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Nine-year-old Noah Morris of Ypsilanti shoots hoop to win a prize. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Cruisers take over Wayne, Westland Saturday

Cruisin' U.S. 12 and All-American Cruise events roll into area

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

There will be cars and more cars Saturday as the cruisers return to Michigan Avenue in downtown Wayne and cruise along Wayne Road in Westland for the first time.

This is the sixth year for classic and custom cars to come to Wayne for the Cruisin' U.S. 12 event but the first year for the All-American Cruise in Westland.

Both day-long events will feature plenty of car and people watching but also a variety of activities sponsored by local businesses and community groups.

### Cruisin' U.S. 12

This year, the event has expanded to include children's activities, the sidewalk sales and the annual downtown Wayne tradition: 25-cent hot dogs at Northside Hardware.

Among activities scheduled for Cruisin' U. S. 12 are:

» A Hearse Club and Zombie Party in the parking lot of Icon Computer Solutions at the end of the line.

» Live band and "front row" outdoor patio seating along Michigan Avenue at the US12 Bar & Grill.

» Hoopers! Hula Hoop performance by local hoopers, including Irene Ivanac known from the Wayne Farmers Market as "The Hula Hoop Lady."

» Children's activities at First Congregational Church of Wayne.

» Rocky Horror Picture Show with audience participation at the State Wayne Theater in downtown Wayne at 11:30 p.m.

» A display at the Wayne Bar and Grill, featuring local Wayne artist Bill Fahey's metal sculptures.

Visit [www.cruisinus12.com](http://www.cruisinus12.com) or [www.facebook.com/cruisinus12](http://www.facebook.com/cruisinus12) for updates.

### All-American Cruise

This first official cruise in Westland will focus on Wayne Road. An official kick-off party with cars on display is scheduled beginning at 4 p.m. Friday at the Westland Charhouse on Warren Road west of Wayne Road.

On Saturday activities include:

» Cruisers arriving by 8 a.m. can stop by the Westland Historic Village Park for coffee and doughnuts. Hot dogs and burgers will be available later in the day.

Throughout the day, the first 100 drivers with vehicles made before 1967 will receive free parking and dash plaques.

There will also be a Grand Prix car on display courtesy of the Detroit Grand Prix.

» Westland Car Care will be hosting Benny of Benny and The Jets. Cruisers can also collect a commemorative mini street sign.

» Westland Rotary and Jaycees will be hosting activities in the Benito's Pizza parking lot.

» Face painting and free water from Costco will be offered at Supreme Air Systems.

» It will be family fun day at the Wayne-Westland Credit Union.

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# Safe and sound

\$10 charge, rain keep down festival crowds

By LeAnne Rogers  
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No major problems were reported during the Westland Summer Festival which wrapped up Sunday night with its traditional fireworks display.

"We only had a couple of minor incidents. The rain helped us, there was only about 60 percent of the normal crowd," said Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik. "That made it easier on us."

Security had become a particular concern for the 43rd annual festival held on the City Hall grounds after problems with large groups of youths at an earlier carnival in Westland and in other communities.

In addition to a zero tolerance policy for any misbehavior, Westland and Wade Shows, the carnival and midway provider, implemented a \$10 advance purchase requirement for anyone age 12 and older



Lauren Laliberte and her three-year-old daughter Lily ride the sizzler at the festival. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Those are the busiest days for the festival.

### 'Enjoying festival'

"It was not a like a cover charge or admission fee. It was pre-pay for food, games and rides. They got a wristband,"

said Jedrusik. "The idea was to prevent people from coming to hang out and loiter. It let people, who were there to enjoy games, rides and food, have access to the midway."

People congregating without interest in the festival/carnival have been a problem in the past and the \$10 pre-pay system curtailed that, Jedrusik said.

Earlier this year, a crowd estimated at more than 100 youths descended on a carnival sponsored by the Westland Fire Department Safety Committee at the northeast corner of Wayne and Warren roads. The ensuing melee spread across Wayne Road into the Westland Shopping Center parking lot.

It's not yet known if the fire department will sponsor a carnival in 2014 but police would be looking at similar crowd control method.

"The \$10 prevented overloading of people who were here to loiter. That certainly provides at least a program to work off for other carnivals," said Jedrusik. "It gave us much better control over the crowd."

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## Barking Bones: treats for a cause

Westland Police dog to be national mascot

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

As one of Westland's two police dogs, Narco usually spends his days sniffing for narcotics, tracking people and subduing suspects.

Now Narco, whose handler is Officer Derek Trospen, has been selected as a national mascot for Jillybean's Barking Bones, a Louisville, Ky.-based preservative and additive free healthy dog treat company.

Former Canton resident Jill Brzezinski Conley founded the company which will donate a portion of each purchase to the Good Dog Foundation, a charitable organization which promotes the use of animal assisted therapy in health care awareness, research, education and disaster response.

"Animals are so compassionate. It doesn't matter if you have you have had the worst day, they unconditional love you," said Conley.

The healthy treats and raising funds for the Good Dog Foundation were inspired by Conley's experiences with her cockapoo Honeybear and rescue cat Hope as she has battled cancer.



Westland Police dog Narco with Jillybean dog treats. PHOTO CREDIT

A 1995 Canton High School graduate, Conley was living in Las Vegas when she met her future husband Barton. The couple had been married seven months and had just relocated to Louisville in 2009 when Conley was diagnosed with breast cancer a day before her 32nd birthday.

### At her side

Conley's grueling treatment included 16 rounds of chemotherapy, 33 radiation treatments, a double mastectomy and several surgeries to remove a severely infected implant.

"Through the whole process, the dog was at my side. I remember when I was diag-

nosed. She acted so different - she was glued to me and still is," said Conley. "She's my baby. I don't have kids, so my pets are my kids."

Following 2½ years of treatment and a short remission, Conley's cancer re-occurred in January 2012 attacking the bones in her rib cage.

"I thought I had broken ribs. Then they told me the cancer was back - stage 4 in my bones," said Conley.

This time the chemotherapy regime wasn't successful.

"I knew something was wrong, I was short of breath," she said. "I am on a hormonal treatment. It's like meno-

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## Win gifts from O&E Christmas in July contest

Welcome to third annual Observer & Eccentric Media Christmas in July contest.

Look for the holiday icon (pictured above) on the pages of the July edition of *Hometown Life INSPIRE* in print or online at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com) and then correctly identify all pages where the icon appears.

Submit an entry form via U.S. Postal Service or Facebook at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

Winners will be selected in a random drawing of all correct entries.

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## Helping out

Westland police received assistance patrolling the festival from Wayne County Sheriff's deputies, Michigan State Police and reserve officers from the Dearborn Police Department.

The Westland Summer Festival Committee agreed to pay \$10,000 for police overtime although Jedrusik said the tab runs over \$17,000. The committee had balked at a higher tab for police services.

"The city negotiates with the festival committee. That is a city business decision," he said. "As chief, my opinion is we provided the services needed to keep the citizens safe. How the city wants to handle it is up to them."

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Taking a break from the festival are Dudley Dickerson, Brittney Cooper, Asha Lewis, and Lalen Williams, all of Detroit. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# BONES

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pause. It's working - the cancer in my sternum is contained and not growing."

Conley again has received great comfort from Honeybear and Hope as she has gone through her illness and treatment.

"I'm not going to lie, it sucks. I hate the way I feel on the days I get treatment. There are days when I'm not getting treatment when I feel OK," she said. "Focusing on Barking Bones keeps me positive and motivated. I'm so excited it's up and running."

## Dog therapy

Due to her illness, Conley had been forced to leave her job as a leasing consultant. Founding Jillybean's Barking Bones was aimed at bringing in extra income to help with medical bills, she said, but also to promote the importance of dog therapy during illness.

"Honeybear is 10 years old - I've had her 10 years. She's my sidekick. She inspired me to sell all natural dog treats," said Conley. "People going through cancer - a lot of them don't have a pet. Maybe they can get a dog or a cat."



Jill Brzezinski Conley

Some temporary adjustments had to be made due to her treatment. When her immune system was weakened by treatment, Conley said Honeybear had to be shaved and she couldn't clean the cat's litter box.

Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik is a friend of Conley's older brother and business partner Steve.

"Jeff sent pictures of Narco - he's a beautiful dog," said Conley, who asked that Narco serve as a mascot for the Barking Bones.

Narco is now being featured on Barking Bones website jillybeansbarkingbones.com. Along with online sales, a chain of six stores in Kentucky will be carrying the all-natural dog treats as well.

"The story and drive behind this company is a very touching story. The Westland Police Department is proud to have our canine Narco be one of their national mascots," said Jedrusik.

"We are very proud of Narco for being an important member of our police force and a symbol for such a good cause," added Westland Mayor William Wild.

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# CONTEST

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room of Elegance in Canton, a \$100 gift certificate (second place) to the Rugby Grill in the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham, or a \$50 gift card (third place) to Meijer.

In addition, up to 10 other winners will receive a pass for two to any area Emagine

## Theatre.

Mail your entry (see the form inside the July INSPIRE) to Christmas in July, O&E Media, 41304 Concept Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170 or go to hometownlife.com and see the Facebook information

All entries - mail and online - must be post-marked or submitted by midnight July 31.

Happy Christmas in July and good luck finding the holiday icons.

## Game Night

The Dyer Senior Center is holding its monthly game night from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 18. The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

## Teen Programs

The Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Taylor Teen Health Center are hosting a "Be Proud! Be Responsible!" workshops for youth.

"Be Proud, Be Responsible!" is a pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention program for adolescent youth ages 12-18. The workshops will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 13 and 27, and Aug. 24, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, Westland.

All participants will get a free snack in the morning, free lunch and prizes. For more information or to register, call the Westland Youth Assistance Program at (734) 467-7904.

## Preschool sign-up

Westland Free Methodist Preschool is now enrolling for the 2013-2014 preschool year. Enroll now and save half off the enrollment fee, a \$25 savings value.

The preschool is a tuition-based Christian program that offer classes for 3-4-year-old children. It offers a theme-based curriculum taught by certified teachers and includes all the basic preschool academic skills as well as a low child-teacher ratio, indoor gym and outdoor playground.

For more information, to schedule a tour or enroll, call 734-728-3559, visit the website at www.preschool.livesa-rechanging.com or send an email to wfmpreschool@yahoo.com.

## Mom to Mom

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland is holding a Mom 2 Mom sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at the church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne.

Tables rental is \$20 per eight-foot table. More than 30 tables will be available. There also

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will be a large item room as well as concessions and a bake sale. Admission will be \$1 at the door.

For more information, send an email to mom2momwayne-fumc@gmail.com or call the church office at 734-721-4801.

## Suite raffle

Are you a Detroit Tiger's fan? Would you like to win a suite for 20 people at Comerica Park to see the Tigers play the White Sox at 1:05 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4?

The Westland Rotary Club is offering you a chance to do just that and help your community at the same time. The suite also includes a \$300 food credit, three parking passes and your name on the scoreboard.

Tickets are \$10 each and available from the Westland Chamber of Commerce, Juennemann Insurance Agency or from any Westland Rotarian. The drawing will be held at 1 p.m. July 18, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Proceeds will go to the Wayne/Westland Salvation Army, Westland Rotary Scholarships and Charities and the Westland Rotary Club.

For more information, call Jeff at 734-261-5010.

## Theater camp

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

Open to youngsters ages 8-18, the cost is \$125 for residents, \$135 for nonresidents. Camp rehearsals are held from 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.

## Circus Tickets

Tickets are on sale for the Kelly Miller Circus, which will hold shows at 2 p.m. 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.

## Democratic Club

The Westland Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, at Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey at Venoy, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, in Westland. The board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Regular meetings will be held Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 26. For more information, contact club president Nan Melke at 734-674-7327 or by email at WestlandDemClub@robinwood.com.

## Ripple Effect

The Wayne Ripple Effect, a volunteer downtown revitalization group, meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, in downtown Wayne. Anyone interested in volunteering or getting involved is welcome.

For more information, visit the Ripple Effect website at www.downtownwayne.org or email Sherrie at waynerippleeffect@gmail.com.

## Toastmasters

The Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club is now meeting at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road, Westland.

Toastmasters is a world leader dedicated to helping people develop their public speaking and leadership skills, in a mutually helpful and friendly atmosphere.

Westland Easytalkers meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday.

For more information, call Luddie at 734-414-0034 or Curt at 734-525-8445 or visit westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org.

## Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to

share in a non-judgmental atmosphere.

Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

For more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237.

## Free workshop

Westland residents at risk of losing their homes can attend a free Loan Modification and Short Sale Workshop from 6-7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy.

Annette Compo of WJR Real Estate 411 and Linda Miller, an MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselor with National Faith Homebuyers, will be on hand to meet with residents one-on-one to do an overview of the foreclosure process and present them with various options for their situation.

The city of Westland is working with developers to assist residents that lose their home to foreclosure to try to remain in the same neighborhood.

To register for the workshop, call 313-378-5418 or send an e-mail to lindamiller@nationalfaith.org.

## Higher Rock Cafe

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army hosts Higher Rock Cafe, an evening of Christian music, fellowship, games and concessions at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month at the corps, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer. There's no cover charge. For more information, visit Higher Rock Cafe on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WayneWestlandHRC or call 734-722-3660.

## American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post website at www.post251.org or call 734-326-2607 for more information.

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# Couple loses big-time on 'Extreme Weight Loss'

By Diane Gale Andreassi  
Staff Writer

They lost 350 pounds together. Jason and Rachel Cornellier, the first couple featured on ABC's *Extreme Weight Loss* with Chris Powell, shared their personal triumphs and their vulnerabilities, like Jason taking off his shirt and revealing a large stomach and male breasts or private pitfalls, like a year long separation in 2004 that included Rachel reconnecting with an old boyfriend.

The show aired July 2 and can be seen by going to abc.com and clicking on *Extreme Weight Loss*.

"We were nervous before it aired, but everything has been fantastic," said Rachel, a stay-at-home mom. "A lot of people have said we are inspiring and they feel it's more of a real episode. They identified with Jason and being a married couple that everything is not always perfect. You work through it and push through."

The South Lyon residents started their pound shedding journey when Rachel went to an audition in February 2012. Jason, a Microsoft solutions architect, was invited to a follow-up audition and they were chosen among the throngs of others who wanted "to get a chance of a lifetime," as Powell says on the show.

"You never get the opportunity and accountability to take a year off of life and focus on that," said Jason, who continued working at his job while maintaining the health regimen at home.

At the start of the weight loss program in April 2012, Rachel weighed 290 pounds, which was more than she weighed when she was pregnant with their 6-year-old twins. She got down to 145 pounds. Jason was 350 pounds in the beginning and dropped to 197 pounds.

Early in the episode, Jason said, he knew he was smart, but he couldn't seem to figure out his weight loss problem.

"We struggled trying to do it before," Jason, now 36, said from his home. "We put our minds to do it and do it together. We did it as a team."

They both took on the cooking chores and "we did anything we could to support each other," he said. "If she needed time to workout I would watch the kids or vice versa. Or, we brought the kids to the gym." They worked out at Hines Park Crossfit in Northville



Jason and Rachel Cornellier have always focused on nutrition with their twin children, Sam and Sabrina.

and PKSA Karate in Novi.

During the first three months, the weight came off quickly, which made the times when they seemed to be working just as hard as before, but not losing as quickly, even more frustrating.

"The hardest part was getting through those plateaus and pushing through them," Jason said.

The high school sweethearts — he went to John Glenn in Westland and she attended Ladywood in Livonia — were determined to see this goal through. Rachel, now 35, tells the viewers that one of her biggest motivators to lose weight was that she was often out of breath and tired when she played with their children, Sam and Sabrina. And this, she said, weighed heavy on her heart.

"I get winded real fast," she said during the broadcast. "I feel lazy. I feel like I was a crappy mom, and I'm not a crappy mom."

Now, Jason said, they are "trying to find our new normal. We do a lot more biking and hiking around South Lyon." He even helps with his son's, coach pitch team. "There are a lot of activities we wouldn't do before that we would now."

Their transformation has been nothing but positive for the kids, who Jason said, always ate a healthy diet. "We waited until they went to bed to eat bad," he said.

After the show aired, they got more than 10,000 hits on their Facebook pages, mostly from people saying how inspiring the couple has been during their own weight loss. The Cornelliers decided to launch a blog, ourfamilybalance.com to help others. They are going to focus on nutrition, even though it wasn't discussed much during the two-hour episode.

"It's kind of our way to pay it forward," Jason said.

His best advice is: Exercise is big, but food is 80 percent of weight gain "and sodium is a huge factor in it." People can gain 10 pounds in a short time, because they had food with high salt content, he added.

To keep each other on track, Jason said, they developed a code phrase, "Have you seen a good movie lately?" to politely remind each other that they're doing something to sabotage the weight loss.

"It gets the point across without saying, 'Maybe, you should put the fork down,'" he said.

"It might sound like a cliché, but truly I've been in that really bad place where you feel like you want to give up," Rachel said. "If we could find a way, anyone can. They have to start with small goals. They need to find some belief in themselves."

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## COC holds its annual Italian Night

Community Opportunity Center will hold its ninth annual Italian Night Monday, July 15, at Eastside Mario's, 31630 Plymouth Road, west of Merriman in Livonia.

This is the ninth year Eastside Mario's has partnered with COC to host the Italian Night fundraiser with all proceeds being used to meet the housing and personal needs of individuals with developmental disabilities who are affiliated with COC.

Anyone who dines at the restaurant 4-8 p.m. on July 15 will be treated to Eastside Mario's celebrated spaghetti, salad and bread for just \$10. Drinks, tips and tax are extra. The restaurant will donate the entire \$10 to Community Opportunity Center, a nonprofit housing corporation supporting adults with developmental disabilities in Wayne County.

Last year, some 400 diners attended the festive affair raising \$5,000 for COC. Some of the wait staff donated tips they earned during the four-hour period, and some diners made direct donations to COC that night.

"We so much enjoy working with the wonderful people at Eastside Mario's who have been so supportive of our cause over the years," said Denise King, executive director of Community Opportunity Center. "Our family members, friends and supporters have a great time each year at this event, and we are pleased to work with Eastside Mario's to bring this event back for the community."

"The wait staff at Eastside Mario's has been very kind and professional in making sure our guests received top service and enjoyed a memorable evening," she added.

The first event was held in 2005 and was so popular that COC and Eastside Mario have repeated the event each July.

In 2006, Eastside Mario's manager Joe Hibbert was honored with an Award of Special Achievement by COC for his leadership in helping stage the now annual Italian Night.

Community Opportunity Center, based in Livonia, is a nonprofit management corporation that provides leadership and oversight to nearly 100 people with developmental disabilities who live among 23 homes and apartment settings in western Wayne County.

Homes and apartments are in Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Westland and Redford.

For more information, call Denise King at 734-422-1020.

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# Greenhouse posts video of would-be thieves

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Video of two thieves helping themselves to merchandise from Barson's Greenhouse after hours is posted on the business's Facebook page.

The woman and younger male were captured on the business

security video on June 27. Joe Barson, who owns the Westland business with wife Debbie, initially had posted a message, calling on the thieves to return the items or he'd post the video.

A week passed and none of the stolen items were returned, so the video was posted on Facebook and also aired

on a local television station.

"Joe first posted the note giving them a week to bring the stuff back. We got all kinds of hits — 28,000," Debbie Barson said. "We got all these hits saying we should show the video, that we were being too nice."

The stolen items included a plastic watering

can, a small wooden wishing well, either a bird bath or some pottery, Barson said, and ironically, a Welcome Friends sign.

"I got a kick out of that (sign being stolen). On the video, it's like she is shopping around. It's kind of comical," she said. "It's been a couple of years but once in

awhile we would wonder if someone had stolen some mulch."

Over the years, there have been a couple break-ins at the greenhouse located on Merriam and Maplewood — a location that is in Westland but many people think is part of Garden City.

"We've had break-ins

where larger tools were stolen — they caught the people in one of them," Barson said. "The cameras are new this year."

Despite the theft, Barson said it could have been worse, if there had been vandalism.

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## WESTLAND COP CALLS

### Vandalism

Police were called to a home in the 1400 block of Raymer just before 10:30 p.m. July 3 when a resident reported hearing her front window shatter. She said she looked outside but saw no one.

The officers noted one pane of the window was smashed and a rock was sitting on the exterior window sill.

The damage was estimated at \$100.

» On July 4, a resident in the 100 block of Waterbury told police that someone had smashed the driver's side window of her 1998 Oldsmobile Intrigue overnight while

it was parked on the street.

Nothing was missing from the vehicle, which the woman said she was in the process of buying from her cousin.

She also told police plenty of fireworks were being discharged in the neighborhood.

» A resident at the West Hampton Condominiums, 7412 Central, told police July 4 that overnight someone had smashed a window and slashed a tire on her 2009 Chevrolet Caprice.

The vehicle is not insured and doesn't have a license plate. The owner said she no longer drives it.

» A Fenton man told police that someone smashed the windshield and a passenger side window on his 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix overnight July 3-4 while the car was parked at the Scotsdale Apartments, 37735 Scotsdale Circle.

» On July 5, a Romulus woman told police that the previous day someone had damaged the driver's door handle and the front bumper on her 2012 Ford Fusion while it was parked at Burlington Coat Factory, 35555 Warren Road.

### Larceny

A resident in the 2100 block of Ackley told po-

lice July 5 that he had been waiting for delivery of a laptop computer by the U.S. Postal Service. The delivery had been expected about a month earlier.

The resident told police he checked the tracking and found the package had been left without a signature on June 1 but had apparently been stolen from the front porch. The computer was valued at \$700.

### Larceny

On July 5, a Garden City woman told police that someone had stolen her Nokia cell phone from the restroom at McDonald's, 1677 S.

Wayne Road, the previous day.

The woman is an employee and told police she left the phone on the restroom counter while using the toilet.

The woman reported hearing the restroom door open but said she didn't see who came into the room.

» A Canton man told police July 5 that someone had stolen his cell phone July 3 after he left it at the Westland Shopping Center food court. He said he had returned a short time later and the phone was gone.

» A resident of the Willow Creek Apartments, 1673 Fairwood

Drive, told police July 5 that someone had stolen her iPod Touch sometime between June 30 and July 1. She said several people were at the apartment over that time period but she didn't notice anyone going into the bedroom where it was stored.

» On July 5, a resident in the 1700 block of South Carlson told police that she had returned home at approximately 3 a.m. to find the front door of her home standing open.

Later in the day, she said she noticed an X-Box 360 game console and a Sony PlayStation 3, valued at \$130, had been stolen.

—By LeAnne Rogers

## GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

### Attempted robbery

Garden City police are investigating an attempted armed robbery that happened just after midnight June 27 at the McDonald's restaurant at 2205 Middlebelt.

An employee said that a black man about 25-35 years old, wearing a black hoodie, walked up to the drive-through window and said, "Gimme the money." She said that he produced a small, silver handgun.

The employee backed away from the window but didn't give him any money. The man fled but she didn't see him get into a vehicle.

Two customers waiting in the drive-through line observed the activity. The first witness said that he saw the suspect in a 1993 Ford F-150 pickup truck parked lengthwise in the parking stalls south of the restaurant and saw him approach the drive-through window.

He saw the man pull a handgun from his hoodie. The suspect ran back to his vehicle and left southbound on Middlebelt.

He described the suspect as 6 foot to 6 foot 2, 180 pounds, with hair

worn in corn rows.

The second witness who was the driver behind the first witness said that she saw the suspect walk between vehicles and approach the drive-through window. She saw him reach inside his hoodie, but she couldn't tell what he pulled out. He then ran away from the window.

### Retail fraud

A woman who sold fireworks in the parking lot of the Kmart store, 29600 Ford, reported June 25 that two potential customers couldn't wait until the tent opened up at 10 a.m. for sales and helped themselves to some fireworks.

She said that two men in a 2003, four-door black Taurus arrived at 8 a.m. but were told they had to wait to purchase fireworks. The men then entered the west side of the tent, grabbing about \$1,000 of assorted fireworks as well as two cash registers which were still in their boxes.

"We are just going to help ourselves," they reportedly said to the owner.

The owner told police that she didn't try to stop the men because she

wanted to get a good description of the men to give to the police. They went in and out quickly, she said, and left in a vehicle southbound on Middlebelt.

She said that the main suspect was a man about 25 years old, with both arms tattooed. He had circle "plugs" in his earlobes. She said that the other man was about 28 years old.

### Property damage

A resident in the 30000 block of Pardo reported June 28 that an unknown suspect caused damage to all four tires of his vehicle that was parked in the parking lot of his apartment.

He said that the sidewalls were cut by an unknown object.

» A woman who lives in the 30000 block of Beechwood reported that someone wrote an obscene word on her left rear car door on June 25.

She said that she had a witness but the police were still waiting to find out additional information at the time of the report.

### Theft

The owner of Spectacular Signs, 32659 Ford,

reported that after he left his business June 25 to go meet a customer, someone stole items that were stored behind the building.

When he checked his security cameras, he saw a subject load two pieces of a sign and a piece that holds a canopy into a white cargo trailer that was attached to a white minivan.

The suspect, who he did not recognize from a surveillance tape, then drove away eastbound down the alley.

The owner said that the property stolen totaled about \$6,500 in value. The sign was

about eight feet long with large letters

» The owner of Lee's Auto Service, 6969 Middlebelt, reported at 9 a.m. July 3 that a 1993 Chevy Silverado pickup truck was stolen from the lot.

It reportedly had no license plate and the keys weren't left in the vehicle.

The police officer found no evidence to be processed. The owner reported that the chain link fence on Bridge Street was cut when he opened up his business in the morning.

» The property manager of a vacant home for sale in the 100 block of

Central, after checking on the home June 24, reported that about 300 feet of copper plumbing had been stolen. He noticed that a shell of the air conditioner was also taken.

There were no signs of forced entry at the house, according to the report.

» The owner of a barbecue grill located outside a home in the 6700 block of Burnly reported it stolen about 9 a.m. June 26.

There is no fence around the property which is located on the corner of the street so the grill had been in plain view.

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### CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE

07-13-0240 Motion by Damitio, seconded by Dobrowski and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Second Reading and adopt Ordinance 2013-06, an ordinance to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

### CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2013-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

- Section 1: THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY CHANGES TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BY THE REZONING OF A PORTION OF 36253 MICHIGAN AVENUE EAST AS DESCRIBED FROM BUSINESS CONCENTRATED (B-5) TO HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (IND-2).
- Section 2: That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.
- Section 3: That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Adopted: July 2, 2013  
Published: July 11, 2013  
Effective: July 12, 2013

Matthew Miller  
City Clerk

Publish: July 11, 2013

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### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 13 7/1/13

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves  
118: Appr. Placement of board-up fees on 2013 summer tax bills.  
- Appr. bid for outfitting of 20 new police cars to Priority One Emergency Equipment; amt. not to exceed \$150,032.  
- Appr. bid for sand, slag, & gravel to Ellsworth Industries, amt. \$98,734.  
- Appr. lease of 2 Konica Minolta multi function devices for PD; amt. \$334.48/month & \$0.00590/pg. cost for each printed/copies page/month.  
- Appr. purchase of dump truck for DPS; amt. \$162,930.00.  
- Appr. purchase of 12 new Ford Taurus's and 8 new Ford Explorers for Police Dept.; amt. for Taurus's \$23,930 each & \$25,815 each, total amt. not to exceed \$493,680.  
- Appr. financing & outfitting of 20 new police cars; estimated cost \$660,000.  
- Appr. City Hall Security Guard Contract; amt. not to exceed \$50,000.  
- Adopted Ord. 188-A-3 to amend Ch. 50, Art. IV, Sec. 50-102 concerning use of consumer fireworks and penalties for violations.  
- Adopted Curtis Woods Park by Wayne Masonic Lodge #112.  
- Appr. prepared resolution authorizing publication notice & reimbursement from bond proceeds.  
119: Appr. minutes of meeting held 6/17/13.  
120: Set 7/15/13 as public hearing date for YLM USA, Inc. Tax Abatement; 38358 Abruzzi Drive.  
121: Conf. re-appt. of S. Durante to Planning Comm. for 3 yr. term to exp. 7/7/16.  
122: Conf. re-appt. of R. Dunajski to Planning Comm. for 3 yr. term to exp. 7/20/16.  
123: Conf. appt. of M. Elfakir to DDA for 5 yr. term to exp. 7/18/18.  
124: Appr. checklist: \$827,088.51 & Prepaid: \$18,600.45.  
Mtg. adj. at 7:32 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President

Eileen DeHart  
City Clerk, CMC

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### NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND OF INTENT TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PAYABLE FROM TAX INCREMENT REVENUES OF THE WESTLAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND OF RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Westland intends to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds pursuant to Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended, in the principal amount of not to exceed in total Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,300,000), for the purpose of paying part of the cost to acquire, construct, furnish and equip certain public improvements in the Development Area of the Westland Downtown Development Authority (the "Authority"), as more fully described in the Authority's Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan on file with the City, including improvements to the Farmers Market and Tattan Park.

The bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed twelve (12) in number, with interest rates to be determined at public sale but in no event to exceed the maximum permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds.

#### SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS shall be payable primarily from the tax increment revenues derived from the Development Area of the Authority received by the City from the Authority.

IN ADDITION, THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND RESOURCES OF THE CITY SHALL BE IRREVOCABLY PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS, and in case of insufficiency of the tax increment revenue payments for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds, the City shall be obligated to pay the same as a first budget obligation from its general funds or from any taxes which it may levy within applicable constitutional, statutory, or charter tax limitations.

#### RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING THE BONDS, SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY, IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. If such a petition is filed, the bonds cannot be issued unless approved by the majority vote of the electors of the City voting on the question of their issuance.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 5(g) of Act 279, Public Acts of Michigan, 1909, as amended.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION will be furnished at the office of the City Clerk upon request.

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David Vera-Burgos of Garden City (from left) joins Aldean Laidig Feldman and Gabriel Burgos at the Laidig Family Reunion.

## GC man goes to Indiana for 90th family reunion

Across America, families gather together on the Fourth of July and share a "Happy Fourth of July," including the Laidig family which celebrated its 90th family reunion in Bremen, Ind.

Among those making the annual trek is David Vera-Burgos of Garden City.

"I take my family every year to share food, fun and fellowship, just like my parents, grandparents and great-grandparents did," said Vera-Burgos. "Only now, there are so many of us that we have to wear name tags, but I enjoy meeting new family members, catching up with old friends, celebrating our family history and our great country."

The Laidig gathering dates back to the 1920s when John and Mary Laidig were raising their 12 children on a farm near Bremen and started throwing an annual family picnic. As those 12 children married and had children of their own, the family continued to grow but came back together

every Fourth of July to celebrate our nation's independence.

The family has gathered every year through the Great Depression, World War II, and all of the ups and downs of the last 90 years.

This year, just like in years past, hundreds of Laidigs came from across the United States to gather just like their ancestors did. They prayed together, shared stories of marriages, births and deaths from the past year, enjoyed a potluck meal and good old-fashioned fun.

While the kids play games outside, the adults learned some family history. This year's focus was on marriage, and younger family members learned how the 12 original children of John and Mary Laidig met their spouses, along with some more current love stories.

Aldean Laidig Feldman, 97, the only surviving child of John and Mary Laidig, shared her personal love story. John Laidig, the

founding father of the reunion, taught his children to have a strong faith in God, patriotism for our country and focus on the family. These values are passed on from generation to generation.

"We are so blessed to be able to come together as a family each year," said Mary Teeter, one of the family members who organized this year's reunion. "Family is so important. These are the ties that bind us to one another. An annual family reunion is a wonderful experience and I wouldn't miss it for the world."

Teeter travels every year from Ann Arbor to attend the event. This year, she flew in her daughter, Rachel, who now lives in California.

Vera-Burgos is a staunch supporter of family reunions.

"If your family doesn't gather for a reunion now, start the tradition," Vera-Burgos said.

"It's a great way to pass on family values and share history."

## Cancer foundation hosting camp day

The Cassie Hines Shoes Cancer Foundation in partnership with Gilda's Club Royal Oak is hosting Sample Camp Day at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center (3577 Sleeth Court, Commerce Township) from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 10.

This event is designed for young adults diagnosed with cancer between ages 16-30 or those currently in that age group battling cancer. At Sample Camp, they can come alone or bring a friend and enjoy a day of adventure and team building. The intention is to give each

### INFORMATION

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Registration: http://www.cassiehines-shoescancer.org/camps/chscf-sample-camp/  
Contact Renee Valentine at 248-821-9599 or Karen Hines at 586-453-6822 camp@cassiehines-shoescancer.org.

camper a chance to get their feet wet at a local camp and to feel encouraged to take a chance and travel further to attend one of the out-of-state cancer camps.

## Your best resale find

Tell us in 25 words or less (include a photo, too) about the best bargain or simply your favorite purchase at a resale shop.

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Be sure to look for a story on resale shops and your favorite finds in the August edition of *Hometown Life Woman*.

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## How To Get Rid Of Knee Pain Once And For All...Without Drugs, Shots Or Surgery

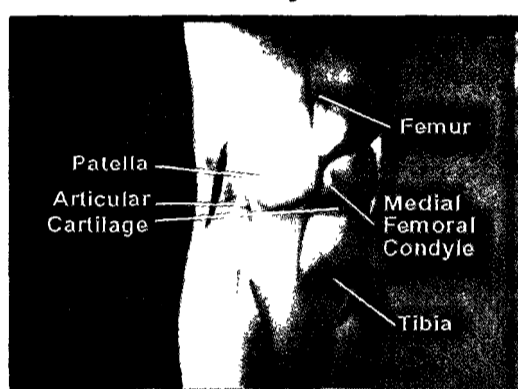
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Children splash in the mud during Wayne County's Mud Day in Hines Park on Tuesday afternoon. PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# 'MUD, MUD, GLORIOUS MUD'

Kids, adults wallow away at annual parks event

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Emily Cunningham already has a plan for next year. She's coming back to the Wayne County Parks' Mud Day and repeat as the Queen of Mud.

Tuesday, the Riverview youngster won the crown as the muddiest girl at the 26th annual Mud Day. She was covered from head to toe in mud with flower, grass and leaf accents provided by her sister Autumn Boyd and cousins Sophia Nikonowicz and Georgia Browning.

"I'm excited, I started getting ready for this when I got here," said Emily of her muddy honor.

"We've been planning it out since last night," added her sister.

Joining her on the Mud Day throne was Victor Epton of Southfield who opted to put his face in the water and lie in the gooey muck.

"It feels great to be king," he said. "I think I won because I was really muddy."

A smaller than usual crowds of mud-loving youngsters and adults turned out to romp in the 75-foot by 150-foot mud pit, created by Wayne County Parks crews. Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano was on hand to lead the countdown to the mad dash to the mud.

"We had it perfect yesterday and the rain came," said Ray Glenn, maintenance supervisor. "It's a little soupier now."

Kellie Laskey of Canton and her husband Brian brought three-year-old Jayla to her first Mud Day. Laskey had seen her playing in the mud a few months ago and thought about Mud Day. After seeing a piece on YouTube, they were convinced they should go.

"We're definitely coming back next year," she said.

Logan Sibel of Redford, and Sarah and Ben Rojewski of Livonia acted like movie stars, posing for the paparazzi. Sarah has been doing Mud Day since she was 4 and her brother was 2, and according to Julie Sibel, it was their mother Nikki Rojewski-Sharples who dragged her into it.

"I don't care what people think, it's fun," said Logan Sibel.

"I love it," added Sarah Sharples.

The last time Mikaela Buresch and Autumn Strong got really muddy was playing soccer. But Tuesday, the two teens admitted they went way beyond game muddy as they sloshed around in the mud pit.

"I feel like a pig," said Strong who was covered from head to toe in mud.

"I feel like I'm in a barn ... and it definitely smells like one," added Buresch who was in similar condition.



The eyes have it for Madison Williams of Romulus.



Michaela Fletcher from Livonia holds Redford-resident Savannah Holland in the wheel barrel race.



Western Wayne County Hazmat Team technician James Ursitti hoses down Mike Gronau of Garden City.



Zach Miller gets a mud bath from Gabe Molitor. Both are Livonia residents.



The King of Mud is Victor Epton of Southfield while the Queen is Emily Cunningham of Riverview.



Kids race in to the mud at the start of the annual event.

# Books to get children reading this summer

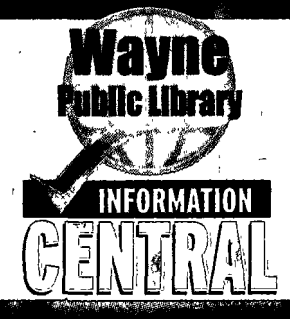
The Summer Reading Program is in full swing at the Wayne Public Library. We have been busy between folks signing up for the reading program and all the activities that we have had. Last week, we had 54 children attend the Tuesday craft program. The first two weeks of storytime have also been quite fun and we are excited for the rest of the scheduled events.

As the children's librarian, I have often discussed the same problem with several parents, this problem is particularly noticeable in the summer as parents are urging children to read for pleasure.

The problem is encouraging boys to read, especially boys ages 10 and up. While parents of girls and boys alike may experience this issue, it seems to be more prevalent in boys.

To assist parents, this article will focus on reading materials that may entice young men to enjoy reading. One important thing to remember is to embrace your child likes and interests. Boys are often intrigued by mysteries, science fiction/fantasy, nonfiction, horror and graphic novels.

Mystery books and



series are well-liked. The *Hardy Boys* (Franklin W. Dixon) are ever popular. There are several incarnations of the Hardy Boys. They are often being reinvented with new generation and series; there is even a graphic novel series.

*The Boxcar Children* (Gertrude Chandler Warner) series is another famous series that is enjoyed by boys and girls equally. Another series that is sought-after is *The Magic Tree House* mysteries (Mary Pope Osborne). For those that enjoy a good scare, try *Michigan Chillers* and *American Chillers* (both by Michigan native Jonathan Rand). A series that has been wildly popular for many years is the *Goosebumps* (R.L. Stine) series.

Nonfiction is often intriguing to boys. Boys are interested in reading about cars, trains, trucks,

astronomy, bugs and reptiles. Sports fans enjoy reading about the sports they love both the mechanics of the sport and biographies of their favorite players. Those that prefer to escape reality a bit should try the science fiction or fantasy categories. Popular series in these categories are *Harry Potter* (J.K. Rowling), *Artemis Fowl* (Eoin Colfer), *Percy Jackson & the Olympians* (Rick Riordan) and *Pendragon* (D.J. MacHale).

Many of these science fiction/fantasy selections are in the young adult category vs. juvenile fiction because they are longer and deal with harder topics to comprehend. These would be great for tweens and teens, or to read together. Never assume that your child is too old to be read to, children in their tween or teen years may still enjoy listening to their parents reading to them.

Lastly, graphic novels are extremely popular and more available than ever in the library. Graphic novels are essentially long comic books, they combine pictures and text to create the story. Graphic novels cover a variety of genres, including myster-

ies and science fiction. Graphic novels are an excellent way to encourage reluctant readers because they are fun and exciting.

The majority of the above suggestions are book series. Series provide a large number of volumes and offer the reader more options once they find something they enjoy. When they finish one title they do not have to hunt for something new.

A few additional tips to encourage reluctant readers include allowing children to choose their own material which gives them a sense of ownership over their reading material and gives them the opportunity to make decisions on their own. Audiobooks are a great way to get them started, to listen to the story alone or to follow along

with the novel. For children that struggle with reading, audiobooks can introduce them to material that might be above their reading level but not their comprehension. E-books are another way to encourage reluctant readers that are intrigued by technology.

There is a world of adventure available in books and helping children realize this is a great part of my position. To find the titles listed above or any materials stop by the youth or adult reference desk. The librarians and staff are happy to help. It is not too late to sign up for the Summer Reading Program.

**Upcoming Events**  
**Clifford the Big Red Truck Farm: 3-4 p.m.**  
Thursday, July 11

Growing Hope will be bringing Clifford the Big

Red Truck Farm to the library for an hour presentation. Children will learn about gardening and sample fresh vegetables. This program is recommended for children 8 years old and up.

**Egyptian Mummies with Kelsey Museum's Todd Gerrig: 10:30-11:30 a.m.** Tuesday, July 16

Todd Gerrig of the Kelsey Museum will visit the library with a mummy replica and real mummy artifacts. The program will last approximately one hour in the community room, no registration necessary.

*Wayne Information Central* was compiled by Kelly Soerens, children's librarian. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832 or go online to [www.wayne.lib.mi.us](http://www.wayne.lib.mi.us).

## Westland council confirms 3 appointments

The Westland City Council has approved mayoral reappointments to the Westland Planning Commission.

Appointed to a term expiring on July 7, 2016, is Sam Durante, while Robert Dunajski has a term that will expire on July 20, 2016.

Council members also approved the appointment of Mo Elfakir to the Downtown Development Authority for a term that will expire on July 18, 2018. Elfakir is the operator of Westland's Biggy Coffee shop.

"It is a pleasure to welcome new faces and reappoint members who continue their willingness to serve on



Bob Dunajski



Sam Durante



Mo Elfakir

Westland's boards and commissions," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "Having members with experience and members with new ideas is a great combination for tremendous success."

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## In life, business, keep it simple

Life is complicated, but not every part of it has to be. In fact, we often make things more complicated than necessary. That's why today's note is an important reminder to: Keep It Simple.

In business, it's especially important to avoid overcomplicating processes. Here's a pretty common scenario ...

A process gets put in place, perhaps with the help of an industry "expert." The process is relatively simple. Results improve. The people involved in the process think, "Wow, this simple process is really helping. Let's add these additional steps to make it even better!"



Clarity Newhouse

A SUNNY NOTE

Unfortunately the more complicated process doesn't yield improvement. Instead, results deteriorate and, lo-and-behold, it's time to bring back the expert who tells us to get back to basics and, sure enough, reinstates a more simple - more effective - process.

Every industry has its "basics," those core practices that contribute to success. In our own work, we most likely know what those basics are. The key is to stick with them. Focusing on improvement is good. But watch out, because complicating something is not the same as improving it.

When in doubt - KIS - and have a sunny day!

Clarity  
P.S. "Think simple" as my old master used to say - meaning reduce the whole of its parts into the simplest terms, getting back to first principles."

Frank Lloyd Wright

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

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Nestlé Toll House cookies will be among the products available at the Nestlé Toll House Café by Chip that is opening at Westland Shopping Center.

## Toll House Café added to mall lineup

Nestlé Toll House® Café by Chip, a premium dessert destination franchise concept built around the world's most powerful food name - Nestlé - announces the 11th store opening in Michigan.

Situated in the Westland Shopping Center at 35000 Warren Road, the new Café is the first Nestlé Toll House Café by Chip location to be owned and operated by

local businesswoman Maya Habib.

"It's an exciting opportunity to share such a world-class brand with the local consumers and I look forward to continuing to provide delicious deserts throughout the community," said Habib, noting her business's continued support for the local schools and community groups.

Habib is renovating her former Mrs. Fields location into a Nestlé Toll House Café by Chip to provide a more extensive menu of options for customers to enjoy. Nestlé Toll House Café by Chip offers a selection of bakery goods, including macaroons, cupcakes, and brownies, among other items. Cafés also serve

frozen ice cream treats and premium coffee drinks.

The new Nestlé Toll House Café by Chip location at the Westland Shopping Center will be open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nestlé Toll House Café by Chip offers a business opportunity for individuals seeking to invest in a world-class brand.

Seeking potential single and multi-unit franchisees, as well as area developers, the company is looking to award franchises to individuals who possess an entrepreneurial spirit, passion for the brand, and are committed to providing quality and service.

### BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

#### Party store sold

Friedman Integrated Real Estate Solutions of Farmington Hills recently negotiated the sale of 11,686 square feet of retail space located at 8631 Newburgh, Westland. The seller, The Estate of George Barry, sold the space to Jonna Development LLC.

Jonna Development LLC, d.b.a. Picnic Basket, is an enhanced party store that sells party supplies, beers and wines, with multiple locations across Michigan.

Friedman is one of the nation's leading providers of commercial real estate services. Dan Verderbar, vice president of brokerage services at Friedman represented the seller and purchaser in the transaction.

#### Free popcorn Tuesdays

For a fifth consecutive year, Bloomfield Hills-based MJR Digital Cinemas is offering Free Popcorn Tuesdays at its cinemas, including the Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16 at 6800 N. Wayne Road.

All popcorn, all sizes will be free every Tuesday now through Tuesday, Aug. 27. Free Popcorn also includes one free refill, same day purchase only.

The offer is valid only with ticket purchase. It's not valid with any other offer and there is no redemption for cash.

For more informa-

tion, call 734-298-2657.

#### Scholarships awarded

Community Choice Credit Union has awarded \$100,000 in college scholarships to 20 local high school seniors, including three from Livonia and one from Westland.

All of the seniors will attend a university or college in Michigan and pledge to use their education to give back to their local communities.

The seniors from Livonia are Alwin David, a student at Detroit Catholic Central High School who will attend the University of Michigan; Casey Rhines, a student at Livonia Franklin who will attend the University of Detroit Mercy; and Jane Modes, a student at Livonia Franklin who will attend the University of Michigan. The senior from Westland is Melissa Oudeh of Westland, a student at Livonia Franklin High School who will attend Michigan State University.

The scholarship program was established in 2008 to help stop the brain drain in Michigan. Three hundred thirty-five applicants applied this year. Criteria for selection included: GPA, volunteer service, a commitment to attend an accredited college in Michigan, a pledge to use each individual's education to give back to Michigan communities and county of residence.

## Teamwork moves state forward

I am greatly encouraged by the many positive things happening in our state as we reinvent Michigan.

Joblessness has fallen dramatically - about 40 percent - from its high during the worst of the recession. About 200,000 private sector jobs have been created in Michigan since we hit our low point. Average private sector pay is up. More new businesses are starting and more of them are surviving.

State government, meanwhile, stands on a stronger financial footing than we have seen in years. Working with my partners in the Legislature, we made some difficult decisions and eliminated a \$1.5 billion structural deficit. We have produced balanced budgets three years in a row and have put more than \$500 million into the state's rainy day fund, which essentially was at zero just a few years ago.

Creating a new spirit of optimism is a major part of our success. There's a growing recognition that we can all play a part in reinventing our remarkable state.

That spirit is embodied in Pure Michigan Business Connect, a public-private alliance that includes the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, state agencies and large and small Michigan companies and businesses.

Simply put, the program connects Michigan businesses to each other.

During the recent Mackinac Policy Conference, we made a significant announcement about the continued success of Pure Michigan Business Connect.

A cornerstone of the program was a commitment from businesses - anchored by Michigan's two largest utility companies, DTE Energy and Consumers Energy - to buy more goods and services from other Michigan companies.

DTE Energy and Consumers Energy began in 2011 with a combined pledge of doing \$100 million per year more business with other Michigan companies. Since then, in-state purchases and contracts for the two utilities have grown to more than \$1 billion. This has resulted in the creation and attraction of some 3,500 jobs. Now DTE Energy and Consumers Energy have committed to an additional \$2 billion in spending with other Michigan-based companies over the next five years.

In recent months, 45 other Michigan organizations have joined the effort, including Ford Motor Co., General Dynamics and Michigan State University.

Keep in mind that this program doesn't use taxpayer dollars for incentives.

Pure Michigan Business Connect is the key part of the state's economic growth toolkit. Since 2011, the program has grown to more than \$8 billion in commitments in sales and loans and pro bono services from Michigan firms.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation estimates that one job is created for every \$200,000 in ongoing procurement dollars spent.

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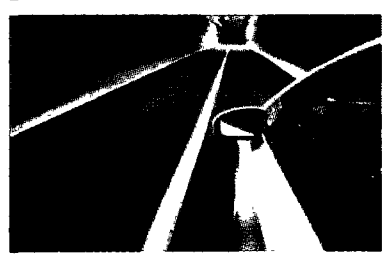
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# Mom's advice inspires author's sudoku book

**By Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Divyang (Dave) Pandit of Plymouth Township used to find sudoku puzzles difficult. That changed a few years ago with a trip to Houston, Texas, to see his mother, now 91.



Pandit The retired General Motors engineer

took a family trip in the summer of 2008 and began to unravel the sudoku solution code. His mother, Sushilaben Pandit, showed him what sudoku and east Indian folk dance have in common.

In a popular circle dance called "Garba" in the western state of Gujarat, dancers go around and around, with different steps, until the song or music is done. Pandit was surprised to see on

that trip that his mom, without English skills and a seventh-grade education, could finish sudoku puzzles.

"It's simple," she told him, comparing the puzzles to the dance steps. "She said, 'I'll show you how. You take the steps and go around and around.'"

The author of *Sudoku Puzzles "Guru,"* which was self-published this year, compared the dance to a stone in India in the center of a circle used for grinding wheat.

Pandit retired from GM in 2008 after nearly 40 years there. He had begun to do sudoku puzzles a couple of years earlier.

"Sudoku starting showing up in quite a few newspapers," said *The Detroit News* reader, who doesn't do crosswords. "I said, 'Let me try it.'"

With an engineering background, he tried a mathematical approach. "After a couple tries, I

couldn't get anywhere," he said. "I said maybe I'm doing something wrong."

That 2008 Houston trip was for his brother's health problems, with the brother now doing well. Pandit was also in London, England, for a family wedding and noted sudoku is in newspapers there and worldwide.

His book's first part has "Guru Methods" of how-to steps. Part 2 has 52 examples of varying difficulty. The cover notes sudoku is the "Rubik's Cube of the 21st Century."

He talked to a Pittsburgh, Pa., publisher about the book, but went the self-publishing route. Pandit, a U.S. citizen who came here in 1968, said, "I'm learning what the e-book is all about." *Sudoku Puzzles "Guru"* will soon be an e-book.

He noted the word "sudoku" is Japanese for "single digit." He's talked to people in India, the

U.S. and England who've all said they have five to seven methods to solve the puzzles. He hadn't heard of anyone with one solution.

Pandit will later split his book into two parts to help keep the cost down. He's looking to recoup what he's invested. Half the sudoku market is age 45 and up, suitable for print. "The e-book would be for the younger generation," he said.

He's grateful for his mother's help, but so far her present has been a box of about 50 books. "Not yet," he said of a special gift. "I just came back from there (Houston)."

Pandit, 68, is married with two sons, two grandchildren and another grandchild due soon. His wife is a University of Detroit journalism graduate working in public relations and was a help in publishing the book.

He was born in Visnagar, Gujarat, India, and

earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Gujarat University. After working at a large chemical and plastics manufacturing company in Mumbai, he came to the U.S. for graduate work.

Pandit earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan Technological University, along with an M.B.A. from the University of Detroit. His GM career included management roles in engineering, financial and information technology functions. He's lived in Plymouth Township since 1998 and in the Plymouth-Canton community since 1974.

In the six years since his mother shared her insight, Pandit has been working on continuously improving his methods.

In the process of learning and writing the book, he has learned much about himself. It reminded him of other

activities of the past that took him out of his comfort zone.

"I am reminded of my past reluctance to read comics from the daily newspapers," he said. "For so many years, the first thing I would discard from a daily newspaper was its funnies section. One day, my son Adarsh, when in his high school years, introduced me to some of the comics he was fond of. Since then, not only do I regularly read many of those comic strips with enjoyment, but I have also introduced some of them to my grandchildren."

Pandit's hope is that his book will have a similar effect on many who are not yet touched by the sudoku puzzle craze. The book is \$19.99 plus shipping and handling and is available through [SudokuPuzzlesGuru.com](http://SudokuPuzzlesGuru.com) and also on Amazon.com.

[jbrown@hometownlife.com](mailto:jbrown@hometownlife.com)

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by email at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto: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

#### WOW JAM

**Time/Date:** 4-8 p.m. Friday, July 19

**Location:** Goudy Park, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

**Details:** Cornerstone City Church is looking to transform lives at a free Wow Jam, a party for the community to restore hope in humanity by offering everything free. There will be free groceries, free haircuts and manicures, free bike repair, free potted plants, signing contest with \$100 prize giveaway, free hot meals, prizes, games for the kids, a Bounce House and more. There also will be music by Stephen and Linda Tavani, formerly Peaches of Peaches and Herb. Volunteers and donations welcome.

**Contact:** For more information, send an email to [denise-hunt17@gmail.com](mailto:denise-hunt17@gmail.com) or [info@cornerstonecitychurch.us](mailto:info@cornerstonecitychurch.us). The church also has website, [www.cornerstonecitychurch.us](http://www.cornerstonecitychurch.us).

#### PRESCHOOL SIGNUP

**Location:** Westland Free Methodist Preschool, 1421 S. Venoy, Westland

**Details:** The Westland Free Methodist Preschool is now enrolling for the 2013-14 preschool year. Enroll now and save half off the enrollment fee, a \$25 savings value. The preschool is a tuition-based Christian program that offer classes for 3-4-year-old children. It offers a theme-based curriculum taught by certified teachers and includes all the basic preschool academic skills as well as a low child-teacher ratio, indoor gym and outdoor playground.

**Contact:** For more information, to schedule a tour or enroll, call 734-728-3559, visit the website at [www.preschool.livesarechanging.com](http://www.preschool.livesarechanging.com) or send an email to [wfmppreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:wfmppreschool@yahoo.com).

#### MOM TO MOM

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24

**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Towne Square, Wayne.

**Details:** The church has tables available for its Mom to Mom Sale. The cost is \$20 per eight-foot table. More than 30 tables will be available. There also will be a large item room as well as concessions and a bake sale. Admission will be \$1 at the door.

**Contact:** For more information, send an email to [mom2momwaynefumc@gmail.com](mailto:mom2momwaynefumc@gmail.com) or call the church office at 734-721-4801.

#### 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.

#### 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 [prettymonarch@comcast.net](mailto:prettymonarch@comcast.net).

#### WIDOWED MEN

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

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

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

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

#### BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

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

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

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

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

#### FALL CRAFT SHOWS

**ST. THEODORE**

**Time/Date:** 9 am to 3 pm, Saturday, Oct. 12

**Location:** St. Theodore's Parish, 8200 Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** St. Theodore's Fraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available at a cost of \$25 each. No vendors, please.

**Contact:** Mary at 734-425-4421 [vm#10](mailto: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 [stmelscraftfair@yahoo.com](mailto:stmelscraftfair@yahoo.com).

#### FOR YOUR HEALTH

#### SAFE PLACE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursdays

**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.

**Details:** A Safe Place is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

**Contact:** Russ Weathers at 734-422-1995

#### ADULT DAY SERVICES

**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays

**Location:** 570 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** A structured weekday alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals

**Contact:** Laurie Krause at [laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com) and 734-956-2600

#### METRO FIBROMYALGIA

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month

**Location:** Merriman Road

Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City

**Details:** The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.

**Contact:** Lucy at 734-462-1768, [www.MetroFibroGroup.com](http://www.MetroFibroGroup.com)

#### MENOPAUSE & MORE

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month

**Location:** Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge.

**Contact:** 734-655-1100

#### COUNTERPOINT

**Details:** Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.

**Contact:** 734-563-5005

#### TOUGHLOVE

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays

**Location:** Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia.

**Details:** Support group, newcomers welcome.

**Contact:** 734-261-7880 or 248-380-7748

#### LIFECARE

**Time/Date:** 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 570 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.

**Contact:** Lillian Easterly-Smith at [info.lifecarecc@gmail.com](mailto:info.lifecarecc@gmail.com) or 734-956-2109

### ORGANIZATIONS

#### FRIENDS OF ELOISE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November

**Location:** Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

**Contact:** Pat Ibbotson at 734-

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

#### WESTLAND ROTARY

**Time/Date:** 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

**Location:** Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland

**Details:** Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check [www.westlandrotary.com](http://www.westlandrotary.com) for more information about meet-

ings, programs and events.

**Contact:** Jeff at 734-261-5010

#### 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.

**Contact:** For more information, call 888-660-2007.

## CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 188-A-3

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 50-102 CONCERNING THE USE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

#### THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** That Chapter 50, Article IV, Section 50-102, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

#### "Sec. 50-102. - Use of consumer fireworks.

- (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), below, it shall be unlawful for any person to ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks, as such term is defined in section 50-101.
- (b) A person may ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks only between the hours of 8:00 am and 12:00 pm (midnight) on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after the following national holidays:
  - (1) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the third Monday in January
  - (2) Washington's Birthday, the third Monday in February
  - (3) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May
  - (4) Independence Day, July 4
  - (5) Labor Day, the first Monday in September
  - (6) Columbus Day, the second Monday in October
  - (7) Veterans Day, November 11
  - (8) Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November
  - (9) Christmas Day, December 25
- (c) On New Years Day, January 1, a person may ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 1:00 am, and between 8:00 am and 12:00 midnight. On the day before, or the day after, New Years day, a person may ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks between the hours of 8:00 am and 12:00 midnight.
- (d) A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that organization's or person's express permission to use those fireworks on those premises. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person that violates this subsection is responsible for a civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00.
- (e) Consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged or used by a person under the influence of alcoholic liquor or controlled substance or a combination of both.
- (f) Low-impact fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged or used by a person under the influence of alcoholic liquor or controlled substance or a combination of both.
- (g) Unmanned free-floating devices. Any unmanned free-floating device (sky lantern) which requires fire underneath to propel it and is not moored to the ground while aloft, have an uncontrolled and unpredictable flight path and descent area so as to pose a potential fire risk and are therefore prohibited.
- (h) Novelties. This section does not apply to novelties.
- (i) A person who violates paragraphs (b) or (c), above, is responsible for a civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00 for each violation.
- (j) Unless otherwise provided in this section, if a person knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly violates this section, the person is guilty of a crime as follows:
  - (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 30 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.
  - (2) If the violation causes damage to the property of another person, a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both."

**Section 2.** That all other provisions of Chapter 50 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 4. Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

**Section 5. Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Safety first

## Fire grant is good deal for Garden City

It was an announcement worthy of a 21-hose salute. The Garden City Fire Department will be able to hire four new firefighters, thanks to a grant through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program.

The competitive grant is part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency that helps ensure that fire departments nationwide have the front-line firefighters they need to protect their communities. It's worth almost \$750,000. It will provide much needed personnel for the department that, in the face of budget cuts, has "gone above and beyond" in providing for the safety of the community.

Those four new firefighters mean a lot. They will bring the department's compliment to 18 members and allow it meet the five-man minimum required to enter burning building structures. Currently, the department must wait for assistance from another department to meet the requirement.

It is one of two grants the department has landed, thanks to the efforts of Lt. Scott Marinkovich who is proving to be a gifted grant writer. He was able to secure a grant for \$350,000, with a 10 percent match, to buy a new fire truck that was dedicated in March. This grant requires no match and no retention of the firefighters after two years.

Together, the two grants represent close to \$1 million in equipment and personnel that the cash-strapped city could ill afford to provide the department.

Marinkovich deserves many thanks for taking on the challenges of writing grants for the department. The grant application process is hard and time consuming. The fact that he would take on the task shows his commitment to the community and his fellow firefighters.

The grant is for two years, and we can only hope that the city's economic fortunes will have reversed to the point that the firefighters can remain with the department.

The grants are good news for the city and go a long way toward ensuring the safety of its residents and its fire department. It is truly money well-spent.

## Changes make festival a safe one

Organizers of the Westland Summer Festival had to feel they were under the gun to serve up a safe, family friendly event this year. And the committee was able to do just that, thanks to changes in security and admission to the festival grounds this past weekend.

Publicity about huge crowds of young people — suspected gang members — disrupting earlier carnivals, including one sponsored by the Westland Fire Department Safety Committee, had everyone watching the summer festival to see what might happen. Nothing did.

The festival has been a Fourth of July fixture for most of its 43-year history, and while it has had its brush with notoriety several times, the specter of being overrun with gangs of unruly teens forced organizers and the city to come up with a better security plan.

Beefed-up security and implementation of a zero-tolerance policy appears to have prevented any problems, and this year's festival came off without a hitch, which is very good news for the city, the festival committee and the people who attended.

The no-nonsense rules cracked down on loitering or gathering in groups of more than eight, wearing jewelry and clothing deemed inappropriate and activities that could be considered fighting. And people who attended this weekend had to spend at least \$10 to gain access to the festival grounds after 5 p.m. It was money that could be used for rides, food and games once they got inside.

Backing it up was a very visible police presence. Westland police, Wayne County Sheriff's deputies, state police, reserve officers from the Dearborn Police Department and private security were there to prevent trouble from happening. Their presence was big enough that one festival goer complained he felt like he was being watched.

The credibility of the committee to put on a good, fun event and ensure the public's safety was at stake. It's unfortunate, but necessary that such steps had to be taken.

With large crowds like those that turnout for the festival fireworks, safety has to be paramount. The fact that it was a safe event speaks volumes about what can be accomplished when everyone is on the same page.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

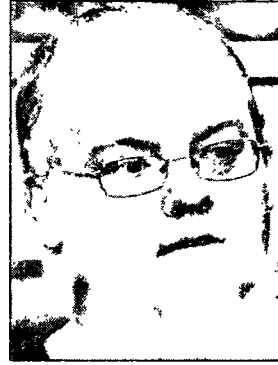
### What is your favorite place to visit in Michigan?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"Probably, I'd have to say Ann Arbor. I went to college there. I have a lot of good memories there."

**Rondell Biggs**  
Canton



"Actually, it's Proud Lake. We always go there for family reunions."

**Kevin Small**  
Westland



"The zoo. I like to take my kids there."

**Rebecca Glantz**  
Livonia



"I really don't have one specific place. They're all my favorites."

**Ashley Craft**  
Detroit

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Problems, problems

I want to talk to the citizens of Westland. Mike Kehrer and Mayor Bill Wild, can you follow along? I will try not to use too many big words.

1. The converter unit is used to convert cable feed to the phone lines. Half the cost is paid by the city and the other half by AT&T U-verse. The charge to Westland is the same charge that all cities pay that have U-verse. The feed to all cities is independent. Each city has control of feed hookup to U-verse lines. That is done under the view of the IT (I guess IT stands for inept twit). Make no mistake, the converter unit is OK. They never sent the wrong equipment or bad equipment. That was and is right here in Westland.

2. A few cities had a problem in the beginning, but it was fixed rather quickly. Not Westland. There are 49 cities carried on the Government, Education and Public television channels. If you have AT&T U-verse or know someone who does, check it out. Only one is a mess, Westland. For almost two weeks all you will see is "The video signal is currently unavailable." I know that the hook-up of cable to the converter unit is done in house.

I am not sure, either the people who hooked it up or the elected officials in city hall are dumber than a box of rocks or they were bought out by Comcast and WOW to keep competition out. I tend to believe the latter. I don't know for sure. All I do know is nothing has been done other than BS flowing.

This is an election year, so I ask the citizens of Westland to check it out for themselves and be aware of the BS. Then keep an open mind come November.

When the people of Westland check this problem and use common sense, then make their voices heard to those in city government who seem not to care, maybe then they might suck it up and get off their can and fix it. I don't know. I do know

### SEND US YOUR VIEWS

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**Deadline:** Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

it could have, should have already happened.

**Jim Davis**  
Westland

### Do a check-up

If you are planning a road trip this summer, it's important to remember that you shouldn't just put gas in your car and go. A pre-trip vehicle check is the best way to avoid the inconvenience and potential safety hazards of breaking down miles away from home.

By conducting a thorough vehicle inspection, you can determine how road-ready your vehicle is so you can have any problems fixed before hitting the road.

» Check the brake system and make sure the battery connection is clean, tight and corrosion-free.

» Check filters and fluids, including engine oil, antifreeze/coolant, windshield washer and power steering, brake and transmission fluids. Dirty air filters can waste gas and cause the engine to lose power.

» Check the hoses and belts

and replace if they become cracked, brittle, frayed, loose or show signs of excessive wear. These are critical to the proper functioning of the electrical system, air conditioning, power steering and the cooling system.

» Check the tires, including tire pressure and tread. Underinflated tires reduce a vehicle's fuel economy and uneven wear indicates a need for wheel alignment. Tires should also be checked for bulges and bald spots.

Following a routine maintenance program, like the Car Care Council's free personalized schedule and e-mail reminder service, can help you drive smart, save money and make informed decisions this summer and throughout the year.

**Rich White**  
executive director  
Car Care Council

### Border fixation

We are just amazed that the U.S. House Republicans remain fixated, paranoid and obsessed with border security of our southern border. Apparently the additional \$46 billion in for border security in the Senate-passed immigration reform bill is not enough. Our view is for some U.S. House Republicans, our southern border can never be made secure.

All of this southern border obsession by the House Republicans is all the more amazing when our northern border with Canada is opened. Anybody at anytime and anywhere along our northern border can just walk in.

The House Republican hysteria is all directed along our southern border. Wonder why?

If comprehensive immigration reforms go down to defeat by House Republicans, it may well never occur in our lifetime. This will not be a defeat of President Obama's legacy but rather a defeat for the essence of America and what we are really all about.

**Gerald Maxey**  
Farmington Hills

## GUEST COLUMN

# Retirement: Current generation keeps rockin'

Generations ago, retirement was thought of as a time to take it easy — a time of rocking on porch chairs and reminiscing about the good old days.

But that's not the case with the current generation of retirees. In fact, many older people today continue to rock on. Just look at some of the superstars touring and performing concerts this year who are old enough to collect Social Security retirement payments. They're still rocking, but not in chairs.

Bob Dylan is on tour, as he usually is during summer months. Dylan is 71 years old, but with a recent album and new tour dates, you'd never know he was of retirement age.

Neil Young is touring with Crazy Horse to support their new album. The "godfather of grunge" is 67 years young. He's become the "Old Man" he sang about in his Harvest days.

Paul McCartney's current "Out There" tour may more appropriately be called his "Up There" tour. The former Beatle is now age 70.

Willie Nelson is "On the Road Again." The music icon is 79 years old and seems to be on nonstop tour.

Aretha Franklin is 71. Carlos Santana is 65. Carly Simon is 67. Mick Jagger and Keith Richards are both 69, as is Joni Mitchell. Leonard Cohen is 78. B.B. King is 87. They're all still performing their music.

Of course, some of these well-known musicians may not be eligible to receive Social Security benefits. But all of them are of retirement age. So where are their rocking chairs and knitting needles?

It's hard to believe, looking at all of these mature stars, that retirement used to be associated with bridge and shuffleboard. It's not just musicians. In fact, many people decide to put off applying for retirement benefits. And even after they do begin collecting benefits, many "retirees" prefer to keep working — or at least moving and shaking.

Most people know that you can begin collecting early Social Security benefits at age 62, with a reduction in the monthly

amount. The full retirement age is gradually going up from 66 for people born between 1943 and 1954, to 67 for people born in 1960 and later. You can delay retirement even further and receive a higher payment when you retire, up until you reach age 70.

And another thing that has changed since the past generation: You can continue to work and still receive retirement benefits.

Learn more about Social Security retirement benefits by reading our publication on the subject at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs).

When you're ready to retire, the best place to apply is from the comfort of your home computer, with some of your favorite music blaring in the background. Begin the process with our Retirement Planner at [www.socialsecurity.gov/retirement](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retirement). Crank up the tunes and start planning before you head out to your next concert.

**Frances Heimes-Savickis** is a public affairs specialist with the Social Security Administration.



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**Share Your Talent**

A short story of strength and acceptance by **Nina Thomas, 13, Redford resident**



**Nina Thomas**  
 are growing fast. They are about 13-feet long and black, just like a ravens. Good bye for now. Bree Tanner.

**May 23**  
 Today some guy bumped into my wings so hard! I screamed. Everyone was looking at me weird. Imagine if they really know. I'd never live through that humiliation. After school I plan to go to a clearing in the woods and fly. I guess it won't be too hard since all I have to do is flap. Since I have full control of my wings, it should be easy.  
 Once I got there, I took off my jacket and started to push off the ground. It was amazing! I went higher and higher until I remembered that I didn't know how to stop and come down. Finally, I let out a sigh of relief as I landed. I guess that's enough for today. Sincerely Bree. The next day, as I walked to English class my friend Deana ran up to me. "Hey," said Deana. "Hey," I said without any feeling because I was planning the next time that I was going to fly. "What's wrong? You've been acting weird for a while. Is everything Ok?" Deana asked with concern and suspicion. Suddenly I had an idea. Maybe I could tell her if she promised not to tell anyone. "Wait, I'll show if you, if you promise not to tell anyone."

**May 26**  
 As we reached the woods, I off my jacket and uncurled my wings. I heard her gasp. "Yes, I know. Can you please not tell anyone?" I saw her faintly nod. "Can you fly?" she whispered. "I guess, but not too high. It's only my second time." As I came to the ground she ran up and said, "Wow, I can't believe you have wings. Did you tell your parents?" "No you're the only one." "Wow" she said again, "but you can tell everyone." "They will only think of me as a freak." "No they won't" as she said this as two people from my school came and suddenly stopped. I couldn't do anything but say hi, because they already saw me. They just stood there and didn't run away. I slowly walk towards them. The best part is that they didn't run away! I now know this is the beginning of new acceptance.

**Congratulations**

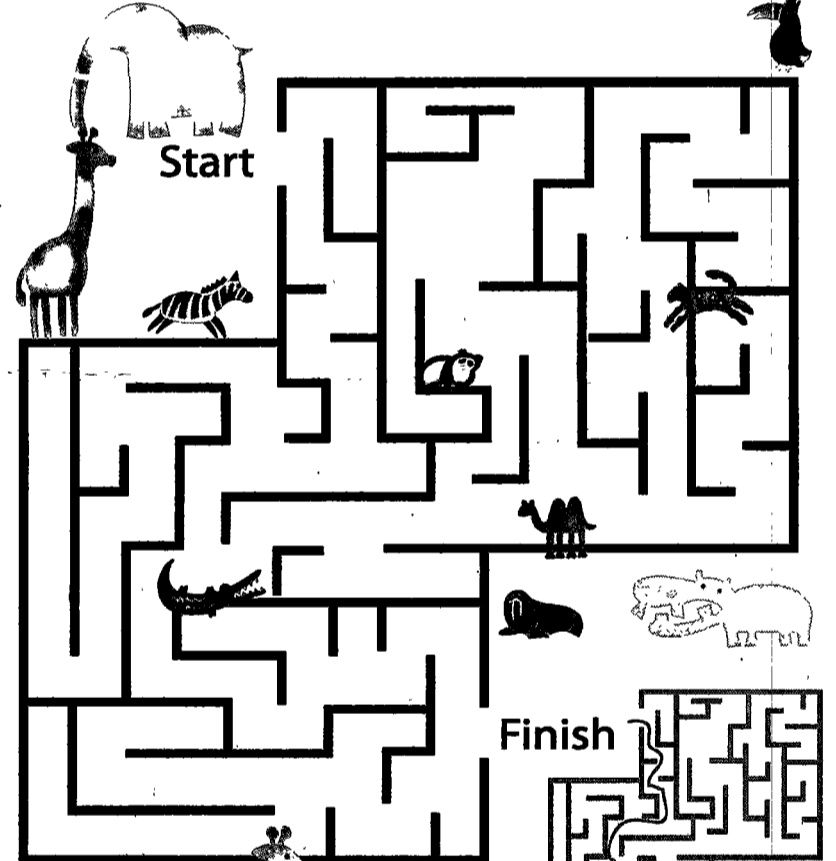


**Madyson McMillian** at age 4 and Don Mathson

**Father's Day Contest Submission by Madyson McMillian (11 years old - Redford Resident)**

My name is Madyson McMillian. I'm 11 years-old. This is my story. I live with my mom, my grandma and my grand pa. I do not have a dad but my grandpa is the best! He is always there for me and is fun to be around. He helped me grow up to be honest, good, and to be respectful of others. So, I may not have a dad in my life. I do have a very special grandpa who loves me and gives me a good life.

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3) RABEZ	8) CRISHOT
4) FRIGAFE	9) GENUNIP
5) MUSTOPPAHIPO	10) SHEFLIJY

1. Salamander 2. Elephant 3. Zebra 4. Giraffe 5. Hippopotamus  
 6. Iguana 7. Cobra 8. ostrich 9. Penguin 10. Jelly Fish

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# Win prizes from O&E for day at the Toledo Zoo

Hippos, polar bears, reptiles and a host of other interesting creatures await visitors to the Toledo Zoo.

The *Observer & Eccentric Media* in cooperation with the Toledo Zoo is sponsoring a "Wild Summer Day Trip" on Saturday, July 27.

Readers can win special admission passes and prizes as part of a special O&E Media and Toledo Zoo promotion. Go to [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com) and enter our Facebook contest to win:

» **Grand Prize:** Four Toledo Zoo admission passes and four Behind the Scenes tour passes and a \$25 gas card.

» **Runner-up:** Four Toledo Zoo admission passes and a year membership to the zoo.

» **Third prize:** Four Toledo Zoo admission passes.

Entries must be submitted by midnight July 18.

Other special events planned on the Wild Summer Day Trip (July 27):

A giant "Wish You Were Here" poster will be at the zoo so O&E Media visitors can take photos

(along with having their O&E newspaper) for publication in print and online.

Youngsters who submit stories/reports about "My Day at the Zoo" will be featured in the August Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights page.

The Toledo Zoo covers 74 acres and is home to more than 9,000 animals representing over 800 species. It's one of the world's most complete zoos — it's also a top family destination.

## Special exhibits

The zoo has introduced many innovative exhibits. The African Savanna offers a recreation of the plains and jungles of Africa. The Savanna is home to the world-famous Hippoquarium®, the first of its kind in the world.

The Kingdom of the Apes exhibit, Primate Forest, Arctic Encounter® and multi-species Africa! exhibit give visitors an amazing up-close experience while at the same time ensuring the well-being of the animals.

Two special exhibits

include "Wild Walkabout: Wonders from Down Under" which brings the natural world of Australia to zoo visitors and the Arctic Encounter®, one of the nation's top polar bear exhibits.

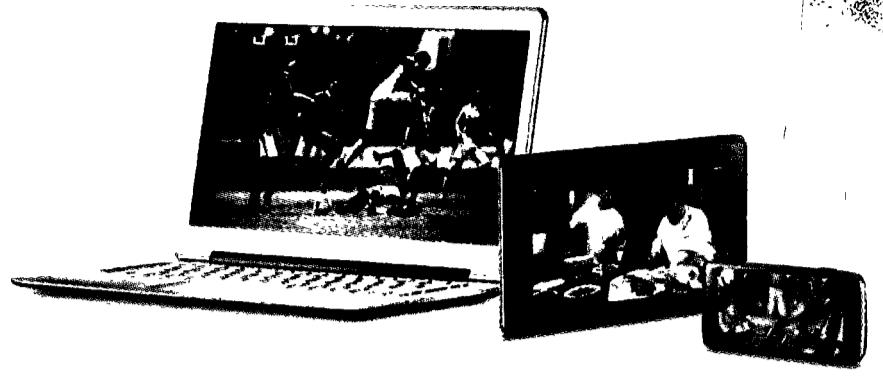
In Arctic Encounter, visitors can see male/female twin cubs born Nov. 21, 2012, and named through a community naming contest. The male cub is Sakari. His name means "sweet" in Inuit language. The female cub (Suka); her name means "fast" in Inuit language.

## Polar bears delight

This is the fourth litter of polar bears the Toledo Zoo has had since 2006, said Randi Meyerson, assistant director of animal programs.

"I credit our success to high-quality animal care, the staff's relationship with the animals, the bears' good temperaments and an outstanding facility."

The exhibit, opened in 2000, is one of the top polar bear exhibits in the U.S. It features a 90,000-gallon pool and 6,000-square-foot land exhibit.



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## Assessing your investment portfolio

The second quarter is completed and investors should be receiving statements any day now. This is a great time of year to review investments and to judge them on how they have performed. This sounds relatively simple but it is not. The question is what do you compare it to?

One of the mistakes that many investors make is they compare their investments to either the Dow Jones Industrial Average or to the S&P 500. Although, this is easy to do it does not give an accurate picture of how an investment has performed.

For example, comparing an emerging market fund to the S&P 500 doesn't provide an accurate picture. The S&P 500 has nothing to do with emerging market funds. When determining how investments have performed it is important to compare apples to apples.

If your fund performs well against similar funds, that's one thing. On the other hand, if your fund has underperformed then it may mean that it's time to look elsewhere.

I don't mean you should judge your investments just over the last six months. Use a reasonable period of time such as two to three years. However, if you see that over the last six months a fund has substantially underperformed when compared to other similar funds, it does pay to examine the situation. Did something change with the fund



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

such as a change in the portfolio manager or did something else occur? If there was a fundamental change it may mean that a change is warranted.

## Don't be afraid to sell

Investors should never be afraid about selling an investment. Investments have very little, if any, loyalty to investors and thus, investors should have no loyalty to them. Investments are supposed to perform for us and if their performance is subpar when compared to other similar investments, there should be no hesitation in making a change.

Another mistake that investors make is selling underperforming investments without judging those investments against similar investments. This is a mistake and can lead to disastrous results.

An example of this is what happened during the tech boom. Tech funds were performing very well and many investors sold other funds, which were not performing as well, and purchased more technology-based funds.

The result was when technology funds plummeted, those investors took deep losses. Judging your investments against similar investments and maintaining a well-balanced and diversified

portfolio is a key to being a successful investor.

It is common when consumers invest new money that they tend to look at what is performing well and invest in those funds. It sounds like a good strategy, however, it doesn't work that way in reality. When you buy high almost always you end up selling low.

## Buy low, sell high

Buying high and selling low is a strategy that produces losses.

A much better strategy is when investing new money, look for opportunities to buy quality investments that are temporarily down. Buying low and selling high is a strategy that produces gains.

It would be convenient to put your portfolio on automatic pilot but you cannot. We live in a time where everything changes at an accelerated pace and investment portfolios are no different.

Just like in your home when doing routine maintenance can save you from having to do major repairs, the same thing is true in your portfolio.

Regular maintenance on your portfolio will allow you to be in a better position when you ride the roller coaster of investing.

Good luck.

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PREP BASEBALL

## Scheffer fired as Glenn baseball coach

Ex-Rocket player won 20 games in only season

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

It looked like a match made in heaven when 1991 alumnus Lawrence Scheffer was hired as Westland John Glenn's varsity baseball coach last January.

And despite guiding the Rockets to a 20-12-1 record this past spring and its first 20-win season since 2002, irreconcilable differences between Scheffer



Scheffer

and Greg Ambrose, the athletic administrator for both Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools, the one-year marriage has resulted in a messy divorce.

The deteriorating relationship between the two reached a boiling point on Wednesday, May 29, when Scheffer admitted he used "inappropriate language" in a verbal confrontation with Ambrose prior to Glenn's 5-4 Division 1 predistrict set-

back to visiting Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Despite follow-up meetings to try and clear the air with Glenn Principal Dave Ingham, Wayne-Westland Executive Director of Student/Legal Affairs John Albrecht and superintendent of schools Gregory Baracy, Scheffer was given a termination letter by Kelly Bohl, senior executive director for Human Resources.

Scheffer, who runs A&L Landscaping along with his brother, Aaron (an assistant coach), also substitute taught occasionally in the district.

"I wrote them in a 7½-page letter telling them what happened, what led up to this incident," said Scheffer, who played two years of minor league baseball after becoming a catcher at the University of Detroit where he graduated in 1995. "I flat out told them, 'I've been here for 25 years. I made a mistake, I admit it and now I've got to suffer the consequence.'

"He (Baracy) just told me that 'Just move on and learn from your mistakes.' They just

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### Wanted: Some Tough Mudders

Observer sports editor Ed Wright would like to write a feature story on Observerland residents who competed in the "Tough Mudder" endurance event held on June 29 and 30 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, MI.

If you participated in the event and would like to share your experience (and photos, if available) contact Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com or 734-578-2767.

### Livonia Park Run winners

Tom Walkinshaw was first over the line in 18 minutes, 6 seconds for five kilometers in Saturday's Livonia Park Run at Bicentennial Park.

Walkinshaw was followed in the men's 5K by Evan Dunklee (18:34) and Thomas Preiss (19:34).

Lynn Boven is the current men's points leader with 494 followed by Kostas Voutsinas and Steven Matthews with 463 and 364, respectively.

Meanwhile, Catherine Anderson captured the women's 5K in 26:49 followed by Ruth Opdycke (27:01) and Maura Bradley (27:35).

Current women's standings leaders include Maura May (489), Heather Crossley (482) and Lori Brauer (300).

Livonia Park Run Event No. 58 attracted a total of 40 runners, including 11 first-timers along with eight recorded new personal bests. Starting June 2, 2012, the Livonia Park Run has included participants from seven European athletic clubs.

### Lacrosse All-Staters

Salem midfielder Brandon Lee was a first-team selection to the 2013 Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches All-State team.

Also earning recognition among area players in Division 1 included: Dohyung Kim, midfield, Plymouth (third team); Patrick Kreteschmer, attack, Salem (third team); Kyle Durham, midfield, Plymouth (honorable mention); P.J. Rogers, midfield, Salem (honorable mention); Noah Willer, midfield, Salem (honorable mention); Ben Stover, defense, Plymouth (honorable mention); Phil Sutfin, defense, Salem (honorable mention).

# DIALING LONG DISTANCE

Redford resident is among world's longest drivers

I pitied the poor golf ball that Thomas Proben locked and loaded Monday afternoon on the four-inch, Taylor Swift-skinny golf tee that he pushed into a plush parcel of earth at Gateway Golf Course in Romulus.

Driving range balls are made to survive repeated poundings, but not the kind the 61-year-old Redford Township resident delivers.

Decked out in a long-sleeved peach-colored cotton dress shirt, black slacks and a patterned black tie, Proben stretched two golf gloves onto his left hand, fastened them tight, then took a couple compact but powerful practice swings. He then stepped up to the ball like Miguel Cabrera steps into the batter's box at Comerica Park.

Like he was ready to do business.

NASA engineers would have marveled at the flight of the ball after Proben uncoiled from his back swing like a hungry cobra. I know I did.

Reaching an apex of over 100 feet, the arrow-straight effort settled onto the middle of the driving range's landing area, roughly 350 to 400 yards away from its launching pad.

And Proben didn't even grunt.

I cringed for a minute as I observed the high-arcing shot, fearing the ball may dent the side of a 747 that was descending toward a runway at nearby Metropolitan Airport.

"I just got out of my car a few minutes ago, so that wasn't my best," Proben apologized, smiling. "I still have to get loose."

#### Drive for dough

Proben was more than loose during the summer of 2010 when he was crowned the 55-and-over champion at the RE/MAX World Long Driving Championships.

Although relatively modest in



With a club speed measured at roughly 140 miles per hour, Redford Township resident Thomas Proben sends a golf ball into the stratosphere Monday afternoon. Top, Proben proudly wears the ring he won at the 2010 RE/MAX World Long Driving Championships. PHOTOS BY ED WRIGHT

size at 5-foot-9 and 175 pounds, he out-drove several of the world's most distinguished big hitters who converged in Mesquite, Nev.

"It's hard to describe that feeling you get when you know you hit it just right," Proben said. "You know that at that

moment, all your body parts are working together. It's like putting a nail into the wall. Boom!"

After taking a couple years off while serving as a caregiver for his aging parents, Proben is prepared to dive (or drive) back into international competition next week when he heads to

Conneaut Lake, Pa., for a regional round of the World Long Driving Championships.

A top-three finish will likely earn him a return trip to Mesquite, where he can earn up to \$70,000 in the three age divi-

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AMATEUR GOLF

# O&E tourneys on horizon

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

It's not too late to mark a couple of more dates on your summer golf calendar.

That's because the annual Observer & Eccentric men's and women's golf tournaments will headline in the months of August and September.

The O&E women's tourney, an 18-hole medal play event, will start at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course, 20500 Newburgh Road.

The cost is \$50 with a \$14 additional fee for a power cart. The tourney will be flighted by USGA handicap (maximum of 40). Prizes will be awarded for low gross and net.

Livonia's Ellen Howell is the defending champion in the championship flight. Entries close at 6 p.m. Monday, July 29.

Meanwhile, the O&E men's tournament, a 36-hole, two-day medal play event, will be Sunday, Sept. 1 at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 W. Seven Mile Road, and Monday, Sept. 2 at Whispering Willows. Tee times will start at 8 a.m.

The cost is \$95 for two days (power cart extra) with four different flights offered including championship, first,

senior (55-and-over) and junior (17-and-under). You must have a current USGA index to participate (maximum handicap of 20).

There will be \$2,500 in guaranteed prizes including both low gross and net winners.

Entries, open to the first 120, will close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24.

To download a registration form for both the men's and women's tournaments, visit [www.golflivonia.com](http://www.golflivonia.com).

For pairings and starting times, call 248-476-4493 (Whispering Willows) or 248-471-3400 (Fox Creek).

## Motor City Junior

The Motor City Junior Golf Championship (ages 12-17), an 18-hole event sponsored by Caddy Shack, will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 31 at Whispering Willows.

Included in the \$49 cost is one 18-hole tourney entry, one practice round (prior to the event), driving range balls (day of the event), lunch ticket and gift pack. (Checks should be made payable to TJW, Inc.)

All entries are due by Friday, July 26. (Tee times will be available after noon Sunday, July 28.)

For more information, visit [www.golflivonia.com](http://www.golflivonia.com) or call Whispering Willows at 248-476-4493.

## SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

### Franklin girls hoop

The Livonia Franklin girls basketball clinic (grades five-eight) will be 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, July 23-25, at the high school fieldhouse. The clinic is free. To register, visit [livoniafranklingirlsbasketball.com](http://livoniafranklingirlsbasketball.com) or email coach Jim Milican at [jmilican@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:jmilican@livoniapublicschools.org).

### GC volleyball

The Garden City High School volleyball program will host two camps in July. A beginner camp will be held July 15-19. This camp is designed for beginner to intermediate volleyball players ages 8-14. The camp will run 5-7 p.m. each night. The cost is \$60, which includes a T-shirt.

An advanced camp will be held 5-8 p.m. July 22-26. This camp is de-

signed for advanced players. The cost is \$100 and includes a T-shirt. For more information, send an email to [gardencityvb@yahoo.com](mailto:gardencityvb@yahoo.com).

### Cabrera pro camp

Triple Crown batting champion Miguel Cabrera will be the attraction at a baseball camp from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at Lake Orion High School. The Detroit Tigers slugger will be joined by former Phillies minor league pitcher Mark Rutherford (Livonia Churchill/Eastern Michigan University).

The camp is open to boys and girls ages 6-14. Groups will be small and Cabrera will talk about the finer points of the game.

Participants receive an autographed team photo with Cabrera and a ProCamp T-shirt, among other items. The

camp fee is \$99. Space is limited. Visit [www.MiguelCabreraCamp.com](http://www.MiguelCabreraCamp.com).

### Churchill hoops

The 2013 Livonia Churchill girls basketball camp for incoming grades 5-9 will be 3-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, July 16-19, at the gym. Cost is \$50. Call Churchill coach Matt McCowan at 248-761-9201 or email [Mmccowan54@gmail.com](mailto:Mmccowan54@gmail.com).

### Churchill football

The Livonia Churchill Offensive and Defensive Skills youth football camp for incoming grades 9-12 will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, July 24-26, and 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 29, at the high school. The cost is \$100 (if registered by July 19) or \$125 (sibling discount available). For more information, call 734-718-4987.



Thomas Proben watches one of his booming drives cut through the humid air Monday afternoon at Gateway Golf Course in Romulus.

## PROBEN

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sions for which he has qualified.

"It's just God-given ability," Proben said, when asked about his Paul Bunyan-esque driving skills. "My brother (Bob) played five years on the PGA Tour, and he's blown away when he sees me hit the ball.

"When I practice at the range, people will stop and watch me. They're surprised I'm able to hit it as straight as I do."

Armed with a swing that propels the head of the club up to 146 miles per hour, Proben has driven a ball as far as 440 yards.

He rarely meets a par 4 that isn't reachable in one.

### Early success

Proben's gift for hitting golf balls great distances was first un-

wrapped during his elementary school-aged years in Redford when he would hit balls with his dad.

"The first two years I played — I was probably 10 or 11 — all's we did was go to the driving range," Proben said. "I still remember my first 18-hole regulation round when I was 14. I shot a 93 at a Kiwanis tournament held at Warren Valley."

After excelling at Redford Thurston, Proben played college golf at Eastern Michigan University.

"The first long-driving competitions I won were at MAC (Mid-American Conference) tournaments in 1973 and 1974," he said. "They'd give you three balls to hit on the first tee, and you had to hit them in the fairway. The one I won with in '74 actually plugged into the first green on a 305-yard hole."

The rest of Proben's game isn't too shabby either. He barely missed

qualifying for the PGA Tour in the late-70s and still cards scores that can range from 69 to 79 — even though he admits to practicing just "one-tenth" as much as he used to.

### Calm and quick

At next week's RE/MAX regional, Proben and approximately 25 competitors will be allotted two minutes and 45 seconds to hit six balls.

"I've been competing so long that I don't really get nervous," he said. "I know I'm going to hit my shot, and if I hit it well, I should win."

He then pushed another ball onto a tee, addressed the ball and pumped it so high and far that it may have shown up as a green blip on an air traffic controller's radar screen at Metro Airport.

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### ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2013-23 July 2, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. MEMBERS PRESENT: Haidous, Dobrowski, Damitio, Monit, Rhaesa, Hawley. MEMBER ABSENT: Henley. Moment of silence for Renee Monforton and 19 firefighters in Arizona; Presentation by Winchester Group APPROVED: minutes of the special and regular meetings of June 18; 2nd reading of rezoning of 36253 Mich. Ave. E.; bid award to Du All Cleaning; Turn the Town Teal Event for Ovarian Cancer; PSA with Tegrat Group for Post Employment Benefits Eval.; amend '13-'14 Budget to move \$27,000 to Information Technology; Purchase of new server; PSA with BS&A for \$51,180 for software upgrade; change order with Michigan Joint Sealing; agreement with Wayne Win for Sims St. repaving; declaring 34000 Richard a hazard/nuisance on emer. basis. and consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk

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### QUALIFICATIONS for GENERAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES

The City of Westland is prequalifying Contractors for General Contractor services for the:  
**CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF A NEW CITY HALL**

Request for Qualifications are due by 2:00 p.m., local time, Wednesday July 17, 2013. The RFQ document (and attachments) must be emailed directly to [Westland\\_City\\_Hall\\_RFQ@docs.e-builder.net](mailto:Westland_City_Hall_RFQ@docs.e-builder.net)

The City of Westland will not consider or accept qualifications after the date and time specified for submission in the advertisement.

Qualifications shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the company and the City of Westland.

The City of Westland will not consider or accept qualifications that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement

The City of Westland has adopted and implemented a local policy that gives a preference to a City of Westland-based business in awarding a contract under this section. The policy may provide for a preference based on the status of the primary contractor as a City of Westland-based business or based on the status of 1 or more subcontractors of the primary contractor as Westland-based businesses, or both. A policy adopted under this subsection shall be consistent with federal statutes and regulations and shall not be applied to a contract that is to be paid with federal funds.

The City of Westland may require this project to be Prevailing Wage. Please familiarize yourself with the Bid Specifications and Prevailing Wage and Benefits section of the City of Westland's Ordinance.

Request for Qualifications documents can be obtained by contacting Gino J. Del Pup, by e-mail at [gino.delpup@plantemorán.com](mailto:gino.delpup@plantemorán.com) or can be downloaded at: <https://app.e-builder.net/public/PublicFolderView.aspx?FolderID={fb606e9f-91d7-4d75-9887-9414207fe75d}>

In order to be considered, construction firms must be able to meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Have completed at least (3) three non-residential municipal projects in the past (10) ten years
- Have completed at least (2) two renovation projects of at least \$5,000,000 in the past (5) five years.
- Have an available single contract bonding capacity of at least \$6,000,000
- Have been in business for at least 5 years
- Have an EMR less than 1.0

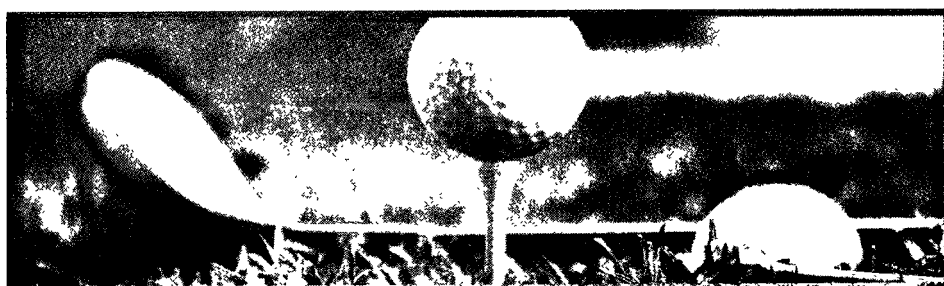
Qualifications must be submitted using the format and forms provided by Plante Moran Cresa for the "Contractor Statement of Qualification for City of Westland New City Hall Project"

It is anticipated that formal Request for Proposals will be sent only to prequalified contractors in late-July, 2013.

The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein.

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ROLLER FIGURE SKATING

# Riverside Arena sends 15 to Roller Nationals

Livonia's Ian Heersink captures five gold medals

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Practice does pay dividends, as evidenced by 15 skaters who will compete for Livonia's Riverside Arena in next month's National Roller Figure Skating Championships in Albuquerque, N.M.

The skaters, who train one to three hours per day and four to five days a week, qualified after advancing through the Great Lakes Regional Roller Skating Championships, held last week in West Chester, Ohio.

Livonia's Ian Heersink, competing in the Freshman/Sophomore division, earned gold medals in the A Figures, A Loops, A Combined Figures and Junior World Class Figures. He was also first in the Freshman A Team Dance, along with partner Jade Ross of Livonia.

The 14-year-old Heersink is vying for a position on the Junior World Team, which will compete this November at the World Roller Skating Championships in Taipei City, Taiwan. Meanwhile, Livonia's Ryan Heersink also earned a gold

medal in the Elementary B Figures, while teaming up with partner Sofia Cueva of Livonia for a first in the Elementary Team Dance.

Cueva also won a silver medal in the Elementary A Solo Dance, while Livonia's Jillian Heersink placed second in the sophomore A Figures.

The Riverside RASCals Junior Precision Team also captured silver medal.

Team members included Ross, Christine Asai, Ryan and Ian Heersink, Stephanie and Sofia Cueva, all of Livonia; Estella Clark, of Westland, Hanna Denes of Garden City; Kinka Kimfon of Canton; Chloe

LaMay of Plymouth; and Tina Stadnik, Andrew and Miranda Esser, all of Northville.

Tina Stadnik also earned a bronze medal in both Elementary A Loops and A Combined Figures. She placed fourth in the Elementary A Figures to qualify for Nationals, while sister Olesya Stadnik picked up a third in the Novice B Solo Dance.

Jillian Heersink won bronze in the Sophomore A Loops and A combined figures, along with a fourth in the Sophomore A Solo Dance to earn a trip to Albuquerque. Ian Heersink added a third in the Freshman A Solo Dance.

The Riverside RASCals Skating Club, coached by certified advanced instructor Lawan Modrich, was established five years ago with five skaters. It has grown to 22 registered competitors this season, with 16 skaters competing at the regional championships. The RASCals Junior Precision team is coached by Modrich and three-time regional medalist Jillian Heersink.

For more information about the skating club, visit [www.riversidearena.com](http://www.riversidearena.com) or [www.riversiderascals.org](http://www.riversiderascals.org).

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# Tomasic's volleyball talent spikes

Stevenson outside hitter makes USA Youth A1 squad

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Katie Tomasic's success on the volleyball court has made her summer itinerary a little more complicated.

The 6-foot All-Stater from Livonia Stevenson, who will be a senior this fall, is among 33 players who have earned a spot in USA Volleyball's Youth A1 National Training Team Program, the second highest USA youth program in the country.

Tomasic, who finished with 510 kills, 214 assist-to-kills and 143 digs as both an outside hitter and setter last fall at Stevenson, earned a spot after a tryout last March in Philadelphia, Pa.

"They have tryouts all over the country, then you find out the results in May," said Tomasic, who has already committed to play in 2015 at Miami of Ohio.

"I thought the tryouts went pretty well, but I didn't really know because there's so many girls around the country trying out. I was at (club) practice, I think, and my mom was sitting up in the stands.

"She had text me, I looked up at her and she was just smiling. I said, 'Like wait, did I

make it?' She nodded her head. It was close to my birthday and it was a really good day for me."

Tomasic has played for the Lakeshore region USA Volleyball team for three years and participated in the USA A3 Training Camp last summer. But now her talents have transcended to a national level.

The lone Michigan player listed on the A1 roster representing the Lakeshore region, Tomasic is scheduled to report July 18 at the Fort Lauderdale, Fla. for a five-day camp.

The 33-player roster will then be divided up into three teams which will compete in the USA High Performance Championships, July 23-27.

The three A1 teams will play up an age group and compete against 14 other teams at the international junior age group tournament.

Included in the women's international junior tournament field will be seven teams from Canada, another from New Zealand, one from Chile and six USA teams.

"I'm excited to meet girls all over the country and get to represent the U.S.," Tomasic said. "It's exciting."

Tomasic, who led Stevenson to the Division 1 regional finals last year, has kept a busy off season volleyball schedule. She is a fourth-year player with a2 Volleyball Club in Ann Arbor where she played with Stevenson teammates Abigail White-

head and Amanda Hawkins on the 17-and-under Blue team.

"We did well," Tomasic said. "We definitely had some more successful tournaments than others. But it was a good year overall."

Tomasic will work a youth volleyball camp next week at Miami of Ohio before reporting to the A1 team, which is made up of alternates for the Youth National Team that will compete later this summer in Thailand.

"I've been working really hard on my mental game, being able to stay focused and not get down on myself, as well as my defense," Tomasic said. "I think that's helped me grow as a player this year."

Away from the volleyball courts, Tomasic works as a lifeguard at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

"I have a flexible schedule," she said. "It works out well. I just try and pick up shifts when I can."

But Tomasic cherishes her free time, even with a packed summer volleyball schedule.

"I've been hanging out with my friends a lot," Tomasic said.

"I don't have that much time this summer going to all the different places. I like going to the movies, hanging out, going to the pool, just trying to be a normal teenager."

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Katie Tomasic, who will be a senior this fall at Livonia Stevenson High, is among 33 players that will compete with USA Volleyball's Youth A1 National Team Program for 10 days in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

## Livonia YMCA to offer Ultimate Frisbee event

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The Livonia YMCA, located at 14255 Stark Road, will be hosting an Ultimate Frisbee tournament on Sunday, July 28, on the Bentley football field.

The coed tournament, which is set to start at noon, will be offered for players 18 year of age and older.

The cost of the event is \$150, which works out to about \$15 per person. Each roster can contain a maximum of 12 players with a minimum of three females.

Each team will receive a minimum of three games plus play-offs.

The object of the

game is to score points by passing a disc to a teammate in the opposing end zone, which is similar to an end zone in American football. Players may not run with the disc and must keep a pivot while holding the disc.

There were an estimated 4.9 million Ultimate Frisbee players in the United States in 2008. The deadline for entries is July 24. Registration forms can be picked up at the Y office.

For more information, call 734-261-2161.

### Fall youth sports offerings

The Livonia YMCA is offering youngsters a smorgasbord of sports

to participate in during its fall season, which runs from Sept. 9 through Oct. 26.

Among them are a coed basketball league for kids ages 6-13, and a coed youth soccer league for kids ages 6-8.

The soccer league will include Saturday games.

For the more-experienced soccer enthusiasts, the WSSL Travel Soccer League is available for divisions U9 through U19.

Coach-pitch baseball, girls volleyball, a kid-pitch clinic as well as a sports sampler class will be offered.

For more information on the programs, visit [ymcadetroit.org/Livonia](http://ymcadetroit.org/Livonia).

## Winning Warriors



The Plymouth-Canton Warriors 10-and-under baseball team was crowned champion of the NFWB Summer Classic Panther Tournament June 23 in Farmington Hills. Pictured are (front row from left) Miles Washington, Devin Beauchamp, Brendan Kelley, Chase Olson, Logan Hill, Jackson Wertz, (second row from left) Braedon McLaughlin, Andrew Uhlian, Evan Berger, Zachary Blaisdell and Ian Smith. The coaches (pictured back row from left) are Doug Olson, Mike Uhlian, Ryan McLaughlin, Matt Blaisdell and Kevin Kelley. Not pictured are Joey Datillo and Chad Datillo.

## Kmet's a Cardinal



Following a stellar, record-setting prep baseball career, Garden City graduate Zak Kmet recently committed to play collegiate baseball for Concordia University in Ann Arbor. He is pictured with his parents, and coaches Kyle Rayl and Tim Shafto.

## Storm surge



The Canton Storm 14-and-under travel baseball team recently won the Pinckney Pirate Classic. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Jake O'Donnell, Noah Haran, Erich Payne, Matt Lessel, Chase Timko, (top row from left) head coach Rob Brooks, Matt Brooks, Jason Arnold, Jacob MacBrien, Jake Dattilio, Josh Janovsky, Kyle Burnette and assistant coach Scott Payne. Not pictured is assistant coach Don Burnette.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

**Baseball tryouts**

» Tryouts for the 2014 Plymouth Lightning, a 12-and-under travel baseball team, will be 6-8 p.m. Saturday, July 13, and 9-11 a.m. Saturday, July 20 (only need to attend one of two dates).

The Lightning will compete in a 45-game league and tournament schedule.

For more information, visit [plymouth-lightning@yahoo.com](http://plymouth-lightning@yahoo.com).

» Tryouts for the Oakland Reds Baseball Club for Youth Division (under-8 through under-13) on Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 3-4, and for High School Division (under-14 through under-18) Aug. 10-11.

To register online and for more information, visit [www.oaklandreds.com](http://www.oaklandreds.com).

**Hawks golf outing**

The annual Harrison Hawks football golf outing will be Sunday, July 28, at The Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile. The event begins at 1:30 p.m. with a shotgun start.

The cost is \$100 per person, \$400 per foursome.

It includes lunch before golf, buffet dinner afterward and refreshments on the course and with dinner.

Checks should be payable (and mailed) to: Harrison Football Boosters, PO Box 2773, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-2773. For questions contact David Race at 248-376-1535 or [drace@zatusa.com](mailto:drace@zatusa.com).

**Adult-junior golf**

PGA golf professional Tami Bealert will offer a series of summer golf classes at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier, Superior Township.

Among the classes offered for adults include: Get Golf Ready -

Thursdays, July 16 through Aug. 13; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 10 through Aug. 7. Cost \$99 for five weeks.

Private lessons are also available by appointment for \$45 per half-hour or \$195 (series of five).

Juniors 16-and-under can also play golf with a paying adult after 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday and after 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, through July 14.

To register to receive a certificate, visit [www.TrainWithTami.com](http://www.TrainWithTami.com).

For more information, email [TrainWithTami@yahoo.com](mailto:TrainWithTami@yahoo.com); or call 734-731-0238.

**Coaching jobs**

» Livonia Ladywood High School has coaching vacancies for a girls varsity pompon and varsity swimming for the fall 2013 season, along with a girls freshman basketball coach for the 2013-13 winter season.

Those interested should fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at 734-591-2386.

» Mercy High School is looking for an assistant varsity swim coach. Mail or email resumes to Nancy Malinowski at: Athletic Director, Mercy High School, 29300 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Coaches can call her at 248-893-3510 or email her at [nmmalinowski@mhsmi.org](mailto:nmmalinowski@mhsmi.org).

» Farmington High School is looking for an assistant junior varsity football coach. Potential coaches should contact head coach John Bechtel at [jbechtel12345@aol.com](mailto:jbechtel12345@aol.com).

**Soccer officials**

The United Federation of Officials is offering a soccer referee training class on Monday, Aug. 19, at Cabrini High School, 15305

**Wick, Allen Park.**

The target audience for the class is high school juniors and seniors, which will then be part of the MHSAA's Officials Legacy Mentoring Program.

It is open also for interested adults who wish to take the class.

Class fee includes MHSAA registration fees.

Those completing the course will be eligible for officiating high school, junior high and CYO games in the fall 2013 season.

For enrollment information, contact Byron Beattie at 734-775-4134.

**Prep Kickoff Classic**

» Advance tickets are now available for the 2013 Detroit Sports Commission Prep Kickoff Classic at Wayne State University's Adams Field.

The fee is \$8, with a portion of the proceeds punted back to participating schools.

Tickets at the gate are \$10.

The six-game slate begins Thursday Aug. 29, and concludes Saturday, Aug. 31. Southfield plays Detroit Cass Tech 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, while Birmingham Brother Rice plays Cleveland St. Ignatius at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31.

» For the third time since 2003, the AAU Junior Olympic Games will be held in Detroit.

The Detroit Sports Commission will host the popular event, which runs from July 24 to Aug. 3. It is expected to attract more than 50,000 visitors including 18,500 athletes and coaches from 50 states.

Held annually, the AAU Junior Olympic Games are the largest youth multi-sport event in the country. For more information, see [aaujrogames.org](http://aaujrogames.org).

Local athletes excel in Senior Olympics

Plymouth swimmer nets 6 medals

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Several Observer-land-area athletes struck gold, silver and bronze at the Michigan Senior Olympics, which were held last month at venues throughout Oakland County.

The event has flourished since its inception in 1979 when just a handful of senior athletes competed. In 2011, approximately 1,100 Michigan residents aged 50 or older participated.

The most prosperous local senior athlete proved to be Plymouth swimmer James Stein, who did a pretty good Michael Phelps impersonation. Stein racked up six medals (three gold and three silver) in the 60-64 age division.

Stein's winning efforts came in the 50-yard freestyle (29.6 seconds), 100 individual medley (1:20.7) and the 50 butterfly, which he won in 38.8 seconds.

Wayne resident Kathryn Stellema was a double-gold champion in the 50-54 division.

She won the singles women's badminton title and the top prize in the singles racquetball com-



Swimming was a popular sport at the 2013 Michigan Senior Olympics. MICHIGAN SENIOR OLYMPICS STAFF

petition.

A pair of Farmington Hills residents - Larry Ortkras and Dennis Kay - earned medals in the golf competition. Ortkras took gold in the 65-69 division while Kay earned a bronze medal in the 70-74 class.

Redford's Thomas Garrett teamed up with Taylor's Roger Beelat to win a silver medal in the 70-74 doubles badminton tournament.

A host of area athletes fared well at the archery venue. Gold-medal winners were Westland's

Glenis Collins and Lonnie Collins; Wayne's Glenn Campbell and Canton's William Malinak. Glenis Collins and Campbell broke MSO records for their age groups.

Also medaling in archery were Livonia's Ian Mackenzie (silver) and Westland's Albert Ouellette, who won a bronze medal.

The National Senior Olympics are set for August in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Whalers snag two European players in CHL Import Draft

Swedish center drafted at No. 41, Swiss defenseman at No. 113

The Plymouth Whalers selected 18-year-old Swedish center Victor Crus-Rydborg with their first choice (41st overall) Wednesday in the 2013 CHL Import Draft, and they picked up 17-year-old Swiss defenseman Yannick Rathgeb with their final choice (113th overall).

"We're happy with both of the selections," Plymouth assistant general manager Brian Sommari-va said. "We think Victor and Yannick will help us while continuing to develop as players in North America."

The 5-foot-11, 190-pound Crus-Rydborg scored 12 goals with 23 assists for 35 points last season for Linkoping U-20 in the Swedish Junior League.

Eliteprospects.com offers the following analysis of Crus-Rydborg, who also was drafted by the New York Islanders in the fifth round of the 2013 NHL Draft:

"Crus-Rydborg is a very smart and skilled playmaker. Impressive hockey sense and passing ability. Stick handles well through heavy traffic and makes room for himself and his teammates. Not a natural goal scorer, but has a good release. Two-way ability is good. Should work on his consistency, accel-

eration and skating, a bit, although it is not a major concern."

Josh Deitel from Hockey's Future website saw Rathgeb play for Switzerland at the 2012 Four National Cup in Ann Arbor and offers this analysis:

"Rathgeb was not Switzerland's best player in the tournament, but I think he projects to be the best talent who comes off this roster down the line. Played a very smooth, all-around game, rotating between wing and defense on a game-by-game or situation-by-situation basis.

"Was strong on the forecheck, physical along the boards and used his size to his advantage. Made good decisions with the puck in the neutral zone. Back-checked hard and showed good defensive zone awareness. Good skater with an efficient stride, changes directions smoothly and keeps his head on a swivel."

**NHL DRAFT PICK:** Whalers forward Ryan Hartman was a first-round selection of the Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks in the 2013 NHL draft June 30 at the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J.

Hartman, who grew up a Blackhawks fan in West Dundee, Ill., was the 30th overall pick. He scored 23 goals and had 37 assists for 60 points in 56 games for the Whalers last season.

Along with Whalers teammate Vince Trocheck, Hartman helped the United States win the gold medal in the 2013 World Championship in Ufa, Russia.

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told me to step down. Submit a letter. You can resign or we'll just terminate you. I can't sub in the district because I'm an at-will employee. I'm done. I can't coach there and I can't sub in the building. I'm on the blacklist."

The 40-year-old Scheffer said he tried to address several concerns during the season with Ambrose, but said he became increasingly frustrated.

"We had several bus issues, not contacting the varsity coach for the district drawing - there's a whole list," Scheffer said. "Not being able to start a freshman program when they told me I was able to. There were last minute cancellations, especially with the pre-district game when we could have played on Tuesday. Just not being around at all. It didn't sound like he (Ambrose) was at Wayne either. I don't know what the guy was doing."

"It just took forever with everything this

year. I tried to work with him. I did all the scheduling of the make-up games. I knew all the coaches and just called them up myself. Everything was last-minute by texting. Obviously the job is way too big for one person to do at both schools in the district."

Scheffer, a standout player at Glenn who belted 10 home runs his senior year, replaced Dan Danic, who resigned in September of 2012 after going 17-44 (with one district title) in his two seasons as varsity coach.

After the internal job posting period lasted for two weeks, Scheffer put in his application after serving as an assistant under Danic.

"When Danic resigned in September, it took them almost to end of January to let me know if I got the job or not," Scheffer said. "They (Wayne-Westland) had it posted in September. I never got an interview. I was informed by Human Resources."

"The only conversation I had (with Ambrose) was at a football game, not a sit-down (meeting) where they asked me what my in-

tentions were with the program or anything like that."

Ambrose, who could not be reached for comment, told the Observer last January that Scheffer "was our top choice obviously."

"He's got a great baseball background," Ambrose continued. "The kids know him, the parents know him."

The Observer has learned that there may be a show of support by parents and players for Scheffer at Monday night's Wayne-Westland school board meeting.

Meanwhile, Scheffer said he hopes to coach high school baseball again. He currently coaches in the Under Armour Baseball Factory national training program, which evaluates and helps high school players get to the collegiate level.

But he felt the Glenn job was his calling.

"It just leaves a sour taste in your mouth after all these years to come back and not being able to give back to the program," he said.

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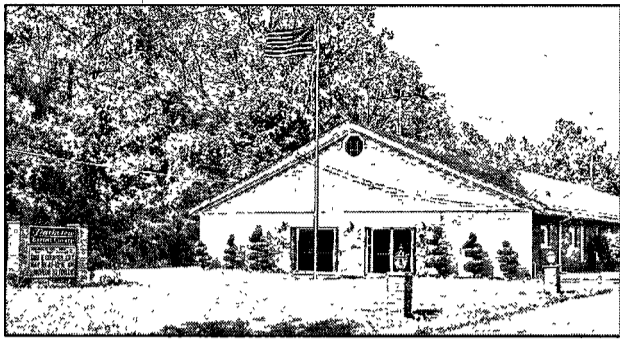
# Parkview Baptist Church celebrates golden jubilee

Parkview Baptist Church in Livonia will mark 50 years with a weekend of celebration, July 27-28.

A homecoming picnic from noon to 4 p.m. and a service at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 27, will kick off the Golden Jubilee weekend. Anniversary services on Sunday, July 28, will start with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., followed by a special worship service at 10:30 a.m. and an evening of preaching and praise starting at 6 p.m.

Parkview was founded by a group of Christians from the Livonia area who wanted to build an independent Baptist church that would become a "family church with the family at heart."

They began meeting in homes at first; then in a school gymnasium. Construction on the new church building began in spring 1963 and the church was fully organized and chartered in fall that same year. The Rev. Robert Downing



Parkview Baptist Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary July 27-28. PHOTO BY STEVE ALLEN

was pastor of the church for its first 14 years, followed by the Rev. Lanny Hasbrook for another 14 years. The Rev. Steven Brown, the current senior pastor, has led the church since 1991.

Over the past 50 years, the church has grown steadily. Its ministries include Parkview Baptist Church for the Deaf and the Reformers Unanimous weekly addiction recovery program, among several other outreach programs. The church also supports 74 missionaries around the globe.

In addition to the anniversary celebration, the church will hold the 37th Annual Old Fashioned Tent Meeting, 7 p.m. nightly from July 21-26.

The church encourages past and current church members, their families and friends to RSVP if they plan to attend an anniversary event.

For more information about the tent meeting or jubilee activities, visit the church website at [www.parkviewbaptistministries.com](http://www.parkviewbaptistministries.com) or call the church office at 734-261-6180.

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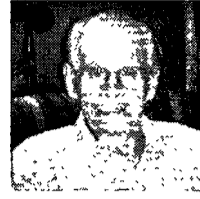
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## HOWELL, GRACE E. (NEE HALL)

Age 87 of Milford, formerly of Farmington Hills, passed away July 7, 2013. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, Thomas; brothers, Bill and Robert Hall; sister, Ruth Wert. Survived by her loving daughters, Kathy (Glen) Lindsay, Debbe (the late Doug) AuBuchon, Kim (Jim) Dye, Cindy (David) Hage; grandchildren, Megan (Ron) Ralko, Beth (Tom) Tardiff, Nate AuBuchon, Andrew (Stephanie), Kyle, Collin and Iain Lindsay, T.J. (Val), Courtney and Ashli Dye, Sarah and Erin Hage. Also survived by her 8 great grandchildren, sister, Betty Leonard, many extended family members and dear friends. Funeral from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Thursday, July 11th, 12 PM. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. Friends may visit on Wednesday 3-9 PM and on Thursday 10 AM until time of service. Memorials encouraged to the Charach Cancer Treatment Center at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons 248-684-6645 [LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

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## SCHAAR, JOHN (JACK)

Age 90 passed away July 5, 2013. He was a WWII veteran of the 744 Railroad Operating Battalion and retired from the Detroit Free Press. He was married to Betty for 71 years and is the beloved father of John and Julie (Bill). The beloved grandfather of Edmund (Cassie) and great grandfather of Maxwell.

## YUTENDALE-BROUCK, MARCELLA

Age 93, of Holland, passed away on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at Oak Crest Manor in Holland. Marcelle had been a resident of Farmington Hills, where she lived for 45 years. She is survived by her children: Richard and Marie Yutendale of Holland, Carol and Gil Gualdoni of Rochester. Granddaughters: Lisa and Perry Pearson of Holland, Christy and Tim Mayo of Grand Rapids, Sharon and Ryan Ryden of Apex, NC. 5 great-grandchildren. Private services will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland.

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## SCHAN, LORELLE ROSE (JOHNSON)

Of Climax, MI formerly living in Manchester, GA, Livonia MI, and Port St. Lucie, FL. Passed away on Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at Kairos Dwelling. She was born in Manchester, GA on March 20, 1921, the daughter of the late Willie and Eula (Gibson) Johnson. She served with the U.S. Army during World War II. She worked as a registered nurse for St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, retiring in 1985. She was a member of the American Legion in Climax and of the V.F.W. and D.A.V. She was married to Arthur Schan on December 22, 1948; he preceded her in death on November 1, 1997. She is survived by her children, Melissa (Terry) Strong of Climax, MI and William (Beverly) Schan of Farmington Hills, MI; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her seven brothers and sisters. Cremation has taken place and private services are planned. Donations in her name to be made to Kairos Dwelling, 2945 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048. Arrangements by Langeland Family Funeral Home, [www.langelands.com](http://www.langelands.com).

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

### JULY FILM

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 17

**Location:** St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Screening of "The Hunger Games" with a Q and A afterward and refreshments provided. RSVP requested

**Contact:** 734-425-5950; [www.staidanlivonia.org](http://www.staidanlivonia.org)

### LECTURE SERIES

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. to noon, for six Sunday mornings.

**Location:** Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Each session consists of two 30-minute lectures by David B. Ruderman, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, on DVD.

**Contact:** Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931 or [nancyel-len879@att.net](mailto:nancyel-len879@att.net)

### MIME WORKSHOP

**Time/Date:** Workshops, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 26-27; worship and mime ministry, 10 a.m. Sunday, July 28

**Location:** Way of Life Christian Church, Lilly Executive Plaza, 9401 General Drive, Suite 100, Plymouth

**Details:** James and Clarice Green, with 17 years together in

ministry, will lead the workshop. They use mime as a way of ministering to individuals who may need need "to see it to get what God is saying." Cost is \$30 for adults, \$55 for couples, and \$20 for children and teens, 10 and above

**Contact:** Dorothy at 313-412-5917 or e-mail to [dnborum@yahoo.com](mailto:dnborum@yahoo.com)

### OUTDOOR WORSHIP

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Sunday, July 14-Aug. 18

**Location:** Grounds at Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton

**Details:** St. Michael Lutheran Church offers a worship service in a casual atmosphere. Bring your own lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

**Contact:** 734-459-3333

### RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 26 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 27

**Location:** Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

**Details:** The sale will be in the lower level of the church

**Contact:** 734-425-3062

### SINGLE PLACE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11-25

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St., Northville

**Details:** Terry Erchenbrecher of St. Mary Mercy Hospital will talk about "Life's Simple Seven" - seven ways to manage cardiovascular risk factors and improve your lifestyle, July 11; a cookout will be held July 18; cards and games night is planned for July 25. Ice cream is available July 11 and 25 for \$5. The cookout is \$7

**Contact:** [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org)

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Time/Date:** 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. July 29 through Aug. 2

**Location:** Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia

**Details:** "Kingdom Rock" is the theme; \$15 fee includes a T-shirt

**Contact:** 734-425-7280

### WOW JAM

**Time/Date:** 4-8 p.m. July 19

**Location:** Goudy Recreational Park, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

**Details:** Cornerstone City Church offers this event that will include free groceries, free haircuts and manicures, free family photos, free bike repair, free potted plants, free hot meals and a singing contest.

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## Trains, tape and art come together

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Duck Tape and model trains will show just how entertaining — and artsy — they can be this weekend during their first appearance at the annual Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth.

The Michigan G. Gauge Operations Club (MGGOC) will set up an 85- by 15-foot layout in Kellogg Park and the Duck Tape Rolls Across America Tour will bring its bright green "Duck Bus" to Main and Wing streets.

The two attractions are the newest additions to the three-day fair that features live music, kids' activities, chalk on the walk, a living art mural, free food samples, kids' activities, live music and more than 400 artists with their works on display and for sale.

Gordon G. Perrin, Jr., a MGGOC member, said the organization hopes to gain exposure while operating model trains in Kellogg Park.

"I approached the people at Art in the Park, saying we wanted an opportunity to set the thing up. We know there are a lot of G gauge people in this area and we'd like to let them know there is a membership available in this club," said Perrin, a Plymouth Township resident. "Our reason for existence is to set this up and run it, to educate people about what garden railroads are all about."

The club has approximately 10 active members who operate their own trains — some run in their gardens — and who come together to show the club's portable modular railway layout at public gatherings, such as flea markets and festivals.

The dog bone-shaped layout includes a set of two tracks, sidings and clusters of buildings that depict industry and villages. The club will set it up on a table, but they're also considering placement of a smaller track with train on the

### ART IN THE PARK

**What:** More than 400 artists show and sell their works

**When:** 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, July 12; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, July 13; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, July 14

**Where:** Downtown Plymouth

**Details:** In addition to art work by both adults and children, the festival will include chalk murals, free food samples, live music from One Love Reggae Band, children's activities, a display of items made from Duck Tape, outdoor train layout, living art mural, and George Tait: The Living Statue

**Free shuttle:** Park at the ACH Plant located at 14425 Sheldon, just off M-14 in Plymouth and take the shuttle to the fair. The round-trip shuttle will run continuously all weekend, with the drop-off point at Plymouth City Hall  
**Contact:** (734) 453-1234 or www.artinthepark.com

ground. The smaller version would give viewers an idea how garden railroads look and it would make the exhibit more accessible to children.

### Train layouts as art

Perrin says the train layout and Art in the Park is a perfect fit because modeling the layout's buildings requires some art skill.

"There is art and craft in this," he said. "You have to understand scale and how to reach that scale. Yeah, you can buy pre-assembled buildings, but you can also make your own."

He's constructing a coal tower for the layout in Kellogg Park that will resemble the tower on the Michigan Central line near Augusta.

"I've got books with dimensions and I've got old photos. I can approximate what it would

look like in its hey day," he said. "It was built in the mid-to-late 20s and served steam engines until 1957."

Fairgoers won't have to worry about perfect scale or dimension when they make a craft at the Duck Tape bus at Art in the Park. They'll get a chance to choose their favorite color or pattern to make a Duck Tape bracelet.

"People are awestruck when they realize we have over 200 colors and designs," said Patti Sack, media manager for Duck Tape. "We have a whole section of the bus with different things made with Duck Tape — from a piggy bank to an elaborate necklace to something as simple as a pencil holder. It's really cool. It's a whole wall of inspiration."

"I've seen just about everything and every day something else is shown to me of what people have done with Duck Tape."

### Fashionable tape

The touring collection also includes a prom dress that was featured on season 11 of *Project Runway*, along with a Duck Tape tuxedo. Duck Tape created an annual competition, "Stuck at the Prom," 13 years ago after discovering that fans were creating prom attire from its products.

"It's a scholarship contest and we've given away hundreds of thousands of dollars."

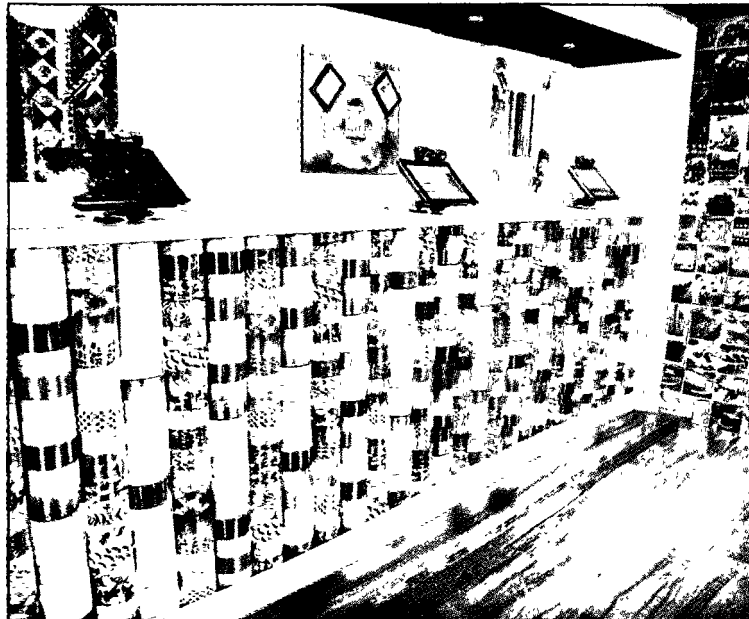
Sack said that although Duck Tape remains a staple in the tool box, it has transitioned from "tool to cool" as fans use it in creative projects.

"This coming weekend we'll feature some of our top designs," she said. "We will have an exclusive that they can only get at the bus tour. You can't find it in any store — Duck Tape featuring Trust E. Duck"

Look for tape with such themes as U of M and Michigan State, cotton candy and dill pickles, owl and cheetahs and glow-in-the-dark, among many other patterns, for sale at Art in the Park.



A train carrying dinosaurs makes its way around a Michigan G. Gauge Operations Club member's garden.



Visitors to Plymouth's Art in the Park will have their choice of colors and designs for a craft project at the Duck Tape bus.

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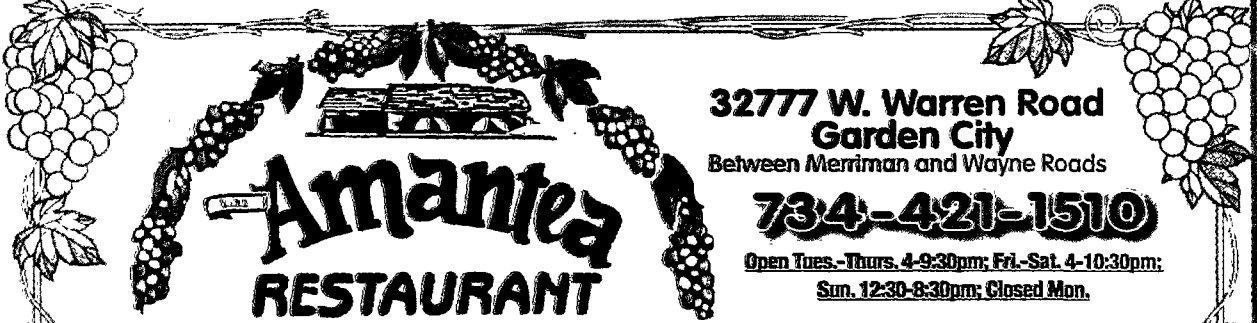
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**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through July 19  
**Location:** Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Paintings by Marilyn Thomas are on exhibit  
**Contact:** 248-473-1856

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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

**Family Sundays:** 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission  
**Exhibits:** Printmaking by Eilsworth Kelly, through Sept. 8  
**Contact:** 313-833-7900, www.dia.org

VILLAGE THEATER

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and one hour before and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment through July 28  
**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
**Details:** Kyle Culps and Scot Ferguson exhibit their mixed media works  
**Contact:** 734-394-5300; cantonvillageattheater.org

FILM

COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

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

**Location:** 14900 Beck between Five Mile and M-14, Plymouth Township  
**Details:** Cost is \$10 for adults; \$8 for children, 4-12; kids 3 and under are admitted free of charge. Students with proper ID are admitted for \$8 Sunday through Thursday. Patrons listen to the movies on the FM band of their car radio  
**Contact:** 734-927-3284

PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, July 12, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 13-14  
**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth  
**Details:** "The Great Gatsby," admission, \$3

**Coming up:** "Epic," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday, July 19 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 20-21; "Star Trek Into Darkness," 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 26-27 and



Dancers celebrate the roots of the jazz era at the annual Ragtime Street Fair at Greenfield Village.

4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 28; "Now You See Me," 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 2-3, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8; "The Kinds of Summer," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 9-10, and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11.

**Summer Matinee:** "Raiders of the Lost Ark," July 11; E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial," July 18; "The Goonies," July 25; "Annie," Aug. 1; "The Sound of Music," Aug. 15; "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," Aug. 22; "The Muppet Movie," Aug. 29. Movies run at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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

REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday, July 12 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 13  
**Location:** 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

**Details:** "Mary Poppins," the 1964 Disney film, along with a presentation by Jim Korkis, Disney historian, and a silent auction by the Disneyana Fan Club of Southeast Michigan. Admission is \$5

**Coming up:** 8 p.m. Friday, July 26 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, July 27, "Notorious," the Hitchcock classic; "The Long, Long Trailer," with Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10  
**Contact:** 313-537-2560

HISTORICAL GREENFIELD VILLAGE

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, July 12 and Sunday, July 14; 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, July 13  
**Location:** 20900 Oakwood, Dearborn

**Details:** Ragtime Street Fair includes piano performances by Taslimah Bey, "Perfessor" Bill

Edwards, John Remmers, Bill Meyer, Daniel J. McCarthy, Brent Beggs, Mary Pitcher, Carolyn Dicks and Jerry Perrine. The River Raisin Ragtime Revue and the Tartar Sauce Traditional Jazz Band will keep the music flowing all weekend with special concerts Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. On Saturday, competing pianists will show off their talents in a high-energy, piano-cutting contest. Visitors can learn steps to popular ragtime dances and join a cake walk competition. If you're interested in showing off more of your dance moves, join in on the cake walk competition, a traditional plantation dance in which the best dancer is given a cake. Throughout the weekend purchase farm fresh produce at the traditional street fair located on Main Street. Admission to Greenfield Village is free with membership or \$24 for adults, \$22 for seniors (62 and up) and \$17.50 for youth (5-12). Children four and under are free  
**Contact:** (313) 982-6001

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
**Location:** 155 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** The current exhibit, B4TV, highlights leisure activities that families and individuals engaged in before television. The exhibit runs through Nov. 10. 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:** Cliff Monear Trio will

perform July 30. The group will include Monear on keyboard, Jeff Pedraz on bass, Scott Kretzer on drums and Stephenie Monear with vocals. 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.  
**Contact:** 734-453-1780 or email 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:** Tritone Paradox, July 13; Potters Field, July 26. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.

**Contact:** 734-454-0178

ROCKIN ON THE RIVERFRONT

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 12  
**Location:** GM Plaza on the Detroit riverfront

**Details:** The Romantics kick off the summer series; free

**Coming up:** America, July 19; Grand Funk Railroad, July 26; Great White, Aug. 2; Loverboy, Aug. 9; Night Ranger, Aug. 16  
**Contact:** www.facebook.com/RockinontheRiverfront

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:** Harpeth Rising, July 12, Brion Riborn with Chris Dupont, July 13; Jason Harrod with Kelsey Rottiers, July 20, The Lost Dogs, July 27; Lindsay Lou and the Flatbellys, Aug. 2; Kaivama, Aug. 8. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted  
**Contact:** 734-464-6302

VILLAGE THEATER

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 13

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

**Details:** Peter Karrie, best known for his portrayal of the title role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's, "Phantom of the Opera," performs popular songs from musicals. Tickets are \$20 and are available from www.cantonvillageattheater.org  
**Contact:** 734-394-5460

SOMETHING DIFFERENT DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, until 8 p.m. Wednesday in July and August

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

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

**Coming up:** Summer Zoomance, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 11, is designed for the 21-and-older crowd. Admission is \$12 in advance and \$14 after July 5.

The event will feature complimentary tram tours throughout the zoo as well as animal enrichment and zookeeper talks at the otter, snow monkey and polar bear habitats. Blues guitarist and vocalist Laith Al-Saadi will perform, and food and adult beverages will be available for purchase

Wild Beasts, Wild Wine:

Sample wines from more than 30 local and national wineries and vineyards, 6-10:30 p.m., Friday, July 26. The event features live performances by jazz crooner Ben Sharkey and Gino Fanelli's Red Hot Sugar Daddies, after-hours access to animal habitats, complimentary tram tours, animal enrichment and zookeeper talks. Tickets are \$35 until July 19; after that, any remaining tickets will be available for \$40 online or at the gate. Designated driver tickets are \$25 and include admission, parking and unlimited soft drinks  
**Contact:** 248-541-5717; www.detroitzoo.org

ELVIS FEST

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. to midnight Friday, July 12, and noon to 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 \$25 for Saturday  
**Contact:** www.mielivestest.org

KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, to July 21

**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

THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

**Time/Date:** 6:30-9 p.m., July 24 parents information meeting and youth workshop; auditions by appointment for teens and adults, 7-10 p.m. July 25 and by appointment for children, ages 6-15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. July 27

**Location:** The Farmington Players Barn Theater 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Auditions for the musical, "Annie," which will be performed Friday-Sunday in December

**Contact:** Kandl Krumsin at 248-797-1818

PAUL'S PLAYERS

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., July 25-27

**Location:** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** "The Sound of Music," includes a cast of more than 50 actors. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors  
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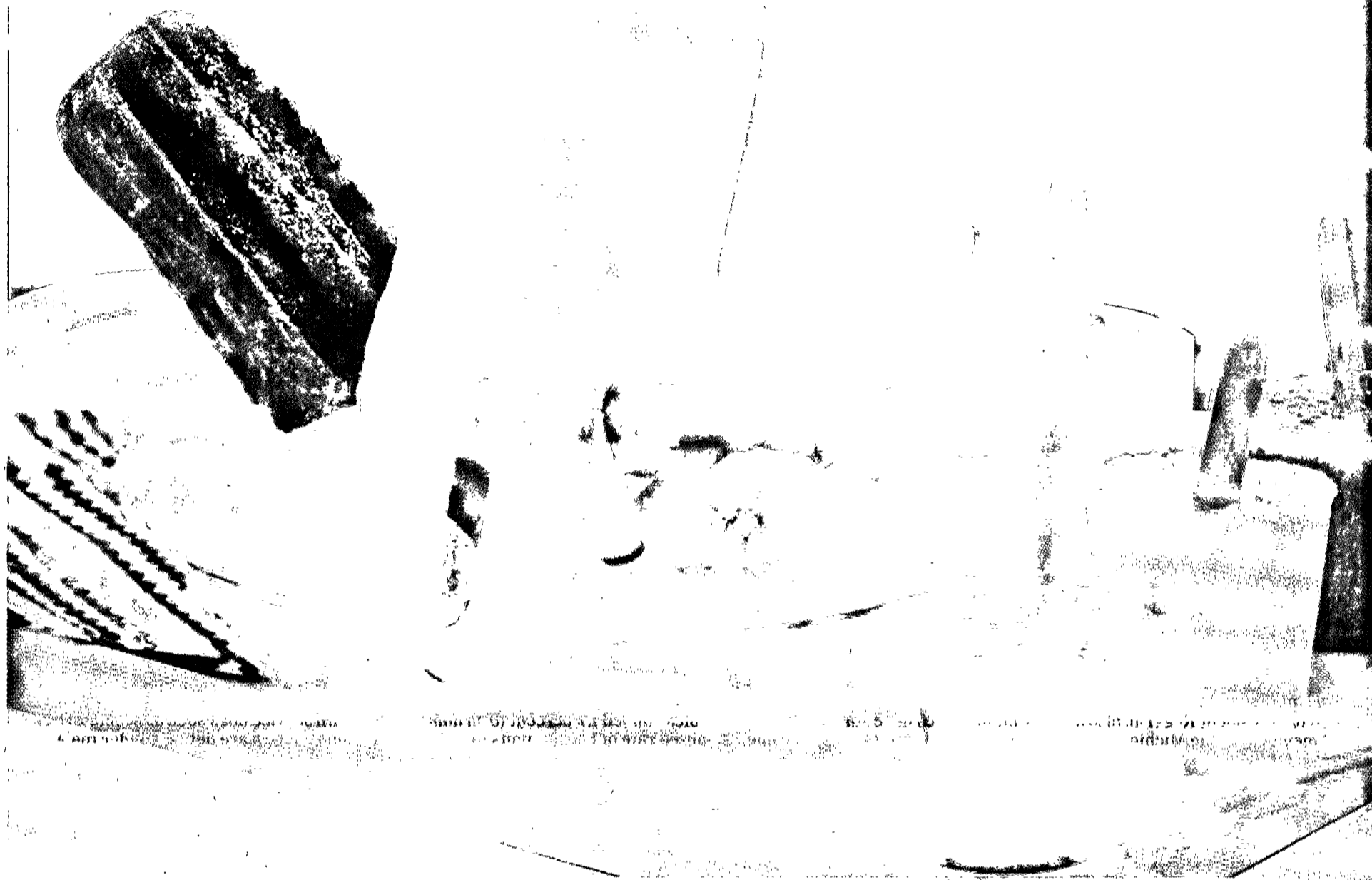
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"Most people already have all the ingredients they need to make frozen treats right at home," said Mary Beth Harrington of the McCormick Kitchens. "Creating frozen fruit pops and shaved ice is a fun summertime activity for kids and adults alike that can take shape in any flavor and color combination you can imagine. Popular seasonal flavors like cotton candy, strawberry lemonade and blue raspberry will have everyone gathering around the freezer."

**Frozen Fruit Pops:** These customizable and easy-to-grab snacks are as fun to eat as they are to make. Plus, with nutrient-packed ingredients such as fresh pineapple or strawberries, parents will feel good serving these hand-crafted treats to kids.

» This recipe is as simple as adding fruit and complementary flavors to a blender. Then, pour into Popsicle molds and freeze until set. Have fun with a variety of combinations for everyone in the family. Make Strawberry Lemonade pops with frozen strawberries and lemon extract or explore adult flavors such as Piña Colada by pairing pineapple chunks and juice with coconut extract for a momentary tropical escape.

» **Tip:** Try using 3- or 4-ounce paper cups if you don't have Popsicle

molds. Cover each cup in foil and insert a wooden pop stick through the top to create a handle.

Blend up a little extra and freeze in ice cube trays to give summertime beverages a refreshing flavor twist. For example, combine fresh watermelon with strawberry extract to create watermelon cooler cubes to brighten up sparkling water or clear soda. Raspberry and peach cubes are a simple way to turn ordinary iced tea into unique summer refreshments.

**Easy Fruity Shaved Ice:** Cool down with a frosty blast from the past that uses five or less ingredients. Shaved ice is perfect anytime. Top it with homemade syrups in inventive flavor combinations. Add a few drops of food color to complement the taste, such as pairing red and yellow food color with orange extract. Or have fun and vary the color to mimic the vibrant shades of summer. Blue food color and raspberry extract make a playful combination.

» **Tip:** If you don't have a shaved ice maker, crush ice to a snowy texture in your blender or by wrapping a plastic bag of ice in a kitchen towel and smashing it with a rolling pin or mallet. This can be a fun project for kids so long as they have adult supervision.

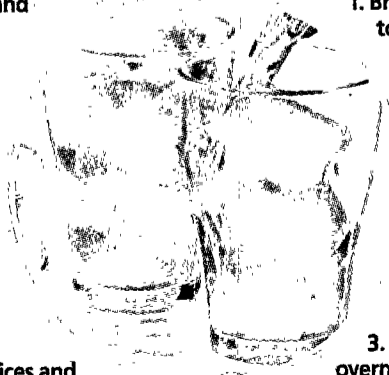
» **Tip:** Arrange a DIY shaved ice station at your next summer gathering for a sure-fire crowd pleaser. Fill a large vessel with shaved ice and set out squeeze bottles filled with different flavored syrups so guests can mix and match to their heart's content.

For more delicious ideas to keep cool this summer, visit McCormick.com, the "Beat the Summer Heat" board at Pinterest.com/McCormickSpices or Facebook.com/McCormickSpice.

### RASPBERRY PEACH FROZEN FRUITY ICE CUBES

1 cup water  
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1. Bring water and sugar to boil in small saucepan on medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Remove from heat. Cool to room temperature.  
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3. Freeze 4 hours or overnight or until firm.



### PIÑA COLADA FROZEN POPS

1 cup water  
½ cup sugar  
1 can (20 ounces) pineapple chunks, packed in juice, undrained  
¼ teaspoon McCormick Imitation Coconut Extract

1. Bring water and sugar to boil in small saucepan on medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Remove from heat. Cool to room temperature.  
2. Pour syrup into blender container. Add pineapple and coconut extract; cover. Blend on high speed until smooth. Pour into Popsicle molds.  
3. Freeze 4 hours or overnight or until firm.

2 cups sugar  
1 cup water  
1 teaspoon McCormick Pure Orange Extract  
8 drops yellow food color  
2 drops red food color

1. Bring sugar and water to boil in small saucepan on medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Boil 1 minute. Remove from heat. Stir in orange extract and food colors.  
2. Cool to room temperature. Pour into squeeze bottle for easier serving. Pour syrup over shaved ice.



1 cup water  
½ cup sugar  
2 cups frozen strawberries  
½ teaspoon McCormick Pure Lemon Extract

1. Bring water and sugar to boil in small saucepan on medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Remove from heat. Cool to room temperature.  
2. Pour syrup into blender container. Add frozen strawberries and lemon extract; cover. Blend on high speed until smooth. Pour into Popsicle molds.  
3. Freeze 4 hours or overnight or until firm.

## Realtors are encouraged by upward trend in home sales

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Plymouth Realtor Tony Schippa recently had clients for whom he was the buyer's agent. They saw a home that went on the market in the early morning. "Within 24 hours, there were four offers," said Schippa, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred.

"We have a shortage of inventory," said Plymouth resident Schippa, noting those clients didn't get the home and it was the second one they'd been beat out on. Now in the local market, in two-three days for a desirable property there are multiple showings and offers.

"I think you have the economy improving," he said. People who are underwater on a mortgage can now come out ahead "or can at least break even on the homes." Refinancing's an option, and with interest rates climbing some pursue that.

"You still have an incredible interest rate," said Schippa, noting it's about 4 percent. "I think interest rates are going to continue to climb." That makes it more difficult to qualify for a mortgage, said Schippa, a past president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors.

"So we are seeing lots of improvement." He recently sold a condo to a couple, first-time buyers, who came out paying less than they had for rent. "From start to finish was less than 30 days," he said of that couple's purchase.

Some sellers now bring money "to protect their credit and get the deal done," Schippa said. "We're starting to see an increase in people moving to Michigan for work." He's seen customers in the medical and automotive fields moving here.

Schippa, in the field 12 years, said, "You do have to get off the stick. You have to have your ducks in a row." He even saw a price reduction in less than 10 days for a local home on the market.

"It's just a good time for people to get out there," he concluded.

Agreeing is Gary Reggish, also a past GMAR president and broker-owner of Remerica United Realty of Novi.

"The market has been awesome," said Livonia resident Reggish, also a board member for the Michigan Association of Realtors and its treasurer-elect, as well as a board member for the National Association of Realtors and vice chair of the Major Investor Council Realtor Political Action Committee/NAR. "Things have definitely shifted. You definitely have to move quickly."

"Sellers, get out and sell," Reggish said. "Right now, it's a seller's market. You will generate multiple offers if your house is in decent condition. Houses are flying off the market."

He sees homes selling well above asking price, and some buyers will pay the difference between the appraisal and the agreed upon price.

Reggish cites an improved economy, low interest rates and available homes. "We have a shortage of inventory, so supply is down," he said.

The buyer no longer has an upper hand. "It is no different than picking a number on a roulette wheel," he said of today's buyer. "A buyer has to come in strong."



Reggish has seen more Michigan relocations in the last six months than combined in the last six years. "It has been a real mix of relocation buyers," he said, including auto and related industries, and even energy companies.

The National Association of Realtors also reports encouraging news on home sales nationwide.

Existing-home sales improved in May and remain solidly above a year ago, while the median price continued to rise by double-digit rates from a year earlier, according to the NAR.

Total existing-home sales, which are completed transactions that include single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops, rose 4.2 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.18 million in May from 4.97 million in April, and is 12.9 percent above the 4.59 million-unit pace in May 2012.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said the recovery is strengthening and to expect limited housing supplies for the balance of the year in much of the country. "The housing numbers are overwhelmingly positive. However, the number of available homes is unlikely to grow, despite a nice gain in May, unless new home construction ramps up quickly by an additional 50 percent," he said in a statement. "The home price growth is too fast, and only additional supply from new home building can moderate future price growth."

Existing-home sales are at the highest level since November 2009 when the market jumped to 5.44 million as buyers took advantage of tax stimulus. Sales have stayed above year-ago levels for 23 months, while the national median price shows 15 consecutive months of year-over-year increases.

Total housing inventory at the end of May rose 3.3 percent to 2.22 million existing homes available for sale, which represents a 5.1-month supply at the current sales pace, down from 5.2 months in April. Listed inventory is 10.1 percent below a year ago, when there was a 6.5-month supply.

The national median existing-home price for all housing types was \$208,000 in May, up 15.4 percent from May 2012. This marks six straight months of double-digit increases and is the strongest price gain since October 2005, which jumped a record 16.6 percent from a year earlier. The last time there were 15 consecutive months of year-over-year price increases was from March 2005 to May 2006.

Distressed homes - foreclosures and short sales - accounted for 18 percent of May sales, unchanged

from April, but matching the lowest share since monthly tracking began in October 2008; they were 25 percent in May 2012. Fewer distressed homes, which generally sell at a discount, account for some of the price gain.

Eleven percent of May sales were foreclosures, and 7 percent were short sales. Foreclosures sold for an average discount of 15 percent below market value in May, while short sales were discounted 12 percent.

According to Freddie Mac, the national average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage rose to 3.54 percent in May from 3.45 percent in April; it was 3.80 percent in May 2012.

The median time on market for all homes was 41 days in May, down from 46 days in April, and is 43 percent faster than the 72 days on market in May 2012. Short sales were on the market for a median of 79 days, while foreclosures typically sold in 43 days and non-distressed homes took 39 days.

Forty-five percent of all homes sold in May were on the market for less than a month. The median time on the market is the shortest since monthly tracking began in May 2011; on an annual basis, a separate NAR survey of home buyers and sellers shows the shortest selling time was 4 weeks in both 2004 and 2005.

First-time buyers accounted for 28 percent of purchases in May, compared with 29 percent in April and 34 percent in May 2012.

All-cash sales were at 33 percent of transactions in May, up from 32 percent in April and 28 percent in May 2012. Individual investors, who account for many cash sales, purchased 18 percent of homes in May; they were 19 percent in April and 17 percent in May 2012.

Single-family home sales rose 5.0 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.60 million in May from 4.38 million in April, and are 12.7 percent higher than the 4.08 million-unit pace in May 2012. The median existing single-family home price was \$208,700 in May, up 15.8 percent above a year ago, the strongest increase since October 2005 when it jumped 16.9 percent from a year earlier.

Existing condominium and co-op sales slipped 1.7 percent to an annualized rate of 580,000 units in May from 590,000 in April, but are 13.7 percent above the 510,000-unit level a year ago. The median existing condo price was \$202,100 in May, which is 11.8 percent above May 2012.

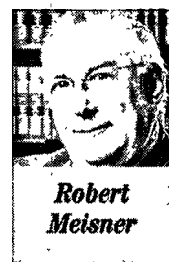
Regionally, existing-home sales in the Northeast rose 1.6 percent to an annual rate of 650,000 in May and are 8.3 percent above May 2012. The median price in the Northeast was \$269,600, up 12.3 percent from a year ago. Sales in the Midwest jumped 8.0 percent in May to a pace of 1.21 million, and are 16.3 percent higher than a year ago. The median Midwest price was \$159,800, up 8.2 percent from May 2012.

In the South, existing-home sales rose 4.0 percent to an annual level of 2.09 million in May and are 16.1 percent above May 2012. The median price in the South was \$183,300, which is 15.0 percent above a year ago.

"It's nice to see it coming back with a vengeance," Remerica United Realty's Reggish said.

## Owner may have cause on tree damage suit

**Q: I own a commercial building and there are branches from a large tree located on adjoining land which hang onto my property. I tried to cut the branches back, but the encroaching branches caused water and ice dams to build up and damage my roofs, walls, and fascia on my building. I have contacted the adjoining land owner who refused to pay for the damage. Do I have any cause of action?**



Robert Meisner

**A: You may.** In a recent decision out of North Dakota, the court recognized that there was a split between the various approaches to resolve the problem. Traditionally, the courts used the "Massachusetts Rule," in which the adjoining land owner is not liable for damages and the neighbor is limited to the sole remedy of self-help in the form of cutting back the offending roots or branches at his own expense. However, the Supreme Court of North Dakota recognized that the Massachusetts Rule is outdated and that a growing number of states have adopted the Hawaii approach. Under the Hawaii Rule, the owner of the tree is liable for harm caused and the harmed neighbor has the right of self-help at the tree owner's expense, if owner fails to fix the problem. In the North Dakota case, the court endorsed the Hawaii Rule as striking the best balance between the land owners — permitting one to grow and nurture trees, but imposing a correlative duty to ensure against harm to the neighbors. It is also stringent enough, the court said, to discourage trivial suits and places the expense of self-help on the party necessitating it. It does not appear that the Michigan appellate courts have specifically addressed this issue. So whether or not you wish to take legal action should be explored with a competent real estate attorney.

**Q: I recently read an article about emotional support dogs being an exception to a "no pet" rule in a condominium. What can you say about that?**

**A: The emotional support animal is the new thing in attempting to get around the no pet restriction.** Indeed, an attorney in Florida recently conducted a seminar on how to deal with requests for emotional support animals in which approximately 50 property managers attended. Emotional support dogs are not to be confused with service dogs such as seeing-eye canines, which are defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and would clearly be an exception to the no pet rule under the Fair Housing Act. Emotional support dogs may also be protected under the Fair Housing Act, although that needs to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and was intended for those individuals experiencing genuine emotional or mental problems. In any event, you should consult with your attorney as to whether or not you have a basis to get a dog.

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**BINGHAM FARMS**

23060 Britner Ct \$305,000  
30755 Ivy Glen Ct \$285,000

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159 Baldwin Rd \$495,000  
883 Knox St \$800,000  
440 Westchester Way \$1,400,000

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4035 Antique Ln \$301,000  
1565 Kirkway Rd \$410,000  
4774 Crestview Ct \$318,000

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**

766 Briar Hill Ln \$325,000

7407 Cathedral Dr \$275,000  
1735 Heron Ridge Dr \$1,343,000  
1885 Hunters Ridge Dr \$240,000  
1157 Ivyglen Cir \$250,000  
507 Overbrook Rd \$400,000  
850 Trailwood Path # C \$88,000  
1680 W Long Lake Rd \$543,000  
**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP**  
3125 Belle Terre \$40,000  
5690 Pickbourne St \$20,000  
4735 White Tail Ct \$194,000  
**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
25137 Castlereigh Dr \$170,000  
25717 Lynford St \$185,000  
21281 Randall St \$49,000  
35248 White Pine Trl \$220,000  
**FRANKLIN**  
24455 Tudor Ln \$153,000

**MILFORD**  
1800 N Milford Rd \$285,000  
2300 W Commerce Rd \$65,000  
**NORTHVILLE**  
990 McDonald Dr \$550,000  
**NOVI**  
50545 Billelca Dr \$591,000  
50561 Billelca Dr \$515,000  
25152 Birchwoods Dr \$224,000  
28393 Carlton Way Dr \$154,000  
27631 Harrington Way \$286,000  
28039 Hopkins Dr \$142,000  
41796 Independence Dr \$140,000  
51171 Luke Ln \$325,000  
44419 Midway Dr \$315,000  
22843 Renford St \$75,000  
**SOUTH LYON**  
22122 Brookfield \$181,000  
470 Cambridge Ave \$139,000

23891 Copperwood Dr E \$50,000  
52171 Copperwood Dr S \$389,000  
23325 Country Club Dr \$140,000  
24219 Martindale Rd \$168,000  
23224 N Dixboro Rd \$29,000  
61091 Palomino Ct \$321,000  
**SOUTHFIELD**  
20906 Greenview Rd \$48,000  
20240 Harbor Ct \$92,000  
27856 Inkster Rd \$77,000  
23800 Maplebridge Dr \$88,000  
19131 Middlesex Ave \$127,000  
20100 Rodeo Ct \$75,000  
20750 Wayland St \$79,000  
29350 Willowick Ct \$133,000  
**WHITE LAKE**  
8644 Sharon Dr \$195,000

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2481 Cabot St \$135,000  
7348 Green Meadow Ln \$170,000  
7551 Green Meadow Ln \$166,000  
44754 Hanford Rd \$145,000  
1495 Morrison Blvd \$133,000  
1411 Oakview Dr \$175,000  
2066 Preserve Cir W \$159,000  
3775 Shepherd Ln \$180,000  
4053 Sherwood Cir \$150,000

**GARDEN CITY**

646 Belton St \$46,000  
32455 Brown St \$118,000  
31530 Dover St \$94,000  
6874 Helen St \$64,000  
**LIVONIA**  
9835 Berwick St \$173,000  
20238 Brentwood St \$100,000  
16845 Canterbury St \$209,000  
30849 Dalhay St \$105,000  
14060 Denne St \$109,000  
38114 Donald St \$166,000  
14871 Fairway St \$140,000  
34660 Fargo St \$206,000  
11712 Farmington Rd \$89,000  
29625 Jacquelyn Dr \$152,000  
9961 Merriman Rd \$81,000  
8839 Nebraska St \$115,000

15548 Penn Dr \$225,000  
16504 Riverside St \$150,000  
34701 Standish St \$150,000  
11200 Stark Rd \$115,000  
38801 Summers St \$90,000  
34257 Wadsworth St \$53,000  
**NORTHVILLE**  
44475 Broadmoor Blvd \$345,000  
16385 Highland Ln \$495,000  
715 Randolph St \$97,000  
49625 S Glacier \$325,000  
17159 Tall Pines Ct \$427,000  
**PLYMOUTH**  
40598 Newport Dr \$67,000  
11599 Red Maple Dr \$300,000  
**REDFORD**  
15048 Beech Daly Rd \$23,000  
20419 Fox \$37,000

**WESTLAND**

32983 Audreys Way \$210,000  
34117 Aztec Dr \$70,000  
30767 Bennington St \$30,000  
34512 Blackfoot St \$100,000  
36255 Canyon Dr \$64,000  
2204 Ellsworth St \$25,000  
32330 Grandview Ave \$73,000  
8226 Huntington St \$12,000  
32831 Joy Rd \$43,000  
1252 Michael Dr \$127,000  
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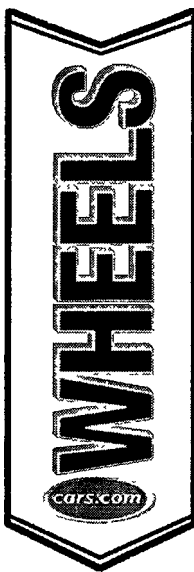
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