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# Woehlke widow pension on way

Firefighter's widow will be paid more if council recommendation heeded

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Observer Staff Writer

The widow of a Wayne-Westland firefighter killed in the line of duty can expect to receive a \$42,850 annual pension and medical benefits under a recommendation from the City Council.

Westland's pension board will actually vote on the pension and benefits for Jennifer

Woehlke but asked for a recommendation from the council.

"We are being asked to provide guidance to the pension board. We need to provide guidance based on what we feel is fair and equitable," said Westland Council President James Godbout.

The question put to the council was how to resolve conflicting language in the Wayne-Westland Firefighter

Association collective bargaining agreement.

Brian Woehlke was with the department for 10 months before being killed May 8 fighting the fire that destroyed Marvaso's Italian Grille/the Electric Stick. His widow will receive pension benefits as if he worked a full 25 years.

The question was at what pay level would the pension be calculated. Until recent years, firefighters had a five-year tier system to reach full pay at their rank. That was extended to a seven-step tier in recent years.

As part of his death benefits, Woehlke's widow would receive a pension of \$26,933 annually, if he received five years credit, or \$42,850 annually, if he was credited at seven years.

The pension and medical benefits would end for Jennifer Woehlke, if she remarries. The couple's daughter Ava, 14 months old, would be eligible for medical benefits until she is 18 years old.

"It's an either/or selection. The first run actuarial (of \$26,933) would be less than workman's compensation

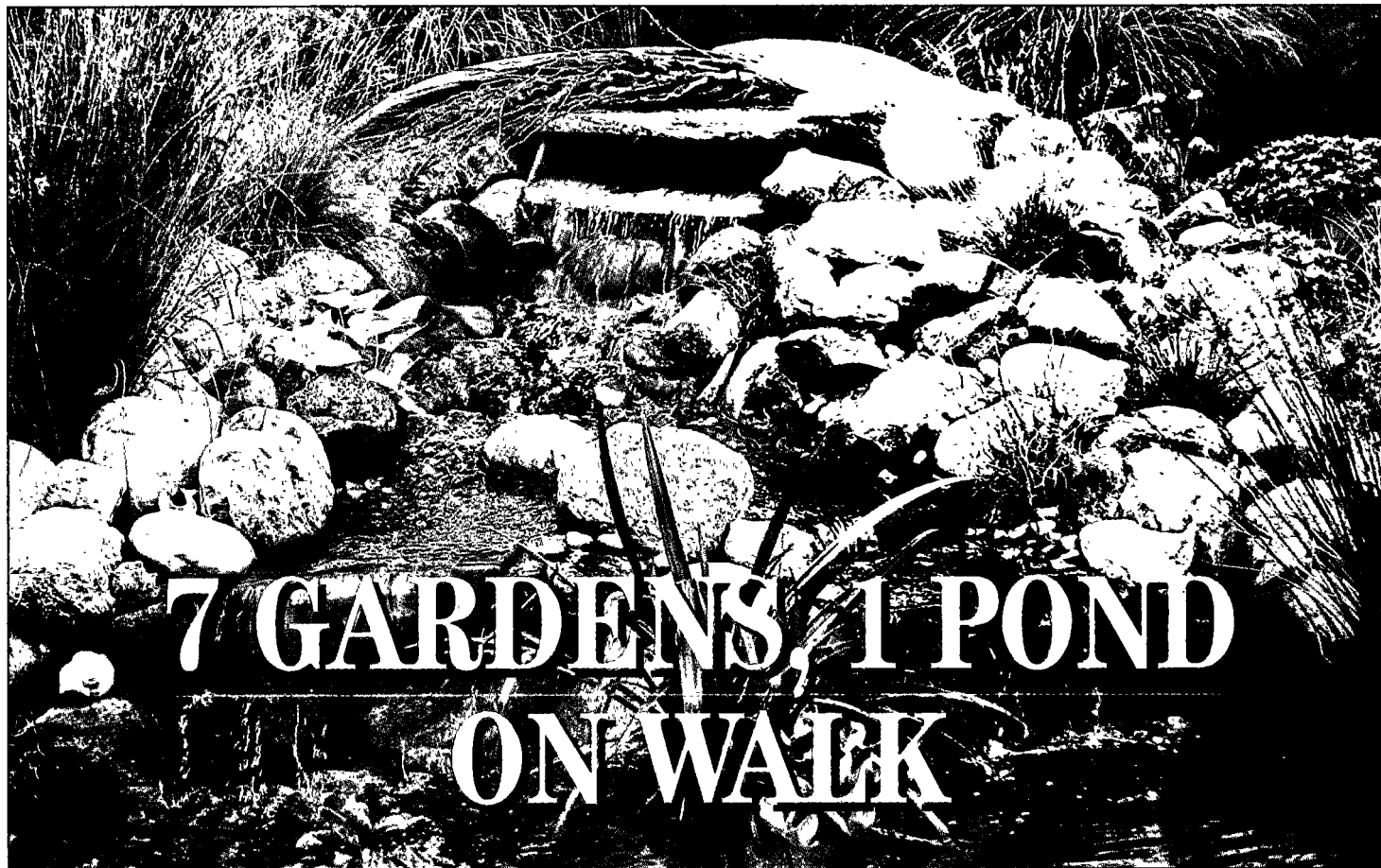
benefits," said City Attorney James Fausone.

The issue was presented to the council at a study session Monday prior to the council meeting where the recommendation was approved.

During the study session, resident Burke Rock argued that the council wasn't following the letter of the contract by recommending the higher pension calculation.

"This will affect the city for 50 years. Someone has to pay the price. The average life

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## 7 GARDENS, 1 POND ON WALK

Maureen Davidson's 1,500-gallon pond covers 25 by 20 feet and features 18 different water plants. PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Garden Walk on tap Saturday

By Sue Mason  
 Staff Writer

Maureen Davidson is into water, lots of water. Just take a look at her backyard. There's few blades of grass, a 1,500-gallon pond and plenty of plants.

The pond isn't there for the gold fish that live in it, but rather the 18 varieties of water plants that are in and 35 different kinds of perennials that are around it.

"I learned a whole new way of gardening now that I have a pond," said Davidson. "It's always a work in progress."

The Westland resident's garden is one of seven that will be featured in the Wayne Garden Club's biennial Garden Walk Saturday. Three of the gardens are in Westland and four are in Wayne. David-

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A pond dominates Maureen Davidson's backyard because the Westland resident is into pond gardening.

### GARDENS IN BLOOM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 22

Details: Seven gardens in Wayne and Westland will be featured in the Wayne Garden Club's biennial garden walk. There will be vendors at each home on the walk and a white elephant at the home of Maureen Davidson in Westland. Tickets are \$8 in advance and are available at the Wayne Public Library, Wayne-Westland Community Center, Wayne City Hall, Barson's Greenhouses in Westland and Garden Fantasy in Belleville. Tickets will cost \$10 the day of the walk and will be sold at the Wayne Banquet/Activity Center at Sims and Wayne Road between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Contact: For more information, call Lynn at 734-721-8232.

## Westland Summer Fest fun in sun

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Staff Writer

Plans are moving forward for the 43rd annual Westland Summer Festival, including the fireworks display which traditionally closes the event.

Held on the grounds of Westland City Hall, the five-day event will run Wednesday through Sunday, July 3-7.

The festival had already been approved when council members asked for an ordinance to ban carnivals following problems with unruly crowds of young people at area carnivals, including one to benefit the Westland Firefighters Safety Committee.

"I anticipate it will all be resolved. I think that's what is going to happen," said Ken Mehl, festival committee chairman. "I think there was a change of heart after (Oakland County Sheriff) Mike Bouchard and Canton made comments about not letting a few people ruin an event."

Festival committee members and a representative of Wade Shows, the carnival and midway provider, recently met with city officials, including Westland police, to discuss security for the festival.

"We're putting up signs like we did last year that basically said in advance that if they were going to be bad boys and girls, then they were going (out of the festival)," said Mehl. "We had no problems at all last year."

Once this year's festival is complete, Westland Mayor William Wild said representatives of Wade Shows have been asked to come back and discuss future security.

"We will have a dialogue

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## Adults only: Education program looks at drug abuse trends

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Staff Writer

A year ago, synthetic marijuana like K-2 was the trend. Now it's prescription pills and heroin topping the list of drugs abused by teens.

Parents, guardians and

other interested adults are invited to attend a Trendy Drugs and Paraphernalia drug education program 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 27, at the Westland Friendship Center.

Ken Krygel, a drug and alcohol recognition expert, will be returning as the speaker for

the free adults-only program. Westland Youth Assistance is sponsoring the program.

"We had a nice turnout last time, we got some really good feedback," said Westland Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz. "We'll be discussing the drugs that are happening

now - marijuana and the different pills kids are using."

The goal of the meeting is to make parents and caregivers more aware of the potentially addictive drugs and other substances available to young people.

"We'll talk about if there is a

family history of substance or drug abuse, the availability and potency of available drugs," said Motz. "It's a worthwhile experience. It's two hours of your time and you might save your child's life."

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after the festival. He (Wade Shows) has been coming here for years," said Wild. "Only the last couple of years has been a problem."

Along with security, the cost for police overtime had been an issue along with cleanup after the event. The festival committee recently agreed to pay \$10,000 to cover 2013 police overtime.

"I think we have come up with a pretty good plan. The cleanup last year was 100 percent better than the year before," said Wild.



Last year, Rachel Senkbeil of Canton, Megan Jarman of Westland and Krystal Kaschuk of Garden City couldn't help but scream while riding the Round Up at the Westland Summer Festival. FILE PHOTO

This year, Wild said the cleanup will include not just the City Hall grounds but the Kroger strip center parking lot and a couple blocks in the neighborhood.

On the evening of the fireworks, people gather to watch from nearby parking lots and residential areas. The cleanup will be handled by Wade Shows staff, community service court workers and festival volunteers.

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**Animals, music galore at Westland festival**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

The fireworks display that closes the Westland Summer Festival is always a highlight of the annual event, but there are plenty of other activities and attractions over the five-day event Wednesday-Sunday, July 3-7.

"One thing that will be back that we didn't have last year are the exotic animals," said festival committee chairman Ken Mehl. "The exotic animals were very popular."

Premier Animal Attractions has tigers and other exotic animals available for photographs at a nominal fee.

Another popular animal attraction returning to the festival is the Gilligan T. Monkey Banana Derby, featuring monkey jockeys riding dogs. Instead of a limited visit, the banana derby will be there daily at the festival held on the grounds of Westland City Hall on Ford west of Wayne Road.

Along with carnival rides and a midway throughout the festival, fund-raising events are also on tap.

On Saturday, July 6, the Miles for Memories walk for the Alzheimer's Association will begin at 10 a.m. Call 734-968-9236 for information.

To benefit juvenile diabetes research, a

Zumbathon will be held on the stage from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 6. Pre-register for \$10 per person or \$15 at the event. For information, call Kevin Coleman at 734-751-6321 or Maria Alijandro at 734-444-9174.

On Sunday, July 7, a pancake breakfast will be held 9-10:15 a.m. to benefit Hope 4 Western Wayne County. The cost is \$5 per person. For more information, visit [www.Hope4WWC.com](http://www.Hope4WWC.com).

A Community Bake Sale will be held noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 7. Non-profit groups are invited to participate in the bake sale. Call 734-578-5025 for more information or to sign up.

The festival features free live musical entertainment daily, including Margaritaville, a Jimmy Buffett tribute band, Toppermost, a Beatles tribute band, Impact Seven and country music from Annabelle Road.

Free shuttle parking is offered from Westland John Glenn High School and the William P. Faust Public Library.

Volunteers are still needed to help during the festival, which is organized and run by the volunteer festival committee. To volunteer at the festival, call Mehl at 734-335-7943.

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son's is the only one that includes a pond.

This may be Davidson's first time in the Wayne garden tour, but it's not her first time showing off her garden to the public. Hers was one of the featured gardens in the Garden City Garden Club's Garden Walk in 2006.

**Getting started**

Davidson got into ponds and water gardening 10 years ago when she went on a pond tour. Seeing what folks had done inspired her to try it. She bought a pre-formed pond to see if she liked it. The following year she bought a larger one, and two years later she decided to go "big."

"I had the whole backyard dug up for a pond and waterfall with room for perennials," she said. "If I had known from the get-go, I would have gone for the largest one to start."

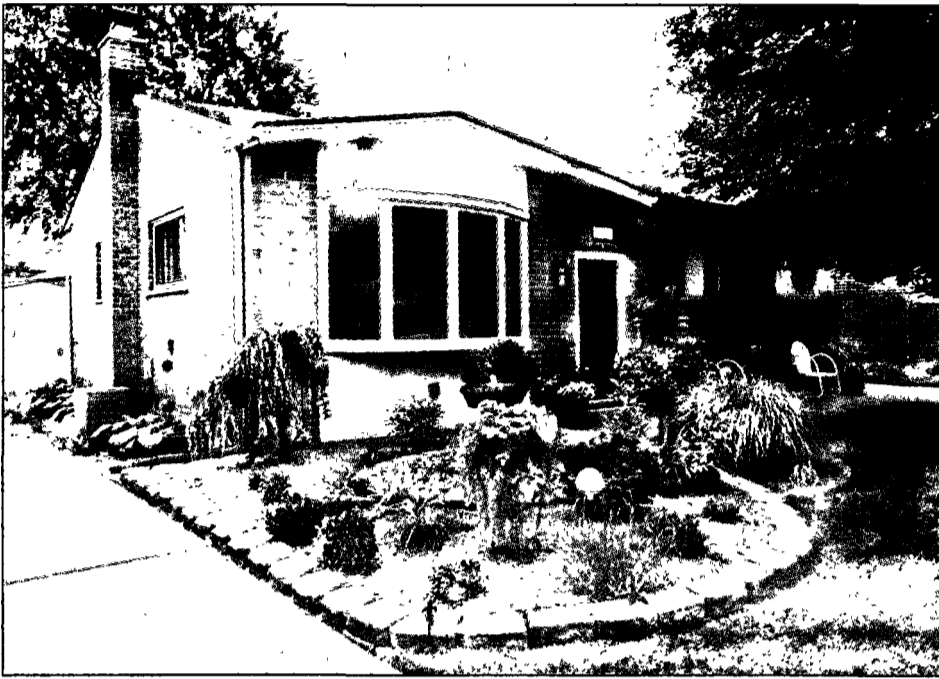
The garden covers 25 feet by 20 feet area and the focal point is the pond and waterfall. It's flanked by perennials like a double clematis and watched over by a cherub on a pedestal. The pond has a mixture of plants that rest on the bottom and oxygenate the water, ones that sit 1-2 inches below it and those that float on it.

She includes water hyacinths, water lettuce and tropical water lilies in purple and blue in the pond that's home to a variety of gold fish, shibunkins and frogs. When planting tropical plants, she has to go by the water temperature. She waits until the water temperature is 65 degrees to put out the lilies, which "are only good for the summer," she said.

"You have to have all three to balance it out," said Davidson, who's been a member of the Wayne Garden Club for three years. "It's a natural pond with gravel on the bottom to help neutralize. Rocks are so much more natural."

**One fish, two fish**

While many pond enthusiasts go for koi,



An antique urn more than 100 years old has been repurposed as a fountain in the Davidsons' front yard. PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

*'I had the whole backyard dug up for a pond and waterfall with room for perennials. If I had known from the get-go, I would have gone for the largest one to start.' The garden covers 25 feet by 20 feet and the focal point is the pond and waterfall.*

MAUREEN DAVIDSON

she put in two goldfish six years ago. They now number about 30 and are in colors of orange, all black and orange and black.

"If you want nice flowers, you can't have koi," said Davidson. "Koi can nuzzle and lift up the plants, for me, the water garden is more important than the fish."

In the spring, there are plenty of tadpoles and the night air is filled with the sound of croaking. Davidson said she hasn't gotten any complaints about their noise from neighbors. In fact, one neighbor lived down south and had a pond. The croaking reminds



Double Clematis in full bloom climb a metal trellis along the edge of the Davidsons' pond.

her of it.

The garden is a work in progress and she and her husband Richard "go all over," even Eastern Market, to find plants. They also go far and wide for garden walks in places like Northville and Grosse Pointe. They also take in the Boston Edison tour in Detroit at Christmas.

"You go ll over, if you're into gardening," she said. "You have to be willing to travel."

Garden Club member Lynn Higgs is looking

forward to the this year's walk being a "huge one." Ticket sales are going very well.

"This is the first time we've included Westland gardens," said Higgs. "We usually have 200-300 people through the course of the day. We have people come early morning that's when it tends to be crowded."

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**AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND**

**Ripple Effect**

The Wayne Ripple Effect, a volunteer downtown revitalization group, meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 20, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, in downtown Wayne. Anyone interested in getting involved is welcome. For more information, visit the website at [www.downtownwayne.org](http://www.downtownwayne.org) or e-mail Sherrrie at [waynerippleeffect@gmail.com](mailto:waynerippleeffect@gmail.com).

**Garage Sale**

The Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a community garage sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat-

urday, June 22, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne.

Rent a table for \$20. To reserve a table, call 734-721-7400.

**Film Series**

Ss. Simon and Jude Parish kicks off its free Oscar Nominated Summer Film Series this evening with the movie, *Lincoln*.

The movie will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn and pop will be served.

Other films this summer will be *Life of Pi* on July 18 and *Argo* on July 22. Ss. Simon and Jude is at 32500 Palmer, east of Merriman, Westland.

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Time and again parents report a child has changed - lying, cheating and stealing or in some cases becoming violent, said Motz.

"Most of the time it is drug-related. Drugs can affect a child's mental stability," he said.

When it comes to prescription medications, Motz said it's important to properly dispose of unwanted or expired prescription medications so that the drugs won't be misused or abused or harm the environment. There is a disposal box in the lobby of the Westland Police Department, he said.

"We've been receiving many health alerts on heroin overdoses causing

deaths. I'm sure he (Krygel) will touch on that," said Motz.

One drug adults might not be familiar with is called Ear Wax. Motz described it as the substance made when all the THC - the active ingredient in marijuana - is removed and concentrated.

"It's about 99 percent effective. It's gooey stuff, they smoke it," said Motz. "When they use it, they like it so much that they're easily addicted."

The program is open to any interested adult. Call Youth Assistance at 734-467-7904 to reserve a spot.

The Westland Friendship Center is at 1119 Newburgh, south of Ford Road.

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expectancy for women is 85 years," said Rock, who has been a regular critic of generic buyouts for

early retirements and other issues regarding the city's police and fire pensions.

Council members seemed taken aback by Rock's comments. Before council members could respond, public com-

ments continued.

"The question is how much is a life worth? If it was your son or daughter, how much would it be worth to you?" said resident Robert Froreich.

After the council had voted to recommend the higher pension pay out, Councilman Michael Kehrer commented on the action mentioning Rock's objection.

"We voted to give him top pay as if he (Woehlke) had been here

for seven years," said Kehrer, noting the city had never lost a firefighter in the line of duty previously. "We felt it was fair to give those years of service for the pension calculation. Someone objected. The difference (between the pensions) will cost each person in the city 25 cents per year."

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# Signal Seekers take to air for friends day, air show

The Signal Seekers R/C Club will be taking to the sky this weekend with back-to-back events aimed at introducing to and entertaining people with remote control airplanes.

The club will hold its fourth annual Friends and Family Day noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at its dedicated airfield at 3821 S. Henry Ruff, south of Michigan Avenue, Westland.

The activities will include free buddy box flights, flying demonstrations and a free lunch for participants.

On Sunday, June 23, the club will switch gears for its annual air show, an event for club members as well as the public. Gates will open at



The Signal Seekers had plenty of different types of aircraft on display at last year's Friends and Family Day. FILE PHOTO

10 a.m. for early flying, with the air show beginning at noon. Show will end at 4 p.m. with open flying afterward.

The show will feature nonstop aerial action, pro-sponsored pilots, giant scale, warbirds, helicopters and aerobatic airplanes. There also will

be 3D flying demonstrations, turbine demonstrations, static displays and a computer flight simulator for visitors to try their hand at RC, as well as concession stands, 50/50 raffles and prize raffle.

"We are really working hard to make the

airshow a great event for the community this year," said Dave Schneck, the club's secretary. "Last year, we donated the profits from the airshow raised by parking fees, a raffle and outright donations to the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City.

"We also do one or two events each year right at the school, as part of their winter and summer carnivals, telling kids about aviation, giving flight lessons and helping them build gliders they can take home at the end of the day," Schneck said.

The Signal Seekers R/C Club was founded in the early 1960s as a non-profit organization with

the purpose of building, instructing, promoting, advancing, and ultimately flying model aircraft. The club is chartered and sanctioned through the Academy of Model Aeronautics and has more than 80 members..

Its dedicated flying field is on property leased to the club by Ford Motor Co. The grounds were once part of the Eloise psychiatric hospital compound, which is located to the north and now owned by Wayne County. Its overfly area is shared with a local farmer, as well as an area dedicated for use as a community garden, Schneck said.

"We offer members and guest pilots a 400-foot long manicured

flight line with over 200 acres of flying space, as well as a separate 200-foot diameter circle for control line aircraft and R/C helicopters," he added.

The club also hosts a free training night on Wednesday evenings throughout the flying season. Club instructors are available to both members and nonmembers looking to experience R/C flight. A club trainer airplane is available for discovery flights for people new to R/C, with regular students providing their own radio equipment and aircraft.

For more information about the club, go online to [www.michigansignalseekers.org](http://www.michigansignalseekers.org).

## Co-op Services employee honored for teaching kids

Talking with elementary and middle school students about financial literacy is a passion for Jeremy Cybulski.

As the youth and community development coordinator for Livonia-based Co-op Services Credit Union, he spends his work days overseeing nine student-run credit unions in Livonia, Westland and Redford area schools. His job also includes classroom presentations — more than 140 during the past school year, reaching nearly 3,700 students.

Cybulski's work is well recognized by his credit union peers throughout Michigan. He recently received the Michigan Credit Union League's "Award for Excellence in Consumer Education." This is the third honor Cybulski has received in the past three years. Previous awards include "Young Professional of the Year" in 2012 and "Youth Advocate of the Year" in 2011.

"It's Jeremy's enthusiasm for what he does that inspires so many people,

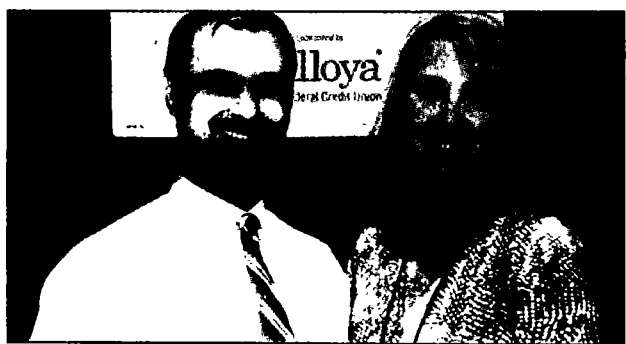
from students to teachers to parent volunteers," said Lisa Fawcett, Co-op Services' vice president of marketing. "These honors are well deserved."

When he visits schools and individual classrooms, Cybulski is often accompanied by the credit union's Rock Star Savers' mascot. While the mascot doesn't talk, it is Cybulski who delivers valuable information about how students can set goals, budget and save for their future.

Since joining Co-op Services Credit Union in 2008, Cybulski has conducted a total of 743 presentations, reaching more than 17,800 students.

"Co-op Services has a strong commitment to financial literacy for members of all ages, and I'm fortunate that the credit union enables me to share my passion with others," said Cybulski.

Co-op Services Credit Union has more than 50,000 members and maintains eight full-service branch offices in the Detroit metro area.



Lisa Fawcett, marketing vice president of Co-op Services Credit Union, congratulates Jeremy Cybulski, 2013 recipient of the Award for Excellence in Consumer Education from the Michigan Credit Union League.



Free canoeing will be among the activities available at the Wayne County Parks Nature Fest at Crosswinds Marsh Saturday.

## Wayne County Parks hosts Nature Fest this Saturday

With the summer heating up, Wayne County Parks continues to provide free, family-oriented events for all to enjoy. Nature Fest 2013 is slated for 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at Crosswinds Marsh in New Boston.

"We encourage Wayne County residents and families to take advantage of the many summer events and activities available to them through Wayne County Parks," said

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "The Nature Fest is a prime example of the many ways families can enjoy our parks," Ficano added.

At Nature Fest, participants can enjoy activities that include inflatable games, nature crafts and guided nature hikes. The young and the young at heart can also enjoy hands-on fun at the petting zoo.

In addition, there will be an art contest with

prizes given for best nature photo and best nature drawing/painting. People are encouraged to bring their nature photos, drawings or paintings to submit for the competition. Contestants must be age 17 or under.

For those who prefer recreational activities, the free canoeing and fishing contest offer the opportunity to get close to nature. Fishing contest participants are asked to bring their own

fishing gear. Bait will be provided.

The events for Nature Fest have been made possible through funding from the Wayne County Parks millage.

For more information on Nature Fest, please call (734) 654-1223. Information on Nature Fest, the annual Mud Day and all of the calendar events from Wayne County Parks also are available on the Wayne County website at [www.waynecounty.com](http://www.waynecounty.com).

## Wayne-Westland Rec offers plenty of summer programs

School's out for summer and the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department is offering plenty of activities for local youngsters.

» Registration is under way for the Stage IV Youth Theater which will be presenting *Seussical Jr.*

Open to youngster 8-18 years old, the cost is \$125 for residents, \$135 for nonresidents. Camp rehearsals are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays July 22-Aug. 1. Performances will be Friday-Sunday, Aug. 2-4.

Registration is at the Wayne-Westland Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne. All rehearsals and performances will be held at a new location - St. Mary's of Wayne School, 34530 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne.

» In advance of performances in August, a clown from the Kelly Miller Circus is visiting Wayne 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 25.

Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams is seeking venues/events to visit so he can perform 30-minute shows, such as summer day camp, sen-

ior residences and vacation Bible schools. The clown also will perform in the Community Center lobby 12:30-1 p.m. before Open Swim.

Circus tickets are on sale for the two shows at 2 and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10. The cost is \$6 for children under age and \$10 for adults. The prices cost \$15 for adults and \$7 for kids on the day of the event.

Tickets are on sale at: the Wayne-Westland Community Center, Henry's Service Center, Mark Chevrolet, Jack Demmer Ford, Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union and the Westland Municipal Golf Course.

» The Summer Dance Program is running four-week sessions of dance, gymnastics and cheer.

Classes are offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and include gymnastics, hip hop, cheer, jazz and ballet.

The cost is \$23.00 for a 25-minute class or \$32 for a 50-minute class. Register at the Wayne-Westland Community Center. For more information, call 734-721-7400, Ext. 1324.

» Enjoy games, playground fun, field trips, swimming, physical education and nutrition and more at summer day camp.

The camp is for children ages 7-12 and is held at the Wayne-Westland Community Center. The camp is open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through Aug. 30. There will be no camp July 4-5 and July 29-Aug. 2. There are weekly themes and field trips. Rates are \$20 per day for residents and REC members and \$30 for non-residents. Campers must \$5 for field trips.

Registration is 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Community Center. For more information, call Marie McIntyre at 734-721-7400, Ext. 306 or by e-mail at [mmcintyre@ci.wayne.mi.us](mailto:mmcintyre@ci.wayne.mi.us).

» HYPE Athletics is offering several sports camps during July. Its Youth Football Camp will be Tuesday-Friday, July 9-12, for children ages 6-14. Former pro and collegiate players will lead the

camp that will be held at the Community Center. The cost is \$50.

An Elite Baseball Camp also will held Tuesday-Friday, July 9-12 at the Attwood baseball

diamond. The class is for children ages 8-14 and also costs \$50. The training clinic will have a staff with more than 30 years experience.

A Summer Basketball

Camp will be offered Monday-Thursday, July 15-18 at Wayne Memorial High School. The cost also is \$50.

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WAYNE COP  
CALLS

## Attempted break-in

Police were called to a home in the 4500 block of Biddle June 1 after the resident reported hearing noises in her back yard. Officers noted that an exterior light bulb was removed and found shattered on the ground. A window screen was also found on the ground beneath a kitchen window.

The K-9 unit was dispatched to the location and was unable to locate any suspects.

## Break-in

A resident in the 34000 block of Glenwood reported the copper piping had been removed from the basement of the home sometime between May 29 and June 2.

The home is currently foreclosed and the resident had returned to pick up some belongings when the missing piping was noticed. It appears someone had entered through a kitchen window and exited through the back door.

Approximately 10 feet of piping was removed from the home.

## Break-in

On June 11, a resident in the 4500 block of Carnegie told police she left home at 4 p.m. and returned at 10 p.m. to find her dog on the front porch with the front door standing open.

When she went inside, she said she found her belongings thrown on the floor throughout the home. It appeared the unknown suspect entered through a kitchen window and left through the front door. No items were reported stolen.

## Break-in

A Toshiba laptop, two gold necklaces and two gold rings were reported stolen from a home in the 35000 block of Van Born June 11.

An unknown suspect gained entry by breaking through a window. The value of the stolen items wasn't specified.

Inkster woman pleads guilty in  
death of Westland mother

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

A guilty plea has been entered by an Inkster woman charged with failing to stop at the scene of an accident that left a Westland mother dead.

Shannon Marie Gruden, 30, entered her plea to the 15-year felony Friday in Wayne County Circuit Court. She was charged with fleeing after running over and killing

Amanda Hall, 25, in a March 21 incident on Manistee Court in Norwayne.

Sentencing for Gruden is scheduled for July 12.

Following a preliminary examination in Westland's 18th District Court, two other felony charges against Gruden, including second-degree murder, were dismissed.

Testimony in the case recounted a simmering dispute between Gruden and her sis-

ters, their friend and Hall and her sister. Several of the women were living on Manistee Court.

The situation escalated when Hall's mother and two companions arrived. The testimony was that Gruden pulled onto Manistee and, while behind the wheel, was confronted by Hall's mother, who Maced Gruden.

At the same time, a man who was with Hall's mother

threw a wrench at Gruden's windshield. After backing into a car behind her driven by her sister, Gruden accelerated rapidly and ran over Hall, who was standing in front of the car in the street.

Gruden fled the area and was arrested several hours later in Livingston County.

lr Rogers@hometownlife.com |  
313-222-5428  
Twitter: @LRogersObserver

## GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

## Fake checks

The finance officer of the American Legion Post 396 on Middlebelt north of Warren Road reported June 12 that someone fraudulently cashed \$1,244 on the organization's checking account.

He brought in photocopies of the counterfeit checks but couldn't tell the bank where they were cashed. The checks were cashed on May 20, May 26 and May 29.

There were no checks missing from the Legion's checkbook but the check numbers picked up close to where the numbers left off.

The representative said that he filed a complaint and filled out all of the necessary paperwork at the bank. The bank informed the Legion that they would be reimbursed but required that a police report be filed.

He said that the checking account was closed and the remaining checks were destroyed.

## Stolen dog

A Plymouth resident who kept his pit bull mix dog at his friend's house in the 29000 block of Barton reported June 7 that someone stole his dog.

He said that he has had a number of complaints about

his dog from the neighbors. The police officer wrote in his report that he took a number of calls from the neighbors that the dog was barking, mistreated or abandoned.

A woman from Paws with a Cause was also concerned but said that she found the dog on a long leash and good health when she checked.

The police officer went to her house but she said she didn't take the dog and was willing to help look for the dog.

## Theft

The manager at the Arby's, 30049 Ford, discovered when she came into work about 7:30 a.m. June 12 that someone broke into the outside storage freezer.

A lock was pried off from the freezer and about \$587 worth of beef was stolen.

A resident in the 32000 block of Cambridge made a delayed report on June 12 that someone stole her son's bike on May 23. She said the report was delayed because she didn't have the serial numbers for the bike.

Her son had parked the bike behind the garage and two hours later, he went back and found his bike was gone.

The mother was given a card and case number and

was told that she could come to the station and look through the bikes which were recovered.

A Canton Township resident reported that someone entered her vehicle which was parked in the 32000 block of Donnelly and stole her diaper bag and its contents. The bag contained \$50 in cash, credit cards, her Social Security card, ID and credit union checks.

The police officer wasn't able to lift any fingerprints because of rain that day.

## Property damage

A resident in the 31000 block of Barton reported that someone broke his front window and shattered it about 10 p.m. June 6.

He thought that someone used his bike as a projectile, but the police didn't believe so. The officer didn't indicate what object was used to break the window.

A resident in the 31000 block of Elmwood reported June 12 that someone stole power tools from his 1996 GMC truck.

There was no damage to the vehicle, and the owner believes that he has the serial numbers to the numerous tools which were valued at about \$700.

## Theft

A West Bloomfield resident came to the police station June 7 to report that someone illegally entered his vehicle which was parked unlocked in the 28000 block of Maplewood. A collapsible baton was stolen along with a \$60 flashlight and \$190 in cash.

## Property damage

A resident in the 31000 block of Bentley Square apartments reported that he found a quarter panel of glass on the front door broken after he heard a loud, noisy group of people outside of the building.

The broken glass was located on the front main entrance door. The damage was estimated at \$300.

## Retail fraud

Garden City police arrested a 23-year-old Inkster man June 8 after he stole a BB gun from the Kmart store without paying for it.

He had opened the packaging and removed the gun and concealed it on his person. The police also confiscated the knife that the man used to cut the packaging.

By Sue Buck

## FAIRY WEEKEND

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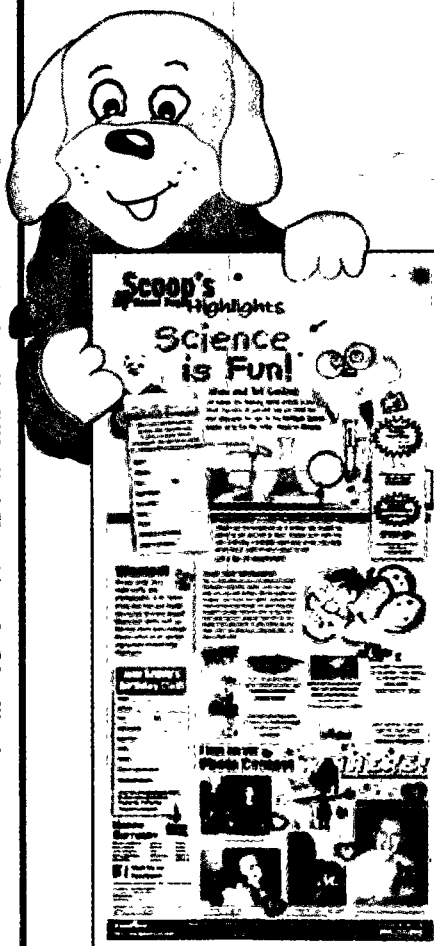


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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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  
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 is \$699 per person and includes seven days, six nights, double occupancy and motor coach transportation.  
**Contact:** For more information, call Cambridge Leisure Department at (734) 762-8430, ext. 306.

**PRO WRESTLING**

**Time/Date:** 3 p.m. Sunday, June 30. Doors open at 2 p.m.  
**Location:** Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896, 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland

**Details:** The Midwest Pro Wrestling Alliance is hosting a pro wrestling event, Collision. The event will be filmed and later edited for television. The event is open to all ages and is free of charge. There will be an all star line up of wrestlers like "The Righteous Maker" Rick Baker, "Primetime" Tommy Johnson, Titus, Jerome "Do It" Pruitt. Come and discover who will be the next to hold The United States Championship title. There will be concessions available for purchase, including hot dogs, nachos, snacks, pop, and beer.  
**Contact:** Visit the MPWA website at www.MPWAWA.webs.com for more details.

**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 Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or by email at prettybonarch@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

**FALL CRAFT SHOWS**

**ST. THEODORE**  
**Time/Date:** 9 am to 3 pm, 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 stmelcraftfair@yahoo.com.

**ORGANIZATIONS  
FRIENDS OF ELOISE**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November  
**Location:** Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.  
**Contact:** Pat Ibbotson at (734)

331-9291 or by e-mail at pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

**WESTLAND ROTARY**

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

**FAMILY CAREGIVERS**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. first Monday of the month  
**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.  
**Contact:** Helen Streett at 734-629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

**CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES**

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.  
**Contact:** Helen Street at 734-629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

**CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month  
**Location:** American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland  
**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.  
**Contact:** Helen Street at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

**LIONS CLUB**

**Time/Date:** 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month  
**Location:** Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hurter in Westland.  
**Details:** The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays.  
**Contact:** For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

**TOASTMASTERS**

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** Warriors 3 Comics & Games, 35613 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Enter from parking lot entrance.  
**Details:** Wayne-Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.  
**Contact:** For information, call Curt at (734) 525-8445 or Luddie at (734) 414-0034 or visit the website at westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org.

**FISH DIAL-A-RIDE**

**Details:** Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.  
**Contact:** For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

**EARTH ANGELS**

**Details:** Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.  
**Contact:** www.earthangelsontour.org or by e-mail to eang-1986@comcast.net

**TOPS 869**

**Wish You Were Here**



Art and Kathie Holman of Garden City celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a week-long trip to San Diego with friends from Garden City, Canton and Washington, Pa. The four couples visited several of the local sites, such as the USS Midway, Old Town, the San Diego Zoo and many of the local golf courses, including the famous Torrey Pines. Posing with the Garden City Observer in front of the USS Midway for Wish You Were Here are Art and Kathie Holman (from left), Thom and Sue Gamache of Canton, Larry and Pat Teahen of Garden City and Denny and Joyce Holman of Washington, Pa. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason at a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

**Time/date:** Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.  
**Location:** Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.  
**Details:** The group is for people age 18 and older.  
**Contact:** The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

**CITIZENS FOR PEACE**

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month  
**Location:** Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia  
**Details:** The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.  
**Contact:** Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079

**VETERAN'S HAVEN**

**Location:** Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne.  
**Details:** Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.  
**Contact:** (734) 728-0527

**SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER**

**Time/date:** 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month  
**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City  
**Details:** Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass.  
**Contact:** (734) 482-2902, http://geocities.com/ssdsociety

**GARDEN CITY KIWANIS**

**Time/Date:** 12:15 p.m. Thursdays  
**Location:** Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City  
**Details:** Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to bettering the world one child and one community at a time. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

**GARDEN CITY ROTARY**

**Time/date:** 12 noon Thursdays  
**Location:** Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City  
**Details:** Community service planning, lunch and socializing are enjoyed.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

**Details:** The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided.  
**Contact:** (734) 459-7744

**ANNAPOLIS RETIREES**

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month  
**Location:** Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne  
**Details:** All Oakwood Retirees are welcome to attend.

**GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. third Monday of every month  
**Location:** Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile  
**Details:** Beginning genealogy and computer classes start at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

**PURPLE HEART**

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month  
**Location:** VFW Post 7575 Hall, 33011 Ford west of Venoy, Garden City

**Details:** Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans.

**FOR SENIORS  
FRIENDSHIP CENTER**

**Location:** 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland  
**Details:** The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) offers a variety of programs for older adults.  
**Contact:** (734) 722-7632, www.ci.westland.mi.us

**DYER CENTER**

**Location:** 36745 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Marquette, Westland  
**Details:** Offers activities Monday-Friday at the center.  
**Contact:** (734) 419-2020

**SENIOR FITNESS**

**Location:** Maplewood Senior Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** The Senior Fitness Room is available to those age 50 and older. There's an annual membership is \$55 per year or get a daily pass for \$1. Senior aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Drop in for \$3 per day.

**SENIOR SERVICES**

**Location:** Senior Services Lounge, Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne  
**Details:** Wayne Seniors Services offers Sew Friendly 1-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Material Girls 6-9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month; the Golden Hour Club at 11 a.m. Thursdays; bingo at 1 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month for adults age 50 and older and the Sometimes Travel Club for adults age 30 and older with \$5 annual dues.  
**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 721-7400.

**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

**SEASONS HOSPICE**

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

**LITERACY COUNCIL**

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

**HEARTLAND HOSPICE**

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

**SUPPORT GROUP**

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

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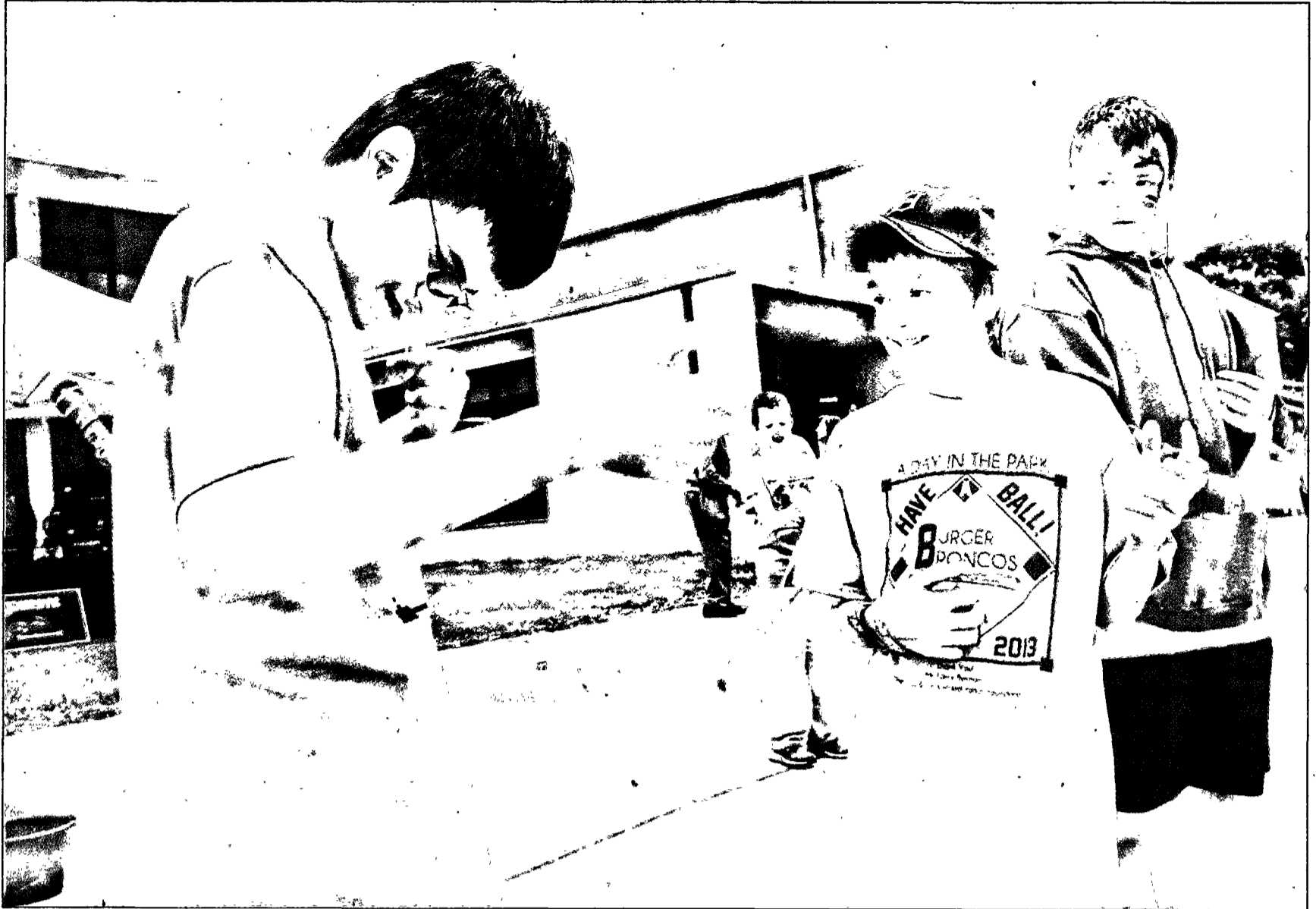
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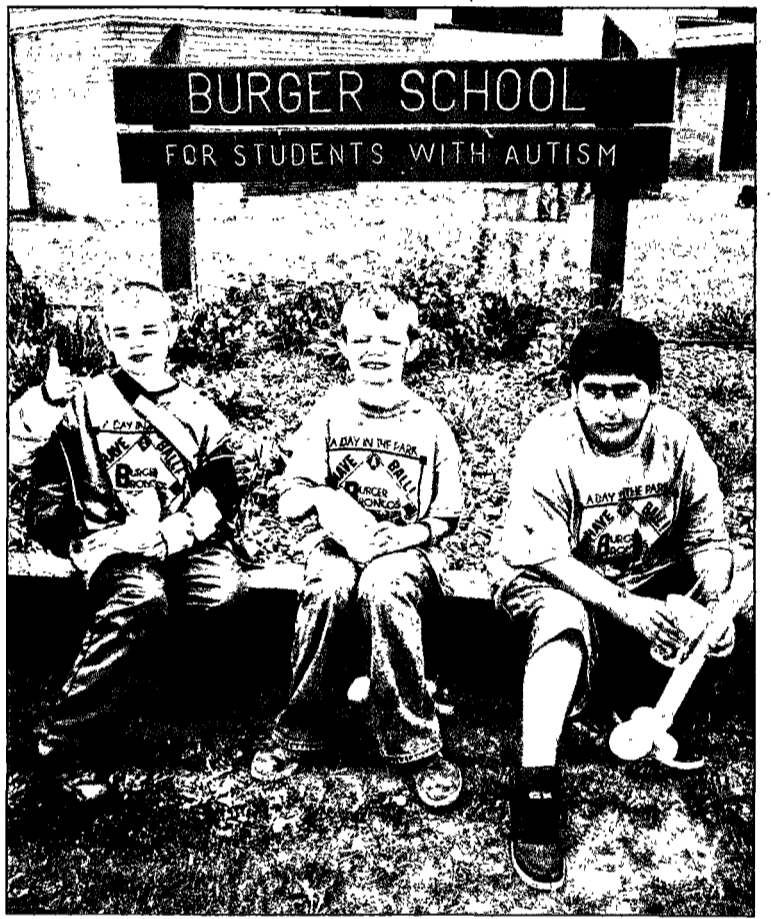
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Jacob Heater of Garden City, Dawson Hawley of Westland, and Austin Beesley of Taylor show off their air-guitar moves. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# BURGER STUDENTS CELEBRATE SUMMER



Sean Stambersky of Redford, Zachary Soblo of Allen Park and Mustafa Alkhafaji of Dearborn, taking a break from the Summer Carnival activities.



Smiggins the clown applies a little sports-themed decoration to Garrett Rouland's arm. Garret is from Garden City.



Keegan Gassel of Westland, writes "I love you, Paws" after meeting the Detroit Tigers mascot.



Andre Galagarza of Garden City read a speech, then thanked Larry Berman, whose donation made the day possible.

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Not one, but nine ELMOs are coming to the Burger Center for Students with Autism, thanks to a donation from the Noella and Jack Rousso Foundation.

Noella Rousso and members of her family were at the Garden City school earlier this month to attend a summer carnival her late husband Jack started years ago. She also brought along nine ELMO visual presenter systems that will augment several ELMOs the school already has.

The staff and students also got good news from Larry Berman, Mr. Rousso's friend and business partner, who also made a commitment to the program.

"It was a lovely day, seeing the family members and the outpouring of support," said said teacher Colleen Polin who helps plan the school's winter and summer carnivals. "It shows their belief in us as a program and in our providing a good educational program and memories that will last a lifetime for our students."

Themed as "A Day in the Park," students munched on popcorn and snow cones and enjoyed barbecue lunch complete with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, a beverage and ice cream Dippin Dots. They tried their hand at the activities like a water table play, Skee Ball,

sidewalk drawing, whipped cream pie toss, watermelon roll, and sack relay race.

There were special appearances by Thomas the Train, Smiggins the Clown-Face, who did face painting, the Balloon-Baffoon and Farmer Dave and his animals. DJ Tullio from 98.6 radio donated his time and talent to present music for "Dancin' in the Streets." A teaching assistant at the school and his father provided the audio equipment, Polin said.

And playing off the park thing, the call of "Play ball" was heard at junior varsity and varsity baseball games.

"Joy can't be measured with these kids, but with the help of the Rousso and Berman families, we were able to provide wonderful activities on behalf of the kids" said Polin.

Staff and students also took time to launch 23 balloons, including a special one for Mr. Rousso, to recognize the 23 years the Roussos have been involved in the Burger program.

Mr. Rousso learned about Burger Center during a trip to his barber. The conversation led to his involvement with the school where he helped raise funds for a playscape, basketball court, reflective garden, science room and a host of other amenities that otherwise wouldn't have been possible without the family's support



Jenny Ohtengill who lives in the Plymouth-Canton school district and Bea Reynolds who is in Wayne-Westland Community Schools are dancing in the street at the Summer Carnival.



Radon Ponder of Romulus bounces along.



Clay More of Dearborn and Hanna Lazette of Garden City pose with the Detroit Tigers mascot Paws.

and guidance, Polin said. They also set up the Noella and Jack Rousso Family Foundation last year to continue support of the center.

The school held a special program in December to honor Mr. Rousso who died last October. At the time they presented the Rousso family with a tree to plant in Mr. Rousso's name. Noella Rousso brought

photographs of the tree to show that it has been "planted in a prominent place at their home," Polin said.

"The family was there," she added. "Jack's grandkids were there and his one son came from Grand Rapids. It was lovely to see all that support. The family made a commitment to take care of the further needs of the school."



Mary and Carmo Ribeiro cut the ribbon on the opening of their Seniors Helping Seniors franchise serving portions of Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

## SHS pairs up seniors with seniors to provide home care

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

**Answer:** We provide non-medical home care support for seniors - nothing with rubber gloves or heavy lifting. We want to make sure seniors are safe and well-cared for and because we're non-medical, we're flexible in what we provide. We can do the little tasks people can't so any more.

**Observer: When did you open your business?**

**Answer:** We opened last September. We had a soft open house, and then we had a grand opening in January at Kirk of Our Savior in Westland. We hoped to have 20 people come and 150 showed up. It was out of this world. We did a presentation every hour on what we do and what we were looking for seniors. We actually hired a few people from it. We look for people 50 years and older interested in making a few bucks. But it's not about the money, it's about doing things for someone else.

**Observer: Why did you choose Seniors Helping Seniors for your business?**

**Answer:** We want to know the seniors in our community are being well-cared for by compassionate, caring, loving, understanding, and joyful people. By matching seniors who truly want to help with seniors

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who need assistance, we are confident in the care that is being provided. The peer-to-peer care offered by Seniors Helping Seniors allows seniors the opportunity to give back to their community. "For several years I watched my parents, aunts and uncles care for my grandparents as they aged," said Mary Ribeiro. "It took a lot of work, dedication, organization and emotional strength for my family to ensure that everyone was well taken care of and that their quality of life was maintained. Because I saw this firsthand, I realized how important it is

for our aging loved ones to maintain their independence as long as possible. Seniors Helping Seniors is our way of helping families in our community feel understood, valued, and supported as they move towards this stage of life."

Seniors Helping Seniors is a franchise. Our service area includes seniors living in Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Garden City, Wayne, Westland, Ypsilanti, Dixboro, Salem Township, New Boston, Romulus and Superior Township.

**Observer: What makes your business unique?**

**Answer:** Seniors Helping Seniors in-home services matches seniors who want to provide help with seniors who are looking for help. Our goal is to match seniors who need in-home support with loving, caring, kind, compassionate, volunteer-minded seniors who want to help. We meet with clients to establish a plan which best meets their personal situation and needs to enable the senior to live life more fully where they're more comfortable - at home. We can help out just a little, or we can provide 24-hour support.

**Observer: Do you have an example of what you do?**

Recently, we had a woman from Garden City whose 83. She can't do the cleaning like used to. It bothered her, so we

sent in a provider twice a month, three hours at a time, to do the tasks she can't do. Sometimes a worker sees needs and makes suggestions. One provider noticed the senior had a mobility problem in her kitchen and asked the senior if she could make it ergonomic. The senior said absolutely.

**Observer: What's in store in the future for your business?**

**Answer:** People age 85 are the greatest growing segment of our population, many need help. We know there are 77 billion baby boomers who are turning 65. We know they're a great group of folks looking for something to do while they still have their great skills sets.

Ninety-five percent of people polled that are over age 75 said they want to stay in their homes. We want to be a resource and give seniors the ability to choose an independent life style in their home with dignity and respect.

## Some must-have portable gadgets

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. Verizon Wireless has a long line of speakers and other wireless accessories that are Bluetooth and wi-fi capable.

Capture all of your summer 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



Jon Gunnells  
TECH SAVVY

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.

EarthTechProducts sells a solar tote bag for beach trips that will charge devices like phones, tablets and MP3 players. Suggested retail price for the unique tote bag is \$245.

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.

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### BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

#### Agents honored

Two local Allstate entrepreneurs are being recognized by Allstate Insurance Company for outstanding customer service and business results in 2012. The local entrepreneurs were awarded the Inner Circle Elite Award or Honor Ring Award for outstanding achievement in business growth and customer service.

Bradley Trombley was part of a top group honored with the Inner Circle Elite Award. Professionals in this category demonstrated exceptional customer service skills and surpassing sales goals in 2012. The Inner Circle Elite Award is awarded to the top-performers among the company's agency network for sales of auto, property, commercial, and power sports insurance and financial services.

Trombley has an office at 5836 N. Wayne Road, and can be contacted at (734) 722-0700.

Fouad Beydoun has achieved the distinctive Allstate Honor Ring award based on 2012 achievements in serving customers and driving successful business results. For more than 60 years, the Honor Ring has been Allstate's symbol of outstanding achievement and honorees have proven to be champions in growing their agencies and serv-

ing Allstate customers. Beydoun has an office at 27852 Warren Road. His phone number is (734) 261-1000.

#### Job opportunity

National Motor Club (NMC), a leading provider of emergency roadside assistance and other safety, security, and savings benefits, is looking for qualified Independent Benefits Consultants (IBCs) in the Metro Detroit area.

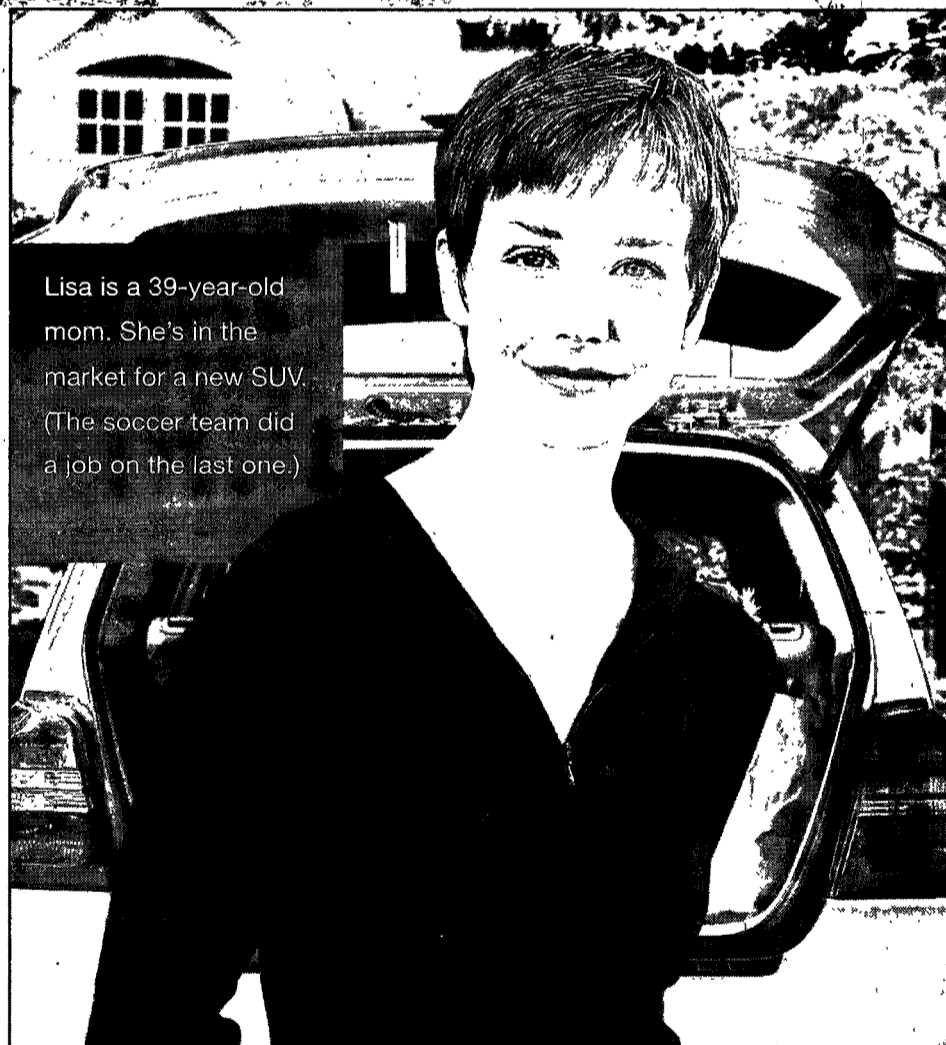
On Saturday, June 29, NMC Field Services president Scott Florence and District Sales Leader Kim Wright-Windom will host a 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. meeting at the Holiday Inn at the Metro Detroit Airport to talk about this career opportunity. The event is open to the public and anyone who is interested in a sales career or looking for a way to earn supplemental income.

"At NMC Field Services, we still believe in the American Dream," said Florence. "While we have always known that direct sales is a legitimate path to financial security for anyone, regardless of age, gender, or level of education, today more and more people are looking beyond traditional corporate jobs and realizing that companies like NMC are fueling a \$29 billion industry that provides economic opportunities for over 15 million peo-

ple." IBCs have the freedom to determine when, where, and how many hours they invest in their business, which means it is a career that can be either a full- or part-time commitment.

"Metro Detroit is an area of expansion for us and we are excited about the growth they are experiencing and the leadership Kim and her team are providing," said Florence. "In these tough economic times, NMC provides access to benefits that help individuals and families have peace of mind, which gives our IBCs the opportunity to offer a wonderful product and, at the same time, build a long-term, personally and financially satisfying career. Nearly everyone in America has a need for the products we offer and for only pennies a day, everyone can afford it. Personal safety, family security, and saving money are concerns that touch people from all walks of life."

National Motor Club (NMC) is one of the largest independently owned motor clubs in the nation, dedicated to providing first-class service to customers since 1956. NMC members have access to around-the-clock emergency services 365 days a year, provided by professional, friendly, U.S.-based representatives.



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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## OUR VIEWS

# Prevent drownings

## Safety first by water counts for all ages

Every day, about 10 people die from drowning. Of these, two are children age 14 or younger.

Drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For children ages 1-14, drowning is the second-leading cause of injury-related death behind motor vehicle accidents.

Not included in those statistics are near-drowning victims who suffer severe brain damage resulting in long-term disabilities such as memory problems, learning disabilities and permanent loss of basic functions.

That's the bad news. The good news is that drownings and near-drownings are 100 percent preventable.

Among the main factors leading to drowning are lack of swimming ability, unsupervised water access, lack of close supervision while swimming, failure to wear life jackets and alcohol use.

### Lack of swimming ability

Research has shown that formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning among children age 1-4, the age group with the highest drowning rate. If you haven't signed your kids up for swimming lessons yet this summer, do so now.

### Unsupervised water access

Barriers, such as fencing around pools, prevent young children from gaining access to the pool area without adults knowing. A four-sided fence separating the pool area from the house and yard reduces a child's risk of drowning 83 percent compared to three-sided fencing that runs along the property line.

### Lack of close supervision

Drowning can happen quickly and quietly anywhere there is water, including bathtubs, swimming pools and buckets — even in the presence of lifeguards. Don't entrust your child's life to a busy lifeguard, who has many people to watch on a crowded beach. Keep a constant eye on your child yourself and don't get distracted by reading, talking on the phone or any other activity. With preschool children, be close enough to reach the child at all times. Air-filled or foam toys are not safety devices. Don't use "water wings," "noodles" or inner-tubes in place of life jackets or adult supervision.

### Failure to wear life jackets

In 2010, the U.S. Coast Guard received reports for 4,604 boating incidents; 3,153 boaters were reported injured, and 672 died. Most (72 percent) boating deaths that occurred during 2010 were caused by drowning, with 88 percent of victims not wearing life jackets. Remember that a life jacket is like a seat belt; it doesn't do you any good if you're not wearing it. Also, make sure it is U.S. Coast Guard-approved.

### Alcohol use

Among adolescents and adults, alcohol use is involved in up to 70 percent of deaths associated with water recreation, almost a quarter of Emergency Department visits for drowning, and about one in five reported boating deaths. Alcohol influences balance, coordination and judgment, and its effects are heightened by sun exposure and heat. Avoid drinking alcohol before or during swimming, boating or water skiing. Do not drink alcohol while supervising children.

### CPR

Last but not least, learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). In the time it takes for paramedics to arrive, you could save someone's life.



Experts say preschool children should be within an arm's reach of a responsible adult at all times.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What's your definition of a good vacation?

We asked this question at the Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"Something that's not too outrageously expensive, like if you're going to Disney. It's out of the roof. That and if there's a lot of people there, it's got to be good."

Christine Nicolas  
Livonia



"One where I'm with friends, not family and place with young people."

Michelle Hattar  
Livonia



"Somewhere on the beach with friends, somewhere with a good night life."

Natalie Farah  
Westland



"I don't have one. I haven't had a vacation in a long time."

Michael Klink  
Dearborn

## LETTERS

### Thank you, seniors

To the Garden City High School Graduating Class of 2013,

We have often heard the quote "it takes a village to raise a child" and in the case of children that have special learning needs, truer words have never been spoken. Most times that village consists of family, friends, clergy, teachers and neighbors, but there is another group that often goes unnoticed and that group is peers.

Seniors: You are incredibly mature, caring and sensitive young adults. You looked beyond the challenges of one student's differences, recognized him for the pure and gentle soul that he is, and accepted him as one of your own. You encouraged him to be who he is, befriended him, helped him to believe in himself and made his year a success. It is because of you, that in this year, he has achieved more growth than we ever thought would be possible.

Family and teachers helped him to acquire knowledge and daily living skills. You accomplished something that no one else could, you taught him about friendship, showing him what it means to have friends and how to be a friend to someone else. By including him in your circle you helped to give him the skills to survive in a world that is not always perfect — the real world. You helped him to understand what it means to be a part of a group, to look beyond himself and make sacrifices for a greater good.

No matter where we go, we proclaim proudly that the students in Garden City are the best, a cut above the rest, the cream of the crop. Every day you have proven this to be true, most of the time you do so without even realizing it. We think Connor said it best during his Senior Oscar acceptance speech when he said "it's easy for me to be nice, when all of you are so nice to me."

Your sense of humanity is overwhelming and we are humbled by the graciousness you have shown every day. We will be forever grateful for the gift of this incredible year that you have given to Connor. Someday we hope that you will come to understand just how much your friendship, and the time he has spent with you this year has

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meant to him and to all who love him. While this butterfly was emerging from his cocoon, your acceptance deepened his colors, your leadership brightened his hues and your friendship helped to make him the vibrant, beautiful free spirit that he has become. We commend you and thank God every day that he brought so many angels into our son's life.

Darlene and Frank Jablonowski  
Garden City

### Committed to serve

I have not only seen the effects of bad public policy, I have experienced it up close and personal in Vietnam and Desert Storm during my 20-year career in the U.S. Navy and during my 19-year career working in Michigan state prisons.

However, I would like to focus on my career in state prisons because this has affected me where I live as a Michigander.

When most of the state mental health hospitals in Michigan were closed at a pace that wasn't well thought out, many patients were simply dropped off in places like downtown Detroit, and left to fend for themselves. Many found themselves in state prisons and local jails rather than being placed in mental health facilities where their issues could be more appropriately addressed and at less cost to taxpayers.

The same thing continues to this day with the continuance of

the gridlock of partisan politics, not to mention that some in public office are not serving the people with integrity, transparency and accountability. The principles of serving with honor, duty, and sacrifice, values that are instilled in everyone who serves their country in the military, has always motivated me to serve the public with integrity, transparency and accountability.

I have heard it said that in order to serve in public office, a person has to be a liar and a thief, because that is what most people expect of them and that is the way things are done. It may sound naive of me to say that I refuse to believe that. In my experience of working with elected officials from both sides of the aisle as a public safety advocate and lobbyist, I found them to be honorable and hard-working ladies and gentlemen who care very much about our state as much or more than the average person.

Unfortunately, quite often, they expressed resentment and distrust of the members of the other party, and sometimes with words that I don't care to repeat in polite company. All of this distrust and resentment has caused the gridlock of partisan politics that, in turn, has resulted in bad public policy and/or the lack of necessary good public policy.

All of this has both compelled and prepared me to make a bid to run for governor of the State of Michigan, with the well thought out decision to run with no party affiliation, in order to appeal to and work with the best that all parties have to offer.

There is good in all parties, but because of the many divisions in the world of politics, and many other areas of life, this causes everyone to be wounded because of them. If elected, I will help lead in the process of healing these divisions that are hurting everyone. As I have mentioned, I have experienced the results of bad politics and have learned much in how to help in the formation of good public policy.

The longest journey begins with a single step. I am prepared to run a marathon. How about you my fellow Michiganders?

Robin Sanders  
Ann Arbor

## GUEST COLUMN

# Michigan takes little action to improve roadways

There is a reason Woodward Avenue holds the state designation as M-1. Woodward has the distinction of being the very first road in this nation that was paved with concrete. The citizens of this state had the foresight to be among the most progressive in the country on transportation issues. Dirt and wood planks were not appropriate for a community looking into the future. My, how times have changed.

Instead of leading the way on road infrastructure issues in the nation, Michigan is at the bottom of the pile. Michigan spends much less on its roads than virtually any other state in the nation. In the past, the legislature did not want to raise taxes to



Joan Gebhardt

deal with road problems, so they borrowed money. The road projects were accomplished, but we are still paying for those projects today out of money that should be used to deal with today's issues.

The legislature can't continue to ignore this problem. Both parties agree that it is a problem, but nobody can agree on a solution. We need to hold our legislators accountable for their inaction. They know the problem, they have multiple ways of

attacking the problem, they must move forward toward a viable solution.

If the legislature doesn't act soon, I would suggest investing in an off-road vehicle with heavy-duty suspension, because the only road work our state can afford may be reverting back to those wood plank roads.

More information on transportation funding can be found in the spring issue of Semsco, SEMCOG's quarterly magazine, available on its Web site — www.semcog.org.

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Pastor Bryan Smith is heading for Kenya to visit children and others whose lives have been affected by HIV and AIDS. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Journey of faith

Pastor reaching out on Kenya trip

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

When pastor Bryan Smith went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2008, he had no idea where it would lead him.

Now, he knows. Smith, for 21 years the pastor at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, is part of a mission group traveling to Kenya, leaving Saturday and staying through July 7. The group will be bringing school supplies and other help to orphans, victims and families affected by AIDS and HIV.

It's a trip born in that pilgrimage in 2008, when Smith met pastor Jim Wood of the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, Va.

"His church had formed a connection with a group in Kenya," Smith recalled. "He said they go a couple of times a year, and encouraged me to go with them."

Last fall, Smith decided it was time. He'll join a congregation of 11 folks from the Norfolk church. They'll be working with pastoral counselors at

Nazareth Hospital, which Smith said cares primarily for people who are HIV positive or who have AIDS.

The group will also spend time at an orphanage for children whose parents died from AIDS. "It's all around the issue of caring for people who've been affected by AIDS," Smith said.

Smith said he's always been this "kind of upper middle class white suburban guy" who, while he had his own struggles, faced nothing like what these kids face.

"I live in a place that's mostly protected from the harsh realities of this world," Smith said.

"There's always been a longing for me to experience a connection with people who are fighting that struggle. These are people who experience life from a perspective that takes faith pretty seriously."

Smith said Wood convinced him he needed to experience the trip, that "he learns so much from being there." Smith said such one-to-one contact "allows you to experience with them a way of connecting to God in ways that are deeply compelling."

He's taking with him donations of Crayola markers and crayons, and gently used children's books, collected from the generous donations of members of Geneva's congregation. He's also taking with him a sense of wanting to help, and a desire to get more than he gives.

"I'm not going to be the 'hero,'" Smith said. "It's also a learning experience for me. I'm going to establish a deeper relationship, with these folks, and with God."

Geneva has a history of outreach, including a variety of mission trips and a memorable 2005 trip to Siberia to help build a church. Smith said he's already talked to church members about going to Kenya next year, and reaction has been positive.

"People here at our church have been conditioned with the idea the Christian faith is about being involved/ Our folks know being a follower of Christ means reaching out."

Smith doesn't expect it to be an easy trip, particularly emotionally. He expects to be shocked by the reality of what is happening in Kenya.

## Be proactive when managing cash flow

I'm sure many readers saw the story last week regarding the meeting Kevyn Orr, Detroit's Emergency Manager, had with the city's creditors.

In order to prevent the city of Detroit from filing for bankruptcy, Orr is trying to work out a deal with the city's creditors. According to the outline of the proposed plan, people who receive pensions are going to be asked to take a significant reduction.

I have no idea whether the creditors will compromise or whether Detroit will eventually file for bankruptcy. However, one thing is clear - people who do receive a pension from the city, whether voluntarily or through a bankruptcy proceeding, are going to have some sort of adjustment made to their pension.

Whether you think this is fair is not the issue. The reality is



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MONEY MATTERS

your pension will be reduced. Now is the time to get your fiscal house in order so you can adjust to the new realities and be proactive.

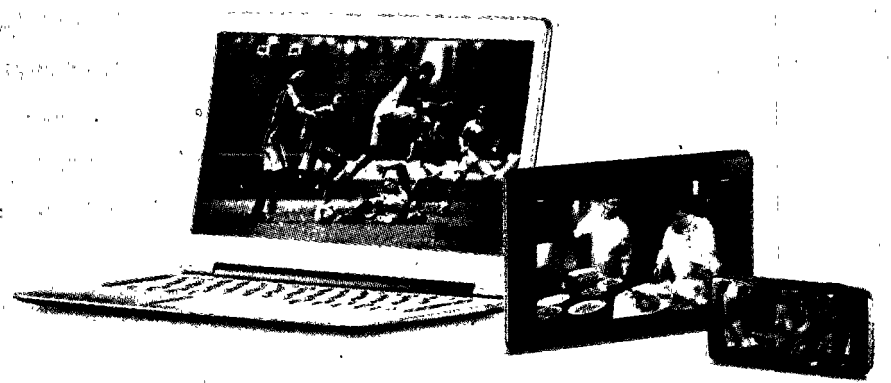
When you know there will be a change in your future cash flow, you need to immediately begin to analyze the situation and make adjustments. People who do receive pensions from the City of Detroit, must begin the painful process of making the necessary adjustments to reduce their cost of living. Whether through a deal with the Emergency Manager or the bankruptcy court, cuts are coming.

I believe it is important to be proactive. That is why when it

comes to personal finances I always encouraged people to constantly monitor their cash flow. If they find that revenues are declining or that costs are increasing, they need to take action as soon as possible. The sooner you identify a problem, the more viable options are available to you. You don't want to be in a situation where you have no options.

As I've mentioned many times, there is one constant in the world today and that is change. Whether we like it or not is rather immaterial. If we don't adopt change we could find ourselves in severe financial shape with no options. Trust me - you do not want to put yourself into that situation.

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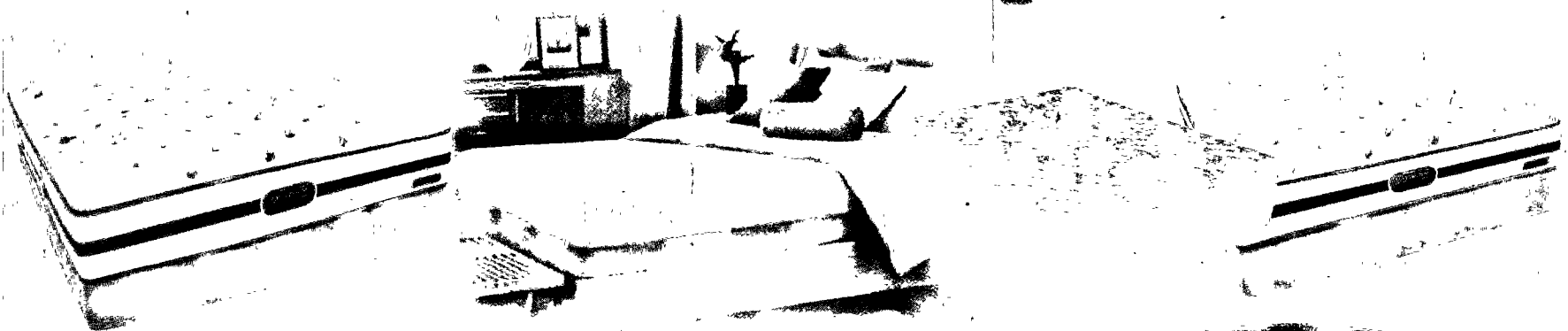


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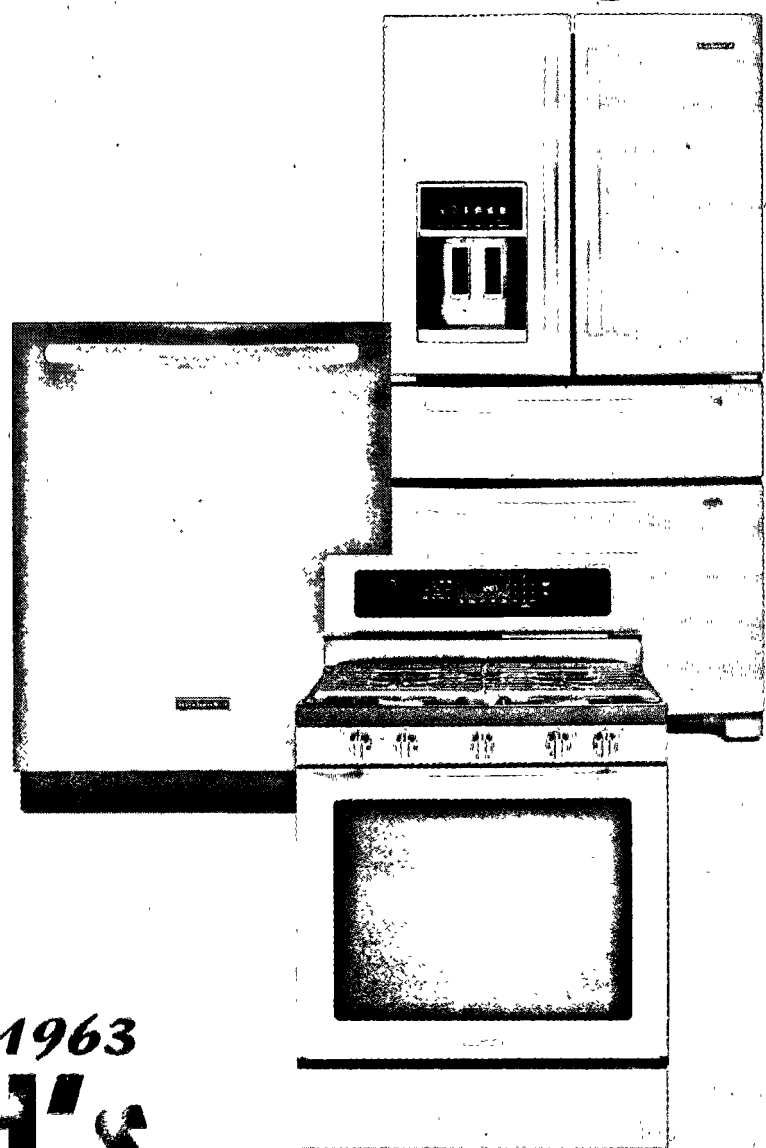


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Plymouth's varsity boys golf team celebrates after finishing second at the Division 1 finals. The Wildcats tied with Battle Creek Lakeview in total strokes, but lost the fifth-player tiebreaker.

## Costa golf outing

A golf outing to benefit the widow of Jordan Costa, who was killed in a traffic accident the day after his wedding day, will be held Saturday at the Links of Gateway Golf Course, which is located 33290 Gateway Dr. in Romulus.

Jordan Costa and Heather Favazza-Costa were married May 18 at Canton's Connection Church, where they were both youth leaders.

Jordan was killed the next day on the way to their honeymoon, when he lost control of his vehicle and it rolled over several times.

Heather suffered only minor cuts and bruises. The bride was left not only with the tragedy of losing her new husband, but with the burden of unexpected expenses. The couple had no insurance.

The cost for the four-person scramble is \$65 per person or \$260 for each foursome, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a post-event dinner and entry into a long-drive contest.

There will also be closest-to-the-pin contests, 50/50 raffles, a silent auction and a \$20 optional skin pot per foursome.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to help the widow with expenses. Donations will also be accepted.

To register, email Sandy Felan (Heather's aunt) at Sandy.Felan@yahoo.com; or by calling 734-377-4349.

## Bucks win

Rookie Gerald Ben scored in the 59th and 70th minutes Friday to propel the Michigan Bucks to a 2-0 Premier Development League victory over host Forest City London (Ontario) before 1,543 fans at the German Club.

The Bucks, now 5-1-0 (15 points) avenged last year's playoff loss to Forest City as Stew Givens and Tommy Catalano drew assists.

Goalkeeper Adam Grinwis made 11 saves to post the shutout with the help of defender Kevin Cope (Salem/Michigan State), who returned after spending a week of training with the MLS Seattle Sounders.

"Cope and Grinwis made sure we didn't miss a beat when inserting two first-year players in the toughest game of the year," Bucks coach Demir Muftari said. "They all worked well together."

The loss drops FC London into a first-place tie at 5-1-0 (15 points) in the PDL's Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference.

## All-District RU baseball honorees

Fresh off a 14-7 season, five members of the Redford Union baseball team were recognized as Division 2 all-district performers: Patrick Wierimaa, Ryan Aaro, Alex Shimmmons, Corey Davis and first-year head coach Bob Miller.

# Tiebreaker breaks Wildcats' hearts

By Tim Smith  
Staff writer

Call it semantics, or splitting hairs.

But Plymouth varsity boys golf coach Nick Brandon considers his team a state champion, even though the Wildcats lost the tiebreaker Saturday to Battle Creek Lakeview at Forest Akers West in East Lansing.

Both teams finished Day 2 of the Division 1 finals with a total score of 601, with the Wildcats making up the three-stroke deficit from the opening round. Lakeview, however, won the fifth-player tiebreaker (77-79) to claim the outright title.

"All season, from the first time I met with the guys to Saturday morning, what we talked about was hanging a banner in the Plymouth gym," Brandon said. "And representing our school the right way, and reach-

*"We're going to be able to hang a big, beautiful banner ... It just happens to be that it's going to say runner-up instead of champion."*

NICK BRANDON  
Plymouth boys golf coach

ing our potential which would be contending for a state championship. We achieved all of that.

"We're going to be able to hang a big, beautiful banner in that Plymouth gym. It just happens to be that it's going to say runner-up instead of champion. But it's still a championship to me and I know that it is to those guys as well."

Trailing Lakeview (299-302-601) and Plymouth (302-299-601) were Muskegon Mona Shores (305-305-610), Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (307-303-610) and Traverse City West (319-298-617). Canton followed up a tough Day 1 (332) with a

nifty 320 for a 652 total, good for 14th overall.

In the individual standings, Plymouth senior Kyle Rodes (72-71-143) won a three-hole playoff with White Lake Lakeland's Alex Kleckner (74-69-143) to earn the overall championship.

Not far behind in a tie for sixth place were Canton sophomore Donnie Trospen (77-72-149) and Plymouth junior John Tatti (73-76-149).

"Donnie played his typical game of driving the ball in the fairway and hitting laser irons into the green to give himself chances for birdies," Canton

head coach Tom Alles said about Trospen's performance. "He makes a ton of pars and very few bogeys or doubles. Donnie strives to be the best player in every event he enters. He was certainly one of the 10 best at the finals this year."

### So close

According to Brandon, the Wildcats missed some shots in the final two holes that opened the door for Lakeview to rally and catch them.

"As it turns out, we actually were ahead by a few shots as all our players approached the last couple holes," Brandon said. "We definitely didn't finish, and that's what this championship came down to. Battle Creek Lakeview finished and finished strong on the last two holes and we were unable to do that."

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# Rodes rides to top thanks to sudden-death playoff

By Tim Smith  
Staff writer

On the weekend where *Man of Steel* hit movie theaters across the United States, Kyle Rodes needed nerves of steel to become the first Plymouth boys golfer to win an individual state championship.

Rodes — a contender for Mr. Golf honors — needed to convert the toughest of shots to ultimately nip White Lake Lakeland's Alex Kleckner in the third hole of a sudden-death playoff. Both finished Day 2 of the Division 1 boys golf finals with a 36-hole score of 143.

Rodes and Kleckner matched

each other in the first two extra holes (par-4 18th, par-3 10th) to shift the action back to the 18th at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West Golf Course.

"The Lakeland player hit his drive perfectly down the middle," Plymouth head coach Nick Brandon said. "Kyle actually pulled his drive into a tree, a tree that was on the left side of the fairway."

"He was in a really tough spot. It was a shot where he could not go all the way back in his back swing, and he really couldn't take practice swings around that tree because there's a rule in golf that you can't touch a tree during a practice

shot. So he had all sorts of thoughts swimming in his mind."

No worries, apparently, as Rodes launched the ball to the front of the green, about 18 feet from the cup.

### Pressure shift

"He was able to make that putt and put all the pressure on the Lakeland player to make his 12-foot birdie putt," Brandon added. "The Lakeland player missed and Kyle earned the right to be Michigan state champion."

According to Brandon, whose Wildcats lost the fifth-player tiebreaker to Battle Creek Lake-

view in the team finals, it was impressive the way Rodes handled himself when finding out Kleckner shot 69 in the second round to force the playoff.

"Everybody gathered around the scoring area and they posted the team's scores. We realized we came up just short," Brandon said. "It was a moment where our players seemed disappointed and emotional about coming that close. Then within a few minutes, Kyle Rodes finds out that a player from Lakeland ... tied him, and he immediately had to get into the mode of competition."

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# Shaw's camp teaches youngsters life lessons

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

It was a homecoming on many fronts Saturday as former Livonia Clarenceville great Tim Shaw staged his annual "Dream It, Do It" football camp on David McDowell Field.

The Tennessee Titans linebacker and special teams captain, now entering his seventh NFL season, got reacquainted with his former Clarenceville friends and hosted the free camp for more than 125 youngsters with the help of former Penn State players and team-

mates Sean McHugh, Deonte Pannell and Gerald Cadogan.

Also on hand was Clarenceville football coach Ken Fry and Royal Oak head coach Ryan Irish, who is also a teacher at Clarenceville, where Shaw amassed a then-MHSAA record 134 career touchdowns and 7,800 yards.

"It's always nice to be on this field," said Shaw, who appeared in all 16 Titans games last season. "It's really nice to see some people who were here with me back in the day and who kind of



Clarenceville grad and Tennessee Titans linebacker Tim Shaw speaks with youngsters at his 'Dream It, Do It' football camp. ALL PHOTOS BY BRAD EMONS

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# RU grapplers to continue careers at Alma College

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Alma College's recently revived wrestling program was energized last month by the addition of a pair of Redford Union mat standouts.

Collin Rankin and Roderick Howard, who often wrestled back-to-back in the Panthers' resurgent lineup the past four years, both committed to continue their thriving grappling and academic careers with the Scots.

Alma dropped wrestling in the early 1980s, but it was brought back in 2012, so the pair of Panthers will be part of a renaissance of sorts.

Both Rankin and Howard said they were looking for a school that would challenge their wrestling skills and their minds — and they'll get it at Alma, which is one of the most respected academic institutions in the state.

"A few days after I visited the campus while I was still making my decision where to go, I received letters from just about everybody I met up there," said Rankin, whose 174-22 record and 4.3 grade-point average made him an appealing recruit for several colleges. "People I didn't even meet sent me letters encouraging me to choose Alma. The others schools I was considering, it was like, 'OK, you're accepted, we're done.' That helped make my decision pretty easy."

Howard, who didn't step on a wrestling mat until his freshman year at RU, finished his stellar career with two regional-qualifying performances. A 3.3 student, he said Alma's academic offerings were ideal for what he was looking for.

**"Both Roderick and Collin were two of the hardest-working kids ..."**

**ROB RANKIN**  
RU wrestling coach

"I was looking for a good kinesiology program, and they have one of the best," Howard said. "They have an excellent cadaver lab that undergraduate students can use. At most schools, you have to be in a graduate program to use the cadaver labs."

"I like that it's small and homey up there, too."

RU wrestling coach (and Collin's dad) Rob Rankin said the two former Panthers' drive to succeed will serve them well at the small college located in the center of the Lower Peninsula.

"Both Roderick and Collin were two of the hardest-working kids in our wrestling room every day," the elder Rankin said. "I didn't coach Roderick his freshman year, but once he bought in to what I was trying to do when I took over the program his sophomore season, he worked his tail off. To qualify for the regionals his junior and senior seasons after not wrestling until the ninth grade is phenomenal."

"Roderick is naturally charismatic, too. Everybody in the school loves him to death. Our track coach, Tom Kessel, said the first year Roderick was at Redford Union it seemed like he had been around for 10 years because he was so well-known."

Rankin said Collin can "achieve anything he puts his mind to."

"I'm glad he chose Alma because the wrestling program is on the right track and there aren't any better schools around academically," he said. "Alma's coach said he loves coaching there because the average grade-point average of incoming freshman is 3.5, so he doesn't have to worry about his wrestlers' grades; he can just focus on training them to be wrestlers."

Collin Rankin recently graduated with a slew of high honors, including the RU Male Athlete of the Year Award and a top-10 student academic standing at the school.

An All-Observer football selection last fall, Rankin may take to the gridiron for the Scots as well.

"It's an option," he said, "but I have to decide soon. The football coach sent me a letter, but I want to think it over first."

Regarding what weight he'll wrestle at once he gets to Alma, Rankin said his future coaches have been very accommodating.

"They said they'll let me pick what weights I want to challenge for, which is nice because most college programs say, 'You're going to wrestle at this weight,'" he said. "They don't give you an option."

"Where I'm at weight-wise now, I'd fall in at the 174 weight class, but I'm leaning toward moving up to 184."

The duo will room together at Alma.

Rankin earned 11 letters at RU in football, wrestling and track and field. Howard was a multiple letter winner in wrestling, soccer and track and field.

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Members of the MotorCity Riversharks 12U travel baseball team celebrate after pulling off a stirring Father's Day comeback. ED WRIGHT

# Baseball on Father's Day: a wonderful combination

I'm not sure if the picture above is, like the saying goes, worth a thousand words, but I'm hoping you agree with me that it's worth at least a couple of hundred.

I am sure of this: The central figure in the photo — the player flashing the million-dollar smile while hoisting a teammate skyward — is an inspiring kid, and baseball is a very powerful game.

Before I explain the details of the photo, let me briefly describe what led up to it.

The MotorCity Riversharks is the name of a highly-competitive 12-and-under travel baseball team made up of 11 very cool, but pretty typical American middle schoolers.

Most of the Riversharks would probably admit that they spend a little bit too much time on Instagram and not quite enough time helping their parents with yard work. But, hey, this is 2013 not 1955, right?

The Riversharks also devour the sport of baseball like an ocean shark devours smaller fish. And, yes, they have a lot of game ... on most days.

The day before this photo was snapped — on a cornfield-surrounded diamond that came straight out of the movie *Field of Dreams* — the Riversharks suffered a 10-0 setback to a team from DeWitt. But that humbling loss only made what they did the following day even more satisfying.

The following morning — Father's Day — the Sharks rebounded with a tension-packed 3-1 victory over the host and No. 1-seeded Fowlerville



Ed Wright  
GOOD SPORTS

Fusion in a semifinal game of the Countryway Classic.

I'm sure my fellow Rivershark dads will agree with me when I say that watching that game beat receiving a funky-looking pair of argyle socks from Kohl's any day.

The championship game that followed was nothing short of magical.

The field was located on the outskirts of Fowlerville, which is so small it barely has inksirts. The entire setting had "small-town Americana" written all over it — from the red and blue uniforms the two opposing teams wore, to the American flag that danced in the breeze just beyond the outfield fences.

I half expected Norman Rockwell to appear out of the cornfield beyond right field, prop up an easel and paint a masterpiece for the cover of *The Saturday Evening Post*.

Playing perhaps their most complete game of the season, the Riversharks chiseled out a semi-comfortable 3-0 lead heading into the fifth inning.

I was so confident that I would be snapping a championship team photo in the moments ahead, I walked to my car and retrieved my camera. Big mistake.

By the time I returned to my seat along the first base line, New Lothrop had seized a 4-3 lead. It turns out they had fathers they didn't want to

disappoint, too.

I kept the camera in its bag. Trailing 6-4 in the bottom of the sixth, the Riversharks mounted an epic rally and knotted the game at 6-6, which wasn't surprising considering that Father's Day is such a huge day for ties.

After blanking New Lothrop in the top of the seventh, the Riversharks put runners on first and third with one out.

This may be the perfect time to tell you a little bit about Pat Savage. Savage was a well-known, well-liked Plymouth-Canton youth league baseball coach, who passed away in November 2011 after a valiant battle against a relentless form of esophageal cancer.

He passed along his incredible love of baseball to his three sons: Collin, Jack and Nolan.

With one out and the winning run on third base, the Riversharks executed a perfect squeeze bunt play — their third such play of the game — to pull out a memorable 7-6 victory.

After the bunter — my son Ben — touched first base and turned to meet his happy-beyond-words teammates, the first person to greet him was Jack Savage: son of Pat, and the owner of one of the most inspiring personalities I've ever come across.

On just the second Father's Day without his dad, Jack was doing exactly what Pat Savage would have encouraged: Playing baseball, having fun and loving life.

Baseball is a powerful game.

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Recent Redford Union graduates Collin Rankin and Roderick Howard are pictured with Rankin's parents Wanda and Rob and Rankin's younger brother Sean after announcing their decision to attend Alma College.



The MotorCity Riversharks pose with their first-place trophies Sunday afternoon. Pictured are (front row from left) Robbie Laird, Ben Albin, Martino Zaia, Andrew Clarke, Jacob Kash, Joe Watson, (back row from left) coach Mike Zaia, Jack Savage, Brandon Boyd, Liam Radomski, Geoff Albin, Ben Wright, Ryan Berger and coach Bill Boyd.

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- Bank Auto Sales, 33003 Michigan Avenue  
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The text and any maps may be examined or written comments may be submitted at the City Clerk's Office during business hours (10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Zoning Board will consider, and may act upon, this matter.

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk

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## ART SHOW SALUTES HENRY FORD

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Melissa Machnee and her welding students at Schoolcraft College have elevated the fender from auto part to art in an installation honoring the 150th anniversary of Henry Ford's birth.

"It was a wonderful group effort. Everyone had input on what they wanted and it all came together," said Machnee, a third generation welder and instructor at the college. "An installation creates an environment. It's a little different from a sculpture. We tried to create an experience. We have an assembly line with an arm that has fenders hanging from it. Another arm has the Ford emblem." The piece also includes figures of a worker and of Henry Ford.

"We really tried to use some historical aspects of Ford and tie that into it. The emblem is based off the first Ford emblem.

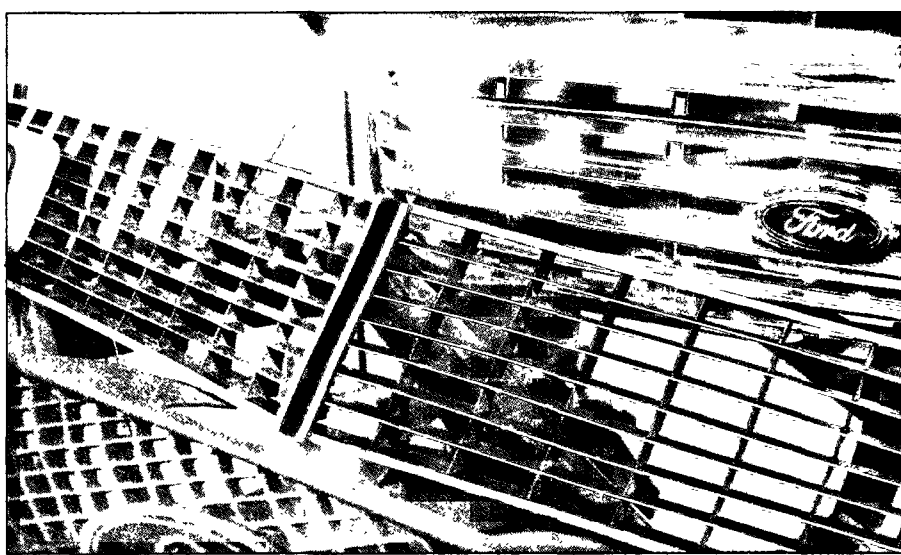
Their metal installation is among approximately 20 art pieces in the Fender Bender exhibit presented by the Dearborn Community Arts Council and designed to celebrate Henry Ford's birth. All of the sculptures and installations incorporate fenders and will be on view at a community gathering, June 26 at the Ford & Community Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. After that date they'll be stationed at various locations, both indoor and outdoor, in metro Detroit. The gathering is open to the public and will include beer and hot dogs. Tickets are \$5.

"Our main thrust was to do something outside the box, something innovative," said Stella Greene, a Plymouth resident and executive director of the Dearborn Community Arts Council. "It sounds stuffy when you say 150th anniversary. We wanted to prove that it doesn't have to be. Everyone can be involved. That is what Detroit is all about."

Professional sculptors, art students, welders, factory workers, and retirees responded to Greene's call for Fender Bender submissions. Some artists worked individually on



Student welders, artists and other volunteers collaborate on Schoolcraft College's submission to the Fender Bender event. Among the team members are Geri Armbruster (left), Laura Steiner, Melissa Machnee, and Mark McClure.



Fenders play a major role in an upcoming sculpture exhibit honoring Henry Ford.

submissions. Some formed teams, like the Schoolcraft group which included staff and volunteers in addition to students.

"We did a request for creators. We didn't want to specifically say artists. The whole premise of Henry Ford's 150th anniversary was everyone can be a creator. We wanted to give everyone an opportunity to create something with a fender. Our specifications were to incorporate a car fender any-

where your creative juices lead you. It could be a crumpled fender, a painted fender, art work done on a car fender. It could be welded. It's really exciting."

Ford Motor Company made available 2012 Ford Fusion fenders for the art projects, although some creators preferred using recycled parts from the junk yard.

"Because it is in commemoration of Henry Ford's 150th birthday we didn't want to

destroy the fenders," Machnee said, explaining her group's decision to use the car parts as is.

Machnee's team members designed the installation pieces, cut the images from metal and welded where necessary. She said every piece has some fabrication work.

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## FENDER BENDER

**What:** A sculpture exhibit celebrating the 150th anniversary of Henry Ford's birth  
**When:** 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 26

**Where:** Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

**Details:** Sculptures made from car fenders celebrating Henry Ford will be on display at this community get together for one night only, before being placed in various locations throughout metro Detroit. Tickets are \$5. Hot dogs and beer will be available

**Contact:** For reservations or more information call 313-943-3095

field or the welding industry. Students learn basic and advanced welding skills and fabrication techniques.

Machnee took classes in welding at Schoolcraft after graduating from Wayne State University with a degree in fine arts sculpture.

"I realized I couldn't feed myself with that degree. I went to Schoolcraft. I wanted to master welding. I was able to get a job in welding and feed myself as well as make my art."

In addition to Schoolcraft, the Canton resident also teaches welding at Wayne County Community College. She recently submitted an aluminum sculpture of a giant panda to ArtPrize in Grand Rapids.

She hopes the Fender Bender project will compel Schoolcraft students to continue creating sculpture for public exhibit.

"I think it will spin off into other projects. I have had students make larger sculptures, but this is the biggest collaborative work they've done," Machnee said.

A Fender Bender miniatures exhibit will run July 23-Sept. 20 in conjunction with Fender Bender. The all-media art exhibit is open to those who live or work in Michigan. Deadline for submission is July 16. Visit [www.dccacarts.org](http://www.dccacarts.org) for more information.

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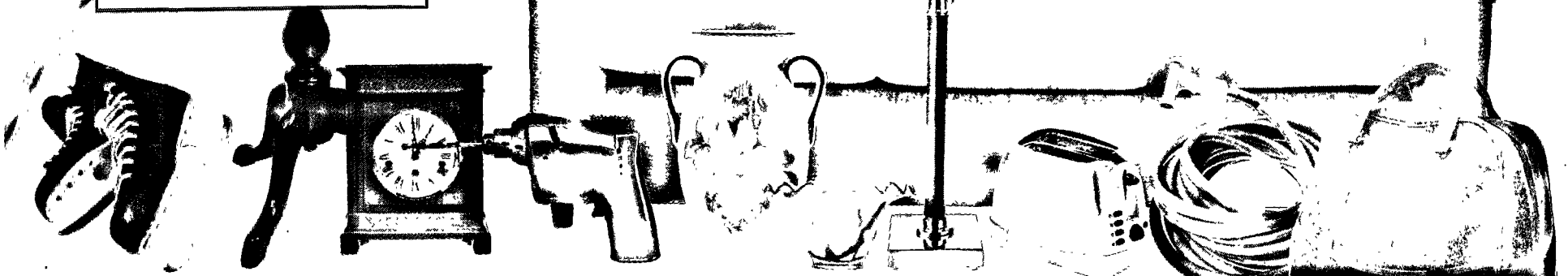
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**VAAL**  
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**Location:** Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia  
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**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m. June 22  
**Location:** The 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

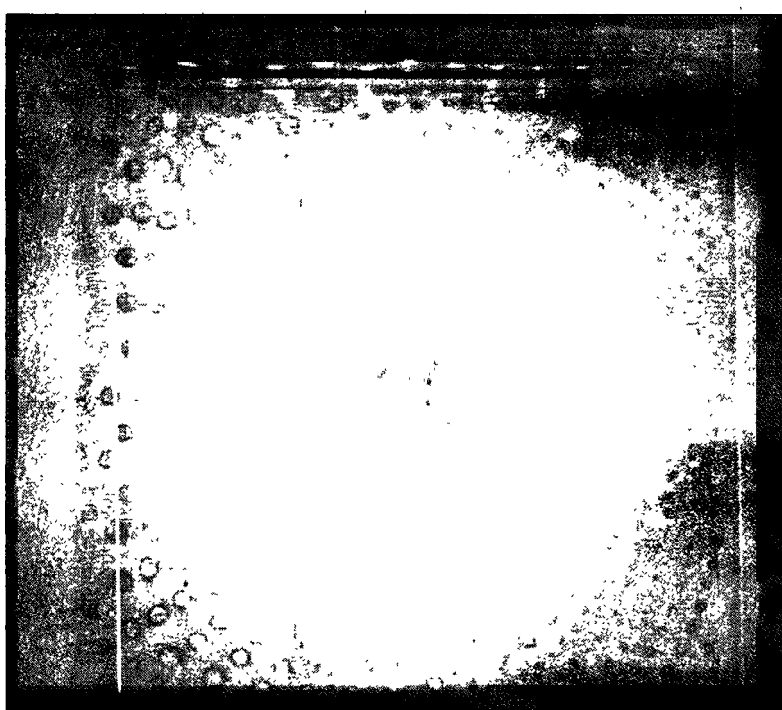
**DANCE COMPLEXIONS**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. June 22  
**Location:** Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit  
**Details:** Complexions, a contemporary dance troupe performs to the music of The White Stripes, Rolling Stones, U2 and others. Tickets are \$30-\$50; students pay \$20  
**Contact:** Ticketmaster.com at 313-887-8501

**FILM COMPUTWARE 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  
**Contact:** 734-927-3284

**PENN THEATRE**  
**Time/Date:** 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  
**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave.,



Elvis will be in the house at the 14th Annual Michigan ElvisFest, July 12-13 in Ypsilanti.



Works by fiber/textile artist Xia Gao are on display this month at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

**Plymouth**  
**Details:** "Mud," admission, \$3  
**Coming up:** "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 PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m., Wednesday, Friday-Sunday  
**Location:** 155 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** Admission \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17  
**Contact:** www.plymouth-history.org; 734-455-8940

**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:** 7:30-10 p.m. every Monday  
**Location:** 884 Penniman, Plymouth  
**Details:** Open mic for music and poetry  
**Friday featured artists:** No Excuses, June 21; Kenneth Michael, June 28; Signature Mistakes, July 5; Potter's Field, July 26. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.  
**Contact:** 734-454-0178

**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:** 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 Corseolo 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

**SOMETHING DIFFERENT DETROIT ZOO**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily  
**Details:** \$25 for Saturday  
**Contact:** www.mielvistest.org  
**FORD FIREWORKS**  
**Time/Date:** 10:06 p.m. Monday, June 24  
**Location:** Along the Detroit River in downtown Detroit  
**Details:** Fireworks will light up the sky over the Detroit River. Watch the fireworks in downtown Detroit or view a live broadcast on WDIV.  
**Contact:** www.theparade.org

**GM RIVER DAYS**  
**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 21-22; and 11 a.m. to 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

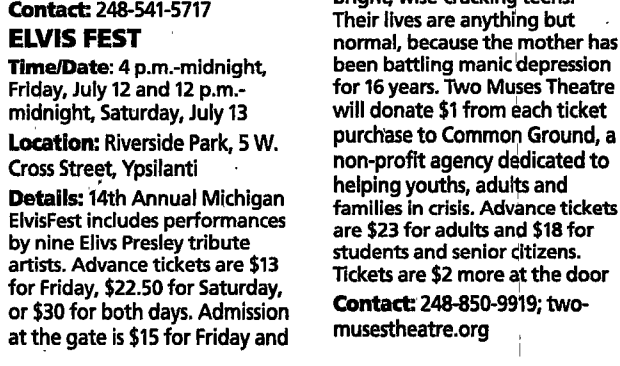
exhibits. A children's area will include puppet shows, face painting and other activities. A 5K walk/run is scheduled for Saturday and will benefit the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy. Admission is \$3 before 5 p.m. and \$5 after  
**Contact:** www.RiverDays.com

**KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 30-July 21; opening reception is 2-4 p.m. June 30  
**Location:** 434 S. State, Ann Arbor  
**Details:** "Red Rock & Rust Belt" is an exhibition of photographs by Susan Webb that explores the connection between two great cities that do not readily suggest comparison: the modern city of Detroit and the ancient site of Petra in modern Jordan  
**Contact:** 734-764-9304

**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  
**Contact:** 248-850-9919; twomusetheatre.org

**ELVIS FEST**  
**Time/Date:** 4 p.m.-midnight, Friday, July 12 and 12 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, July 13  
**Location:** Riverside Park, 5 W. Cross Street, Ypsilanti  
**Details:** 14th Annual Michigan ElvisFest includes performances by nine Elvis Presley tribute artists. Advance tickets are \$13 for Friday, \$22.50 for Saturday, or \$30 for both days. Admission at the gate is \$15 for Friday and

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## TIME TO DINE AL FRESCO



### SPICY BEET, FRUIT & NUT BARS

Makes 28 bars  
Preparation Time: 25  
minutes  
Bake Time: 20 minutes

1 jar (15.5 ounces) Aunt  
Nellie's Harvard Beets  
1 package (15.25  
ounces) spice cake mix  
1 cup packed light  
brown sugar  
½ cup canola or  
vegetable oil  
1 large egg  
1 cup dried mixed fruits,  
chopped if necessary  
½ cup chopped walnuts,  
pecans or almonds (or a  
combination), toasted  
Confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F.  
Drain beets. Puree beets in  
food processor or blender  
until smooth; set aside.  
Line 15- by 10- by 1-inch  
baking pan with aluminum  
foil. Spray lightly with  
nonstick cooking spray.  
Place cake mix in large  
bowl. Add pureed beets,  
brown sugar, oil and egg.  
Beat on low speed of  
electric mixer 2 minutes or  
until completely com-  
bined, scraping bowl as  
necessary. Stir in fruits and  
nuts.  
Spread dough evenly in  
prepared pan. Bake 20  
minutes or until pick in-  
serted in center comes out  
clean. Cool completely.  
Sprinkle with confection-  
ers' sugar. Cut into bars.

— Courtesy Family Features

**W**arm weather is welcome for a variety of reasons, but for many of us it signals the season for dining al fresco. Whether stepping out back onto a porch or patio, or planning a picnic at the beach or park, the food is the star.

These recipes showcase exciting flavors and easy preparation. One way to liven up outdoor menus is with unexpected ingredients, such as pickled beets. They add flavor, color and nutrition to a variety of dishes. Aunt Nellie's line of pickled beets tastes homemade — only the peeling and pickling are done for you. Just open the jar and you're on your way to fabulous appetizers, main dish wraps and, even, dessert. For a colorful vegetable side, a can of READ 3 or 4 Bean Salad is the perfect base. Just add fresh vegetables cut into thin strips and toss with a quick dressing. Dine al fresco — cheers to fresh air and fabulous food.

For more delicious recipes made with Aunt Nellie's products, visit [www.AuntNellies.com](http://www.AuntNellies.com). Additional ideas for READ salads can be found at [www.ReadSalads.com](http://www.ReadSalads.com).



### BEAN & VEGETABLE SALAD

Makes 4 servings  
Preparation Time: 30 minutes

1 can (15 ounces) READ 3 or 4 Bean Salad  
2 cups vegetables, cut into thin strips  
½ cup very thinly sliced red onion,  
optional  
Cracked black pepper  
Chopped parsley, optional  
Dressing:  
2 tablespoons reserved bean salad  
liquid  
1 tablespoon apple cider or wine  
vinegar  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 large clove garlic, minced

Drain bean salad; reserve 2 tablespoons  
liquid.

For dressing, combine reserved bean  
salad liquid, vinegar, oil and garlic. Whisk  
until combined.

In large bowl, toss together drained  
bean salad, vegetables and onion, if de-  
sired. Toss with dressing. Season with black  
pepper and stir in chopped parsley, if  
desired. Serve at room temperature or  
chilled.

Tip: Cut vegetables into thin strips  
about 2- by ¼ inches. Vegetables can be  
one or a combination of: carrot, celery,  
bell pepper, cucumber, zucchini, yellow  
squash, or other favorite vegetable.

### BEEF & HORSERADISH WRAPS

Makes 4 servings  
Preparation Time: 30 minutes

½ cup shredded carrots  
1 tablespoon prepared horseradish  
½ cup spreadable cheese (such as goat  
cheese or herb/garlic soft cheese)  
2 large soft flour tortillas (about 10- to  
12-inch diameter)  
10 green onions (green part only)  
10 thin slices deli roast beef

Drain beets; chop. Discard beet liquid.  
In medium bowl, combine beets, carrots  
and horseradish.

Spread ½ cup cheese evenly over each  
tortilla, leaving 1-inch border. Arrange 5  
green onions (do not chop) on each; press  
lightly into cheese. Place 5 slices beef on  
each tortilla covering green onions, then  
sprinkle beet mixture evenly over beef.  
Roll up in parallel direction of the  
green onions. Wrap each roll tightly in  
plastic wrap. Refrigerate up to 4 hours.  
To serve, remove plastic wrap; cut each  
tortilla into 2 pieces.

### BABY BEETS & OLIVES

Makes 6 servings  
Preparation Time: 15 minutes

1 16-ounce jar Aunt Nellie's Whole Baby Pickled Beets, drained  
½ cup assorted pitted olives  
1 to 2 tablespoons orange zest  
1 clove garlic, minced  
½ teaspoon cracked black pepper

Combine all ingredients in medium bowl. Serve at room temperature or chilled

### HERBED EGGPLANT & BEET DIP

Makes 8 servings (approximately ½ cup each)  
Preparation Time: 30 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes  
1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt  
Nellie's Sliced Pickled  
Beets, drained  
2 tablespoons olive or  
canola oil  
1 medium eggplant  
(about 1 pound), cut into  
1-inch pieces  
1 cup chopped onion  
3 cloves garlic, sliced  
Salt  
Coarse ground black  
pepper  
½ cup plain nonfat  
yogurt (Greek or  
traditional), optional  
½ cup thinly sliced fresh  
basil  
1 to 2 teaspoons  
chopped fresh thyme  
leaves  
Pita chips, fresh vegetables

Coarsely chop beets.  
In large nonstick skillet heat oil over medium heat until hot. Add eggplant, onion and  
garlic; cook 15 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring frequently. Add water, 1  
tablespoon at a time, if mixture seems too dry or begins to stick. Salt and pepper, as  
desired.

Place eggplant mixture in bowl of food processor; process until mixture is chopped  
and combined. Measure out ½ cup chopped beets; set aside. Add remaining chopped  
beets to eggplant mixture. Process until dip is desired consistency.

Transfer dip to serving bowl. Stir in yogurt, if desired. Stir in herbs and reserved ½ cup  
chopped beets just before serving. Serve with pita chips and vegetables for dipping. If not  
served immediately, cover and refrigerate up to 6 hours. Allow to stand about 15 minutes  
before serving if chilled.

### SMOKED SALMON & BEET WRAPS

Makes 4 servings  
Preparation Time: 30 minutes

1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sliced  
Pickled Beets  
2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion  
1 to 2 tablespoons capers  
1 to 2 teaspoons lemon zest

½ cup spreadable chive cream cheese  
2 large soft flour tortillas (10- to 12-inch  
diameter)  
8 slices smoked salmon  
½ cup baby spinach leaves

Drain beets; chop. Discard beet liquid. In medium bowl, combine beets, onion, ca-  
pers and lemon zest.

Spread ½ cup cream cheese evenly over each tortilla, leaving 1-inch border. Place 4  
salmon slices over cream cheese; press lightly. Top each with spinach. Sprinkle beet  
mixture evenly over spinach.

Roll up. Wrap each roll tightly in plastic wrap. Refrigerate up to 4 hours.  
To serve, remove plastic wrap; cut each tortilla into 2 pieces.





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## Cooking top source of home fires

The National Fire Protection Association announced the 2013 Fire Prevention Week theme: "Prevent Kitchen Fires." NFPA selected this theme to encourage greater care when cooking and an awareness of kitchen fire dangers. As cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries, NFPA will use the week of Oct. 6-12 to promote safe kitchen habits with stoves, microwaves and other appliances. Remaining attentive while cooking and managing how close children and pets are to anything hot will help keep families safe.

NFPA is announcing the theme of Fire Prevention Week 2013 to coincide with the opening of the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC). Thousands of firefighters from across the globe will gather for this conference in Indianapolis to train, network and learn.

"On average, firefighters respond to more than 400 kitchen fires every day," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of communications for NFPA. "By making kitchen fire safety the theme for 2013

Fire Prevention Week, we can raise the awareness of the leading cause of fires, unattended cooking, and provide life saving safety tips to improve the safety of everyone in the home."

The 2013 Fire Prevention Week campaign materials prominently feature Sparky the Fire Dog, NFPA's mascot. Sparky's Wish List is an online registry where fire departments request much needed educational materials and individuals or businesses purchase items for them. Nearly 700 fire departments have registered.

NFPA is providing important kitchen safety tips to homeowners that align with the Fire Prevention Week theme:

When you fry, grill, or broil food, stay in the kitchen.

» Maintain a kid- and pet-free zone at least three feet away from the stove.

» Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.

» Keep a lid and oven mitt nearby when you're cooking to use in case of a grease fire. If you have a grease fire, slide a lid over the pan. Turn off the burner and leave the pan covered until

it is completely cool.

Visit [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org) for more information and safety tips.

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The president of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance each October since 1925.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at [www.nfpa.org/freeaccess](http://www.nfpa.org/freeaccess).



Robert Meisner

## Notice given on recovering ownings

**Q: I understand that there is a new rule regarding Notices to Quit to recover property. Can you give me some insight?**

**A:** PA 139 of 2012 allows a seven-day notice to quit to recover possession from tenants who injure or threaten to injure, or whose guests injure or threaten to injure others and the police were notified. This obviously gives landlords additional leverage to deal with recalcitrant tenants, but obviously, the police must be notified and presumably a police report made. Moreover, PA 140 of 2012 allows a 24-hour notice to quit to recover possession of premises for manufacture, delivery, or possession of controlled substances on the premises, without a formal police report, but repeals the requirement that the reports have to be filed by the landlord.

**Q: I understand that there is a new rule provision that prohibits various activities at public road ends on a lake or stream. Do you have any information about that since it has been a common problem?**

**A:** PA 56 of 2012 prohibits various activities when a public road ends on a lake or stream unless a record instrument expressly provides otherwise. This covers situations ranging from docking overnight to installing boat hoists or anchors and prescribes civil and criminal penalties for violations. Your association or you should look up the statute with the benefit of good legal advice.

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 4-8, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>BEVERLY HILLS</b>	17834 Beechwood Ave	\$191,000	3231 Bloomfield Crossing	\$548,000	28626 Wintergreen Ct	\$600,000	44733 Gwinnett Loop	\$535,000
	18882 Beverly Rd	\$227,000	1478 High Ct	\$587,000	<b>LATHRUP VILLAGE</b>		24755 Nepavine Dr	\$466,000
	19116 Hillcrest St	\$335,000	2570 Lahser Rd	\$72,000	28275 Eldorado Pl	\$146,000	24780 Nottingham Dr	\$350,000
	31981 Inglewood St	\$251,000	654 Overhill Rd	\$560,000	18619 Middlesex Ave	\$163,000	24303 Saybrook Ct	\$479,000
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	1144 Brookwood St	\$1,013,000	<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>		<b>MILFORD</b>		41487 Thoreau Rdg	\$310,000
	635 Chester St	\$600,000	615 Cranbourne St	\$200,000	1781 E Dawson Rd	\$113,000	24080 Tottenham Ct	\$430,000
	1181 Davis Ave	\$489,000	8510 Pine Cove Dr	\$345,000	1432 Hunters Lake Dr	\$652,000	23237 W Le Bost	\$196,000
	522 Graten St	\$215,000	2721 Ravinewood Dr	\$315,000	1911 Mystic Hills Dr	\$462,000	<b>SOUTH LYON</b>	
	2010 Hazel St	\$410,000	5777 Strawberry Cir	\$341,000	4084 Old Plank Rd	\$385,000	24320 Brentwood Dr	\$327,000
	735 Shirley Rd	\$993,000	368 W Beechdale St	\$58,000	1060 Orban	\$210,000	24458 Brompton Way	\$371,000
	1192 Smith Ave	\$162,000	<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>		943 Riverstone Ct	\$255,000	23300 Clarkshire Dr	\$343,000
	600 W Brown St # 308	\$155,000	21604 Albion Ave	\$32,000	1575 S Duck Lake Rd	\$117,000	59972 E Eight Mile Rd	\$20,000
	1034 W Maple Rd	\$1,100,000	22941 Ashley St	\$130,000	2451 Woodridge Ct	\$429,000	1147 Fountain View Cir	\$98,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>	100 Bloomfield Hills Pkwy	\$50,000	29645 Belfast St	\$56,000	2705 Zenith Dr	\$254,000	54846 Glenwood Ct	\$358,000
	4353 COVERED BRIDGE RD	\$294,000	36512 Bingham Ct	\$185,000	<b>NORTHVILLE</b>		24319 Glenwood Dr	\$321,000
	4061 Fairlane Dr	\$120,000	29463 Breezewood	\$123,000	21878 Bedford Dr	\$292,000	61091 Greenwood Dr	\$61,000
	603 Foxhall Rd	\$470,000	33431 Brittany Dr	\$272,000	43440 Cottisford St	\$175,000	61141 Greenwood Dr	\$79,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>			25322 Carrollton Dr	\$290,000	41777 Onaway Dr	\$55,000	23470 Sawgrass Ct S	\$375,000
			31280 Country Ridge Cir	\$258,000	616 Reed Ct	\$46,000	<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>	
			26319 Dundalk St	\$179,000	21610 Welch Rd	\$143,000	18516 Addison Dr	\$60,000
			28629 Grayfield Dr	\$115,000	<b>NOVI</b>		21727 Sumner	\$140,000
			35295 Lone Pine Ln	\$158,000	50738 AMESBURG DR	\$484,000	21475 Independence Dr	\$125,000
			21923 Ontaga St	\$96,000	48216 Andover Dr	\$415,000	29461 Marimoor Dr	\$60,000
			32054 Red Clover Rd	\$125,000	50577 Billenca Dr	\$560,000	30895 Southfield Rd	\$55,000
			30510 Salisbury St	\$116,000	41641 Dukesbury Ct	\$505,000	15995 W 13 Mile Rd	\$33,000
			32534 Sanctuary Ct	\$60,000	1353 East Lake Rd	\$322,000	26777 W Carnegie Park Dr	
			25223 Skye Dr	\$196,000	44598 Ellery Ln	\$170,000	20621 Woodburn Dr	\$30,000
			28534 Westerleigh Rd	\$222,000	27878 Floyd Ln	\$171,000	<b>WHITE LAKE</b>	
			29891 White Hall Dr	\$310,000	27880 Floyd Ln	\$182,000	10421 Cedar Point Dr	\$282,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 25 through March 1, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>CANTON</b>	43594 Abbey Woods Ct	\$253,000	6113 Lathers St	\$63,000	43747 Prestwick Cir S	\$539,000	13949 Mercedes	\$36,000
	43426 Fredericksburg St	\$160,000	30711 Pardo St	\$74,000	43811 Prestwick Cir S	\$463,000	9263 Rockland	\$41,000
	49250 Rockefeller Dr	\$308,000	<b>LIVONIA</b>		19254 Surrey Ln	\$86,000	17272 Sumner	\$35,000
	4372 Sherwood Cir	\$214,000	30166 Bentley St	\$115,000	<b>PLYMOUTH</b>		<b>WESTLAND</b>	
	2897 Tall Oak Ln	\$223,000	30905 Dalhay St	\$130,000	10001 Creekwood Cir	\$287,000	39221 Armstrong Ln	\$102,000
	1960 Wentworth Dr	\$249,000	20275 Fremont St	\$155,000	8835 Elmhurst Ave	\$120,000	33646 Avondale St	\$84,000
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>	30176 Hennepin St	\$95,000	18278 Gillman St	\$48,000	42336 Hammill Ln	\$190,000	33539 Balmoral St	\$40,000
	31778 James St	\$40,000	37116 Ladywood St	\$165,000	13024 Haverhill Dr	\$395,000	35028 Bayview St	\$46,000
			32641 Ohio St	\$123,000	570 Lindsay Dr	\$159,000	34011 Birchwood St	\$95,000
			14315 Richfield St	\$305,000	49402 Pine Ridge Dr	\$595,000	35845 Castlewood Ct	\$48,000
			37463 Sunnydale St	\$165,000	<b>REDFORD</b>		36708 Dartmouth Dr	\$137,000
			15804 Swathmore C. Ct	\$185,000	20078 Centralia	\$35,000	38561 Deer Creek Blvd	\$68,000
			30900 W Nye Ct	\$120,000	15587 Delaware Ave	\$40,000	1734 Gloria St	\$99,000
			<b>NORTHVILLE</b>		11354 Dixie	\$48,000	34140 Kennedy St	\$112,000
			41776 Camden Ct	\$280,000	24958 Doris Ct	\$68,000	1854 S Brandon St	\$50,000
			46161 Frederick St	\$150,000	18695 Indian	\$28,000		
			41282 Lehigh Ct	\$105,000	15920 Lennane	\$19,000		

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Free real estate career seminar

Learn about the Keller Williams \$50,000 income guarantee during the seminar scheduled 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, in Plymouth. For more information, contact Jim Raines at 734-459-4700 or [jimraines@kw.com](mailto:jimraines@kw.com).

#### Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email [june.quantum@gmail.com](mailto:june.quantum@gmail.com) for your reservation.

#### Free foreclosure tours

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





