton students. We've donated money to youth groups, the Miracle League. The money from the circus gener-

ally helps on a local level."

The Plymouth Lions Club will bring the Kelly Miller Circus to Central Middle School, 650 Church. Shows are at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 14. Admission price is the same as the Redford show and advance tickets are available in Plymouth at Kroger, 44525 Ann Arbor Road; Dairy King, 232 S. Main; and Wiltse's Community Pharmacy, 330 S. Main.

"We do really well. We usually almost fill both shows," Taksony said. "We draw basically from Plymouth, Canton and Northville. Some from Livonia."

The circus is a biennial fundraiser for the Plymouth Lions Club, which also solicits donations through annual White Cane Day and Candy Cane

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**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Aug. 25

**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

ANDIAMO NOVI

**Time/Date:** 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18

**Location:** 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi  
**Details:** "Comedy Held Hostage" tour with Chillian Thomas, Jarred Kreger and Susan Coletti. Tickets are \$10, available at the Andiamo Novi Theatre ab

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

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**Time/Date:** James Ervin Berry, Aug. 9-11; Mike Bonner, Aug. 16-18; KT Tatar, Aug. 23-25

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

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

Dance



Sarah Reich is among the professional dancers who will perform in Masters of Tap, Saturday, Aug. 18 at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

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

MASTERS OF TAP

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18

**Location:** Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit

**Details:** The show caps the three-day 5th Motor City Tap Fest and features its faculty in performance. Dancers include Gregg Russell, Sarah Reich of "So You Think You Can Dance," Avi Miller and Ofer Ben, Dr. Harold "Stumpy" Cromer, Robert Reed, Karen Callaway and many others. Tickets are \$25-\$35

**Contact:** www.motorcitytapfest.com

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 fea-

tures dancers 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 Sunday-Thursday

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

PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 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

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

**Details:** "Men in Black 3," \$3

**Coming up:** "Snow White and the Huntsman," 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 17-18 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19; "Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted," 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 25-26

**Summer Cinema:** All shows screen at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. "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

**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:** The Appleseed Collective, Aug. 9; Candye Kane, Aug. 11; JJ Grey & Mofro, Aug. 12; MilkDrive, Aug. 14; Katie Geddes, Aug. 15; The Claire Lynch Band, Aug. 16; Stewart Francke, Aug. 17; American Mars & The Thornbills, Aug. 18; Wayward Roots, Aug. 19; Scythian, Aug. 20; Yarn, Aug. 21; Lindsay Lou & The Flatbellies & Red Tail Ring, Aug. 22; Anders Osborne, Aug. 23; Mustard's Retreat, Aug. 24; Mark O'Connor & The Saline Fiddlers, Aug. 25; Blue Highway, Aug. 26; Goitse, Aug. 27. Take a Chance Tuesday featuring Daniel Champagne, Aug. 28; Studebaker John & the Hawks, Aug. 29; Brendan James, Aug. 30; Bill Kirchen, Aug. 31

**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



Kreger

Comedians combine improv, stand-up at Novi show

Chillian Thomas and Jarred Kreger, both of Westland, along with Susan Coletti of Harrison Township, also known as "Comedy Held Hostage," will perform Saturday, Aug. 18 at Andiamo, Novi Theatre.

The show blends improv, stand-up and theater, a one-of-a-kind show that caught the eye of documentary filmmaker Greg Harnos who has followed the trio performing and behind-the-scenes for the past three years. The Andiamo engagement will be the final show filmed for the documentary before final editing is complete. The film is expected to be shown at festivals in 2013.

The show will start at 9 p.m. at the theatre, located at 42705 Grand River Ave. Doors will open at 8 p.m.

In addition to touring with Kreger and Coletti, Thomas has opened for comedian Mark Curry and has performed in Tony and Tina's Wedding, in addition to working in film, theater and improv.

Coletti was a familiar voice as the on-air intern for the legendary Dick Purtan morning radio

show on WOMC 104.3FM. By night, she finessed her stand-up routine at various open mic nights at Mark Ridley's in Royal Oak, before moving to Los Angeles, Calif. She continued performing on the West Coast, where her first major gig was a comedy spoof shown on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*. Since then she has opened for HBO's/Comedy Central Butch Bradley, Kyle Grooms and Def Comedy Jam Sheng.

A relatively new face in comedy, Kreger has opened for Hal Sparks at U of M Dearborn, performed at the Farmington Civic Theatre with Chili Chalice, and came in second place at the Joey's Comedy Club "Jump Start Your Career Contest."

Tickets are \$10 and available at the Andiamo Novi Theatre box office or by phone at (248) 348-4448. They're also sold through Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000 and online at www.ticketmaster.com.

For more information, call the box office at (248) 348-4448 or visit www.andiamonovitheatre.com.



Thomas

THE BOURNE LEGACY

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COSTUME DESIGNER PATRICK CRAWLEY  
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View the night sky, movie debut at EMU

Eastern Michigan University's (EMU) planetarium will debut the movie, *Stars*, with showtimes at 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18. Space at the event is limited to 40 people per show.

The planetarium, located in the new Mark Jefferson Science Complex on the EMU campus, features a 28 foot-diameter futuristic-looking sphere suspended four stories above the ground. The space is used as a classroom serving more than 450 students studying astronomy each semester.

During the movie debut, astronomy fans will learn how the sun works, how planets are born, and how chemical elements are made.

Norbert Vance, professor of astronomy and observatory director at Eastern, accompanied by members of EMU's astronomy club, will be on hand to answer questions about the movie, the planetarium and all its features.

He'll also lead a guided tour at 10 p.m. of the historic observato-

ry located in Sherzer Hall. Star-gazers will be able to observe "real" stars through the large apochromatic refractor telescope on the rooftop of the building.

Vance said sky viewers should be able to see Saturn's rings, various star clusters, binary stars, dying stars and constellations of the summer sky.

"We've been accused of putting a fake image at the end of the tube when it comes to Saturn... but we assure people that it's the real deal," Vance stated in a press release. "The most difficult idea to convey is the sense of distance and size. It can take a couple hours for the light we see to reach us even within the solar system. And it takes years for our spacecraft to reach places like Saturn even moving at tremendous speeds. Yet the folks at NASA that design and execute these missions almost make the effort look easy."

The planetarium opened in January 2011 with a state-of-the-art

facility for educating students in astronomy as part of the University's major renovation of the Mark Jefferson Science Complex. Through projections of the night sky, scenes of stars, planets, comets and other celestial objects can be made to appear and move realistically to simulate the complex motions of the universe.

The scenes are produced using computer and fish-eye projection technologies. The sophisticated system can display the sky at any point in time, deep into the past or well into the future, as it would appear from any point on Earth or even from many of the moons and planets of the solar system.

For more information on the EMU astronomy program, visit www.emich.edu/physics.

The Stars debut and observatory viewing are among many events featured during the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 17-19. For a complete list of events, go to www.ypsilantiheritagefestival.com.

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MOBILE USERS: For Showtimes - Text BOURNE with your ZIP CODE to 43KIX (435491)  
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## BLUEBERRY TIPS

**How to buy:** Look for firm, plump, dry berries with smooth skins and a silvery sheen. Size doesn't matter, but color does—reddish berries aren't ripe, but can be used in cooking. Containers with juice stains indicate that the fruit may be bruised.

**How to store:** Refrigerate fresh blueberries as soon as you get them home, in their original plastic pack or in a covered bowl or storage container. Wash berries just before use. Use within 10 days of purchase.

**How to freeze:** The secret to successful freezing is to use berries that are unwashed and completely dry.

Discard berries that look bruised or shriveled. Place the berries, still in their original plastic pack, in a resealable plastic bag. Or, transfer berries to freezer containers or resealable freezer bags. The berries will freeze individually and you can remove just the portion you need. Remember to rinse them before using.

# Wake up to breakfast with blueberries

Say good morning to sunshine and blue skies. When there are blueberries in the fridge or freezer, breakfast is not only the most important meal of the day, it can be the most fun.

When breakfast is a rush, what's easier than a handful of blueberries? No pitting, peeling or chopping needed. Just a quick rinse and they're ready to go onto hot or cold cereal or stirred into yogurt.

On more leisurely mornings, blueberries add their color and flavor to stacks of homemade pancakes or waffles. Here's a tip: Stir up a topping in minutes by heating fresh or frozen blueberries in maple syrup.

The USDA's MyPlate recommends that adults 19-30 years eat 2 cups of fruit every day. Blueberries first thing in the morning help you get a head start on achieving that goal. A 1-cup serving of fresh or frozen blueberries has 80 calories and provides vitamin C, manganese and fiber.

Today, nutrition researchers are pursuing four tracks to better understand the role that blueberries may play in promoting good health—cardiovascular health, insulin response, brain health and cancer risk reduction. Learn more about blueberries and health research visit [www.littlebluedynamos.com](http://www.littlebluedynamos.com)



## Blueberry-Topped Rice Cakes

Yield: 4 portions

- 1/2 cup ricotta or cottage cheese
- 2 teaspoons apricot preserves
- 4 apple-cinnamon flavored rice cakes
- 1 cup thinly-sliced fresh fruit (such as apple, pear, nectarine or peach)
- 1 cup fresh blueberries

In a small bowl, stir together ricotta and preserves. Spoon an equal amount on each of the rice cakes almost to the edge. Arrange fruit slices in circles on top of the ricotta mixture. Top each with 1/4 cup of the blueberries; serve immediately.

Per Portion: 149 calories, 5 g protein, 24 g carbohydrate, 4 g fat, 39 mg sodium, 16 mg cholesterol



## Blueberry-stuffed French Toast

Yield: 4 to 6 portions

- Cooking spray
- 6 eggs
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 3 tablespoons sugar, divide
- Pinch salt, optional
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries (thawed and drained, if frozen)
- 8 slices (1-1/2 inches thick) Italian bread
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- Blueberry Orange Sauce (recipe follows)

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray a large baking sheet with cooking spray. In a medium bowl beat eggs, peel, juice, 2 tablespoons of the sugar and the salt until well blended. Pour into a 13- by 9- by 2-inch baking pan; set aside. In a small bowl combine blueberries and the remaining 1 tablespoon sugar; set aside. With the tip of a sharp knife, cut a 1-1/2-inch wide pocket in the side of each bread slice. Fill pockets with reserved blueberry mixture, dividing evenly. Place filled slices in egg mixture. Let stand, turning once, until egg mixture is absorbed, about 5 minutes on each side. Arrange bread on prepared baking sheet; sprinkle with almonds. Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes, turning slices after 10 minutes. Serve with Blueberry Orange Sauce.

## Blueberry Orange Sauce

Yield: 2 cups

- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt, optional
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
- 1 cup orange sections (about 2 oranges)

In a cup combine sugar, cornstarch and salt. Set aside. In a small saucepan bring orange juice and 1/4 cup water to a boil. Add blueberries and orange sections. Return to a boil. Cook until liquid is released from fruit, about 2 minutes. Stir in sugar mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens, 1 to 2 minutes.

## Blueberry Mini-Muffins

Yield: 24 mini-muffins

- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries

Preheat oven to 425°F. Lightly grease 24 (1-inch) mini-muffin pan cups. In a medium-sized bowl, combine flour and sugar. Make a well in the center; add milk, egg and butter. Stir gently until mixture begins to form a soft dough; fold in berries; spoon into mini-muffin cups, dividing evenly. Bake until tops are golden, 12 to 15 minutes. Serve warm.

Per muffin: 83 calories, 13 g carbohydrate, 2.6 g total fat, 1.5 g saturated fat

## Blueberry Breakfast Bake

Yield: 9 portions

- 1 loaf (14 ounces) sliced, firm textured white bread, crusts removed, divided
- 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries, divided
- 4 ounces light cream cheese (from an 8-ounce package), cut in 1/2-inch cubes
- 8 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups lowfat milk
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 cup melted butter

Preheat oven to 350°F. Remove crusts from bread. Cut in 1-inch cubes (makes about 10 cups). Cut cream cheese in small cubes (makes about 1 cup). Grease a 9- by 9- by 2-inch baking dish. Place half of the bread cubes in the dish. Scatter cream cheese cubes and 1 cup of blueberries over the bread. Top with remaining bread cubes and blueberries. In a bowl, combine eggs, milk, maple syrup and butter. Carefully pour over bread mixture. Bake until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, about 1 hour, covering with aluminum foil if edges brown too much. To serve, cut in squares. Accompany with additional maple syrup, if desired.

## Blueberry Pumpkin Bread

Serves 8

- 1 cup canned solid-pack pumpkin
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries, not thawed
- White icing, optional (recipe follows)

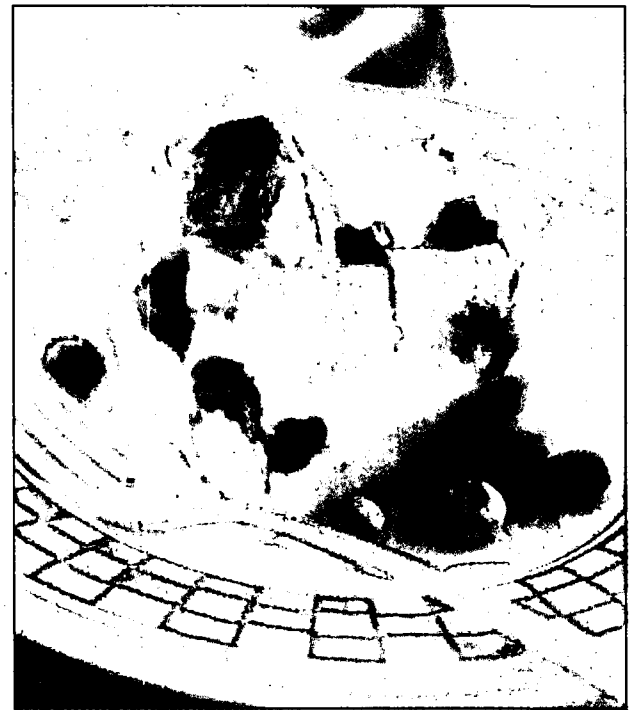
Preheat oven to 350° F. Butter an 8 1/2- by 4 1/2-inch loaf pan. In large bowl with electric mixer, beat pumpkin, sugar, orange juice, eggs and oil until smooth, about 1 minute. In small bowl, stir flour, baking powder, salt and pumpkin pie spice; add to pumpkin mixture; stir just until combined. Spoon 1/2 of batter into pan; spread evenly. Stir blueberries into remaining batter in bowl and spoon over batter in pan, spread evenly. Bake until a wooden skewer or toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 60 to 65 minutes. Cool in pan on a rack for 10 minutes; turn out onto rack; cool completely. May be wrapped and refrigerated for up to 4 days, or frozen for up to 1 month. If desired, drizzle with icing.

## White Icing

Yield: 1/2 cup

- 1 cup sifted confectioners sugar
- 2 tablespoons softened butter.
- 1 1/2 to 2 tablespoons milk
- 1/2-teaspoon vanilla

Combine sugar and butter in a bowl. Add the milk and vanilla and beat until smooth. Drizzle over cake.



## Blueberry Breakfast Salad

Serves 8

- 2 pounds mixed, torn salad greens
- Blueberry Vinaigrette (recipe follows)
- 4 cups fresh blueberries
- 4 cups fresh orange sections or canned mandarin oranges, drained
- 2 cups granola

Toss salad greens with 1 1/2 cups of the Blueberry Vinaigrette. Divide the dressed greens among eight large plates. Arrange 1/2 cup orange sections and 1/2 cup blueberries on top of each salad. Sprinkle each salad with 1/4 cup granola. Drizzle remaining dressing on top. Serve immediately.

## Blueberry Vinaigrette

Yield: 2 cups

- 1 cup olive oil
- 1 cup frozen thawed blueberries
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons minced shallot
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika

Combine ingredients in food processor container. Process until mixture is smooth. Chill at least 30 minutes to blend flavors.





## Five rules for buying a foreclosure or short sale with confidence

Buyers are still clamoring for real estate deals in this turbulent market. Foreclosures and short sales offer some of the best bargains, but also have a higher risk level. Still, more than four in five adults think foreclosures and short sales can be good deals, according to a recent American Society of Home Inspectors survey.

Some analysts say the rebound has begun and home prices may rise by the end of 2012. This means now may be buyers' last chance to take advantage of affordable properties and low interest rates. If you want to score a bargain before the housing market recovers, you'll need to follow a few rules to invest with certainty.

Make a wise investment by adhering to these five rules while shopping distressed properties:

**• Rule 1:** Position yourself for success  
Before starting your search, get preapproved for a mortgage so when a good deal

presents itself, you're positioned to submit a bid right away to be the first offer on the bank's desk. Work with an experienced real estate agent who can help guide you through the daunting sea of foreclosures and short sales. Bidding can be complicated and time-consuming, especially when working with a home sale needing bank approval. A good agent will know how to navigate through the paperwork and red tape.

**• Rule 2:** Do your research  
A real estate agent can help you with research, but it's wise to do some on your own. Are there any undisclosed liens on the property? Is the seller behind on his property taxes? What permit records does the city have on file? This information will be critical during decision-making. Work with your agent to ensure the contract requires any delinquent taxes, liens or assessments will be paid prior to you taking ownership of the property.

**• Rule 3:** Always get a home inspection

Eighty-four percent of adults surveyed by ASHI said they would be more likely to purchase a distressed property after a home inspection has determined its condition.

A home inspection gives you the confidence to move forward with your purchase because you'll have as much knowledge as possible about the condition of the property. An inspector will visually examine the condition of the home's roof, attic and insulation, foundation, basement and structural components, as well as interior plumbing and electrical systems. Be sure to find an ASHI-Certified Inspector to ensure your inspector is experienced, as many states have minimal licensing requirements. To find a local ACI, use ASHI's "Find an Inspector" tool on [www.ASHI.org](http://www.ASHI.org).

**• Rule 4:** Budget for repairs

When looking at short sales and foreclosures, remember price is only one aspect to consider. A home will almost always require some type of

repair. After receiving your inspection report, you can estimate costs associated with necessary repairs, maintenance or energy-efficient improvements.

**• Rule 5:** Assess the neighborhood

Location should be a top consideration when purchasing real estate, and in a tough housing market, it's even more important. A home has limited worth if it's located in a less desirable neighborhood. High foreclosure rates can turn a once-desirable neighborhood into one many might likely avoid. These locations are likely to see a slower recovery than more populated or favorable areas less affected by the economy. Make location as important as price when making a purchase decision.

Protect yourself with knowledge and expert advice to make a confident, smart decision about your largest investment.

— Courtesy ARA

## Restricting dogs by breed

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** I am wondering whether our condominium association can lawfully restrict certain breeds of dogs. We don't think that the size and weight limitations are reasonable, but we do want to keep certain dogs out. What do you think?

**A:** While there are not any specific cases in Michigan on that point, it would appear that breed discrimination is reasonable particularly in light of various cases which



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have found, by way of example, that pit bulls and cross breed pit bulls are inherently dangerous. In Michigan, there is strict liability for a dog bite. I would prefer to have breed discrimination as opposed to limitations on the size and weight of an animal which may have no reasonable bearing to the propensity of the animal to cause a problem and the Michigan Court of Appeals in an unpublished decision has so held. As always, it is best to get an opinion from a knowledgeable community association attorney.

**Q:** I understand that Fannie Mae may have recently issued an opinion on private transfer fee covenants. Do you have any information?

**A:** As of March 16, 2012, the Federal Housing Finance Agency issued a final rule and directive which prohibits Fannie Mae from purchasing or investing in any mortgages on properties encumbered by certain private transfer fee covenants, securities backed by such mortgages, or securities backed by the income stream from such covenants, unless they are expected transfer fee covenants, as defined in the final rule (the "Regulation"). However, the final rule excludes private transfer fees paid to homeowner association, condominiums, cooperatives, and certain tax-exempt organizations that use private transfer fee proceeds to benefit the property. You should determine whether in fact your particular property comes within any exemptions to the regulation.

**Q:** Our association has a situation where some of the residents have established a Facebook group in order to have residents be able to send notices of missing pets, ask to borrow tools, offer babysitting and pet sitting services and, otherwise connect with each other. However, they are using the name of the Association in their Facebook page title. Is there anything we can do about it?

**A:** Generally speaking, the association lawyer will be probably be concerned about having the association's name in the Facebook group's title causing confusion between the association's own Facebook page and the group's Facebook page. There is also concern about whether the residents' Facebook page will provide information which is inaccurate and will not give the association itself an opportunity to monitor what goes on the page and take down any negative posts which could adversely affect real estate values. This of course could result in litigation, but hopefully it can be resolved amicably.

**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 [rmeisner@meisner-law.com](mailto:rmeisner@meisner-law.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of April 23-27, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**CANTON**  
2387 Barkhill Rd \$77,000  
1800 Bridgewater Ct \$277,000  
8156 Chatham Ct \$610,000  
44765 Danbury Rd \$240,000  
47946 Deer Trail Dr \$312,000  
1275 E Crystal Cir \$201,000  
49628 Great Falls Rd \$280,000  
48042 Inveraray Rd \$390,000  
47195 Labana Dr \$219,000  
45486 Muirfield Dr \$310,000  
1725 Orchard Dr \$30,000

43608 Ryegate St \$134,000  
45916 S Stonewood Rd \$225,000  
44437 Savery Dr \$25,000  
2051 Vanderbilt Rd \$130,000  
44649 Westminster Way \$173,000  
41688 White Tail Ln \$128,000  
**GARDEN CITY**  
402 Clair St \$64,000  
31031 Dawson St \$74,000  
33364 Florence St \$52,000  
6188 Lathers St \$82,000  
30934 Sheridan St \$20,000  
**LIVONIA**  
15640 Alpine Dr \$155,000  
35988 Ann Arbor Trl \$39,000  
11041 Arden St \$176,000  
15169 Cavour St \$53,000  
15015 Ellen Dr \$128,000  
14050 Hubbard St \$153,000  
14724 Ingram St \$150,000  
37267 Kingsburn Dr \$320,000

15193 Knolson St \$120,000  
29813 Linda St \$155,000  
18152 Middlebelt Rd \$75,000  
34020 Oakdale St \$180,000  
20269 Oporto Ave \$4,000  
34234 Parkdale Ct \$88,000  
8910 Stonehouse Ave \$142,000  
11084 Sunset St \$80,000  
18307 Sunset St \$179,000  
38601 Tuscany Ct \$175,000  
**NORTHVILLE**  
39471 Champion Ct \$215,000  
46688 Crystal Downs W \$478,000  
16606 Doral Dr \$170,000  
39556 Dun Rovin Dr Unit 79 \$220,000  
48892 Freestone Dr \$110,000  
15845 Johnson Creek Dr \$461,000  
18156 Parkshore Dr \$825,000  
46551 Pinehurst Cir \$577,000  
15441 Prestwick Cir N \$705,000

17675 Stonebrook Ct \$800,000  
20005 Westview Dr \$300,000  
**PLYMOUTH**  
674 Arthur St \$164,000  
47097 Golfview Ln \$1,500,000  
628 Harding Dr \$269,000  
9481 N Ridge Rd \$270,000  
9430 Timberline Ct \$339,000  
**REDFORD**  
20576 Garfield \$16,000  
12095 Lucerne \$30,000  
15409 Winston \$50,000  
**WESTLAND**  
32634 Avondale St \$105,000  
1348 Berkshire St \$80,000  
8592 Berwick Dr \$40,000  
547 N Byfield St \$75,000  
32366 Parkwood St \$56,000  
310 S Dobson St \$40,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of April 9-13, 2012 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**BINGHAM FARMS**  
23750 Ravineview Ct \$210,000  
**BIRMINGHAM**  
1365 Puritan Ave \$475,000  
119 S Adams Rd \$200,000  
157 W Maple Rd \$505,000  
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**

1936 Bayou Dr \$257,000  
535 Fox Hills Dr N \$47,000  
1190 Glenpointe Ct \$170,000  
**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
1078 Greentree Rd \$570,000  
1168 Hillpointe Cir \$177,000  
245 Hupp Cross Rd \$450,000  
2765 Indian Mound S \$995,000  
5099 Tootmoor Rd \$500,000  
801 W Long Lake Rd \$62,000  
335 Waddington St \$685,000  
**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP**  
6036 Brockway St \$90,000  
5751 Coralwood Ct \$190,000  
4254 Marcella Dr \$145,000  
5934 Strawberry Cir \$339,000

**FARMINGTON**  
23835 Drake Rd \$330,000  
**MILFORD**  
2315 Carriage Way \$180,000  
1194 Eagle Nest Ct \$535,000  
1177 General Motors Rd \$100,000  
2720 S Milford Rd \$79,000  
3395 Silver Stone Dr \$195,000  
3395 Silver Stone Dr \$115,000  
**NOVI**  
50609 Billenca Dr \$580,000  
28205 Carlton Way Dr \$135,000  
39507 Country Ln \$95,000  
26535 Glenwood Dr \$547,000  
41811 Ridge Rd E \$220,000

24414 Saybrook Ct \$579,000  
27499 Sloan St \$45,000  
**SOUTH LYON**  
54785 Grenelefe Cir E \$326,000  
583 Lyon Blvd \$100,000  
**SOUTHFIELD**  
18866 Addison Dr \$67,000  
23271 Coventry Woods Ln \$287,000  
28538 E Kalong Cir \$110,000  
17381 Magnolia Pkwy \$55,000  
19625 Raleigh Cir S \$47,000  
27320 Sutherland St \$93,000  
28186 Sutherland St \$45,000  
**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP**  
9320 Waltham St \$60,000

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

**Real Estate Career Seminar**

Learn about the \$50 Income Guarantee from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road Suite 100 in Plymouth.

For more information contact Mike Workman at 734-459-4700 or [mworkman@kw.com](mailto:mworkman@kw.com).

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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@addvaluerealty.com](mailto:Georgia@addvaluerealty.com) or visit [\[ForeclosureTour.com\]\(http://ForeclosureTour.com\).](http://Free-</a></p>
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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.

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**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.

**Learn all about "flipping" notes**

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