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## Woehlke benefit

Olga's of Westland is hosting a fundraiser Saturday, June 15 to benefit the family of fallen Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke.

Stop by to eat at the Olga's in Westland Shopping Center between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. that day. Olga's is donating 15 percent of all sales from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. to the Woehlke family.

Woehlke died May 8 while fighting a fire at Marvaso's Italiane Grill and Electric Stick Pool Hall, leaving behind a wife and young daughter.

# W-W board OKs budget, tax rate for 2013-14

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools will start the new fiscal year with a better than expected fund balance due in large part to employee wage reductions and concessions agreed to in March.

Jim Larson-Shidler, the deputy superintendent of administrative and busi-

ness services, is projecting the district will start fiscal 2013-2014 with a \$4.8 million fund equity that could increase to \$5.5-\$6 million when the books are closed on 2012-2013.

"Over the last three years, we have lost \$945 per student from the state, that's over \$12 million," Larson-Shidler told the school board. "This

is the first year the full effect is hitting us."

Larson-Shidler was referring to the loss of \$6 million in additional state money the district had been receiving en lieu of millage not factored into its Proposal A foundation allowance. The loss was spread over two years - fiscal 2011-12 and 2013-2013.

"The \$945 per student

loss created a structural deficit that was forced on us, but with our fund balance and employee concessions this year we saved \$10-13 million overall," Larson-Shidler said.

## Balanced budget

The district is projecting revenues of just over \$101 million and plans to spend \$103.8 million. It will cover difference by

using \$2.8 million from its fund balance. Spending is down almost \$4 million over 2012-2013, as is the amount of fund equity being used to cover the revenue shortfall. For the current budget year, expenditures topped \$107.8 million and the district used \$7.042 million of its fund balance to cov-

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## Neighborhood Watch meeting

An informational meeting about a Norwayne Neighborhood Watch is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, June 24 at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy and south of Palmer.

Westland Police Officers Burke Lange and David Archambeau will be on hand for the meeting. Refreshments will be served and there will be children's activities.

For more information, call Brenda Hubbard at (734) 729-3833.

## Golden time

St. Theodore of Canterbury Parish, located at 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland, will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday, June 15.

The Most Rev. Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, will preside at a 4 p.m. Liturgy. All former parishioners are invited to join in the special Liturgy and reception that will follow.

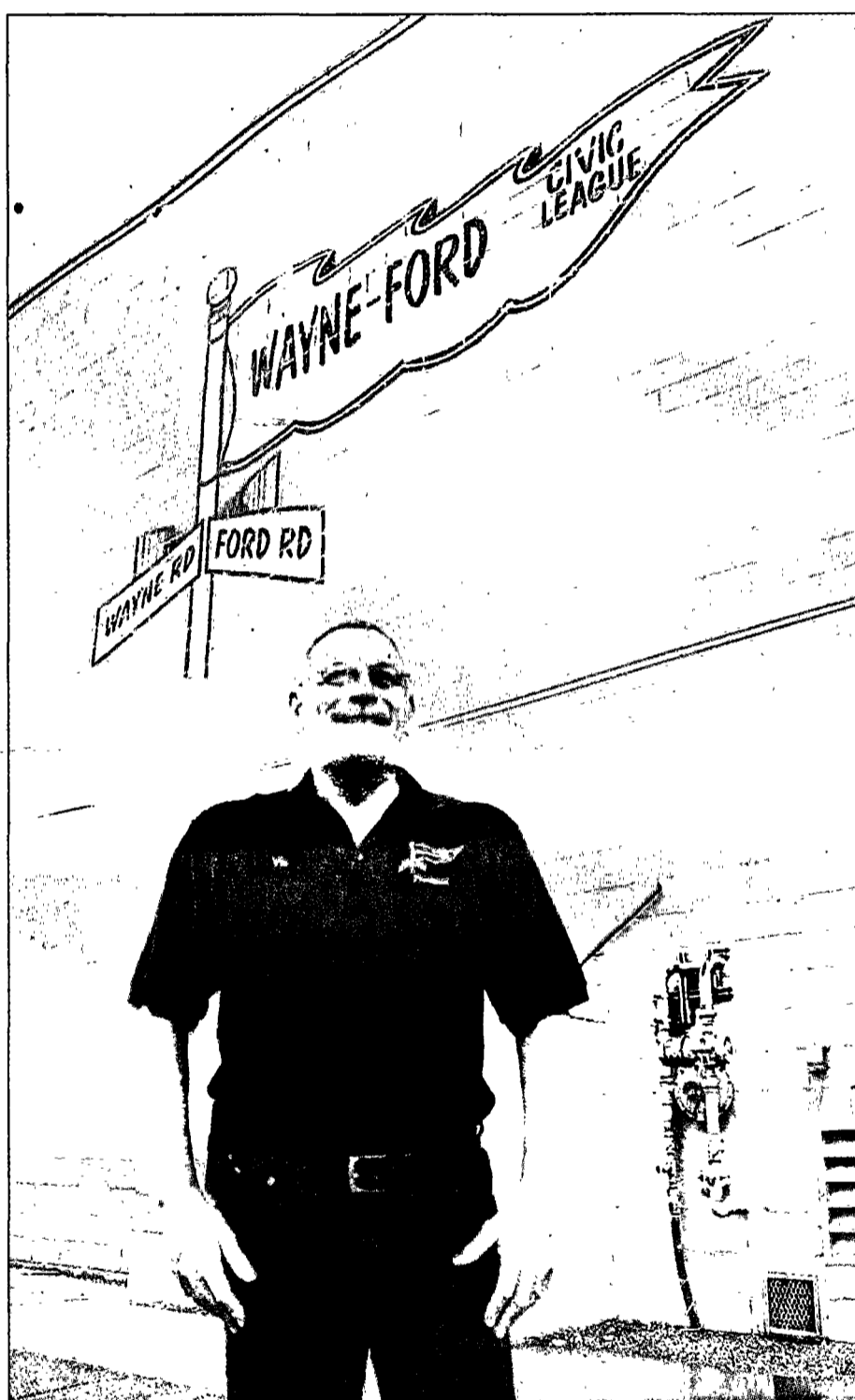
Contact the Parish Office at (734) 425 4421 (vm #10) for more information.

## Graduation memories

O&E Media photographers took hundreds of high school graduation photos over the last few weeks. These photos are available as framed keepsakes, prints or on T-shirts and coffee mugs.

Browse the graduation galleries on our website, hometownlife.com and you just might find an image you want to add to the family album. Every graduation photo is for sale and purchasing one is as easy as clicking on the yellow "buy photo" button above each image.

## WESTLAND FIRST CITIZEN



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Since taking over the Wayne Ford Civic League in 2004, Westland First Citizen Vic Barra has brought financial stability to the organization and made community involvement a big part of its activities.

## Civic league president honored as Westland's top volunteer

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

The Westland Goodfellows, the Westland Veterans Association, the Westland Historical Commission and countless individual requests for assistance are just some of the community donations made through the Wayne-Ford Civic League.

That community involvement has come under the leadership of Vic Barra, who has served as Wayne-Ford Civic League president since August 2004. For his efforts, Barra is being recognized as 2013 Westland First Citizen.

"There is only one thing I ask of recipients of a league endowment. They always say, 'How can I ever repay you?'"

Barra said. "They repay us when a time comes in their life that they meet someone in tough circumstances. They remember this day and reach out to help that person get over their troubles."

The Westland Goodfellows are among the charitable groups raising money throughout the year with bingo at the league, located on Wayne Road just south of Ford.

"Vic does a lot of different things. We support the Family Resource Center (at Adams Upper Elementary School)," said Heather Hatfield-Clear, co-chair of the Westland Goodfellows. "The first year, Vic basically reimbursed our \$2,500 donation for school supplies.

We were able to expand our support to school supplies and toiletries."

With 280 students attending Wayne-Westland schools classified as homeless, Hatfield-Clear said those youngsters are constantly strapped for shampoo, toothpaste and soap.

"They allowed us to put a collection box for toiletries at the league during bingo," Hatfield-Clear said. "He's doing a good job there. He supports the community in many ways. He never asks for recognition."

Hatfield-Clear commented that she also gets positive feedback from many of her accounting firm's clients about the twice-monthly dinner dances held for

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## Relayers find plenty to like about event

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

The cell was pretty crowded even before Andy the Armadillo — the Texas Roadhouse mascot — squeezed in.

"People want to throw their family and friends in jail. Eleven people was the most (locked up) at one time," said Westland Jaycee Sarah Austin, who was collecting \$1 to lock someone up for 10 minutes or \$3 bail. "We are going to start offering 10 minutes baby-sitting for \$1."

The Jaycees' jail was just one of many fundraising activities at Wayne's Attwood Park for the first combined Westland-Wayne Relay for Life. The 24-hour event raised more than \$61,000 for the American Cancer Society with 23 teams and 375 participants.

Along with operat-

ing the jail, the Jaycees were coordinating a basket raffle in which other teams provide baskets and receive the proceeds and hosting a cutest baby contest.

"We'll have midnight hot dogs, too. You get hungry walking at 2 a.m. and not many places have hot food," said Austin, who has participated in seven relays.

## Combined event

This is the first combined relay but the 12th for Westland, an event that not only raises money but awareness about cancer and celebrates survivors.

"I personally relay for my grandmother, who passed away from lung cancer and never smoked a day in her life," said Austin. "And for family and friends we have lost, family and friends

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Westland residents and John Glenn students Olivia Cabildo, Blake Madison and Amyi Gnacke represent the "Raging Rockets" at the Wayne-Westland Relay for Life.

## New homes planned for Clyde Smith property

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A new subdivision could soon be getting under construction on the site of a longtime farm market store.

Home Renewal Realty of Farmington Hills has purchased the now-vacant former Clyde Smith and Sons Farm Market on Newburgh south Joy.

"It's very exciting. They are going to want to revise the site plan to make it all single fami-

ly homes," said Westland Planning and Building Director Bruce Thompson.

That will be a change from the previous plans approved for developing the 36-acre parcel.

The market and greenhouse closed in late 2006 and plans had been approved for a mixed use development of 110 single family home with about five acres of commercial development along Newburgh.

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fighting cancer and family and friends who have won their battle with cancer."

Alyssa's Angels was formed in memory of 6-year-old Alyssa Temple, who died in 2006 of leukemia. When the 2013 event began, Alyssa's Angels was the top of leader board for fundraising.

"We get tired of fundraising. My friend wore out her (Alyssa's Angels) T-shirt and needed to get a new one," said Rhonda Temple, Alyssa's mother. "She wore it everywhere. It keeps Alyssa out there."

Now that her older children — Brandon, 18, and Justin, 19 — are out of high school, Temple said she wants to set up an Alyssa's Angels nonprofit to help kids with cancer go to camp.

Alyssa's Angels was the top fundraising team for 2013, bringing in more than \$8,400. One of the team members, Katie Kobos, was the top individual fund-raiser at more than \$3,100.

A new team this was from Toarmina's Pizza, selling luminaria and \$10 gift cards for \$5, good for pizza or Mickey's Twist soft-serve ice cream. On Saturday, Toarmina's was also donating all proceeds from pizza deliveries.

## Remembering Ben

Owner Lou Toarmina recalled Bob Corbett, who came to work at Toarmina's at 14 years old while battling cancer.

"His uncle asked us to give him a job, he wanted a regular life. We lost him at 18 — he had kept working for us," said Toarmina. "He had such a love of life. I think of the times he spent with us."

Over the first 10 years of the Westland Relay for Life, more than \$1 million was raised for the American Cancer Society.

The new location at Attwood Park was receiving positive comments from the participants, especially the nearby toilets instead of portable toilets.

"I like the (Attwood) park. It's nice, it's more open. I like that you can see other teams," said Temple, whose team had



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Matt Szanti of Westland pose for a picture R2D2, one of the many fund-raisers going on at the Relay for Life.



Aidan Graham takes a food break after helping out his grandmother, Kathy Graham of Westland.

a prime spot next to the track entrance.

Austin agreed. "Having real bathrooms is a huge benefit, especially if you are here at 2

a.m.," she said. "We won't have issues with muddy spots even if it rained. They've done a good job spacing out the tents. At Jaycee Park, there were



Mike Peeler of Westland was put in jail by a friend for a \$1 donation. Being in lockup didn't stop him from texting for help.

not people in the back. There were low spots and too many trees."

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## BUDGET

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er expenses.

Wayne-Westland will continue to lose students. Larson-Shidler has projected a loss of 250 students, bringing the blended count to 11,935, down from this year's 12,185 students. The loss has been pared back from the usual 300 students based on a lower than expected loss - 70 students - during the winter count in February and the expansion of the district's schools of choice program to K-11.

The district will receive a \$60 increase in its foundation allowance and a \$3 equity increase, bringing its per pupil payment to \$7,076 for 2013-2014. The amount is a far cry from the \$7,957 per student the district received three years ago.

"As of next year, we will be among the bottom school districts for school funding," Larson-Shidler said.

Those increases, however, will be offset by a \$47 reduction in what the district receives from the state to cover retirement cost among several items. The district also will receive \$3.6 million under a retirement rate cap categorical, but that money will flow through and return to the state to "show that it is a benefit," Larson-Shidler said.

## Retirement costs

The district's contribution for retirement will vary because of legislation that has employees select plans at different rates. According to Larson-Shidler, the percentages are between 24.79 percent and 26.96 percent. A majority of teachers across the state chose the lesser amount, he said.

With other factors, the district expects its state funding will actually drop \$16 per student for fiscal 2013-2014.

"The state will say we're receiving a 3 percent increase, but they're increasing the MPSEERS (retirement) rate," Larson-Shidler said. "If you stop at revenue at the top line of the budget that's a 3 percent increase. It's sort of a shuffle of money

and we come up \$16 less than last year."

The district expects to spend 10 percent less on the cost of substitute teachers due to a shared savings incentive it negotiated with the Wayne-Westland Education Association. Health care costs will reflect a conversion to a hard cap which is tied to the rate of inflation. For 2013-2014, the cost will be \$15,500 for a family, \$11,385 for two people and \$5,692 for a single person.

As part of the budget process, the board also approved the local 2013 tax levy. The sinking fund millage will be 0.992 mill. Debt retirement will increase to 5.26 mills, reflecting declining property values in the district. That millage is the highest it's been since 1998-1999 when 5.14 mills were levied.

"We're increasing the amount from 4.86 to 5.26 in order to get the same amount of money," Larson-Shidler said.

The school board approved the budget proposal as well as the tax rate 6-0, with Trustee Frederick Weaver absent.

Board Trustee Charles "Trav" Griffin acknowledged the "biggest power" the board has is setting the budget and determining the educational program. In looking at what has happened in the district financially, the board and administration "had the foresight to use the fund balance to keep programs" in place.

"I know we have enough to pay two weeks salaries, but the board has done the right thing," he said. "The employees took a real cut to save this district. It takes guts. I think we've made the right, the tough decisions."

"It's because of the sacrifice of the employees from Dr. (Superintendent Greg) Baracy on down, and we're spending two-thirds of the remaining equity," added board Vice-President Thomas Buckalew. "Fifty-five districts face review because of indebtedness and not one of them is Wayne-Westland."

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seniors at the league.

Those twice-monthly dinners are part of the core mission of the Wayne-Ford Civic League, established in 1951 to have programs for seniors living in western Wayne County. The

membership ranges from 200-300 people from various communities.

When Barra was asked to become president, the league was \$750,000 in debt and had little revenue after being mired in scandals that resulted a change in leadership.

"It really took a long time to get the confidence (in the league) back. I was initially considered part

of the previous regime," Barra said. "Over time, people gradually accepted I wasn't anyone's puppet, I'm my own person."

Employed full-time as a plumber with Ford Motor Company, Barra said serving as league president is like having an unpaid full-time job. He grew up in Westland and today lives within walking distance of the league with his wife of 20 years Laurie, league treasurer, and their son Christopher, 12.

When it comes to charitable efforts through the league, Barra focuses on

the local community.

"I understand there are problems across the area," Barra said. "The mayor (William Wild) recently mentioned keeping Oklahoma in our prayers. There is plenty in Westland, Garden City and Wayne that need attention."

At 53, Barra said he'd like to continue as league president until he retires from Ford in 10 years. He and Laurie plan to move to Florida for retirement.

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## PROPERTY

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D'orazio Construction, which had developed the 85-home North Creek Estates located immediately to the north, had approved plans but ran into financial problems and wasn't able to go forward with developing the Clyde Smith property. D'orazio also left 16 lots undeveloped in North Creek Estates. Two builders subsequently bought and developed eight lots each with work finished about a year ago.

The new subdivision is expected to have 140 homes and with a \$170,000-220,000 price range will be comparable to North Creek Estates, said Thompson.

"The two developers (of the 16 lots) built the

same home as D'orazio since it was so popular," said Thompson. "There is a really good market for \$175,000-220,000 new homes. We are really pleased."

The store and greenhouse that had been on the Smith property were demolished as were three homes, including an old farmhouse.

The business was the oldest of its kind in Michigan having opened in 1834. The Smith family used to sell produce at the old Western Market in Detroit.

An auction was held to sell equipment from the farm market. The Smith family also donated several antique farm tools to the Westland Historical Museum on Wayne Road south of Marquette.

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### The Wayne-Westland Community Schools announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for Children

Free meals will be made available to any child under the age of 18 or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency.

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Inkster, MI 48141

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1031 Schuman  
Westland, MI 48186

Taft Elementary  
4035 Gloria  
Wayne, MI 48184

Marshall Upper Elementary  
35100 Bayview  
Westland, MI 48186

Wildwood Elementary  
500 N. Wildwood  
Westland, MI 48185

Westpoint Manor Clubhouse  
41021 Michigan Ave.  
Canton, MI 48188

John Glenn High School  
36105 Marquette  
Westland, MI 48185

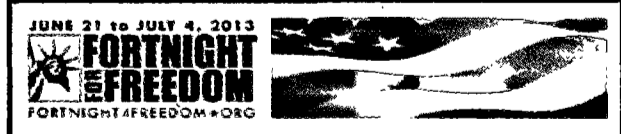
Wayne Memorial High School  
30071 Fourth Street  
Wayne, MI 48184

Meal Service will start Mon., June 17, 2013 at many locations\*  
\*Dates and hours vary by location.

For hours, dates and meals provided, please call the school.  
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# Legion Riders place wreath at Tomb of the Unknowns

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

As soon as Jeff Dold told Bruce Boland the wreath he wanted was to place at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery on Saturday, May 25, Boland knew one thing. He wasn't asking for payment.

"I'm proud I was able to do it for him," said Boland of Boland Florist in Garden City. "It was something I felt was important and I wanted to help out. It was an honor for me."

Boland created a wreath of fresh flowers almost 30 inches wide that Dold, the director of the American Legion Riders in Garden City, took to Washington, D.C., for the ceremony.

He was joined by fellow Riders Jerry Eden and Chuck Albright in placing the wreath at the tomb.

"It was very emotional, one of the highlights of my life that I won't forget," said Dold. "It was an unbelievable honor."

The trio was in Washington, D.C. for Rolling Thunder, an annual rally that honors veterans and fallen soldiers and raises awareness about prisoners of war and soldiers who are missing in action. This was the 26th year that thousands



Garden City residents Jerry Eden (from left), Chuck Albright and American Legion Riders Director Jeff Dold prepare to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery.

of motorcyclists — estimates placed the crowd at 500,000 riders — rode from the Pentagon to the National Mall Memorial Day, ending the 10-mile trip near the Lincoln Memorial.

### Road trip

Dold who has ridden in the event in past years, left his bike home, however, and went by car to get the wreath to Washington. He had to stop twice along the way to water it.

"Jeff got an education on how to take care of flow-

ers," said Boland.

It took Boland about two hours to create the wreath that included 125 red and white carnations, red roses, sala leaves sprayed in navy blue, white larkspur, a hint of delphinium and purple statice also spray-painted blue. The ribbon was embellished with the words, Never Forgotten.

"We weren't sure if it would be left one but in the pictures I saw, it was," said Boland, who served in the Air Force Reserves. "There's a video and it's interesting because

you can hear the wind, the clicking of the heels and the silence of the moment."

Dold was surprised and was "truly humbled" to hear he would be able to place a wreath at the tomb. He had to drop a couple of responsibilities and gladly did that "for this once in a lifetime thing."

The Legion Riders have been participating in Rolling Thunder probably as long as the group's been around. Some members have as many as 20 patch-



Bruce Boland used 125 carnations and red roses to create the wreath for Jeff Dold.

es from the event.

### 'Something to see'

"It's something to see," he said. "The rally starts at noon and can go six-eight hours. At the end, a Marine sergeant stands in the middle of the road and salutes every bike from the beginning to the end. Some riders roll by, some stop get off and salute him. Some of the ladies put roses at his feet. He's done that for years."

According to the Dold's wife, Kim, the honor of presenting the wreath was arranged by Diane Kaledas. Her husband, Bill, was a founding member of the American Legion Riders. The last time a member presented a wreath was five years ago.

"Bruce is very artistic, that wreath was absolutely gorgeous," said Kim Dold. "Jeff was proud to put that at the tomb. He said it outshined the ones that were there."

"I had a vision of what I wanted to do, and when Jeff did see it, he said it was what he hoped for. It made me feel very gratified. The florists in the immediate area around Arlington probably do wreaths, but around here, I probably was the first. It was an honor."

"These guys are very dedicated and patriotic," he added. "Jeff was the perfect person to place the wreath."

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## Sign up for summer reading program at Wayne Library

Registration for the Wayne Library's 2013 Summer Reading programs is underway.

Children, teens and adults can register for all programs in person or by calling (734) 721-7832. Registration for all children's programs begin two weeks prior to the event. Unless otherwise noted, all events are free of charge.

"Dig Into Reading!" the Summer Reading Program, runs through July 31. Read-

ers and "Read-to-Me" readers will keep track of their reading time and earn points that they can use to purchase prizes. Once 50 points are earned, youngsters will get a certificate of completion and be able to enter the grand prize drawing. Special events also will be held each week for children to discover groundbreaking ideas and fun.

• Terrifically Talented Tuesdays, June 25-July 30 - Pro-

grams for all ages will be held 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the Community Room. Events will last for approximately one hour. Please be on time!

Scheduled Tuesday programs are Journey to the Center of the Earth on June 25, Fourth of July craft on July 2, Make your own tracks T-shirt (bring your own plain T-shirt to be painted, no T-shirts will be provided) on July 9, Egyptian

Mummies with Kelsey Museum's Todd Gerring on July 16, Big Trucks with the Wayne Department of Public Works on July 23 and Dinosaurs to Reptiles on July 30.

• Wonderfully Wordy Wednesdays, June 26-July 31 - Drop-in story time for kids of all ages will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesdays in the Multipurpose Room in the Youth Area. Read stories, sing songs, have a door prize drawing and

crafts! Story time will last for approximately 45 minutes. No registration is necessary.

• New hours. Due to financial constraints, effective July 1 the Wayne Public Library will have reduced hours. The library will continue to be closed Sundays and Mondays. The library will open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 5 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.



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## Cash and jewelry stolen in break-in of GC home

### Break-in

A resident in the 31000 block of Pardo reported a home invasion when she returned home about 10:45 p.m. June 4.

Police believe the thief may have entered through the open window on the south side of the kitchen.

Items reported stolen included currency, coin, necklaces and his-and-her peridot rings. The resident indicated some of the items were removed from an unlocked lock box.

### Break-in

The manager of A Bud-ding Florist, 271 N. Ink-

### GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

ster Road, reported at 8:30 a.m. June 1 that someone broke the front glass door and stole the cash register.

Police found a large rock on the floor inside the building. Nothing else was stolen. A surveillance camera captured the image of a man who threw the rock and entered the building. The tape also showed his path after leaving the building.

### Break-in

A woman who lives in the 6400 block of Mid-

dlebelt said she left her apartment unlocked May 31 when she went to a party in another part of the complex. When she returned, she observed that somebody had been in her purse.

The resident said that somebody stole prescription drugs, which included 20 15 mg oxycontin tablets, 45 40 mg oxycontin pills and 70 Xanax pills.

Police were interviewing people who attended the party.

• A resident in the 31000 block of Alvin called her neighbor when she saw two unknown men running out of her neighbor's

yard about 4:30 a.m. May 31. They reportedly left in a white Ford F150 pickup truck.

A neighbor on the same block later discovered that someone kicked in the shed door and stole an edger and a bush trimmer.

### Property damage

A resident in the 5700 block of Belton told police June 3 that someone threw a bottle of Hennessy at his car which left three small dents.

### Retail fraud

Employees at the Kroger store on Middlebelt north of Ford sprung into action

about 9:30 a.m. June 5 and helped to detain a woman who they learned took a can of Red Bull. She concealed it in her clothes in the rest room and then failed to pay for the drink at the cashier.

### Trespassing

Police who arrived at a home in the 30000 block of Pierce about 7:30 p.m. June 3 saw that the father had his daughter's boyfriend in a headlock.

The father wanted the boyfriend arrested because he said that he told the man twice before that he didn't want him coming to his home to see his daughter. The daugh-

ter had tried to run out of the house but her dad grabbed her arm and the boyfriend tried to release the grasp.

The police arrested the boyfriend because he wasn't welcome on the property, according to the police report.

### Fraud

A resident in the 31000 block of Elmwood came to the police station May 30 to report that someone opened four new Verizon cell phone accounts by fraudulently using his personal information.

Verizon advised him to file a police report.

By Sue Buck

## Heating, cooling units among items stolen from Westland office building

### Larceny

A commercial heating/air conditioning unit and three commercial air scrubbers, valued at \$13,000, were reported stolen from an office building under renovation at 2066 S. Wayne Road on June 4. The owner said the equipment had been stolen June 2-3. The air conditioning unit weighs about 10 tons.

### Larceny from a vehicle

On June 4, a Westland woman told police that someone had stolen the catalytic converter from her 2002 Chevrolet Cavalier while it was parked

### WESTLAND COP CALLS

at Bed, Bath and Beyond, 35120 Central City Parkway.

### Larceny

A Canton man told police June 5 that someone had stolen the air conditioning unit from a vacant home he owns in the 1600 block of Berkshire. The unit was valued at \$1,000 and last seen June 1.

• A maintenance worker at Warren Woods Apartments, 33165 Warren Road, told police June 9 that someone had stolen two air conditioning units

valued at \$600.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A GPS unit and charger was reported stolen from a 2013 Ford while it was parked in the 200 block of Darwin on June 4. He said the doors were locked but the rear window wasn't closed all the way.

• A Samsung tablet and a GPS unit, valued at \$620, were reported stolen along with \$200 cash from a 2002 Pontiac Aztek parked in the 700 block of Easley overnight June 5. The owner said the vehicle had been left unlocked.

• A resident in the

33000 block of Hiveley told police June 5 that someone had stolen \$2 in change and a receipt from her 2000 Chevrolet Aveo which was unlocked. She said she wanted to file a report since her vehicle and her mother's vehicle had been broken into previously.

### Suspicious circumstance

A resident in the 1400 block of South Merriman told police he was awakened about 3:15 a.m. June 10 when someone tried to open the side door to his home. He said he went outside and saw someone in a dark hoodie. The sus-

pect ran when the resident asked what he was doing.

The suspect fled in a mini van that was parked in the center turn lane on Merriman, the resident said. There is a vacant vehicle on the property that had the trunk open and a rental truck which had its roll-up door open but nothing was reported stolen.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A Westland woman told police June 5 that she spent about 45 minutes walking in Central City Park. When she returned to her vehicle, which had been parked near the

H2O Zone sprayground, she said the window was smashed and her purse was gone.

### Vandalism

A resident at the Woodcrest Villa Apartments, 8366 Woodcrest, told police June 9 that she heard a loud noise from the parking lot. Checking, she said she found someone had used a small chunk of concrete to break a window on her 2007 Ford Fusion.

• On June 9, a Waterford man told police that someone had keyed his 2006 Mercury Milan while it was parked in the 5700 block of North Walton.

By LeAnne Rogers

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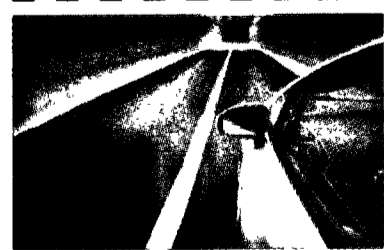
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# Kosowski to attend Bowhay legislative institute

State Rep. Robert L. Kosowski, D-Westland, is among 37 lawmakers selected to participate in a training program that annually identifies and assists promising state leaders in the Midwest.

Kosowski will meet with fellow lawmakers from Michigan and 10 other Midwestern states and the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan Aug. 9-13 in Madison, Wis., for the Council of State Governments 19th annual Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development.

"The Bowhay Institute is one of the premier leadership training programs in the nation," said Indiana state Rep. Ed Clere, who serves as co-chair of the insti-

tute's steering committee. "The legislatures in the region have benefited greatly from the skills their members have gained through this unique educational experience. Many of the graduates now hold leadership positions in their state."

"I am honored to have been chosen to receive a fellowship to the 2013 Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development," Kosowski said. "I am eager to participate in this unique program and learn from those who have exclusive insight into the challenges faced by state legislators."

Since 1995, more than 620 lawmakers have graduated from the Bowhay Institute, including Westland's state



State Rep. Robert L. Kosowski, D-Westland, has selected to participate in the Council of State Governments 19th annual Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development.

Sen. Glenn Anderson and Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc. State legislators from Illinois, Indiana,

Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin are chosen to par-

ticipate through a competitive, nonpartisan selection process. Members of the Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, and Saskatchewan legislative assemblies are selected by their caucuses to take part in the program.

BILLD was founded in 1995 to help new legislators meet the demands of program devolution and, in many states, term limits. These two emerging forces highlight the shortage of training available for legislators, a void that BILLD aims to fill.

A program of The Council of State Governments' Midwestern Office, BILLD is held in partnership with the University of Wisconsin's Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs. Courses and

seminars are conducted by La Follette faculty, Midwestern legislative leaders and professional development experts. In addition to courses designed to develop leadership skills, the program analyzes a variety of public policy issues, including the economy, education and health care policy.

The Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development is named in honor of the late James Bowhay, long-time director of The Council of State Governments' Midwestern Office. The program is funded through grants from foundation and corporate sponsors and in-kind contributions provided by The Council of State Governments' Midwestern Office.

# Charitable community aids Open Door food pantry

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Open Door Ministry, a Canton-based food pantry that has helped fight area hunger for a decade, has benefitted this season as community groups raise money and volunteer their time to help the organization, an offshoot of Canton's Connection Church.

"It is amazing how so many groups are pitching in to help out at Open Door Ministry," Director Steve Darr said.

From its warehouse on Lilley south of Michigan Avenue, Open Door Ministry provides food each week to about 450 families from communities such as Canton, Westland, Livonia, Plymouth, Garden City, Redford, Belleville, Inkster and Ypsilanti.

Open Door recently received \$1,100 from Canton Newcomers, a local charity and social group that raised money from a recent Mom-to-Mom sale.

"We very much appreciated their very generous donation," Darr said.

America's Most Wanted Car Club plans to donate money to Open Door from a fundraiser at Liberty Fest, starting with a kickoff registration 5-

8 p.m. Friday in Canton's Heritage Park.

Next up, Antonio Coleman, social director for Pilgrim Village Apartments in Canton, has issued a public invitation to The Taste of Canton, a charity pool party set for 7-11 p.m. Friday, June 28, at the complex, located at 7655 Balmoral Drive, west of Lilley between Warren and Joy.

Coleman said the event, sponsored by Tonio Entertainment and L.R. Management, has been

confirmed for the complex's clubhouse and pool area for attendees 18 and over. There is no admission, but those attending are asked to make a donation for Open Door Ministry.

"We just want to do the best we can (to raise money)," Coleman said.

The event includes food tasting, a juice bar but no alcohol, music, dance lessons such as salsa and the hustle, prize raffles and vendors around the perimeter of the pool

area. Coleman said prizes are to include a Canton-based dinner-movie-hotel package, a visit to a massage business and gift certificates, among others.

Coleman said he heard about Open Door Ministry through the church he attends, Lifechurch, at Warren and Haggerty in Canton.

"We're promoting (the pool-party fundraiser) as a community event," he said.

Registration isn't necessary, but anyone who has questions may contact Coleman at tonio.ent@gmail.com.

Meanwhile, Darr said Open Door Ministry on an ongoing basis has about 50 different organizations helping out with finances, volunteers and prayers. He said the Open Door recently had 40 Girl Scouts from Canton Charter Academy come out to help.

"We receive help from local businesses, schools,

clubs, churches, youth groups and many individuals throughout this community," Darr said. "The people of this community are clearly letting their light shine as they reach out to those in need. We are so blessed to have such a great community in which to serve."

For more on the organization, go to [www.opendoorfoodministry.org](http://www.opendoorfoodministry.org).

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# Garden City seniors receive their diplomas

More than 300 students took their final walk at Garden City High School during commencement ceremonies held at the school on Friday.

The graduates were led by valedictorian Nathan Redmann, with Andrew Burek and Denise Calka as salutatorians. All three graduates finished the year with a 4.1525 grade point average.

The guest speaker was Paul Fisher. The associate dean of the Business and Economics Division of Henry Ford Community College, Fisher is a 1997 Garden City High School graduate. He has his bachelor of science degree from Bowling Green State University, master of arts degree from and doctoral degree in economics, both from Wayne State University.

He joined the economics staff at HFCC in 2008 and served as chair of the Technology Investment Committee, a member of the Faculty Senate, chair of the Constitutional Revision Committee, member of the Advisory Board for the Center for Teaching Excellence and Innovation and co-chair of the Professional Issues Conference Committee before moving into administration.

In addition to Redmann, Burek and Calka, also graduating with honors and their GPAs were:

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Caps and gowns are draped over two empty chairs to honor classmates who died.



Valedictorian Nathan Redmann addresses his fellow graduates during commencement ceremonies at Garden City High School Friday evening.



Graduates Matthew Waterkamp (from left), Paul Caruso, Saff Jassim and Hope Lovelace are ready to march to the football stadium to receive their diplomas.



Jacob Kieltyka smiles as he receives his diploma from Garden City school board trustee Loraine Stover.



Graduate Olivia Bosen gets a hug from her mother Michele after the ceremony.



Salutatorian Denise Calka delivers an emotional speech during the ceremony.



Graduate Rebecca Reiter walks past school board Vice-President Darlene Jablonski and Trustee Lynette Childress after receiving her diploma.



Senior Darius Suber Jr. removes his cap during the national anthem.



Julene Pummill waits to step forward to receive her diploma.



# Ladywood says goodbye to Class of 2013



Valedictorian Laurel Cummings of Westland is heading to University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Ladywood High School in Livonia graduated its Class of 2013 on June 2.

Seventy-seven young women received diplomas. The day began with a Baccalaureate Mass followed by the Commencement at St. John Neumann Parish in Canton.

Co-valedictorians were Falon Simpson of Northville and Laurel Cummings of Westland, and

co-salutatorians were Alexandra Parisot of Dearborn and Allison Mallick of Northville.

The class of 2013 was offered more than \$4 million in scholarship money, including both academic and athletic. Hannah Pereira of Farmington Hills received a full-ride scholarship to the Naval Academy, and Andrea Anastos of Farm-

ington Hills received a full-ride scholarship for ice hockey to Boston College.

"It was a beautiful day as these young ladies were celebrated for their accomplishments, inducted into the alumnae association, and bid farewell to the home they have known for four years," Principal Tracey L. Mocon said.



Members of the Class of 2013 throw their caps in front of St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church in Canton following the commencement.



Jillian Seach of Plymouth, Celeste Fidge of Westland, Hannah Lauer of Livonia and Andria Gietl of Plymouth pose for a photo following the ceremony.



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## Must-have portable gadgets

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

Spending time on the lake or on the go this summer? Here's a number of portable tools that will help make your life a bit more enjoyable, mobile and convenient.

**Portable speakers:** The No. 1 must have tech toy for anyone who loves music without the hassle. Buy a portable speaker with Bluetooth and wi-fi capabilities to stream tunes from your phone at the cottage, on the lake or camping in the woods.

Want the best sound for on the market? There's no need for a huge surround sound system. The Jawbone Jambox line of speakers packs a punch for a relative small size. The small Jawbone Jambox, retails for \$129, down from \$199 last year, while the BIG Jambox retails for \$249, down from \$299 last year. The Jambox line of speakers has the best range and best sound of any portable Bluetooth, wi-fi enabled speaker on the market.

I tested the Jawbone

Jambox from Verizon Wireless. It paired seamlessly with my iPhone as well as my laptop computer. Don't want to spend that much for a speaker? Verizon Wireless has a long line of speakers and other wireless accessories that are Bluetooth and wi-fi capable.

**Portable video cameras:** Capture all of your summer adventures in full HD video with a portable camera like the Go Pro HD Hero 3. Strap it on your mountain bike for your next ride, or mount on your speedboat to catch wake boarding and waterskiing action. The Go Pro HD Hero 3 sells for \$199 and has a number of accessories like a water proof case so you can do more fun things like go swimming with your camera in tow. Like all Go Pro models, this camera is designed specifically for action shots.

**Portable power:** There is nothing worse than leaving the house and having your cell phone, camera or tablet die. With a portable power source like the ReVive Power Up, tech junkies can recharge their devices on the go. The ReVive Power Up can charge one device through a traditional DC plug plus two more devices with USB plugs. When plugged into a car's DC outlet, it can charge even

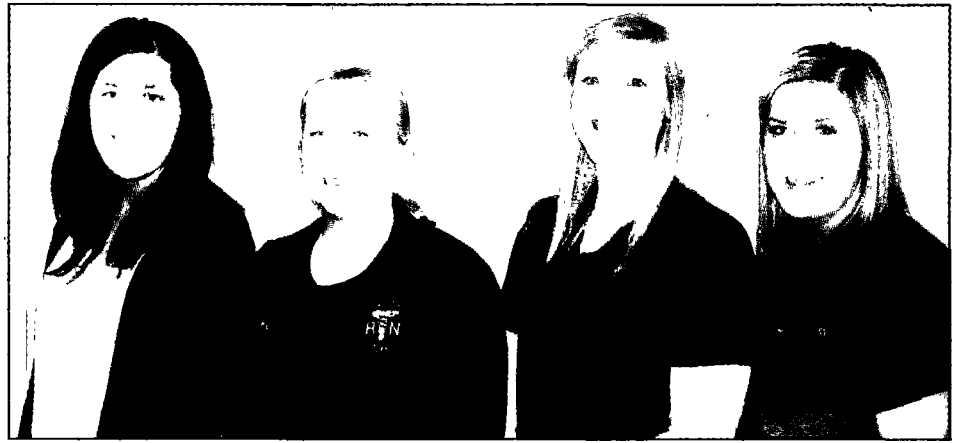
more devices. And for about \$20, this device is a steal.

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**Portable devices:** Now how about some portable devices that can keep you entertained on the road, on the water or when camping? Apple and Samsung continue to lead the charge for best mobile phones with the iPhone 5 and Samsung Galaxy 4, respectively. For tablets, the mini iPad is great because of its small size, but the Windows Surface is also a great option because of its ability to multi-task.

If you are someone who is always on the go, look for a device that fits your specific lifestyle. For example, search a device that has a robust app store, good wireless signal strength, battery life and more. Once you decide what features you need most in a device, it will be easier to narrow the many options down.

Jon Gunnells is a freelance writer and social media planner. Comments or suggestions for future columns? Email jonathan.gunnells@gmail.com or follow him on Twitter at @GunnSh0w.



Receiving Botsford Hospital's Safety Award were nurses Jaclyn Kuclo (from left), Kelly Minckiewicz, Jillian Kloc and Danielle Elswick. Not pictured is Whitney Maley who also received the award.

## Botsford nurses win Safety Award

A Westland resident is among a group of five nurses Botsford Hospital has named as recipients of its Safety Award.

The recipients include Danielle Elswick of Westland, Jillian Kloc of Belleville, Jaclyn Kuclo of Farmington Hills, Kelly Minckiewicz of Woodhaven and Whitney Maley of Howell.

While working on Botsford's Progressive Care Unit, these five nurses identified an opportunity to up patient care quality and safety by improving communication among caregivers during change-of-shift. A fundamental goal during change-of-shift is providing an accurate and complete hand-

off report to the next care provider to ensure that pertinent information is discussed, plans of care are reviewed, and patient-care outcomes are achieved.

With the support and approval of Botsford management, these nurses began by reviewing practices used in other institutions and professional journal articles. After identifying techniques to make patient care safer through good communication, they presented the concept of walking bedside nursing rounds at change-of-shift to their nursing peers and won their support, too.

The rounds allow oncoming and off-going

shift nurses to talk face-to-face with patients and families about their care, goals, and needs. These rounds enable coming and going shifts to verify pertinent information and initiate clarifications. In the process, patients become active participants with emphasis placed on a shared responsibility for one's plan of care. Furthermore, patient needs can be immediately identified, which facilitates the prioritization of a nurse's work load. Anticipated results include an overall increase in nursing and patient satisfaction, a decrease in needless waits and delays, and a culture shift toward patient-centered care and patient safety.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Community Shred Day

Comerica Bank and Iron Mountain Incorporated announced they will partner to host the sixth annual community Shred Day at Comerica's Livonia Operations Center at

39200 6 Mile Road at Haggerty 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 15.

Last year, more than 12 million adults became victims of identity theft. Shred Day is designed to help prevent metro Detroiters from becoming victims and to raise

awareness about proper recycling methods. Shredding personal documents is one of the most effective ways to prevent sensitive information from making it into the wrong hands.

Iron Mountain will shred boxes or bags of

paper documents at the event, which is free and open to the public. After being securely destroyed, all shredded material will be made into pulp and recycled.

"Comerica Bank is pleased to partner with Iron Mountain for the sixth consecutive year to offer such an important service free of charge to metro Detroiters," said Linda Forte, senior vice president of Business Affairs, Comerica Bank. "It's our hope that Shred Day not only raises awareness of the seriousness of identity theft, but also helps prevent people from becoming victims."

Forte added that this year, there will be volunteers from Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan onsite to collect donations of nonperishable food items.

"We encourage everyone to help the community while they're protecting their identity," she said.

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### Marketing Ziebart

Ziebart Corporation has announced an agreement with Vehicle Protective Services LLC, led by Harold Kuhn, formerly of Park Motor Sales, in marketing Ziebart products and services to the metro Detroit market automobile dealerships.

For over 50 years, Ziebart Corporation has been partnering with car dealerships across the U.S. and the world to provide an additional profit center through the Ziebart Goldshield program (ZGP). The ZGP allows dealerships to increase their gross profit with increased aftermarket penetration by selling many of Ziebart's products or services at the dealership to both new and used vehicle consumers. The Ziebart Gold Shield program includes full sales training and ongoing sales support to ensure each dealership is up-to-date on new prod-

ucts, product features and benefits to their customers.

"I am very excited to be partnering with Ziebart Corporation to help introduce the new Ziebart Gold Shield program to Metro Detroit area car dealerships," says Kuhn. "Founded on rust protection on 1959, Ziebart is now the world leader in automobile detailing, films including window tint and paint protection film, Rhino Linings sprayed-on Truck bed liner, accessories and more. I am excited to share the Ziebart car dealer aftermarket profit opportunity with Metro Detroit dealers."

"Harold Kuhn brings a wealth of knowledge to all metro Detroit car dealers having been a car dealer principle for over 15 years," says Kenneth P. Daubenspeck, Ziebart Director of Retail Operations. "He knows what works, what doesn't and what's important to any owner or general manager when it comes to increasing their profit within the aftermarket department."



Lisa is a 39-year-old mom. She's in the market for a new SUV. (The soccer team did a job on the last one.)

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## Unappealing task? Eat a frog

By Clarity Patton  
Newhouse  
Guest Columnist

Have you noticed that getting started is usually the hardest part of any task? Especially the distasteful ones! It certainly is for me, and apparently I'm not alone. We all inevitably face unappealing tasks, sometimes as distasteful as eating a frog — raw! So what's the solution? Eat the frog for breakfast.

These are wise words I try to live by, which I originally heard some time ago from Pamela Jett, an expert on how to manage pressure and stay positively focused. The concept is simple. Since you have to eat the

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frog eventually, get it out of the way first. Without the distasteful task (whatever it is) hanging over your head, suddenly the day is sunnier and more productive.

But what about the big roadblock: getting started? I use another simple, helpful technique: set a time limit. Tell yourself you're only going to work on it for ten minutes. Then you'll move on to something else and get back to it later. Ten minutes seems palatable so the concept gets you started; then the magic happens when the ten minutes have passed and you suddenly discover you're on a roll with the hardest part behind you.

Best of luck eating today's frog — and have a sunny day!

Clarity

P.S. "The secret of getting ahead is getting

started. The secret of getting started is breaking your complex overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks, and then starting on the first one."

Mark Twain

P.P.S. I always enjoy hearing from you and I thank you for sharing Sunny Notes with others. You can help spread the sunshine by inviting others to subscribe to Sunny Notes at [www.joinsunny-notes.com](http://www.joinsunny-notes.com)

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# Car cruises, shows a sure sign of summer

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff writer

In August 2012, an estimated 40,000 classic and hot rod cars joined the processional cruise along Hines Drive. And that was double the number of cars who attended the first cruise in 2011.

"2013? I quit guessing," said Don Nicholson of Don Nicholson Enterprises.

Nicholson is the Westland resident behind the Cruisin' Hines event, as well as a number of other well-known shows and cruises throughout metro Detroit.

Cruises and car shows are just a part of the summer scene in the Motor City metropolitan area. Whether large or small, the events that offer their own brand of Americana, draw hundreds if not thousands of car enthusiasts and collectors, as well as interested visitors. "I think it is a regional thing. Does the Motor City have a lock on it? No. But it is king," Nicholson said.

Bob Steinhaus, founding member of the Grand River Cruisers Car Club, which hosts Cruisin' the Grand weekly in downtown Farmington would agree.

"They are popular because it is Michigan. We have good weather and gorgeous cars."

And there is a difference between cruises and car shows. Cruises are typically without a registration fee to car enthusiasts who bring their classic or hot rods cars. A car show comes with a registration fee and can include an awards show.

## True classics

Regardless whether it's a cruise or a show, spectators are sure to be entertained this summer when they see the true classics - historic cars - as well as revved up hot rods. It isn't unusual, Nicholson said, for a lot of peo-



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Revved up hot rods and vintage and classic cars fill the Bellacino's parking lot for Cruisin' the Grand every Monday in downtown Farmington.

ple to buy fairly new cars and modify them, whether with spiffy wheels and hubcaps or redone interiors or any other modifications that suit their fancies.

"There are a lot of different levels," Nicholson said. "There is something definitely for every individual."

Car enthusiasts can spend as little as a few thousand dollars on purchasing a classic or rod or as much as several hundred thousand dollars. "You really can see such a wide range," Nicholson added.

Residents throughout Oakland and Wayne counties are sure not only to see hot rods and classic cars in traffic, but also at shows and cruises.

Of course, the grand dame of all cruises is the 19th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise scheduled for Aug. 17. The premier show annually draws more than one million spectators and approximately 40,000 participants and their autos.

Considered the largest one day classic car event in the world, the cruise had a humble beginning. Ferndale plumber Nelson House came up with the idea in 1994 as a way to raise money to build a soccer field. More than 250,000 attended that first cruise, confirming its potential success.

On a smaller scale, the Grand River Cruisers Car Club begins its weekly Cruisin' the Grand as early as April. The event began years ago in Farm-

ington and though the cruisers have moved to a variety of places for the gathering, it is now nestled cozily in the parking lot of the Village Commons shopping center on the north side of Grand River, just east of Grove. Car enthusiasts and spectators gather beginning and 5 p.m. every Monday and stay until dusk.

The gatherings have become an event, with DJ music, occasional entertainment, 50/50 drawing, door prizes and discounted food prices, said Harvey Ettinger, one of the cruise's founders and promoters. The cruise is free for car owners and spectators.

The Grand River Cruisers also help raise money for local charities and needy individuals. In the past, donations have been made to Farmington High School Falcons Marching Band, Salvation Army, Carnival of Care and Farmington Area Goodfellows.

## Cruise for a cause

Charity often drives the local shows and cruises, such as the ninth annual car show at the Livonia Public Schools' Western Wayne Skill Center at 8075 Ritz in Westland.

Organized by Nicholson, whose son attends the center, the annual Charity Car Show is coming up at 6-9 p.m. Monday, June 24 in parking lot off Ritz. The event is free to the public, but those who register for the event beginning at 4 p.m. are charged \$15. One-hundred percent

of the proceeds are provided to the center.

"We had more than 100 cars at the show each year," Nicholson added.

Another fund-raising car show is one planned for 6-9 p.m. Monday, July 15 at Bill Brown Ford on Plymouth Road. "They clear out the sales lot," Nicholson said.

The \$15 registration fee for those who show their classics and hot rods is donated to the Livonia Public Schools Foundation. Vendors with refreshments are available throughout the event.

Nicholson is also planning the third annual car show - a fund-raiser - at Marycrest Manor, 15475 Middlebelt in Livonia in September. Again, the \$15 registration fee charged to each enthusiast who brings their car is donated to the facility.

## Community support

A first for Westland all day on July 13 will be the All-American Cruise up and down Wayne Rd., which will remain open for the event. The cruise will run between Glenwood and Joy.

Designed as a promotional event, the city of Westland will have a chance to show itself off, including the business community. Sponsorships are available.

"It really is a tourism event," Nicholson said.

The American Legion Myron H. Beals Post 32 at 9318 Newburgh in Livonia kicked off its annual car show season Thursday, June 6. The event runs at 5 p.m. every Thursday throughout the summer. The last show is on Thursday, Aug. 29.

Out in Milford car enthusiasts can be assured that every Sunday, thousands of classic cars and hot rods will be on display at Baker's Weekly Car Show.

The popular restaurant and banquet center at 2025 S. Milford Rd., just south of the entrance to Kensington Metropark, began the weekly car shows in 1996. The event is free to car owners and spectators but there's always plenty of food and refreshments and vendors.

And later in the summer, the Cruisin' Hines event begins at 9 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 25. Hines Drive will be closed for the day as cruisers drive up and down the road showing their cars. They can also park in designated areas to show spectators their classics and hot rods.

"This show just keeps growing," Nicholson said.

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# Understand bond quality, duration before investing

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

Many readers have noticed that they lost

money on some bonds in May. As of late, stocks have done well while bonds have been struggling. One of the reasons for the decline is that interest rates spiked a bit last month. When interest rates rise, the value of bonds goes down. When interest rates go down the value of bonds goes up.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

It has been a while since I've talked about bonds so this is a good time to do a brief bond primer.

When you consider adding bonds into your portfolio it is important to understand the concepts of quality and duration. Understanding these concepts is essential as these two areas help you understand risk and return relating to bonds.

When you purchase a bond you get paid in two ways. The first is the interest that the bond pays on a periodic basis and the second is when the bond matures you receive the face value of the bond. The quality of the bond is the key ingredient in determining interest and whether you receive payment upon maturity. In other words, the higher the quality of the bond the less risk of default. In addition, the higher quality of the bond also means that the interest paid is less than on a lower quality bond.

**Quality categories**  
When it comes to quality, bonds can be divided into a few different categories. The first of these is obligations backed by the U.S. government. Despite our current economic difficulties, U.S. treasuries are still the gold standard. There virtually is no risk of default on these bonds. The next quality of bonds is investment grade. Investment grade bonds are issued by entities that are financially stable and that have a history of repaying their obli-

gations. Once again, the risk of default is low. Interest paid on these types of bonds is still low but greater than on U.S. government obligations.

The next main category of bonds is high yield or sometimes referred to as junk bonds. High yield bonds are issued by entities that are not in very good financial shape or do not have a history of repaying their obligations. These bonds have the highest potential for default and pay the highest rates of return.

It is important to recognize, particularly within the high yield or junk bond category, that there are many different sub-categories. There are some junk bonds that make for good investments while there are others that you would need ice water running through your veins before you would invest in them.

## Interest rate

The other concept when it comes to bonds is duration. Duration affects the volatility of your bond and the interest rate. As mentioned earlier, when interest rates go up the value of bonds go down. The longer the bond has until maturity, the greater volatility of the value of the bond.

Typically a 30-year bond will fluctuate more than a two-year bond whether interest rates go up or down. In addition, duration is also important to interest rates. The longer the duration of the bond the higher the interest rate.

Before you purchase a bond or purchase a bond mutual fund, it is essential to know the ratings of the bond and its duration. Knowing these two items allows you to understand how your bond will react in different market conditions.

I believe that an educated investor is a better investor. The more you know about investing the better your portfolio will perform and after all, isn't that what it's all about.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like him to respond to your questions, email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).

## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On June 18, 2013, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
2007	PONTIAC	TORRENT	BLACK	2CKDL73F976027547
2001	FORD	WINDSTAR	TAN	2FMZA6145BA40525
1998	TOYOTA	CAMRY	RED	4TBF22KKWU044201
1995	OLDS	88	BLUE	1G3HN52K8S4819902
2005	MINIBUS	GALANT	GRAY	4A3AB36F5E052548
1998	TOYOTA	CAMRY	WHITE	4T1BG22KKWU246825
1998	CHEVROLET	BLAZER	BLACK	1GNDDT13W9W239907
1992	PONTIAC	SUNBIRD	WHITE	1G2JC14H4N7530220
2001	MAZDA	PROTEGE	TAN	JM1BJ225810424182
1993	DODGE	CARAVAN	BLUE	2B4GH4536PR340297
2002	OLDS	ALERO	GRAY	1G3NLL12E02C146928

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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## CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 11 6/3/13

- Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves  
92: WWFCU Vendor Sales 7/13.  
- Appr. temp. structure @ 31234 Warren Rd. for firework sales 6/28-7/4.  
- Appr. Salvation Army to Ring the Bell 7/13, 7/20 & 7/27.  
- Appr. bid for refurbishment of 2 city dump trucks to Cannon Truck Equipment; amt. \$64,810.00.  
- Approval of Contract with DTE to Upgrade Street Lighting; total cost \$12,325.  
- Adopted Budget Amendment 2013-13; Increase Unallocated Fund Balance amt. \$20,444.  
- Appr. ext. of City's Parks & Recreation Master Plan to 12/31/13.  
- Adopted 1 NSP acquisition for 2618 Caledonia Ct.  
- Adopted prepared resolution to correct Quit Claim Deed for 33430 Bentley dated 7/9/98.  
94: Appr. minutes of meeting held 5/20/13.  
95: Appr. 2013 Mutual Gains Plan.  
96: Adopt Fiscal Yr. Budget for 2013/2014.  
97: Adopted Res. spreading millage for 2013/2014 fiscal yr.  
98: Adopt Capital Improvement Program as amended for 2013/2014 fiscal yr.  
99: Appr. 2013-14 Admin Fee Schedule.  
103: Adopted amended resolution regarding Veteran's Memorial Garden.  
104: Appr. rev site plan for prop outdoor dining addition to Country Grill Restaurant, 501 S. Wayne Rd. w/contingencies.  
105: Appr. prop. land division, PID #003-99-0012-701, SE corner of Ann Arbor Trail & Middlebelt.  
106: Conf. re-appt. W. Wild as Del. to CWCSA, term to exp. 6/30/14.  
107: Conf. re-appt. K. Buford as Alt. Del. to CWCSA, term to exp. 6/30/14.  
108: Appr. checklist: \$ 875,582.16 & Prepaid: \$ 14,586.86.  
Mtg. adj. at 8:20 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President

Eileen DeHart  
City Clerk, CMC

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# Help save bomber plant at Willow Run

By Bob Hynes  
Guest Columnist

The Yankee Air Museum and its partner, the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, are on a mission to save a cornerstone of the Arsenal of Democracy.

The historic bomber plant at Willow Run Airport, which turned out more than 8,700 B-24

Liberator heavy bombers in World War II, is headed for demolition. The legacy of this factory goes well beyond building armaments. This complex helped build a nation in every way imaginable.

My good friend, the great broadcaster and meteorologist Sonny



Bob Hynes

Eliot, passed to a better place, Nov. 16, 2012. Sonny was a pilot and combat veteran of the U.S. Army Air Forces in World War II. He commanded a B-24 Liberator in the strategic air war against Nazi Germany. His B-24 was shot down, but he survived. For 18 months, he was a prisoner of war, Sonny was also a life member of the Yankee Air Museum.

If he were here, I'm sure he would be working to save the bomber plant. Now my friend is forecasting with his inimitable charm, perpetually happy atmospheres in his heavenly realm. Sonny's brilliance could shed light on light. So I'll take a cue from his style manual and keep this message simple, direct and true.

We need help to save the bomber plant.

The opportunity to save a critical portion of the plant arose just recently. More importantly, we have only until Aug. 1 to raise the needed funds. At present, we need to raise more than \$5 million. We've raised \$3 million so far.

The Yankee Air Museum and Michigan Aerospace Foundation need media champions. We simply do not have the wherewithal to conduct the kind of mass communications necessary to be successful. We need to get the word out, tell our story and ask for help far and wide to achieve our mission.

We need audience participation now. Yes, that means you. Visit [www.savethebomberplant.org](http://www.savethebomberplant.org) for the whole story. Everything you need to know is there. Please donate and help spread the word.

For me, it's about my friend Sonny Eliot. For you, it may be about Rosie the Riveter. For all of us, it's about preserving tangible evidence ... we were here and, because of that, democracy prevailed.

Bob Hynes, an aviator and longtime Detroit TV and radio broadcaster was host of WXYZ-TV's morning show from 1966-77. Hynes also hosted a radio program, *Night Flight 760*, on WJR-AM (760) in the 1980s. He is a member of the Yankee Air Museum Board of Directors and chairman of the public relations committee.

# Lock experts in Mackinac barn for real education reform

By Tom Watkins  
Guest Columnist

During the annual Detroit Regional Chamber Policy Conference on Mackinac Island, the only thing more consistent than the lingering smells of horse manure and fudge is the call for school reform and additional school funding.

Once again the chamber attracted some "big name" education reformers to Mackinac: former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and former head of Washington, D.C.'s school system and now leader of Student First, Michelle Rhee.

Next year the goal should be to skip inviting "experts" from afar and instead focus on inviting the team of Michigan educators, policy and political leaders who have actually "fixed" our educational mess.

The news that the Buena Vista School District closed its doors along with the threat of the Pontiac Schools doing the same — even before the school year has officially ended — is a national embarrassment. This was followed by the sobering news that the Albion School District will be closing its high school next year because of it can't afford to keep it open.

There are nearly 50 school districts operating in a deficit, most for several years. Many school districts are so close to being underwater financially that the slightest wave will sink them. The spotlight

on these school messes should force bigger questions: Should we be perpetuating 550 local school districts, some as small as Buena Vista with 420 students? Is our system of funding schools sustainable? Are new revenues directed at our schools enhancing the teaching and learning of students or simply propping up unsustainable legacy costs?

Is it true that Michigan is ninth in K-12 education spending and 35th in performance? Are we getting the proper return on investment for the billions of dollars spent annually on our schools?

Maybe we should consider changing the name of the Department of Education to the Department of Health Care and Pensions — because that's exactly where any new resources flowing to our schools will end up. (See: 2004 Report: Structural Funding Issues Facing Michigan Schools in the 21st Century at [www.michigan.gov/documents/michiganschoolfunding\\_110803\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/michiganschoolfunding_110803_7.pdf))

Does the legislature need to keep stepping into all this mess before they acknowledge there is a problem?

The current debate surrounding reform and new money for our schools brings to mind that old Miller Lite beer commercial, "Great Taste ... Less Filling!"? Which is it to be? "More Reform. Less Money!" or "More Money! Less Reform!" The fact is, our system of education needs a targeted dose of both.

We need to get serious-thinking people together to forge a compromise that

matches sensible reform align with funding increases which are targeted at teaching and learning. Reforms without resources won't cut it, any more than more money without reform will!

Providing more money without structural reforms and addressing unsustainable legacy cost is like pouring water into a glass with a hole in the bottom — wondering why the glass can never be filled. If we continue on the same course we will simply perpetuate the status quo which does not prepare our kids for our 21st century hyper-competitive, disruptive, knowledge economy where jobs and innovation can, and do, move around the globe effortlessly.

My solution? Gov. Snyder should bring the various sides together, lock them in a horse barn on Mackinac Island, and not release them until they find a shared vision and common agenda to address the need for resources targeted at teaching, learning, and structural reforms that address the unsustainable nature of our current system — one that is holding our children and state back. Sensible people with good will can solve this problem.

Perhaps being locked in a Mackinac horse barn until they do may be just the incentive they need to only get some real horse sense about the issues, but also get the job done!

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## ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2013-19 June 4, 2013

Special Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. All Members Present. Recessed to a closed session at 7:02 p.m. Reconvened in open session at 8:30 p.m. Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk

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## ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2013-20 June 4, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 8:30 p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 W. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. APPROVED: minutes of regular meeting of May 21; special event permit for Cornerstone Church for July 19, 2013, Materials Recovery Facility License for Scrapbusters 39165 Maple; first reading of Ord. No. 210.00 Fee Sched.; first reading of Ord. No. 1042 Ind. Wastewater Control; payment to MML for \$6,812.00; declare 34325 Stellwagen, 4357 Columbus, 4461 Carnegie, 35440 John as hazard/nuisance on emer. basis; summer business casual; consent calendar. TABLED declaring 34458 Stellwagen as hazard/nuisance; Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller  
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Local privy historian Tony Panepucci will lead two archeological digs behind the 1830s Miller's House at Nankin Mills on Saturday, June 15, and Tuesday, June 18.

# Friends host privy dig at Nankin Mills

Ever wonder what privy historians do? Here's the scoop. They root around in the location of defunct outhouses and salvage antique bottles and everyday household artifacts from the past. Most privies are located behind the building or buildings which they served.

Back by popular demand, local privy historian Tony Panepucci returns to lead two archeological digs behind the 1830s Miller's House at

Nankin Mills. Panepucci will unearth artifacts - in these interactive outdoor demonstrations - which were discarded by families who once lived in the house. His specialty is bottles and glassware. The style of the glassware can help date how long ago it was made.

The dig, sponsored by the Friends of Nankin Mills, will take place 1-2 p.m. Saturday, June 15. There also will be a second dig Tuesday, June 18 for home school students

and their parents. The program runs from 1:30-3 p.m. and cost \$6 per child and \$2 per adult.

Both digs are at Nankin Mills, located at Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Programs will be held in the backyard behind the Miller's House.

If additional information is needed, email cclement@waynecounty.com, call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

### Upcoming Events

#### AUTISM FRIENDLY

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday, June 14

**Location:** Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave Detroit

**Details:** An autism-friendly version of the musical, *The Addams Family, A New Musical Comedy*, will be performed for families with individuals on the autism spectrum. Gluten-free concessions, quiet areas, and other fun amenities will be provided. Tickets are priced at \$40, \$30 and \$15 and are available by calling (313) 471-3099. A portion of the proceeds will be donated back to Autism Speaks by Olympia Entertainment

**Contact:** For more information, go online to [www.olympiaentertainment.com/autismspeaks](http://www.olympiaentertainment.com/autismspeaks).

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Saturday, June 15

**Location:** St. Theodore of Canterbury Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Come join parishioners as they celebrate the church's 50th anniversary as a faith community. The 50th Anniversary Mass will be at 4 p.m. It will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit. A reception will follow in the Parish Social Hall.

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 425-4421 (vm#10).

#### VETERANS EVENT

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 18

**Location:** VFW Post 7546 Pvt. John Lyskawa-Pvt. William P. Tutro, 6828 Waverly, Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Wayne County Commissioner Diane L. Webb is inviting the public to attend her second annual Veterans, Families and Caretakers Event. Doors will open 5:30 p.m. Keynote

speakers include State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, chair of Veterans Appropriations Committee; Robert Price, director of Michigan Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, and Kevin Kelley, director of Wayne County Senior and Veteran Affairs. Service providers that will be there include U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Disability Claims, Justice Outreach, Social Security and Women Veterans Outreach, Michigan Department Military and Veterans Affairs, Wayne County Senior and Veterans Affairs, American Legion, Buddy To Buddy, American Red Cross, along with various other educational, vocational and employment specialists. Veterans picture IDs will be made on location and available free of charge to veterans who provide a valid driver's license, along with a copy of their DD214.

#### EAA CHAPTER 113

**Time/Date:** 7-11 a.m. Sunday, June 16

**Location:** Mettetal Airport, 8550 Lilley, Canton

**Details:** EAA Chapter 113 will hold its annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast at the airport. In addition to breakfast, there will be helicopter rides and static displays. Proceeds help fund the EAA 113 Aviation Scholarship Program.

**Contact:** For more information visit the EAA website at [www.113.eeachapter.org](http://www.113.eeachapter.org).

#### TRIP TO NYC

**Time/Date:** Oct. 3-9

**Location:** New York City

**Details:** The Garden City Public Schools Leisure program is offering a trip to New York City in October. The price of \$699 per person includes seven days six nights, double occupancy, motor coach transportation.

**Contact:** For more information, call Cambridge Leisure Department at (734) 762-8430, ext. 306.

#### SUPPORT GROUP

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. second Monday of every month

**Location:** Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

**Details:** Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing

Hearts who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences. Learn from others as they share ideas, resources and support. Donations appreciated.

**Contact:** For questions or more information, contact Bohnie at (734) 646-2237 or by email at [prettymonarch@comcast.net](mailto:prettymonarch@comcast.net).

#### WIDOWED MEN

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. Thursdays

**Location:** Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia

**Details:** Widowed Friends, a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men to meet with other widowed men for breakfast at 9 a.m. at Steve's Family Restaurant on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Many topics are discussed including those that may be pertinent to your own situation. Also, ideas are presented to help you become involved in the activities of Widowed Friends.

**Contact:** For more information, call Dick at (313) 534-0399.

#### BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month.

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth

**Details:** Any former employees of Burroughs/Unisys are welcome to join us to socialize or renew acquaintances. There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet is available but not mandatory.

**Contact:** John Kusch 734-751-9765 or [kuschjt@yahoo.com](mailto:kuschjt@yahoo.com)

### Fall Craft Shows

#### ST. THEODORE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, October 12, 2013

**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. We have 70 tables available at a cost of \$25 each. No vendors please.

**Contact:** Mary at (734) 425-4421 (VM #10)

#### ST. MEL

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5

**Location:** St. Mel's Parish Gym, 7506 N. Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Crafters are needed for St. Mel's Fall Craft Show. There are more than 50 tables available. Table cost is \$30., table with electricity is \$35.

**Contact:** For applications, call St. Mel's at (313) 274-0684 or email us at [stmelscraftfair@yahoo.com](mailto:stmelscraftfair@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.

#### 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

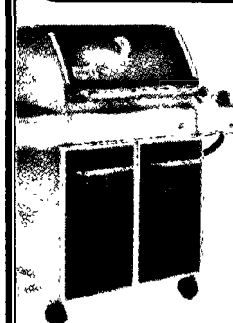
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month

**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.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Great choices

## Barra, Smoler receive city's top honors

On Tuesday, the city officials and the business community will gather to honor two individuals who epitomize the best in volunteerism and business, the 2013 First Citizen and Business Person of the Year.

This year's First Citizen is Vic Barra, president of the Wayne Ford Civic League. Barra has headed up the organization since 2004. The Civic League, a part of the Westland community for 60 years, was on the verge of folding, when he stepped in as acting president amid a financial scandal involving the previous president.



Barra

He put his efforts into stabilizing the organization and returning it to financial solvency. But he also went a step further, making the league an important part in helping the Westland community, its charitable organizations and residents.



Smoler

Barra's vision of the organization is to provide recreational opportunities to children and programs for senior citizens and be a resource for organizations like the Westland Goodfellows, Westland Firefighters Charity and Westland Jaycees.

Over the years, the Civic League has helped a young mother hoping to get a stem cell treatment to mend her damaged heart, aided Boy Scout Troop 1736 with its summer camp fundraiser, paid for the plumbing supplies for the Norwayne Community Garden, and recently helped in a fundraiser for the family of Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke.

The list goes on and on. Since 2006, the Civic League has provided more than \$100,000 in support to the Westland community.

In nominating Barra for the award, his wife Laura noted that he tends to avoid the limelight and "firmly believes that actions speak louder than words and talking just takes up too much time."

His commitment to saving the Wayne Ford Civic League and restoring its stature in the community and then in helping others speaks volumes about what the First Citizen award represents. Barra is an excellent choice for Westland First Citizen.

The Business Person of the Year, among other things, must show excellence, creativity and initiative in his business or profession and participate in activities that promote economic development and/or general, not to mention being a member in good standing of the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

That describes this year's recipient, Dr. Bruce Smoler of Community Dental Associates. A second generation dentist, Smoler has kept abreast with the changes in his profession, helped support the community through fundraisers and donations and been an active member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Since becoming a dentist in 1983, he has amassed more than 5,000 continuing education credits putting him in the top 0.5 percent of 1 percent of dentists. According to his nomination, "he was taught early on that being a doctor meant being a lifelong learner," and his skill and dedication motivates those around him.

Smoler also takes pride in his community, through his involvement in the chamber - he currently serves on the Board of Directors - and is also affiliated with numerous community organizations.

Smoler also is an excellent choice for the Business Person of the Year Award.

Congratulations to both men on their accomplishments. Their successes are a testament to the good things that are happening in the Westland community.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What's the best advice your dad ever gave you?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



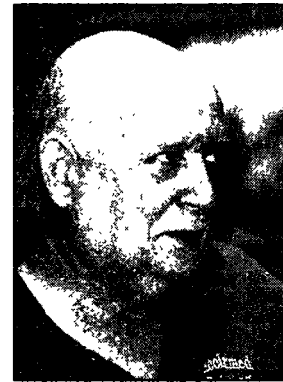
"Stay out of trouble and I succeeded in doing that."

Mike Strokai  
Westland



"I'd have to say it was be the best you can be and never give up."

Kiera King  
Taylor



"My dad labeled me the black sheep of the family, so that generally negated his advice and that made things easy."

Bob Whitehurst  
Ann Arbor



"My dad gave all of us kids the same advice when we married. He said marriage is a partnership, it's 50/50 but it might not feel that way. But if you both strive for 80 percent each, it'll work out all right."

Susan Becker  
Westland

## LETTERS

### DIA millage

I hate to sound cynical but when it comes to Detroit and/or Wayne County, but I can't help it. The fiscal and political responsibility is shameless. Their bottom line is what can they steal from the people.

With that said, my question is: We passed a bond to support the DIA. If they sell the artifacts, what happens to the bond money? I hate to guess.

Skip Wehrle  
Garden City

### Needs questioned

I enjoyed a good chuckle last week in reading about a city of Westland committee recommended various security measures to prevent problems at City Hall.

On the humorous side, I recall my first years as Westland Observer community editor and entering City Hall and greeting Edna Parker, a city employee who was the building's longtime receptionist. She sat in a circular reception desk in the middle of the first floor. Besides directing visitors to the appropriate department, she also performed various clerical tasks when she wasn't answering the City Hall central switchboard.

On a serious note, many high-profile rampages in recent years occurred when there were security employees on duty, with some of them armed.

Under one recommendation to the City Council is to have an armed security, probably a police officer, stationed near the entrance to prevent any problems and direct visitors to the appropriate department.

I wonder if an armed visitor who intended to do harm a City Hall would merely take out the security officer before he/she could even their revolver out of their holster.

Maybe Ms. Parker could be persuaded to return to her former

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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position.

Leonard Poger  
Westland

### Expansion necessary

We support Gov. Rick Snyder's Healthy Michigan Plan that strives to improve and strengthen our state's Medicaid program and offer health insurance to low-income working adults.

Failing to accept federal support to provide health insurance to an estimated 450,000 working Michigan adults - including many veterans - will have serious consequences to our local economy. Michigan will forgo about \$2.1 billion in economic activity and an estimated 18,000 new jobs generated by the additional federal dollars coming into the state's health care system.

Business leaders across Michigan - including the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Association of Michigan and the Detroit Regional Chamber - are quick to point out that Medicaid reform can help slow the increase in health insur-

ance premiums paid by Michigan employers, by reducing the burden of uncompensated care currently borne by Michigan hospitals. According to some estimates, this cost-shift has imposed a hidden tax of about \$1,000 per family through higher health insurance premiums.

Some have suggested that the state cannot afford to enhance Medicaid. Yet this argument is not supported by several reports. They conclude that, with matching federal dollars, the curbing of cost-shifting, and the resulting healthier workforce, Michigan would actually save money by strengthening Medicaid.

Today's Medicaid program is not perfect. The historical challenges posed by health care provider reimbursement and primary care access will not evaporate overnight, though in a recent report most providers indicated their willingness to take on newly covered patients. Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, University of Michigan Health System and St. John Providence Health System have the resources and willingness to care for Medicaid patients.

Our hospitals and clinical staff have a long history of treating the uninsured and underinsured in Southeast Michigan. While not the easy thing to do, it is the right thing to do.

But we cannot solve the problems of the uninsured and underinsured on our own. To those who argue we cannot afford to support the plan, we say: We cannot afford not to support the Healthy Michigan Plan.

Garry Faja, president/CEO  
Saint Joseph Mercy Health System

Ora Pescovitz, CEO  
University of Michigan Health System

Jean Meyer, interim president/CEO  
St. John Providence Health System

## OUR VIEWS

# GC girls shine on softball diamond

In June 2008, the Garden City High School girls softball team did what no other sports team in the high school's history had ever done before - win the state championship. It was a moment of great pride for the coach, the team and the community which treated the players to a championship reception.

The Lady Cougars set the bar high for other teams at the school, and while all have tried, none have replicated their diamond success. However, the girls softball team has continued to shine. This year's team won the Division 1 regional title, the third in as many years, and is headed for the state competition.

It's hard to believe that this team was in the rebuild mode after losing 10 players last year, but coach Barry

Patterson knew he had all the pieces to the puzzle and that when assembled correctly would produce a winning team.

The question now is: could this be another magic year?

Patterson and his team hold that answer in their mitts. With strong play and a Can Do spirit, the team has ability to bring home the state championship trophy again. And we hope so.

We congratulate Patterson and the Garden City girls softball team for another awesome season. They are shining examples of what can be accomplished with hard work and commitment. They are wonderful representatives of their sport, their school and their community.

Win or lose, we say, "Go Cougars!"



Gabby Quintana plays right field on this year's Garden City High School girls softball team.

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There are five things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

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**B**

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#### End of the school year!

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Love you, Dad, Mom & Natalie

Congratulations Cory on a great year in your new school district! 4.0 entire year, NJHS, swimming, track...what an awesome beginning to middle school! Keep up the good work! Love Mom

Tyler Brown  
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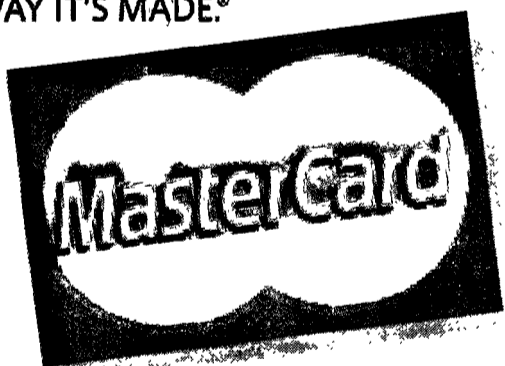
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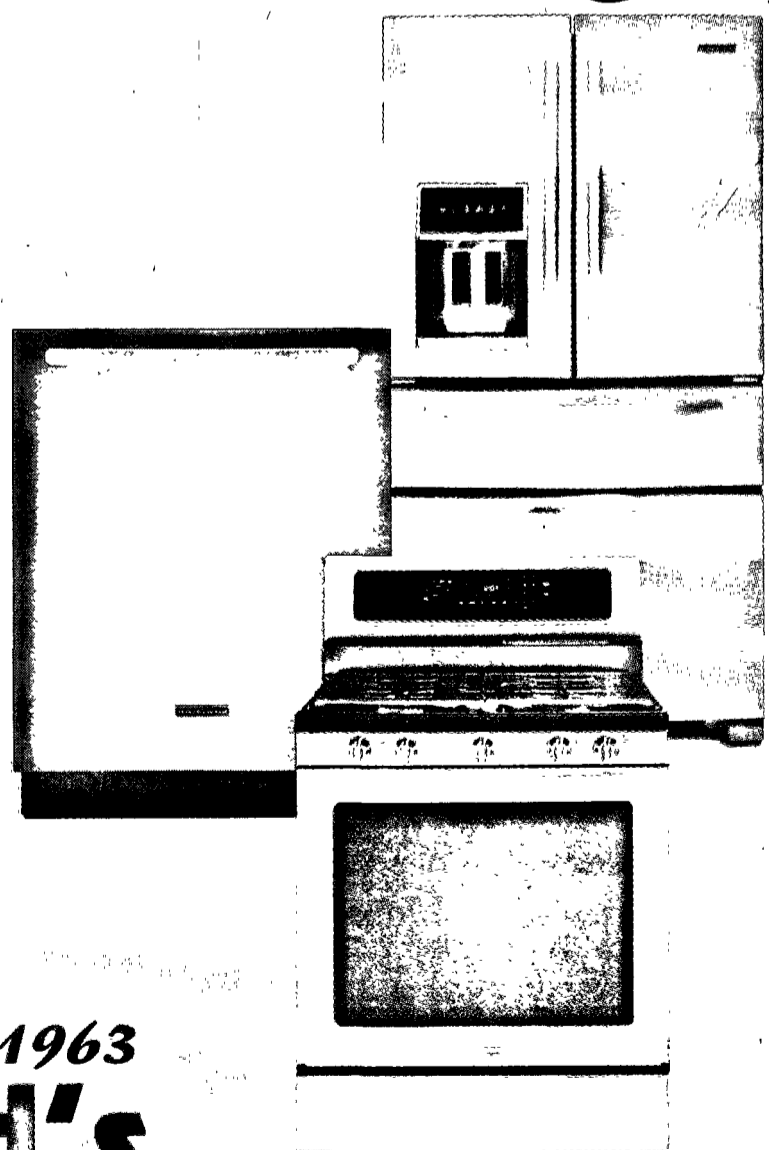


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## Priceless: Blazers in Final 4



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Ladywood freshman Rozlyn Price threw a two-hitter, struck out five and walked only one in a 2-0 shutout of St. Clair in Tuesday's Division 2 state quarterfinal at Novi.

## Frosh 2-hits St. Clair, 2-0

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Although she's only a freshman, Rozlyn Price is becoming the First Lady of Livonia Ladywood softball.

Building confidence with every late season start, the right-hander pitched a masterpiece in Tuesday's state quarterfinal at Novi as the defending MHSAA Division 2 champions blanked St. Clair, 2-0.

With the victory, the 32-9 Blazers will be making their fourth state semifinal appearance in five years and will face Tecumseh (31-5-3) beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

Price, backed by an air tight defense, struck out five and walked only one to outduel St. Clair ace Brittany Schweiger.

"Price was right," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said. "The difference in the last two months is incredible. She listened to us. She did what we told her. We told her if you listen and throw to the spots we want you to throw to, we know how to get people out."

Price foiled the Saints (20-12-1) with a variety of pitches. And when she didn't throw strikes, she wasn't off by much.

Not bad for a ninth-grader who succeeded four-year All-stater and 2012 Michigan Gatorade Player Briana Combs (now at Cleveland

State).

"This is by far the funnest game that I've pitched because everybody behind me was encouraging me and giving me so much support," Price said. "I really like that."

"The high pitch was working pretty well. Erika Selakowski did an amazing job at second (base). She was so good today and I was proud of her."

Selakowski made a great diving catch in the second inning to rob Brittany Schweiger and had two other putouts.

Ladywood did not make an error, but that wasn't the case for St. Clair.

"It's uncharacteristic of us to make four errors and we didn't hit the ball like we're capable either," Saints coach Kevin Mahn said. "Credit to them (Ladywood). They're a good team and they're going to give whoever they play next all they can handle for sure."

Price allowed her first hit in the third when Sarah Longuski's double to center sailed over the head of Ladywood center fielder Christina Meyer.

But Price buckled down and struck out the next hitter. In the fourth, she gave up a bunt single, but then retired 12 of the final 13 batters she faced.

"Just two hits and we only got one kid to second base once," Mahn said. "They

Please see **SOFTBALL, B3**

## Rockwell gets All-City honor

Westland's Joshua Rockwell was named captain of the Metro Detroit US Bowling Congress men's All-City team for 2012-13.

Rockwell, making his first appearance, earned 90 points after placing second in MDUSBC and second overall in Michigan State Doubles with Jeffrey Higbee. He was also third in Michigan State All-Events.

Rockwell posted thirteen 300 games, one 299 game, ten 800 series with a high of 857 and a high average of 252.

## Bucks douse Chicago Fire

Zach Steinberger scored in the 19th and 23rd minutes to give the Michigan Bucks a 4-1 Premier Development League victory Saturday night over the Chicago Fire at Saline High School.

Tommy Catalano opened the scoring in the third minute, but Chicago's Daniel Keller tied it in the 12th minute.

Jason Stokes came off the bench to convert a penalty kick in the 81st minute to secure the win for the Bucks, who are now 6-0-1 against the Fire dating back to the 2010 season.

Goalkeeper Adam Grinwis made three saves as the first-place Bucks improved to 4-1-0 (12 points) in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference.

The Bucks return to action 8 p.m. Friday in a battle for first place against host FC London (4-0-0, 12 points) at the German Club.

For Bucks ticket information, visit [www.bucksoccer.com](http://www.bucksoccer.com).

## Dynamo 2nd

The Livonia YMCA Dynamo, an under-11 girls soccer team, posted a 4-2-2 record en route to a second-place divisional outdoor finish.

Team members include Andrea Abramson, Melissa Barkholz, Jamie Colling, Allison Esker, Emily Esker, Alexis Gibbons, Mandy Laiacono, Julianna Racette, Sofia Rodriguez, Riley St. Ledger, Abby Woods and Emily Woods. The Dynamo are coached by Laura Litfin, Don and Lesley McDougall.

## Cards an ace

Leo Caza, of Livonia, used a 7-iron to ace the 129-yard, No. 8 hole June 2 at Fox Creek Golf Course. For Caza, who carded a 104 for 18 holes, recorded his first ace in eight years.

## Grosse Pointe South ousts Stevenson

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

### PREP BASEBALL

Livonia Stevenson's bid to repeat as Division 1 regional baseball champion literally ended in record time, but it was far from a mercy.

In a well-played game that lasted just one hour and 15 minutes, the Spar-

tans were ousted Saturday by host Grosse Pointe South in a magnificent pitching duel, 2-0.

Blue Devils pitcher John Doyle, a senior right-hander, threw a complete-game five-hitter and survived a tense

bottom of the seventh inning when the Spartans put the first two runners aboard after Stevenson's Travis Harvey and losing pitcher Mike Kanitra both singled.

Stevenson then pulled off a double-steal as Matt Hunt squared to bunt putting the potential tying runs on second and third

with no outs.

But Doyle got out of the jam getting Hunt to line out to second followed by his eighth and ninth strikeouts of the game against Billy Bonanno and Cody Coleman.

"Both pitchers ... obviously nobody deserved to lose that one," South coach Dan Griesbaum

said. "Doyle just threw great last week. Last week he beat (Grosse Pointe) North, 6-2, our rival, great game. He really stepped up in this game. This was the best game he's pitched all year long. He was so tough today with everything."

Please see **BASEBALL, B4**

## Ladywood earns runner-up finish

### East Grand Rapids wins, 16-6

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Ladywood lacrosse coach Kris Sanders gave credit where credit was due following Saturday's 16-6 Division 1 state championship final loss to East Grand Rapids in Rockford.

"They're good," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said of the 22-2 Pioneers. "They're just a good, all-around team. They have great speed. They have great skills, both just on the field and shooting."

East Grand Rapids, scoring six goals in the first 7 minutes and 32 seconds of the match without a

Ladywood response, built a 9-2 half-time lead and never looked back to repeat as MHSAA champs with a 16-6 victory.

Sanders tried to stem the tide by taking a timeout as the Blazers dug themselves an early 5-0 hole following Meggan Loyd's goal.

"We just had to calm down and we had to do a better job of picking up the ground balls," Sanders said. "That was just killing us. We had to stick with the plan of trying to win the center draws. We weren't winning the center draws, we weren't winning any of them. Between that

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Ladywood's Bridget Hillman (left) keeps possession and darts upfield against East Grand Rapids in Saturday's MHSAA Division 2 state final at Rockford.

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# Star treatment

## Rodey, Brown join forces on East team

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Fierce adversaries on the football field for three seasons, Livonia Churchill's Romello Brown and Livonia Stevenson's Matt Rodey now suddenly find themselves as teammates. That's right, Rodey

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will be playing offensive guard for the East team in next Saturday's 33rd annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association at Grand Valley State University.

And he'll be blocking for – instead of trying to tackle – the 5-foot-10, 240-pound Brown, a running back who rushed for 1,849 yards and 29 touchdowns last year in leading Churchill to a 10-1 record.

Churchill and Stevenson (6-4) collided two consecutive weeks at the end of the season including the regular season finale and the first round of the MHSAA Division 1 playoffs.

Churchill won both games, 49-10 and 49-35, and also won the 2011 and 2010 meetings by scores of 56-13 and 47-31, respectively.

That makes it Brown 5, Rodey 0, but you can now call them the Odd Couple.

"I'm pretty happy for it, actually," said Rodey, a 6-foot-2, 270-pound two-way starter on the line. "I know he (Brown) is a good athlete and I'm excited for it."

Rodey, ironically, almost became a full-time teammate of Brown, who is headed to Wayne State.

"I got a call from Wayne State, but when I got a call from Adrian I just fell in love with the campus there," the Stevenson lineman said. "The coaching staff was great and my parents supported my decision. I'm excited for it."

When Brown found out Rodey was on his side, he had no issues.

"That's fine, let's just hope we win," the Churchill running back said.

That's because last year the East squad was crushed by the West, 59-7, so the Livonia duo hope to turn things around come kickoff time – 2 p.m. Saturday, June 22 at GVSU's Lubbers Stadium. (The game will be aired live on Fox Sports Detroit and game day tickets are \$10.)

It was just over a year ago that Brown was cleared to play football after suffering a torn Achilles while playing basketball five months earlier during Christmas break of 2011.

It's been a full recovery to say the least.

"Been running and staying in shape," Brown said. "It feels great. I played a whole season on it and feel comfortable about it. I do a lot of speed and agility on my own."

Brown, who has bench pressed 355 pounds, played only one year of organized football before going out for the Churchill team as a sophomore where he made an immediate impact as a



Brown Rodey

varsity player. Prior to that he had played just one season of Police Athletic League football in Detroit – the year was 2004.

With the coaxing of a close friend, he forgot about being like Kobe Bryant and became Jerome Bettis.

"I still like playing basketball and when I went to Churchill I thought I was a basketball player," Brown said. "I played freshman basketball, but I was too late to play freshman football."

"A lot of people were coming to me and saying I should play football because they thought I was pretty fast for my size, and help out the team, so my sophomore year a friend told me I should play football."

Brown, who also excelled at linebacker for the Chargers, will more than likely get first shot at lugging the football for the Warriors.

"They want me to stay in shape and enjoy my summer until I get there (Wayne State)," said Brown, who wants to study criminal justice and become a corrections officer. "I'll play running back there, but if it doesn't work out, I personally believe I can play other positions if not. I like running back and I think I can succeed there, but if I don't, I'll gladly change positions."

Rodey, meanwhile, was a four-year varsity player starting out his freshman year at Dearborn Heights Crestwood before transferring to Stevenson where he earned first-team All-Observer honors as a senior.

Playing organized football since he was 8, Rodey can't get football out of his system just yet.

And when was a late addition to the East squad roster, he jumped at the opportunity.

"It builds character, first of all," said Rodey, who plans to study biology at Adrian. "I think it's shaped me in to who I am today. I love it honestly."

"I just blessed to be in the game, first off. I'm looking to have a really good time and pull out a victory."

The two players will report to Grand Valley on Sunday and will then get reacquainted.

Brown wants to savor the entire experience of being an East All-Star.

"Hopefully to get better and learn from people, have fun and enjoy it," he said.

And win the game, of course.

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Ladywood's Christina Meyer (13) makes the running catch in Tuesday's 2-0 Division 2 quarterfinal victory over St. Clair at Novi.

# Regional title

## Blazers pound Center Line, Falcons

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

The hits just keep coming for the Livonia Ladywood softball team.

The Blazers continued their offensive assault Saturday by sweeping Center Line, 10-0, and Dearborn Divine Child, 12-1, to earn their fourth Division 2 regional title in five years at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Ladywood, the defending state champs, improved to 31-9 overall while earning a sport in the MHSAA quarterfinals against St. Clair (See related story.)

After scoring a total of 28 runs in two district wins the previous week against South Lyon East and Redford Union, the Blazers cranked it up once again with a total of 26 hits in the regional.

"We're hitting the ball better now than at any time of the year, that's for sure," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said. "We're

just pounding the ball top-to-bottom."

The Blazers are also getting solid pitching from freshman Rozlyn Price, who threw a five-inning no-hitter against Center Line in the regional final. She struck out 12 and walked only one.

Offensively, Haley Lawrence went 3-for-3 with two runs scored, while Celeste Fidge went 2-for-3, including a 3-run homer in the first inning to stake the Blazers to a 4-0 lead.

Rachel Hendrickson and Lauren Hayes each added two hits and an RBI.

"We absolutely pounded the ball, and pretty much the same thing in the second game," Combs said. "Fidge hit that home run about 400 feet and you could see the wind come right out of them (Center Line)."

In the semifinal against Divine Child, which went six innings, Price allowed just one hit — a lead-off

triple followed by a wild pitch that led to a Falcons first-inning run. But she got out of the inning when second baseman Erika Selakowski made a two-out diving catch. Price then shut down Falcons the rest of the way as she struck out seven and walked only one.

"She threw well," Combs said of Price. "After we got by that, and all the emotion that they (Divine Child) were thinking they were going to score and everything ... they only got one run in the first. But after that it was over."

Fidge paced the Blazers' 11-hit attack going 3-for-4, including a double with four RBI, while Selakowski had two hits, including a 2-run single.

Micaela Warner also went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Hendrickson and Christina Meyer knocked in two runs apiece.

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# Rams slide into 1st with sweep

The Michigan Rams moved into first place all alone in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League Sunday by sweeping a double-header from the Motor City Pride, 10-3 and 9-2 at Birmingham Seaholm High School.

The Rams, who are one point up on the second-place Michigan Bulls and Michigan Red Sox, improved to 5-1-1 in LCBL action.

The Rams collected a total of 28 hits on the day while dropping the Pride to 3-4.

In the opener, Brandon Katta went 3-for-3 with a double and RBI, while Griffin Harms added three hits and scored two runs to pace the Rams' 16-hit attack.

Other top hitters for the Rams included Matt Avromov, (2-for-4, two doubles,

three RBI; Ben Yax (2-for-4, two RBI); Trent Drumheller (2-for-5, RBI); and J.P. Maracani (2-for-5, RBI).

Winning pitcher Spencer Goebel went the first 4.2 innings allowing three runs — all unearned — on four hits and a walk. He struck out four.

Jeff Sorenson (Livonia Stevenson/Wayne State) and Kirk Stambaugh combined to throw 2.3 scoreless innings in relief.

Eric Schmidt, the Pride starter, took the loss.

In the second game, Evan Piechota (Stevenson/Madonna University) pitched five scoreless innings to pick up the victory. He allowed five hits, walked two and struck out four. Luke McCatty finished up.

Offensively, Drumheller and Justin Sherman

each collected two hits and two RBI, while Katta, Jon Newman and Harms contributed two hits and one RBI apiece.

Joe Killian went 2-for-4 and Tyler Schwanz, knocked in two runs for the Pride.

**RAMS 6, OAKLAND A's 3:** Right-hander Chris McDonald (Stevenson/Hillsdale College) pitched five innings to earn the victory Friday as the Michigan Rams (3-1-1) downed the South Oakland A's (1-4) at Livonia's Bicentennial Park.

McDonald gave up two runs on four hits and four walks, while fanning two. Reliever Jake Gardner went the final two innings to pick up the save.

Tyler Baker and Matt Avromov each collected two hits, while Brett Ramirez (Salem/MU) knocked in two runs. Jon Newman, Ben Yax and Justin Sherman added one RBI each. South Oakland starter Bobby Purdilly, who worked the first six innings, suffered the loss. Cole Clifton went 2-for-3 with two RBI in a losing cause.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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at Bloomfield Hills Lahser: Bloomfield Sting vs. Michigan

Red Sox, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, June 15  
(all double-headers)  
at Ford Field: Michigan Blue Knights vs. Michigan Bulls), noon; Michigan Rams vs. South Oakland A's, 5 p.m.  
at Bicentennial Park: Motor City Pride vs. Michigan Red Sox, noon.  
at Ann Arbor Huron: Michigan Steel vs. Southfield Lightning, noon.  
at White Lake Lakeland: Michigan Monarchs vs. Bloomfield Sting, noon.  
Monday, June 17  
at Ford Field: Motor City Pride vs. South Oakland A's, 5:45 p.m.; Michigan Monarchs vs. Southfield Lightning, 8:30 p.m.  
at Bicentennial Park: Michi-

gan Rams vs. Michigan Bulls, 5:45 p.m.  
at Bloomfield Hills Lahser: Bloomfield Sting vs. Michigan Steel, 6 p.m.  
at Birmingham Seaholm: Michigan Red Sox vs. Michigan Blue Knights, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 19  
at Ford Field: Michigan Rams vs. Michigan Monarchs, 5:45 p.m.; South Oakland A's vs. Southfield Lightning, 8:30 p.m.  
at Bicentennial Park: Michigan Bulls vs. Michigan Red Sox, 5:45 p.m.  
at Birmingham Seaholm: Motor City Pride vs. Bloomfield Sting, 6 p.m.  
at Ann Arbor Huron: Michigan Steel vs. Michigan Blue Knights, 6 p.m.

# Young Hawks fall in D4 region final to Liggett

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

The 2013 season continued to be a learning curve for the young Westland Huron Valley Lutheran girls softball team.

The Hawks, featuring all underclassmen, made Saturday's Division 1 regional final before losing to host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 5-0, in the championship after eliminating Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 7-4, in the first semifinal.

Last year, HVL fell to Royal Oak Shrine, 6-1, in the regional semifinal, so it was another step in the right direction.

"We bring everyone back next back," said Huron Valley coach Eric Ruth, whose team finished 15-9 overall. "We don't lose one girl, so we'll see what happens. "We need more timely hitting and learning to forget your mistakes and move on. That's the key to this team. We dwell on our mistakes. But it was a great season. We had a lot of fun."

The Hawks left seven runners stranded against Liggett senior right-hander Ashley Tengler, who threw back-to-back shut-outs on the day including a 1-0 semifinal victory over Wixom St. Catherine of Siena.

Tengler scattered seven

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hits, struck out four and walked only one.

"We couldn't come up with the right hit the last time," Ruth said. "And they took care of all of our mistakes for us. They cleaned every one of our mistakes off the bases."

Liggett (26-4) earned its first regional title in eight years by scoring a run in the third before breaking the game open with four more in the fifth.

In the third, Courtney Slabaugh drew a one-out walk and Lia Evangelista's sacrifice bunt plopped over the head HVL starting pitcher Julie St. John, who was charging hard on the play. Emma Nicholas then followed with an RBI single to make it 1-0.

The Knights then sent nine batters to the plate in the fifth getting an RBI single from Evangelista, an RBI double from Anna Majewski and an RBI single from Taylor Slayton followed by an HVL infield error.

That five-run cushion proved more than enough for Tengler, who was the MVP of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

"Our bats kind of left us a little bit today, but we played tough defense," Liggett coach Ted Albert said. "I think we only

had one or two errors in two games and our pitcher came through with 14 scoreless innings. She showed a lot of character. She was money all the way through."

St. John, a sophomore right-hander, allowed eight hits, walked one and struck out one in six innings.

Dayna Schroeder, a junior right fielder, collected two of HVL's seven hits.

"This team we played twice, they have four or five really good kids," Albert said of Huron Valley. "They don't make too many mistakes, but I was surprised they kicked it around a little bit. But we got some breaks."

In the semifinal, Jessie Strauch went 3-for-3 with a walk and three runs scored as the Hawks ousted Inter-City Baptist.

Anne St. John contributed two hits and knocked in three runs, while Brooke Kuehn went 2-for-4 and scored twice for HVL.

Julie St. John threw a complete-game seven-hitter. She struck out two and did not issue a walk.

Losing pitcher Makayla Thoun went 2-for-4 with a double and two runs score, while Rachel Muscat also added two hits, including a solo homer.

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were playing shallow (in the outfield) to take away base hits. They didn't think we were going to hit anything over their head. And basically that's what it was.

"We were trying to swing at that rise ball. It's a hard pitch to lay off of. It's a hard thing to do."

Ladywood, meanwhile, got an important run in the first.

Celeste Fidge's hard shot glanced off the glove of St. Clair first baseman Miranda Greig, which was scored an error. Andria Gietl then beat out an infield single on a close play and Selakowski brought Fidge home with a single.

The Blazers, who collected six hits on the day, added an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth.

Fidge, bound for the University of Toledo, proved fleet afoot as she stretched a bloop hit to center into a double. Gietl, the senior first baseman, then followed with a sharp single to left scoring Fidge.

"With the help of our base running at practices, I think that's a big factor," Fidge said. "Nobody was there, so I just took it. But we all contributed definitely."

In the top of the seventh, Price got a flyout, and two pop-outs to end the game.



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Ladywood's Celeste Fidge (right) makes it safely into second base stretching a single into a double while eluding the tag of St. Clair's Chelsea Schweigler in the sixth inning of Tuesday's Division 2 quarterfinal at Novi.

And it's been quite a transformation this season for the freshman.

"Briana (Combs) talked to her, coach Ron (Reinert) talked to her," Scott Combs said. "We just got her thinking that she could rely on what's called. Her first game of year she walked 10 and hit four. She was just all over the place with fear, but she's a very confident lady now and relaxed, and helping lead this team."

And the Blazers, who start four ninth-graders, appear to be peaking at the right time.

"We had to put a lot of freshmen in, but our two seniors are our leaders," Combs said. "For that second run — senior (Fidge) leads off with a hustle double. Senior (Gietl) pops up and hits a single for an RBI. It was

a huge run. Just how you could write it."

And Fidge believes the team has become a tight bond.

"Everyone gets along and we're a family, no matter what," she said. "I mean, don't get me wrong, we all have our bad days, but there's always every single one of us to pick us up. That's definitely what makes us different. It's not a cliché saying that a team is family. It's really true. You can go to them for anything and they support you on-and-off the field."

Meanwhile, Scott Combs returns once again to his hometown. "I enjoy Battle Creek," he said. "I love the Old Country Buffet."

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Golf open house

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"His off-speed (pitches) were getting over for strikes when he needed to. He's just a bulldog on the mound."

South, which lost last year's regional final to Stevenson, improved to 20-15-1 overall.

Stevenson, meanwhile, ends its season at 24-13.

Kanitra, a 6-foot-3 senior right-hander headed to Madonna University, allowed just four hits and three walks over seven innings.

But the Blue Devils tallied their only two runs in the top of the fourth inning and it proved to be enough.

James Menchl led off with a single followed by a sacrifice bunt by Doyle.

That brought up South center fielder Carmen Benedetti, a junior committed to Michigan who came into the game hitting .517 with six homers, 17 doubles and 33 RBI.

With first base open, Stevenson coach Rick Berryman elected to intentionally walk Benedetti, who has been issued over 30 free passes this season.

"Rick made the right decision," Griesbaum said. "I would have done the same thing. You've got to make the next guy beat you. You can't let your best hitter beat you in a crucial situation."

South cleanup hitter Andrew Eaton made the Spartans pay with an RBI single and catcher George Fishback followed with an RBI sacrifice fly to give the Blue Devils a two-run cushion.

"You do what's logical," Berryman said. "What are you going to prove by pitching to a .561 hitter? It's foolish. You do the logical thing and we did. And why not? They still got the hits. But also they can hit into a ground ball, we get a double play, and we're out of it."

In the bottom of the fourth, Harvey drilled a one-out Doyle pitch to almost the top of South's 30-foot high Fenway Park-type screen just 294-feet away in dead center field.

But Benedetti fielded the ball cleanly and gunned down Harvey at second base as he tried to stretch it into a double while crashing into the Blue Devils second baseman on a bang-bang play.

Berryman came out question the call, but to no avail.

"Obviously there was

a difference of opinion," the Stevenson coach said. "We said it was either interference, because he didn't have the ball, or he didn't tag him. The umpire said he saw it differently. He had the ball ahead of time and he swung around and tagged him. We disagreed, but he (the umpire) won."

Doyle then retired six of the next seven Stevenson batters he faced going into the seventh.

But that's when the Spartans made their most serious threat.

"I thought, 'Oh, my gosh, here we go,'" Griesbaum said. "I was concerned, let's put it that way."

The Spartans, however, couldn't take advantage of putting the first two runners aboard in scoring position.

"You have runners on second and third, you do some excellent base running to put them there," Berryman said. "As we call it on the team, we just couldn't get a 'the.' You've got to get the hit to win the game, and we didn't get a 'the.' Compliments to both teams. Two very good baseball teams and a very good game. Both pitchers threw well. We had one bad inning — a couple of pitches up. It could have gone either way. Very proud of these young men."

And although the Spartans couldn't advance to the regional final, it proved to be a productive season as they captured the KLAAC Central Division title and repeated as district champions.

"It's a good season," Berryman said. "I started eight seniors out of this starting nine and a lot of them have played with me three, and some, four years. They're an excellent group and very proud of them. But they've passed that image and reputation on. And hopefully the kids that come back next year will come back and repeat."

Meanwhile, Griesbaum was thankful to come away with a win against his old Detroit sandlot league teammate.

"I appreciate playing Rick," he said. "We played on Jet Box together years ago. We're great friends. He beat us last year, so we're even."

But University of Detroit Jesuit spoiled the Blue Devils' day by capturing the regional title, 4-3, after beating Detroit Western International in the other semifinal, 4-2.

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DIANE JACOBS

Ladywood seniors (from left) Stephanie Mackley, Maris Ryckman, Christina Riga, Bridget Hillman, Jaclyn Snyder and Briana Sultana proudly display the MHSAA Division 2 runner-up trophy.

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and not being able to pick up the ground balls when we had the opportunities ... I told the girls we were hurting ourselves."

But this time there was no patented Ladywood comeback as Martha Bogo led the balanced Pioneer offensive attack with three goals and two assists, while Claire Ludlow also notched a hat trick.

East Grand Rapids, ranked No. 4 in the Mid-

west while outscoring their opponents 304-140 this season, also got two goals apiece from Loyd, Audrey Grabowski and Liza Elder.

Senior Jaclyn Snyder winger broke the first-half scoring drought for Ladywood with a goal 11:56 into the first half.

Sister Jessica Snyder, a junior, also notched a goal at the 19:38 mark of the opening half. She tallied three second-half goals to finish with four on the day.

Rachel Donabedian's goal rounded out the scoring for the Blazers, who hit four posts.

East Grand Rapids goalie Kristy Allen made four saves, while Ladywood senior Stephanie Mackley had six stops.

"I told them we're still very successful," Sanders said of the 2013 season. "And to be 15-2 (record), you've got to focus on all the positive things they've done this year and to know you were one of the two teams still left and that you're now the finalist in the state championship. I said, 'That's good enough right now.'"

It was the final match for Jaclyn Snyder, Mackley, Christina Riga, Bri-

ana Sultana, Bridget Hillman and Maris Ryckman.

"We are losing six seniors, but then again, we have a lot of strong juniors that are coming back and hopefully you can fill your team with those sophomores that are coming up to varsity," Sanders said. "And we have some good freshman, we'll see what they can do. We'll see how they kind of progress with their skills throughout the year and see if they can help."

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# Newest Pioneer

Wayne Memorial's Chris Briggs (center) will join his brother Thomas (left), 2012 Wayne grad, to play baseball during the 2014 season for coach Dan Smith (right) at Delta Community College. The Pioneers finished 30-20 last season and 14-12 in the Michigan CC Athletic Association.

# SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Tim Shaw camp

The fourth annual Tim Shaw "Dream it, Do it" Football Camp (grades four-12) will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at Clarenceville High School.

The camp is open to the first 150 registrants (includes T-shirt).

To register, visit [www.timshawfootball.com](http://www.timshawfootball.com).

For more information, e-mail [johnshawfamily@gmail.com](mailto:johnshawfamily@gmail.com).

## Patriot football

The Franklin Football Future Patriots camp will be from 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1, grades one-six) and 12:30-3 p.m. (Session 2, grades seven-nine) Saturday, June 15, at the high school field-house and stadium, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$25 per session.

For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity coach Chris Kelbert at [ckelbert@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:ckelbert@livoniapublicschools.org).

## Glenn football

Westland John Glenn will stage two sessions of football camps starting with juniors and seniors from 6-9 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 17-19 for freshman and sophomores, 5-

8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 24-27, at the high school.

For more information about registration and cost, call coach Tim Hardin at (734) 419-2329; or email [hardint@wwcsd.net](mailto:hardint@wwcsd.net).

## Youth baseball

Walks-up are welcome for the Livonia Churchill baseball camp (ages 7-14) from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Wednesday, June 17-19, at the high school baseball field.

The cost is \$50 for the three-day camp.

For more information, email Churchill varsity baseball coach Ron Targosz at [rtargosz@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:rtargosz@livoniapublicschools.org).

## CHS volleyball

The Livonia Churchill volleyball camp will be Wednesday, June 17 through Thursday, June 25 at the high school.

The cost is \$99.

For more information, call Churchill coach Anna Gatt at (734) 306-3793; or email [amkgatt17@yahoo.com](mailto:amkgatt17@yahoo.com).

## CHS boys hoops

The 2013 Livonia Churchill boys summer basketball camp (incoming grades 5-9) will be

from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Thursday, June 24-27, at the high school.

The cost \$50. For more information, email Churchill coach Jim Solak at [solakj@taylor.k12.mi.us](mailto:solakj@taylor.k12.mi.us); or call (313) 303-7170; or call (313) 946-6657.

## Future Stars

Livonia Franklin will hold its Future Stars summer baseball camp (grades 2-8) from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday-Thursday, June 24-27, at the high school.

The cost is \$60 (includes T-shirt). The registration deadline is Friday, June 21.

For more information, call Franklin coach Matt Fournier at (734) 968-0499 or email [mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org).

## MU volleyball

Madonna University will be offering a variety of summer volleyball camps including:

- Advanced (elite) and general all-skills — Monday through Thursday, June 24-27;

- Setters and hitters camp (session I) — Sunday through Wednesday, June 30-July 3;
- Hitters (session 2)

and defensive — Monday through Thursday, July 8-11.

To obtain a camp brochure, visit [madonnacrusaders.com](http://madonnacrusaders.com).

For more information, call MU volleyball coach and camp director Jerry Abraham (734) 432-5612 (office) or (734) 254-0698 (evenings). You can also email [jabraham-216180mi@comcast.net](mailto:jabraham-216180mi@comcast.net).

## Kelser hoops

The Gregory Kelser basketball camp (boys and girls ages 7-17) will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 24-28, at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$225 per camper. (Bring a sack lunch Monday through Wednesday. Lunch will be provided by Kelser, Inc. on Thursday and Friday.)

To register online, visit [www.ljal.com/basketball/camps](http://www.ljal.com/basketball/camps).

For more information, call (248) 342-2735; or email [greg.kesler32@gmail.com](mailto:greg.kesler32@gmail.com).

## Churchill soccer

The Livonia Churchill boys and girls soccer camp (ages 10-16) will be from 9-11 a.m., Monday through Friday, June 24-

28 at the turf field.

The cost is \$49. (Checks should be made payable to Churchill High School.)

Apparel needed include soccer cleats, shin guards, soccer ball (under 12 years bring a size 4).

For more information, email Matt Grodzicki at [mgrodzic@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:mgrodzic@livoniapublicschools.org).

## CC basketball

Novi Detroit Catholic Central will stage two sessions of summer basketball camps from 9 a.m. until noon (grades 5-7) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 8-9), Monday through Thursday, June 24-27 and July 8-11, at the high school.

For more information, visit [catholiccentral.net](http://catholiccentral.net); or call CC coach Bill Dyer at (734) 679-6773.

## Churchill hoops

The 2013 Livonia Churchill girls basketball camp for incoming grades 5-9 will be from 3-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, July 16-19 at the high school gym.

The cost is \$50.

For more information, call Churchill coach Matt McCowan at (248) 761-9201; or email [Mmcowan54@gmail.com](mailto:Mmcowan54@gmail.com).

## Franklin hoops

The Livonia Franklin basketball camp (grades 4-9) will be from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 8-11 at the high school.

The cost is \$65 (pre-registered) or \$75 (walk-up).

For more information, visit [franklinbasketball.com](http://franklinbasketball.com); or email [franklinball@gmail.com](mailto:franklinball@gmail.com).

## Churchill football

The Livonia Churchill Offensive and Defensive Skills youth football camp for incoming grades 9-12 will be from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, July 24-26, and 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 29 at the high school.

The cost is \$100 (if registered by July 19) or \$125 (sibling discount available). For more information, call Allen Fiegel at (734) 718-4987.

## Youth football

The Livonia Churchill youth football camp for grades 3-8 will be from 9-11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday, July 10-12, at the high school.

The cost is \$60 (before July 1) or \$75 (sibling discount available).

For more information, call Allen Fiegel at (734) 718-4987.





Jeff Richards of Livonia and his award-winning chopper.

## Pray with other bikers this Father's Day

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Motorcyclists from throughout the metro area will celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 16, with a Mass and blessing at St. Anne de Detroit Catholic Church, followed by a ride through downtown Detroit.

"It's a great thing for the bikes and the church and we thought Father's Day is a good day for it," said Jeff Richards of Livonia, a metal customizer for Motown Custom Cycles, the Detroit business that's sponsoring Blessing of the Bikes.

"At noon there is going to be a Mass geared toward motorcyclists. The priest will talk about the biker life. And then when the Mass ends, we'll be outside and we'll have a blessing of the bikes."

A bike show on the church grounds will follow, along with a ride through downtown, including Belle Isle.

Motorcyclists may gather at 11 a.m. at Motown Custom Cycles and ride together to the Mass or go directly to the church and park in the church courtyard.

Richards said Dave Arzola, owner of Motown Custom Cycles, created the event after learning that St. Anne's pantry needed more food.

"Dave is a big supporter of the area. His house and business is there. He goes to church at that church," Richards said. "They made an announcement at church about the pantry getting low and Dave said he'd see what he could do."

Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the pantry to the Mass or drop them off at Motown Custom Cycles, 5671 Michigan Ave., Detroit.

Richards said he isn't certain how many motorcyclists will attend the Mass and blessing, but suspects it may draw at least 200 bikers.

"It's such a historical church," he added. "It's a treat to see it."

Richards, 54, has enjoyed "tearing apart and customizing" motorcycles since he was in his mid-20s. He worked as a hand-engraver and then as a jeweler before founding The Padded Cell, a custom metal and jewelry design shop in Royal Oak that became known for its one-of-a-kind metal purses.

"I always worked on a motorcycle when I was there," he added. "I always had one in the back."

Richards subsequently went on to work in a motorcycle shop parts department before landing at Motown Custom Cycles. In his spare time he likes to customize his own motorcycles. He earned a first place at Autorama for the metal work on one of his bikes this year.

Although the focus of the Mass and blessing is motorcycles, Richards said "everyone" may attend the event.

"Mini bikes, metric bikes, hot rods," he said. "You don't have to be a Harley. You can drive your car."

St. Anne's is located at 1000 Saint Anne Street, Detroit. For more information about the blessing, call the church at 313-496-1701 or Motown Custom Cycles at 313-445-3799.

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### EGAN, JOSEPH LAWRENCE

Joseph [Larry] Lawrence Egan, 77, peacefully passed into the loving arms of our Lord Jesus Christ on Thursday, May 30, 2013 at the home he shared together with his surviving and loving wife Rose Egan in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Father Gundry of Santa Fe was present and performed last rites just prior to his passing. Joseph and Rose were wed at the Church of the Holy Faith, on October 9, 2002 and for 11 years were joyfully and happily married in Santa Fe, New Mexico; a home he greatly cherished and enjoyed traveling. Joseph was born in Highland Park, Wayne County, Michigan on June 25, 1935 and is now joined in heaven with his parent's Ambrose and Florence Egan and wives, Shirley and Nancy; brothers Ernie and Jimmy; and two precious grandsons, Jessie and Jordan. Joseph is survived in loving remembrance by his brother Charles Egan, his wife Ellen, sister in law Patricia, and Joseph's children: Daniel, Michelle, Renee and her husband Dale, along with four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; additionally by his extended family of children; Cherie, Ronnie and Liz, Tammy and Laurence and Gregg; two grandchildren and one great granddaughter. The graveside memorial service will be held at the Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, 25800 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield, MI on Saturday, July 27, 2013 at 11:00am. Interment and notification of wake will follow the ceremony.



### GROVES, DOUGLAS ROY

Age 69. Beloved husband of Judy. Dear father of Jody (Mark) Cooper and Keith. Loving grandfather of Spencer and Grace. Brother of Sandra Taylor, Steven (Faith), William (Mary), Barbara (Garnet) Hampton, Mary Groves and the late Beverly. Nephew of Hazel Borst. Visiting Thursday 3-8 pm with a funeral service Friday 11 am at Charles Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly (Between 6 & 7 Mile). Interment at Parkview Cemetery. Charles Step Funeral Home and Cremation Services

### WALKER, MARK G.

December 2, 1953 - June 8, 2013 Mark G. Walker age 59, of Winona, passed away at his home on Saturday, June 8, 2013. He was born December 2, 1953 to Roscoe and Betty (Lyberg) Walker in Dearborn, Michigan. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1972 and from Eastern Michigan University in 1977. He married high school sweetheart, Barbara (Baumgartner) in Plymouth, Michigan. Since 1986, they have made their home in Winona, Minnesota. Mark began work at TRW in 1986. He retired in 2008 as a Supplier Development Manager. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Barb; son Jon (Allison) Walker of Maple Grove, Minnesota; daughter, Leslie Walker of Bristol, Wisconsin; grandchildren, Dylan and Morgan Walker; sister, Rita (James) Kennedy. His parents, Roscoe and Betty Walker, preceded him in death. He was passionate about family, computers, Tiger Baseball, stereos, and gadgets. He was probably the most loyal Detroit Lions fan that has ever lived. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. with visitation starting at 1:00 p.m. at Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home, Winona, MN. Officiating will be Rev. Michelle Rem. Words of sympathy or remembrance may be left at fawcett-junkerfuneralhome.com. Services entrusted to Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Winona.



### WELSH, ROBERT L.

Age 81, of Milford, passed away June 3, 2013. Preceded in death by Carol, his beloved wife of 56 years. Survived by his loving children, Laurie Welsh, Vallerie (Neal) Knoerzer, Bob Welsh, Tom (Erin) Welsh, Patricia Welsh; grandchildren, Amy Florence and Michelle Pickup, Nicolas Knoerzer, Anna, Tara, Adam and Evan Welsh, Connor and Michael Welsh, Ashley (Stephen) Balone, Brandon LaCarter; great-grandchildren, Alyvia Gaines, Vincent and Michael Balone; brother-in-law, John Edelbrock; sister-in-law, Liz Edelbrock; many nieces, nephews, extended family members, dear friends and coworkers. Service & Military Honors were held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Milford, Saturday, June 8.

For further information please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford 248-684-6645 LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

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### SALO, RAYMOND W.

88, of Harvey and former Westland resident, passed away June 7, 2013. Celebration of life with veteran's honors on June 16. Condolences may be expressed online at www.swansonlundquistfuneralhome.com

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## Party on the Boardwalk at Detroit Zoo gala

By Diana Wing  
Correspondent

Breakfast with the beavers or a dinner date with lions.

The choice is yours for the right auction bid at the annual Sunset at the Zoo, a fundraiser that combines music, mingling, food, drinks, live and silent auctions, animal habitats and games, 7-11:30 p.m. Friday, June 14, at the Detroit Zoo.

This year's Sunset at the Zoo will showcase the park's 7,200-square-foot Boardwalk that traverses the Cotton Family Wetlands. The Boardwalk, where guests will mingle in the midst of the 1.7-acre pond and Michigan wetlands area, was opened last summer.

"It's an ecosystem that has native birds and fish and turtles — all kinds of flora and fauna," said Patricia Janeway, Zoo communications director. "It's really beautiful. When you walk on the Boardwalk you're almost transported to another world. It's a part of the Zoo that you were never able to see, at least not from this vantage point."

The Boardwalk is actually three walkways that converge on a deck, where guests will enjoy a champagne welcome, zoo-themed martinis and specialty drinks, a strolling supper and a dessert reception. More than 40 Detroit area restaurants will offer tastes of their signature dishes at the "Boardwalk Bash."

"Last year's Sunset was themed around our carousel, kind of a carnival-type atmosphere, and we're bringing back one of the elements that was so cool — the Detroit Flyhouse. We had acrobats and jugglers, and people just loved them," Janeway said.

Guests can dance to the music of The Jerry Ross Band, try their skill and luck at Boardwalk carnival games, and take in the Zoo's animal



Performers from the Detroit Flyhouse will dazzle guests with acrobatics, juggling, fire breathing and more.

habitats as the sun goes down. Live and silent auction prizes include "Cruising and Cocktails on Lake St. Clair" for 35 people, and all kinds of sports and vacation packages. One auction prize involves the new Jane and Frank Warchol Beaver Habitat

that will open this summer. "It's really a neat thing, a "Boardwalk and Beavers Breakfast" for six ... people can bid on the opportunity to have breakfast out there on the Boardwalk overlooking the new Beaver Habitat.



Enjoy samplings of sweets and signature dishes from more than 40 restaurants.



Dance to the music of The Jerry Ross Band at Sunset at the Zoo, June 14.

And our beavers, by the way, are named June and Ward," Janeway said, referencing the characters June and Ward Cleaver from the 1950s television comedy *Leave it to Beaver*.

"We have our gourmet dinner for 12 with your choice of the giraffes, the lions, or the polar bears. That's always very popular. Another prize that's competitively bid upon is the "Fall Hayride Twilight Tour" for 12," Janeway said. "We have a lot of things we call zoo-nique prizes because you can only get these experiences at the Detroit Zoo. Where

else can you have dinner with giraffes, lions or polar bears?" Tickets for Sunset at the Zoo range from \$150 to \$750 per person and be purchased online at [www.detroitzoo.org/sunset](http://www.detroitzoo.org/sunset). A VIP reception will be held at the Zoo, 5:30-7 p.m., Friday, June 14 for those purchasing \$750 benefactor tickets and \$300 patron tickets. The 21-and-older gala is held rain or shine. The Zoo closes at 2 p.m. that day in preparation for the festivities. The Detroit Zoo is located on 10 Mile (I-696 service drive) and Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak.

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## Camp teaches kids about Civil War

The Plymouth Historical Museum is selling tickets to its second annual History Kids Camp, July 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 27.

This year's camp will focus on the Civil War. Kids will spend the day recreating what life was like during war time, including dressing in period clothing, getting their picture taken, and participating in a chore race consisting of old-fashioned tasks from the mid-1800s. Children will be able to chat with Civil War soldier reenactors who can answer questions, demonstrate marching, and much more. President Abraham Lincoln also will stop by the camp.

Every child will receive a commemorative T-shirt to wear for the day, and the boys will be given the opportunity to "enlist" in the army.

Tickets for the Civil War history camp are \$30 per child by July 19 and \$35 after that date. Purchase of a new or renewed Daisy membership to the Plymouth Historical Museum will allow two children to attend for free. The camp is aimed at children, 6-12. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Get tickets from the museum, 155 S. Main, or through its website, using PayPal, at [www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org). Click on the events section.

## Art fair offers youth competition, exhibit

The Orchard Lake Fine Art Show, which is held annually in West Bloomfield, will offer a youth art competition for children in grades K-8 or ages 5-12 this year.

The fair, set for July 26-28, will be held on Powers and Daly Roads, south of Maple, west of Orchard Lake Road,

adjacent to West Bloomfield Plaza.

Young artists may apply for the show with their original and personally handmade art. Each entry will be individually judged by artists. Four prizes will be awarded: \$100 for the best art and three \$50 prizes for excellence in art.

Each entry is \$3, with a maximum of two entries per person.

To obtain an application, visit [www.HotWorks.org](http://www.HotWorks.org) or send a self-addressed and stamped envelope to Orchard Lake Fine Art Show, PO Box 79, Milford, MI 48381-0079.

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## Arts Crafts

### ART IS IN MARKET

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 13  
**Location:** Inside Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Meet artists, watch demonstrations, enjoy free coffee and desserts and get a chance to enter to win items from the gallery, at this customer appreciation open house. Five percent of sales from the event will benefit the William La Pratt Foundation, created to honor the late Bill La Pratt, one of the founders of Art Is In Market. The foundation was set up with the sole purpose of receiving and administering funds in memory of La Pratt, and to bring awareness to the arts, as well as the advancement of spinal cord research

**Contact:** (734) 432-9177

### CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. through July 19  
**Location:** Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Paintings by Marilyn Thomas are on exhibit  
**Contact:** (248) 473-1856

### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

**Time/Dates:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit

**Family Sundays:** 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

**Exhibits:** Motor City Muse: Detroit Photographs: Then and Now, through June 16; Shirin Neshat, includes eight video installations and two series of photos, through July 7; printmaking by Ellsworth Kelly, through Sept. 8  
**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through June 30

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville  
**Details:** West of Center Show, which showcases contemporary art work  
**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

### VAAL

**Time/Date:** Through June 28  
**Location:** Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia

**Details:** The Visual Arts Association of Livonia presents its spring art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions." This exhibit is juried and features the art work of VAAL members. Art works in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, photography and mixed media. Art may be purchased  
**Contact:** (734) 838-1204; www.vaalart.org

### VILLAGE THEATER

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and one hour before and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment, through June 26

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** Xia Gao, a visual artist who primarily works with textile and fiber, displays her art

**Contact:** (734) 394-5300; cantonvillagetheater.org

## Author

### MYSTERY THRILLER

**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m. June 22  
**Location:** The Books Connection, 19043 Middlebelt, Livonia

**Details:** "New York Times" best-selling author and Edgar finalist P.J. Parrish will be on hand with the newest Louis Kincaid mystery thriller, "Heart of Ice." P.J. Parrish is the pen name for two sisters with deep Michigan roots. Both grew up in Michigan. Kelly Nichols attended Northern Michigan University and currently lives in Elk Rapids. Kristy Montee attended Eastern Michigan University and lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "Heart of Ice" is the 12th novel by the sisters and the fifth set in Michigan  
**Contact:** www.pjparrish.com; (248) 471-4742

## Dance

### COMPLEXIONS

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. June 22  
**Location:** Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

**Details:** Complexions, a contemporary dance troupe



Tony Panepucci finds artifacts in old privy sites. He'll dig Saturday, June 15, at Nankin Mills in Westland.



The Yanks will perform traditional Irish music at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at Conor O'Neil's Celtic Room, 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor.



Dave Bennett and his quartet will perform at Jazz @ the Elks, June 25 in Plymouth.

performs to the music of The White Stripes, Rolling Stones, U2 and others. Tickets are \$30-\$50; students pay \$20  
**Contact:** Ticketmaster.com at (313) 887-8501

## Film

### COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

**Time/Date:** Gates open at 7:30 p.m., with movies starting around 9:20 p.m., daily, through Sept. 1

**Location:** 14900 Beck between Five Mile and M-14, Plymouth Township

**Details:** Cost is \$10 for adults; \$8 for children, 4-12; kids 3 and under are admitted free of charge. Students with proper ID are admitted for \$8 Sunday through Thursday. Patrons listen to the movies on the FM band of their car radio. Movies showing Friday-Thursday, June 14-20 are "Man of Steel" and "Star Trek: Into the Darkness" on Screen 1; "Eric" and "Iron Man 3" on Screen 2; and "Fast and Furious 6" and "The Hangover, Part III" on Screen 3  
**Contact:** (734) 927-3284

### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, June 14, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 15-16, and 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, June 20

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

**Details:** "The Crows," admission, \$3

**Coming up:** "Mud," 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 2-22, and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 23; "The Sapphires," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 28-29 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 30  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

## Historical

### PRIVY DIG

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, June 15

**Location:** Behind the Miller House at Nankin Mills, located at Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland

**Details:** Tony Panepucci, privy historian, leads an archaeological dig to unearth artifacts that were tossed into the backyard privy by families that once lived in the Miller house. Panepucci's specialty is bottles and glassware. Admission is

free. Home-school students and their parents can attend a special program at the dig, 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, June 18. Program fee is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult  
**Contact:** www.parks.waynetcounty.com; (734) 261-1990

## Music

### JAZZ AT THE ELKS

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

**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 Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans. Clarinetist Dave Bennett's quartet will perform at the next concert on June 25. Playing with Bennett will be Cliff Monear on keyboard; Kurt Krahnke on bass and Doug Cobb on drums  
**Contact:** (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

### PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

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

**Location:** 884 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** Open mic for music and poetry

**Featured artists:** No Excuses, June 21, Kenneth Michael, June 28. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.  
**Contact:** (734) 454-0178

### SWEET CRYSTAL

**Time/Date:** Show starts at 8 p.m.; the band will perform at 11 p.m. June 14

**Location:** Callahan Music Hall, 2105 South Blvd., Auburn Hills

**Details:** The Canton-based band will headline a show that also will include Trip N Dixie and Slight Return. Sweet Crystal is a Detroit Music Award winner in gospel/Christian rock music. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door available at www.atcallahans.com or TicketFly.com  
**Contact:** (248) 858-9508

### TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

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

**Details:** Adjoa Skinner and

YRLK, June 14; Jill Jack, June 15; Dolly Varden, June 21; The True Falsettos and Drive South, June 22; Genna and Jesse, June 28; Shari Kane and Dave Steele, June 29; Harpeth Rising, July 12, Brion Riborn with Chris Dupont, July 13; Jason Harrod with Kelsey Rottiers, July 20. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted  
**Contact:** (734) 464-6302

### VILLAGE THEATER

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 22

**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** The Rat Pack Show will take you on a trip back in time to the 1960s when swanky nightclub acts were all the rage. The show features performances by Gary Corsello as Frank Sinatra, John Morello as Dean Martin and Nicholas Brooks as Sammy Davis, Jr. Tickets are \$22 and are available from www.cantonvillagetheater.org

**Coming up:** Daniel Davis, contemporary violinist, performs 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 29. Tickets are \$25  
**Contact:** (734) 394-5460

### THE YANKS

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 15

**Location:** Conor O'Neil's Celtic Room, 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor

**Details:** The band performs traditional Irish music; \$15  
**Contact:** (734) 665-2968

## Something different

### DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

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

**Details:** Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free

**Sunset at the Zoo:** A boardwalk-themed event at the Zoo's new boardwalk and beaver habitat, 7-11:30 p.m., Friday, June 14, strolling supper and dessert reception with tastes of signature dishes from more than 40 metro Detroit restaurants, specialty drinks, music by The Jerry Ross Band, performance by the Detroit Flyhouse, games, music, games, and silent and live auctions. For age 21 and older. Tickets range from \$150-\$750. Visit www.detroitzoo.org  
**Contact:** (248) 541-5717

### GM RIVER DAYS

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 21-22; and 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday, June 23

**Location:** Along the Detroit River from the William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor to the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority Terminal & Dock, just past the Renaissance Center

**Details:** Featured musical acts during the three-day festival include George Clinton and the P-Funk All Stars, the Guess Who, the O'Jays, SuperLast, Soul Preacha's featuring Marcus Cole & Mark A'leven and The Infatuations. Art work from 15 artists will be displayed along the river. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will offer more than 40 activities, including campfire and s'more exhibits. A children's area will include puppet shows, face painting and other activities. A 5K walk/run is scheduled for



"Tree Swallow" and other paintings by Marilyn Thomas are on exhibit at City Gallery in the Costick Center, Farmington Hills.

Saturday and will benefit the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy. Admission is \$3 before 5 p.m. and \$5 after  
**Contact:** www.RiverDays.com

## Theater

### BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. June 17-18

**Location:** Barefoot Productions, 240 N. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** Auditions for Barefoot Productions' upcoming comedy, "The Hallelujah Girls" by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten. Seeking six women and two men, late 40s to early 60s. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. No headshots, resumes, or appointments required  
**Contact:** Mike Cuba at (734) 812-0102

### TWO MUSES

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, through June 30

**Location:** Barnes & Noble at 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield

**Details:** "Next to Normal," is a fast-paced musical that centers on what appears, at first glance, to be a typical American family with two parents and two bright, wise-cracking teens. Their lives are anything but normal, because the mother has been battling manic depression for 16 years. Two Muses Theatre will donate \$1 from each ticket purchase to Common Ground, a non-profit agency dedicated to helping youths, adults and families in crisis. Advance tickets are \$23 for adults and \$18 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are \$2 more at the door  
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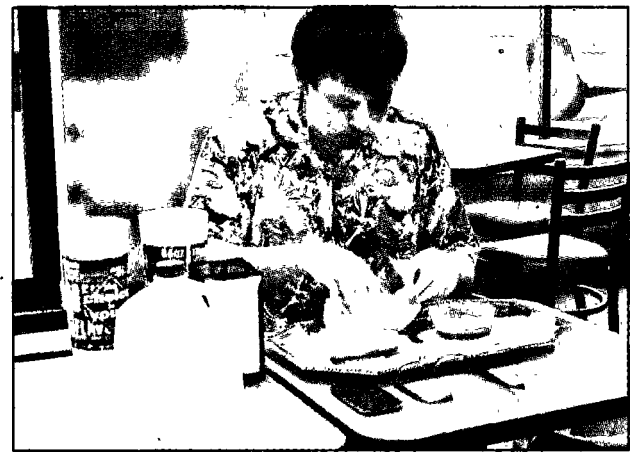
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## FOOD CHALLENGE CHAMP

Westland resident earns honors for eating **big** sandwich



A 7.5-pound sandwich is no challenge for Craig Reed who finished it off in less than an hour at Loaf & A Pound Italian Deli.



Eating contest champion Craig Reed makes his way through the Italian Challenge Sandwich in Westland.



Craig Reed shows off his new T-shirt from Loaf & A Pound Deli after devouring a mammoth sandwich in less than an hour. He's flanked by Jane Gorski, (left) and Simona Enea, both employees.

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

When it comes to talking about sandwiches, Craig Reed has a mouthful to say.

The Westland resident last week became the first person to eat the Italian Challenge Sandwich in under an hour at Loaf & a Pound Deli, in his hometown. "That was pretty rough. There's a lot of deli meat and a lot of bread and not much moisture. I have a hard time with bread and a lot of dried things," said Reed, 31. "There was a lot of chewing, so it took me a while to get them down. With a bucket of water I can pretty much swallow it without much chewing. If I did it again, I'd probably bring ketchup."

Reed deconstructed the 7 1/2-pound monstrosity as he ate, dipping sections of the Italian bread loaf in water and wolfing down the 2 pounds of mozzarella, 1 pound of turkey, 1 pound of salami and 1 pound of ham in pieces. "That sandwich was pretty gigantic. So, you have to take it

apart to eat it," he said.

The \$19.95 challenge sandwich, which also includes lettuce, tomato, onion and special Italian dressing, is served on a doily-decorated silver platter. It has been on the menu for two years, since the restaurant opened.

Deli manager Vera Greco has seen a lot of defeats in that time.

"I've had several people try, but it's a huge sandwich and no one was able to do it. We had a couple of businessmen try it. One had to run to the rest room and the other looked green. Then the Kiwanis Club came and thought they could do it. Then we had a huge guy, over 300 pounds, and he didn't do it.

"We laughed and said no one will get that done. Then here comes Craig who has done food challenges before. He managed to do it. He did it in 41 minutes, which was shocking to us."

Reed has downed massive quantities of food in less time. During his first food challenge at a Warren restaurant, he finished a 4-pound hamburger with a

pound of French fries in 20 minutes, then returned later in the year to whittle his winning time to 11 minutes, 9 seconds.

He doesn't like hot dogs, but he loves hot dog challenges and has downed 24 with buns in 7 1/2 minutes.

"I just eat the plain hot dog and dunk the bun in Crystal Light."

### Swallow it whole

Eating technique varies from competitor to competitor. Reed said he generally chews the challenge food, but knows competitive foodies that swallow items whole.

"I had a giant piece of hamburger caught in my throat once. If I had panicked I would have been in trouble, but all I had to do was stay calm and I was able to get it out. The most important thing is not to panic. Once you start panicking your body starts reacting, but as long as you can stay relaxed, you can recover from something like that."

Reed acquired an appetite for food challenges after download-

ing a game about eating contests for Wii.

With most weekends off from his job at British Only Motorcycles and Parts in Garden City, where he keeps the company's website and eBay pages in shape, Reed had the time to participate in food challenges.

### Stomach stretching

He got in shape for his first contest by eating more fruits and vegetables and drinking more water.

"Eventually it stretched my stomach," he said. "It's something you build up to first and I kind of had to work through some pain. It's not very comfortable having that much food in your stomach."

Reed generally eats only dinner and makes it a light meal when he's involved in a challenge.

"I watch what I eat the day before and after."

He rarely buys challenge food simply to savor its flavor at a leisurely pace.

"Most challenges are \$30-\$40

and even higher," he said. "But there is a place in Roseville called Lazybones (Smokehouse). They have a challenge. I've never had a chance to go in and do it, but I used to order (the challenge food) because it was a 6-pound sandwich with a pound of fries for \$13.99. It was an amazing sandwich. So, I'd get it and eat it for a couple of days."

When competing, he regularly wins T-shirts, bragging rights and sometimes prize money — he figures he earned \$1,200-\$1,500 this year — by consuming large quantities of food within a specified time.

Greco plans to post his photo and name in what will become an Italian Challenge Sandwich hall of fame inside the restaurant. She also gave him a Loaf & a Pound Deli T-shirt and the challenge sandwich was free.

Reed hopes to visit the restaurant again before he moves this month to New Mexico, which is where his girlfriend lives. He met her at an eating contest and hopes she'll also try the sandwich challenge in Westland.

## Monthly program encourages seniors to share recipes

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Strawberry Smoothies and BLT Pasta Salad made for a tasty lunchtime snack last week at Canton's Senior Center.

Mike Kobylarek of All Generations Home Care whipped up the beverage and salad during the monthly Recipe Roundup program at the center.

Each month, Kobylarek or his daughter, who works as a chef for the Dearborn Inn, demonstrate a recipe or two based on a theme. Seniors also bring their own recipes to the meeting.

This month's theme was favorite summer recipes. Next month is "Red White and Blue: Strawberries and Blueberries."

"My thoughts were summer is the time of year you want to be quick, something fast and still good," said Kobylarek, explaining his choice of a smoothie and pasta salad.

Cooking meals is among the many services that All Generations Homecare offers its customers, along with housework, gardening, and other chores.

Susan Doughty, senior specialist at the center, created Recipe Roundup earlier this spring and had planned to demonstrate food preparation herself, with the help of her staff.

Then she met Kobylarek. They agreed that All Generations Home Care would lead the monthly presentations.

"I'm trying to make nutrition one of my headlines for the year," Doughty said. "This particular program wasn't so much to talk about nutrition, but to get people interested in food."

She said some participants have brought in their own recipes and food to share, although most simply enjoy watching the demonstration and sampling its results.

The last Recipe Roundup for the year is 11 a.m.-noon, Monday, July 8, at Canton Club 55+, the Senior Adult Program at The Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Call (734) 394-5485 for more information.



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Today's recipe is Debbie Chamulak's Easy Lemon Panna Cotta.

### Debbie Chamulak attended Recipe Roundup and shared this recipe:

#### Easy Lemon Panna Cotta

Serves 5-6

- 1 3-ounce package of lemon gelatin
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1/2 cup whipping cream or buttermilk
- 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla
- 1/2 cup of sour cream

Seasonal fruit, such as berries, cherries and peaches

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Add heavy cream/buttermilk and vanilla. Blend in sour cream. (Mixture will appear slightly curdled). Chill until slightly thickened. Beat until mixture is smooth. Pour into 3-cup mold. Chill until firm, about 3-4 hours. Unmold and serve with seasonal fruit.

These recipes are from All Generations Home Care:

#### Strawberry Smoothie

- 8 strawberries hulled
- 1/2 cup skim milk

- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 3 tablespoons white sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 6 cubes crushed ice

In a blender combine strawberries, milk yogurt, sugar and vanilla. Toss in the ice. Blend until smooth and creamy. Pour into glass and serve.

#### BLT Pasta Salad

Serves 10

- 1 package medium bow tie pasta
- 1 pound sliced bacon
- 1 1/2 cups Ranch dressing
- 1 small onion
- 2 tomatoes

Cook pasta 8-9 minutes, drain and cool. Cook bacon until brown and crisp. In a large bowl, stir together Ranch, onion and tomatoes, mix in cooled pasta. Refrigerate overnight. Crumble bacon over top just before serving.

#### Fennel & Asparagus Frittata

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 4 tablespoons fennel (sliced)



Michael Kobylarek, owner of All Generations Home Care demonstrates how to make a smoothie.

- 1 small red potato (diced)
- 3 tablespoons Parmesan cheese
- 1 shallot (diced)
- 4 whole eggs
- 8 asparagus (sliced)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Beat together eggs and cheese, set aside. Heat olive oil in a small skillet; sauté potato and shallot until tender. Add asparagus and fennel, cook for about 2 minutes. Add egg and cheese mixture, stir gently and set heat to low. Cover pan and cook until eggs are set, about 10 minutes

#### Curried Egg Salad

- 6 hardboiled eggs (chopped)
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/2 cup Greek yogurt (plain)
- 1/2 teaspoon honey
- 6 tablespoons diced red pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons sliced green onion
- Salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Serve on your favorite bread.



## Technology changing way homes are bought

Technology plays a vital role in today's society and is transforming the way Realtors do business. That's according to Curt Beardsley, vice president of product marketing for realtor.com®, who shared his perspective on the growing mobile technology environment at the "Industry, Technology and Vision" forum during the Realtors Midyear Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo.

According to data from the 2012 National Association of Realtors Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, more than eight out of 10 home buyers who used the Internet in their search reported that online photos and detailed property information were very useful. Forty-five percent of buyers found virtual tours very useful, and 41 percent liked interactive maps and neighborhood information. Realtor.com® offers potential home buyers all of these features on the site.

"Realtor.com®, NAR's official property listing website, is one of the most visited real estate sites on the Internet, attracting an average of 44 million total visits every month from more than 10 million unique visitors. The online world is continuing to blossom; lead generation has gone up 60 percent on realtor.com® and a lot of that is being driven by mobile," said Beardsley. "Mobile is helping change consumer expectations; smart-



phones are the backbone of our daily media use and should be the starting point for designing consumer experiences with clients."

Beardsley highlighted some new technology trends on the rise, including smart watches, a wearable watch device with enhanced technology features; Facebook Home, software for your phone that offers a more seamless version of the social media site; and geo-fencing, a new technology that alerts consumers when they are in

close proximity to something they may have researched online.

"Given the Internet's convenience and round-the-clock accessibility, it's not surprising that many home buyers first look online for properties and information when beginning their search. Most buyers rely on Realtor-supported online resources like multiple listing service websites and realtor.com®," said National Association of Realtors President Gary Thomas, broker-owner

of Evergreen Realty, in Villa Park, Calif.

"After they've done their own real estate research, consumers can then turn to realtor.com® for the Internet's most comprehensive directory of Realtors who can help home buyers and sellers achieve their goals," said Beardsley.

As the adoption of mobile smartphone devices has exploded, Beardsley said realtor.com® has positioned itself as the top-rated real estate app on all of the major platforms, including iPhone/iPad, Android and Windows 7. Mobile visits now account for 20 percent of realtor.com® traffic. Beardsley urged the audience of Realtors to stay abreast of technology trends and the many mobile tools available now to help them build their business.

"Netflix is a great example of a business effectively leveraging customer trends. The company researched consumer content preferences and commissioned an original TV series based on what that data revealed; the resulting series is now the most watched on Netflix," he said. "What this means for real estate is that it's become vital to ensure that consumers can access information how and when they want — and if they can't, then their experience becomes frustrating. You must design the experience to match what consumers are trying to do," said Beardsley.

## Pros: Pay, or regret later

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** I just found out that our management company recommended an attorney to us because, as she told another managing agent, he gives her free advice. What is your comment about that?

**A:** Lawyers undertake all types of marketing strategies, and in the community association world, giving free advice or doing favors for management companies is something that some lawyers do in order to gain favor with the managing agents. However, if that was the sole reason why your managing agent picked this attorney, or



Robert Meisner

otherwise gave him or her preferential treatment in the selection process, you need to get rid of both the attorney and the managing agent. Remember, you get what you pay for!

**Q:** Our former management company who has handled a number of projects for a national developer made disparaging comments about a prospective attorney who we wish to consider for our condominium association. We believe that these comments were made because the developer did not want this attorney to be engaged in representing our association. One of our board members is naively following the advice of our former managing agent. How can we convince him otherwise?

**A:** Generally speaking, when someone suggests unsolicited that you should not retain an attorney, CPA, or management company, there may well be an ulterior reason for doing so. Obviously, in this case, it would appear that the developer has buttered the bread of this managing agent including trying to dictate to the new directors of the condominium association after they have taken over control who should be representing them, presumably against the developer. When your opposition tells you who you shouldn't hire, that is probably the first person you should hire.

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 18-22, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
43538 Bannockburn Dr	\$184,000
44042 Bannockburn Dr	\$150,000
6642 Burnham Dr	\$165,000
48325 Chesterfield Dr S	\$305,000
50425 Coolidge St	\$230,000
41475 Copper Creek Cir	\$130,000
39434 Dorchester Cir	\$185,000
2011 Echo Woods Dr	\$260,000
50361 Hancock St	\$270,000
1068 Kings Ct	\$144,000
2611 Liberty St S	\$326,000
46977 Mornington Rd	\$297,000
7901 N Canton Center Rd	\$130,000
4007 Palace Ave	\$175,000
2156 Pinecroft Dr	\$116,000
2075 Premier Ln	\$77,000
50820 Redding Ct	\$500,000

42928 Ryegate St	\$162,000
471 Sandalwood Rd	\$272,000
51181 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$191,000
42608 Somerset Dr	\$144,000
390 Sylvan Dr	\$407,000
43509 W Arbor Way Dr	\$67,000
GARDEN CITY	
28518 Bridge St	\$76,000
31407 Sheridan St	\$70,000
LIVONIA	
19811 Ashley Ct	\$307,000
37540 Bloomfield Dr	\$235,000
18321 Brentwood St	\$63,000
15749 Doris St	\$55,000
14409 Fairway St	\$144,000
20652 Golf Ridge Cir	\$30,000
36468 Grandon St	\$170,000
11301 Hillcrest St	\$100,000
29370 Jacquelyn Dr	\$135,000
29733 Jacquelyn Dr	\$140,000
35231 Lancashire Rd	\$283,000
35211 Leon St	\$105,000
35777 Minton St	\$145,000
34915 Pembroke Ave	\$270,000
19345 Westmore St	\$40,000
NORTHVILLE	
16942 Algonquin Dr	\$395,000
44493 Broadmoor Blvd	\$321,000

16868 Dover Dr	\$138,000
49309 Hidden Ridge Dr	\$107,000
49406 N Glacier	\$255,000
470 Orchard Dr	\$679,000
16184 Pine Valley Dr	\$65,000
42621 Ravina Ln	\$295,000
39445 Springwater Dr	\$130,000
PLYMOUTH	
328 Adams St	\$200,000
11509 Aspen Dr	\$125,000
9038 Ball St	\$139,000
48685 Beaver Creek Dr	\$340,000
50443 Cottonwood Ct	\$300,000
9034 Elmhurst Ave	\$139,000
1740 Gloucester St	\$228,000
40755 Greenbriar Ln	\$195,000
11856 Lorenz Way	\$335,000
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26608 Five Mile Rd	\$20,000
8909 Brady	\$42,000

17661 Delaware Ave	\$41,000
9983 Lucerne	\$55,000
14266 Marshall Dr	\$157,000
14214 Mason Dr	\$136,000
16231 Negaunee	\$125,000
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14164 San Jose	\$2,000
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9935 Tecumseh	\$45,000
26012 W Chicago	\$34,000
17025 Wakenenden	\$37,000
15499 Woodbine	\$25,000
19150 Woodworth	\$27,000
9010 Wormer	\$29,000
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37186 Amhurst Dr	\$94,000
29136 Badelt St	\$100,000
35832 Castletown Ct	\$58,000
7611 Cherrywood Dr	\$174,000
431 Darwin St	\$44,000
350 Larchmont Dr	\$115,000
38381 Maes St	\$50,000
7860 N Henry Ruff Rd	\$68,000
7783 Rivergate Dr	\$77,000
34542 School St	\$75,000
27669 Trailbrooke Cir	\$50,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 28 through Feb. 1, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
31240 Cline Dr	\$275,000
32231 Varona Cir	\$195,000
18341 Warwick St	\$355,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1283 Holland St	\$450,000
533 Wallace St	\$850,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
4770 Burnley Dr	\$220,000
570 E Long Lake Rd	\$1,424,000
36 Hidden Rdg	\$2,500,000
2360 Klingensmith Rd	\$131,000
506 Newburne Pointe	\$168,000
6810 Orinoco Cir	\$224,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1789 Blue Heron Ct	\$1,350,000
3952 Cottontail Ln	\$609,000
629 E Fox Hills Dr	\$54,000
2499 Parcels Cir	\$176,000
2085 Quanton Rd	\$970,000
26814 W 14 Mile Rd	\$380,000
6120 Westmoor Rd	\$240,000
42160 Woodward Ave Unit 72	\$80,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	
5151 Carinas Way Ct	\$308,000
8915 Gittins St	\$10,000
2032 Portlock Ave	\$212,000
FARMINGTON	
22420 Lilac St	\$55,000
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23168 Albion Ave	\$75,000
34441 Chantilly Ct	\$290,000
31194 Country Way	\$120,000
25314 Crown Point Ct	\$293,000
28104 Gettysburg St	\$209,000
35377 Naples	\$350,000

29707 Pendleton Club Dr	\$39,000
20823 Randall St	\$160,000
38424 Saratoga Cir	\$148,000
29225 Scotton St	\$95,000
21524 Wheeler St	\$98,000
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#### Free tours

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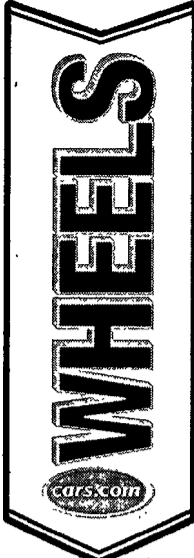
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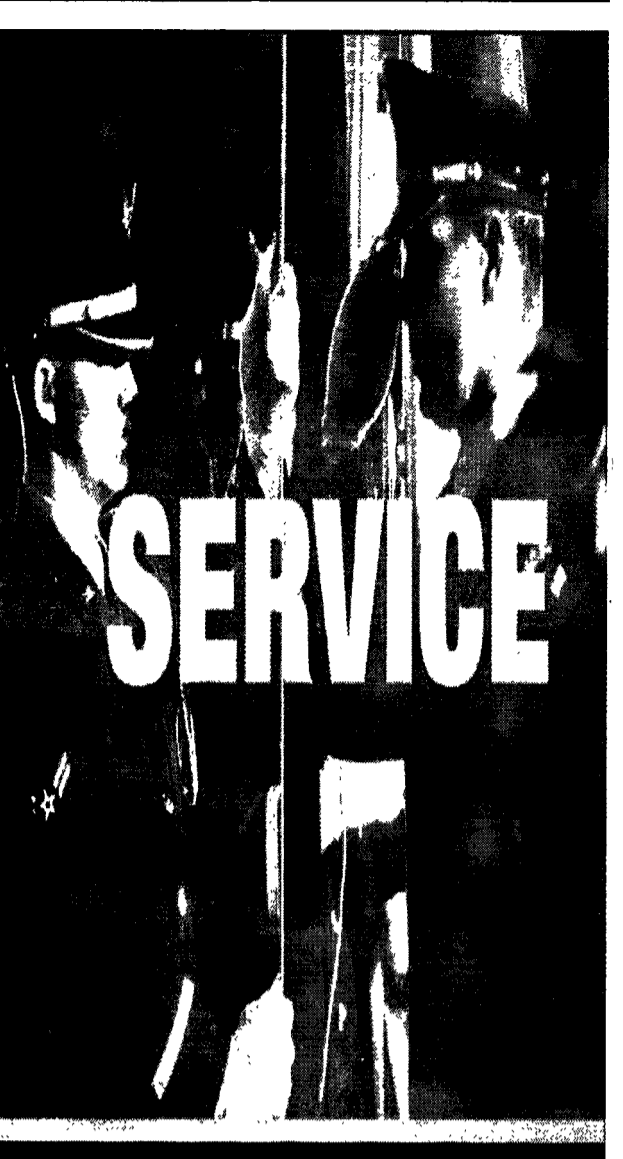
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