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# Voters to be asked to OK 7 mills

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Staff Writer

Despite reservations of some council members, Wayne voters will be asked to approve establishing a separate retirement system for police and firefighters along with 7-mill levy for 10 years to fund the

program. The council had earlier voted to have the city attorney draft the language for the necessary ballot proposals, including a city charter amendment to establish the 345 retirement plan, and submit them for the required Michigan Attorney General

approval. After making a motion to approve the resolution placing the questions on the Nov. 5 ballot, Councilman Albert Damitio questioned the potential for the 7 mills being approved by voters. "Does anyone on the council think this can pass? I'd suggest

5 mills for five years. That would not solve our financial problems, we would still need to make cuts," said Damitio. If approved, the 7 mills would be expected to generate approximately \$1.9 million in 2014. The plan is that the millage would help the city's strapped general fund by cov-

ering the police and firefighter retirement costs, currently paid for by the general fund. A \$1.4 million to \$2 million budget deficit is being projected; the council is currently looking at how to deal with that shortfall.

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## Woman receives probation in fatal accident

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Staff Writer

An Inkster woman has been sentenced to 18 months probation for failing to stop at the scene of an accident that killed a Westland mother.



Gruden  
 Shannon Marie Gruden, 30, had entered a guilty plea to the 15-year felony. She was charged with fleeing after running over and killing Amanda Hall, 25, in a March 21 incident on Manistee Court in Norwayne.

Gruden was sentenced to probation by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Michael Hathaway.

Originally, Gruden faced two additional felonies including second-degree murder which carries a sentence of up to life in prison.

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

Testimony in the case recounted a simmering dispute between Gruden and her sisters, their friend and Hall and her sister. Several of the

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## Wayne, Westland open cooling centers

With extreme heat projected for much of the week, Westland and Wayne residents are being offered cooling centers.

Westland has opened several cooling centers around the city through Friday, July 19. Bottled water will be provided to help keep residents cool. Below is a listing of the location with their address and the hours the cooling centers will be open.

» Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

» Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

» William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Wayne has also opened a cooling center.

» Wayne Recreation Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Friday.

This information can be found on the Westland's government access channel, WLND and has also been posted on the city website at [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com), with maps and directions to the facilities. There is also a link to the Michigan Department of Community Health for more information on hyperthermia, a heat related illness.

If residents experience a heat related issue and require assistance, contact the Wayne-Westland Fire Department at 734-467-3201.

# Buster cleans up in Norwayne



Christina Wurm and son Buster are cleaning up their Norwayne neighborhood one bag each week. STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Staff Writer

Christina Wurm and her son, Buster, were living nearby in a Wayne apartment before moving into a new home in Norwayne earlier this year.

It wasn't a large distance to move but differences in the neighborhood were immediately apparent.

"When we got the house, it was culture shock. Where we came from in Wayne, there was no trash on the street and the parks were kept up," said Wurm. "He (Buster) got upset. We decided once we were in here, if we didn't

like how it looks, we should clean it up." That's how Buster, 8, came up with his goal to fill one trash bag a week with litter from the neighborhood near their home on Cascade Court.

Accompanied by his mom, the Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School third-grader has picked up litter on his street, go along Centerville and Grand Traverse, then over to Cayley Park East.

### Feels good

"It was for Earth Day (the first time). It kind of made me feel kind of good," said Buster, whose slogan is "Clean your street, one bag a week."

The Wurms were joined for a cleanup by members of Buster's Cub Scout pack based at St. Michael's Lutheran Church - Christina is co-leader of Buster's den. Then Buster extended a challenge to members of his pack at their moving up ceremony - see who can pick up the most litter before they meet again in the fall.

"When we get back together, I'm making two trophies and two ribbons for first- through fourth-place," said Buster, who was designing the awards himself, using recycled materials.

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Wearing their blue T-shirts, Friends volunteers join the owners in a celebratory pose in front of the home they painted last year.

# People Helping People

Looking good: Wayne's Friends project spruces up residents' homes

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Long before Ty Pennington began providing home improvements for less fortunate families, there was the City of Wayne's Friends Project - People Helping People.

Started in 1998, volunteers spend one Saturday in September each year, painting and doing minor repairs on a preselected home in the community.

"We take nominations, divided the city up in areas and look at the houses," said Friends chairman Ed McMurray. "We're looking for a house that's not vacant, needs some TLC and is owner-occupied. We pick a home in need of paint that the owner is unable to perform the job themselves."

"Age isn't a requirement, but 80 percent of the people we have helped are seniors," he added.

In addition to McMurray,

the Friends Committee includes City Manager Robert English, Community Development Director Peter McNerney, City Councilman Albert Damitio, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Juan Bradford and residents Steve Davidson and Bill Copland.

### Nominations

The committee is accepting nominations now through the end of the month. A home can be nominated by the owner, neighbors or friends. Once committee members have looked at each nomination, they will select three, and then interview the first homeowner. If that person declines, they will interview the second homeowner. According to McMurray, they've yet to go to the third person.

"Surprisingly, we have been turned down," said McMurray. "I've learned how to approach people

and make them feel comfortable. They're pleasantly surprised when we're done."

Once the home has been selected, the preparation work begins. According to McMurray, it takes four-five days of work - pulling weeds, trimming bushes and scraping paint. Because it's a city project, city equipment and court community service workers can be used.

"Preparation is the key word, that and good quality paint and good willing workers," said McMurray. "We've refined the process over the years. One thing we try to do is not be messy. When we leave, we want them to be happy and have a smile on their face."

The volunteers donate six hours of their time. On the work day - this year the date is Sept. 14 and Sept. 21, if it rains. They gather at the Wayne Activity and Ban-

quet Center at Sims and Wayne Road at 8:30 a.m. for a continental breakfast, then leave for the work site at 9:15 a.m. Friends won't say who is being helped until the work is done, and the group doesn't divulge the address, McMurray said.

### Donations

The repairs can cost up to \$3,000, but generally are between \$2,000 and \$2,500. McMurray said 20-30 businesses and private citizens donate every year. Those who donate at least \$50 get their names on T-shirts that the volunteers wear.

Volunteers also are needed, and groups are welcome, however, there needs to be one adult to supervise every five children.

McMurray had worked with Paint the Town with the UAW. After retiring, he approached then-City Manager John Zech about doing a similar project in the city. According to McMurray, Zech said



Wayne Mayor Al Haidous got the job of edging the grass at last's Friends work day.

"Let's do it" and called some department heads. They came up with the name and until the federal government change requirements, Community Development Block grant money was used. Now, the group relies on donations.

People who want to help the project financially can send donations to the attention of Community Development Director Peter McNerney at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184. Checks

should be made payable to the City of Wayne with a notation of Friends Project on the memo line.

Nominations also can be dropped off in the Community Development Department at Wayne City Hall. For more information, call 734-722-2002.

"It's a good project," McMurray said. "We have people who have been coming out every year for 15 years."

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## Wayne County among 12 'Best To Invest' sites

Wayne County has been selected among the 12 "Best To Invest" locations by *Site Selection* magazine, thanks to the work of its Economic and Growth Development Engine organization, also known as EDGE.

"Our economic development work is now getting national recognition," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "Over the past four½ years, 36 percent of private investment across the State of Michigan occurred in Wayne County and 23 percent of new job creation statewide occurred in the county during the same time period. Our EDGE organization will continue to look for opportunities for companies and businesses to locate in Wayne County."

In its May 2013 edition, *Site Selection* magazine recognized the county for a number of highlights including:

- 10,582 new jobs and \$2.2 billion in capital investment in Detroit.
- Sizable investments being made by Ford, Brose, Quicken Loans and a host of entrepreneurial startups.

Rankings are based on a community's growth in new facilities, capital investment and job creation. *Site Selection* magazine uses a sophisti-

cated state of the art software program in analyzing investment success from around the country and ranks those organizations who are the highest achievers.

Under the leadership of Ray Byers, a former Ford executive, EDGE continues to support the county executive's economic development vision, despite staffing reductions and the county's ongoing fiscal challenges.

"We have a number of tools at our disposal to help business leaders when it comes to deciding on Wayne County," said Byers. "In one instance, our site development assistance, global connectivity and strong incentive package helped GE choose Wayne County for its Advanced Manufacturing Technology and Software Center."

"We also participate in work force training initiatives so that companies can be assured that workers in the Detroit region are current and ready for the jobs of today and tomorrow," Byers added.

For more information on economic development opportunities in Wayne County through EDGE, go to the county website at [www.waynecounty.com](http://www.waynecounty.com).



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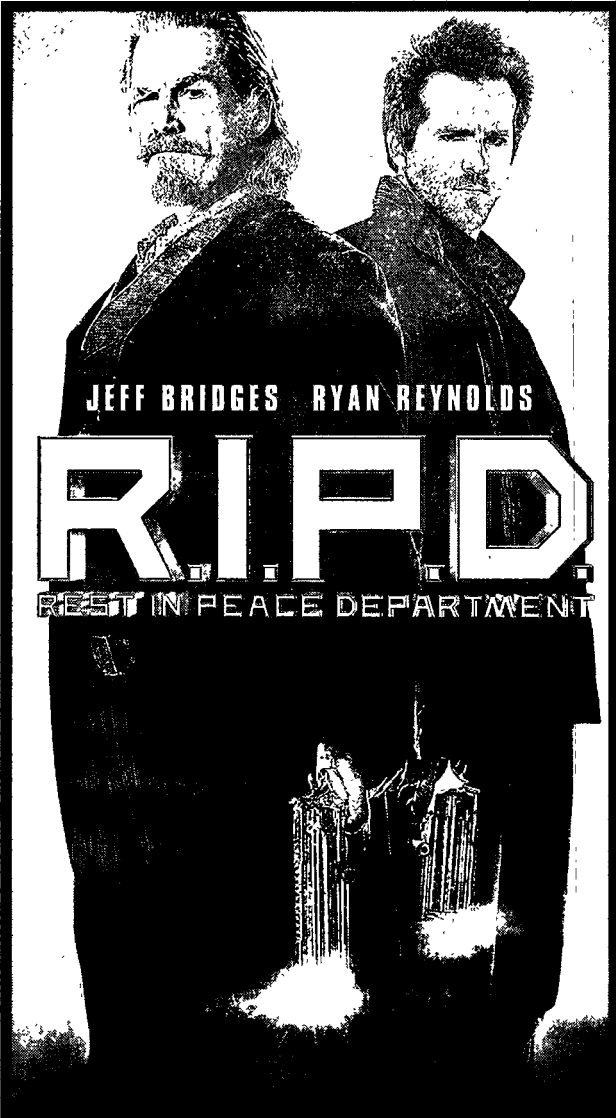
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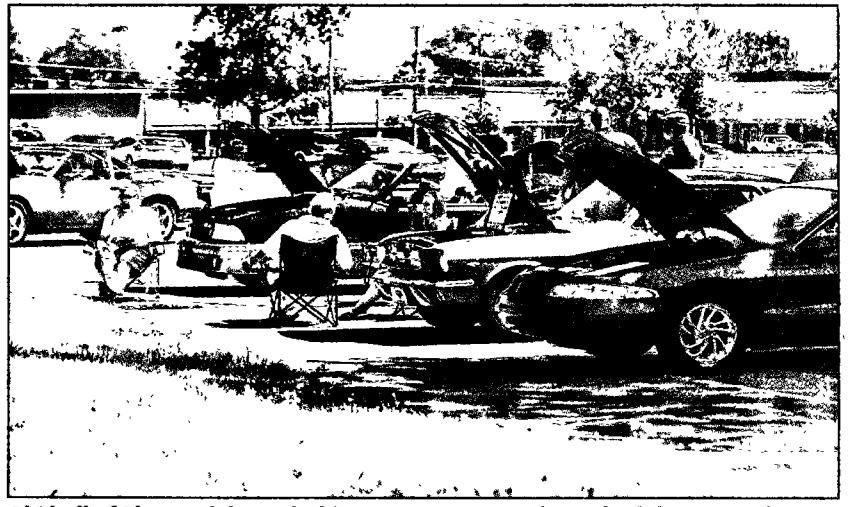
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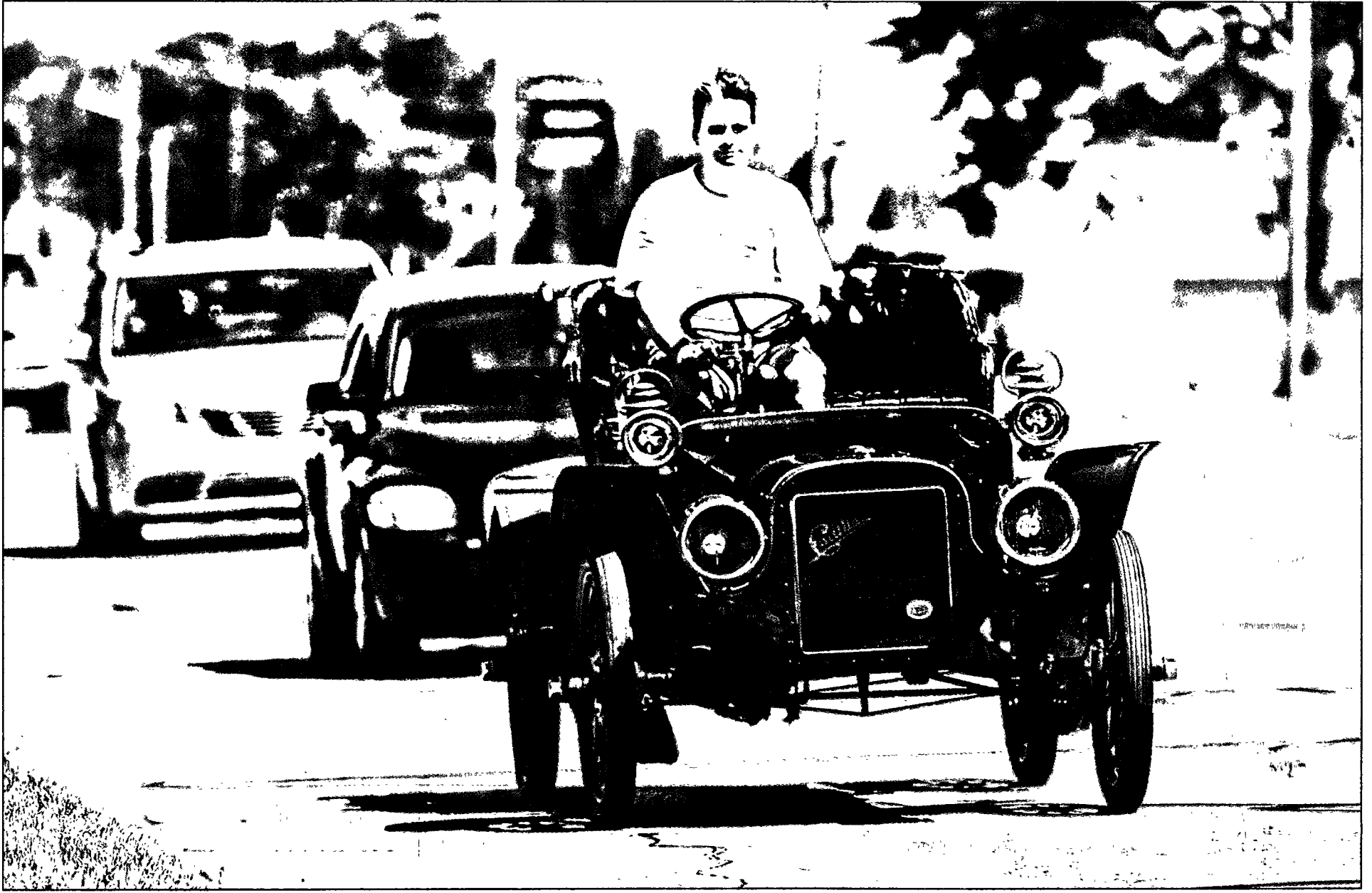


Steven Hodor of Westland wipes down his 1968 Mustang at the Westland Historic Village Park.



Al Bitell of Plymouth brought his 1992 Mustang and watched the cars go by on Wayne Road.

# CRUISIN'



John Grace of Westland drove his 1907 Cadillac Model K down Wayne Road. PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## ON THE ROAD AGAIN: CRUISES ARE A BIG HIT IN WESTLAND, WAYNE

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

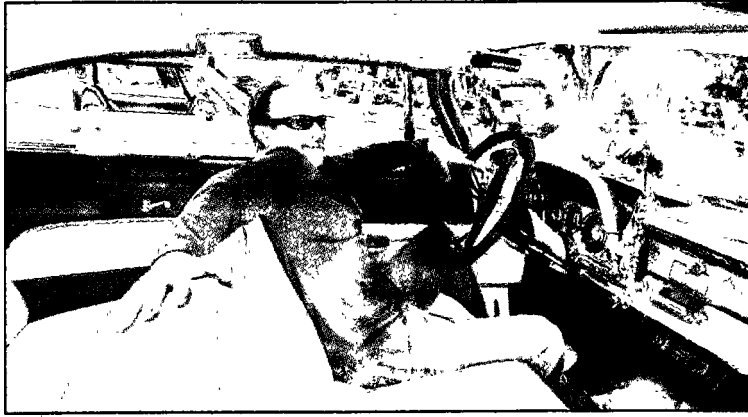
If you have a cruise, the car buffs will come.

Organizers of two local cruises held Saturday in Westland and Wayne are already looking ahead to next year's event.

It was the first year for the All-American Cruise along Wayne Road in Westland, the sixth year for the reorganized Cruisin' U.S. 12 in Wayne.

"It went phenomenal - I was very, very happy," said All-American Cruise organizer Don Nicholson. "I had 10,000 All-American Cruise mini street signs and passed out 9,000 of them. I have no clue how many cars came and went."

Businesses along Wayne Road sponsored activities and hosted car owners and spectators. WOMC 104.3 radio broadcast for several hours from the



Westland resident Rick Caruso in his 1959 Dodge Royal.

McDonald's parking lot at Wayne and Warren roads during the cruise.

Traffic at the Westland Historic Village, which was offering free parking for vehicles of pre-1967 vintage, was busy until after 6 p.m., said Nicholson, who has started making plans for the 2014 All-

thing that surprised me was that I thought the cruisers would congregate at the mall (Westland Shopping Center) but they were more around Palmer and Glenwood."

Further south in Wayne, the focus for the cruise was Michigan Avenue.

"It went fantastic. We had a great turnout, no problems. We had very positive comments," said John Goci, U.S. 12 Bar and Grill owner and an organizer of this year's cruise. "We had a lot of businesses who didn't participate already contact me about participating next year."

People are already coming up with ideas for next year, he said. This year featured a zombie party and the first sellout at the State Wayne Theater for a showing of the *Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

"Next year, at U.S. 12 we hope to have a national artist for a free concert," said Goci, who credited good marketing

and media coverage with letting people know the reorganized cruise was going forward.

Along with the Westland Blues, Brews and Barbecue in September, Wild said he hopes the All-American Cruise will be a nice addition to family events offered in the city.

"If we could hook up Westland and Wayne (cruises) I think we would have a better event," said Wild. "I have never seen so many classic cars in Westland and Wayne in one day."

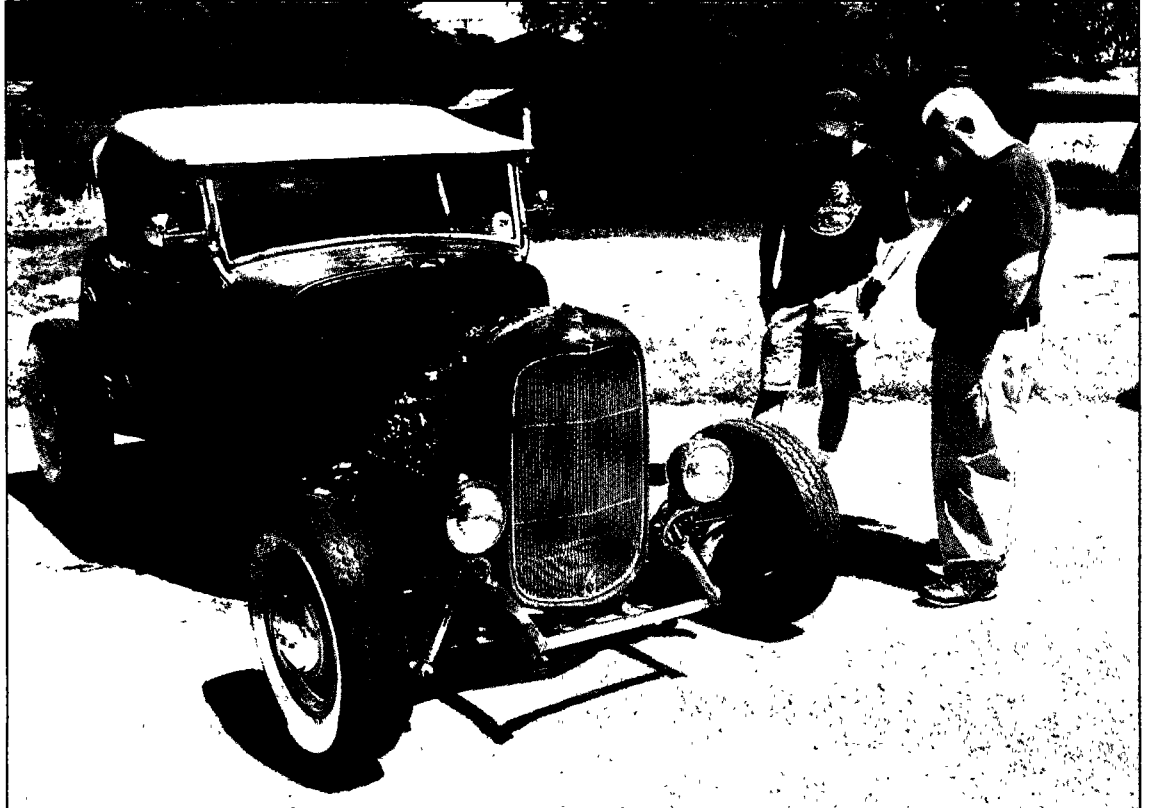
In a change from last year, the third Blues, Brews and Barbecue will be a Friday evening and all-day Saturday event scheduled for Sept. 20-21. The event is held on the Westland City Hall grounds.

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Redford resident Jim Krupar enjoyed a hot dog while watching the cars go by on Wayne Road.

Mike and John Arps from Canada check out a 1932 Ford at the Westland Historic Village Park.



# Plymouth welcomes back Concours

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

It was hot Tuesday on the grounds of the Inn at St. John's, where organizers of the Concours d'Elegance were staging the press preview day for the 35th annual car show, set for the end of the month.

The temperatures were appropriate for car enthusiasts, who believe the field of some 275 cars will make it one of the hottest shows of its kind in the world.

The show this year includes vintage NASCAR cars, what organizers called "a special array" of 1963 Corvettes and about 20 Porsche 911s (celebrating the car's 50th anniversary). The event is scheduled for Sunday, July 28.

"We also have our super cars, which are modern sports cars that you could actually buy if you had the money," Concours d'Elegance executive director James McCarter said, smiling. "It's going to be a wonderful show."

One of the most prestigious showings of classic, rare and magnificent automobiles in the world, Concours will be spread out over the historic St. John's grounds. In addition, there are numerous associated events Thursday, Friday and Saturday leading up to the grand presentation on Concours Sunday.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the township is happy to host the Concours d'Elegance and that all parties benefit from the partnership.

"Anytime you can attract an international event of this stature to your community, it provides positive vibes," Reaume said. "It's a huge positive in terms of exposure locally, nationally and even internationally."

Organizers said the event also features a range of innovative, one-of-a-kind automobiles that includes everything from the first electric cars to the exotic cars that ran in the Great Race, jet-age convertibles, vintage NASCAR autos, Detroit iron including early Lincolns, Cadillacs, Chryslers and Packards and Indianapolis iron including breath-taking Duesenbergs, Stutzes and Marmons, as well as a rare 1934 aerodynamic Pierce Silver Arrow.

Jack Beatty owns one of the electric cars that was on display Tuesday (he owns a second one and will have at least one in the show July 28). It's a 1916 Model 60 factory rebuilt in 1928. It will be part of what Beatty called "a special circle of electrics, past present and future."

"I've always been interested in all things electric," said Beatty, an Ann Arbor resident. "Most people aren't aware there were actually more electric cars than gas cars back in the 'teens. (But) when they invented the electric starter for the gas cars, it put a whole new dimension to the gas engine and the gas engine never looked back."

Mike Welch of Birmingham drove his 1967 Ferrari to the preview and he'll be back for the show. Welch, who sold a 1967 Corvette to acquire the Ferrari, said he looks forward to bringing his car to the invitation-only show.

"I'm a big muscle car guy, but even muscle car guys know there's really nothing quite like a Ferrari," said Welch, who pointed out his car is one of only 99 total cars made. "It's considered to be one of the best-driving Ferraris of its time."

Another part of the show is the "Mode du Concours" fashion show that will feature models dressed in period garments that match vintage cars.

## CAR EXTRAVAGANZA

**What:** 35th annual Concours d'Elegance of America

**Where:** The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, in Plymouth

**When:** Sunday, July 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Cost:** General admission, \$25 (includes free parking, shuttle and program book); children 12 years and under are free with paid adult admission.

**Contact:** For information, call 248-643-8645 or go to [www.concoursusa.org](http://www.concoursusa.org).

*"We also have our super cars, which are modern sports cars that you could actually buy."*

**JAMES MCCARTER**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The models all come from Franklin-based Productions Plus, the Talent Shop, whose president, Margery Krevsky, is proud to say the models "are all gear-heads."

"They can talk cars, they can talk car engines and they can talk automotive history," said Krevsky, author of the book *Sirens of Chrome*. "Every fashion model (in the show) has stood beside a car at the auto show through time. The models roll out with the cars and we talk about how that fashion relates to automotive history."

Related events are featured in the days leading up to the show, including:

» Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Celebration, Thursday, July 25, Automotive Hall of Fame induction and awards dinner. Call 313-240-4000 for more information.

» RM Auctions-Preview, St. John's Grande Ballroom Parking Lot, Friday, July 26, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

» Motoring Tour, Friday, July 26, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

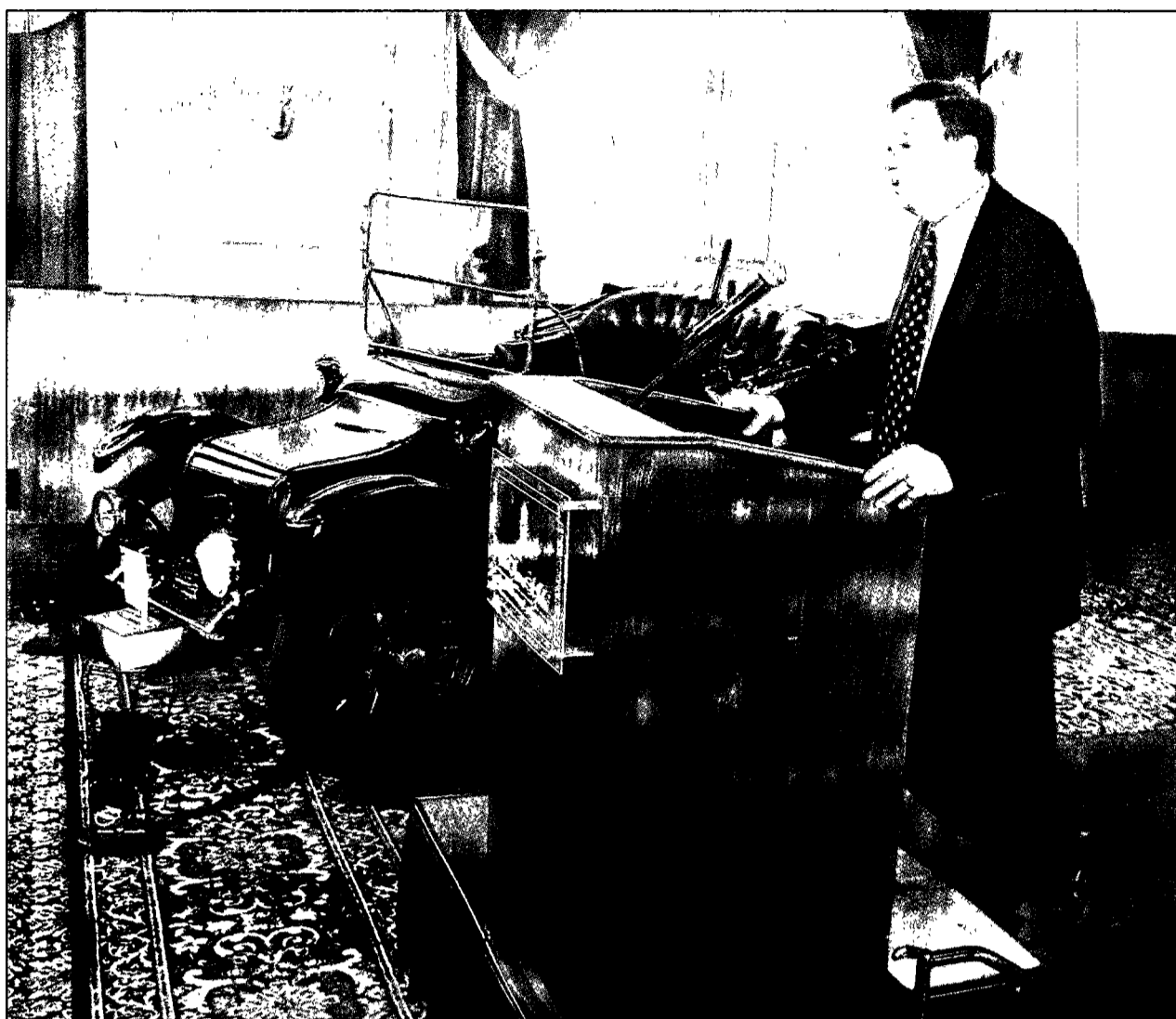
» Downtown Plymouth's Friday Night Music in the Air, Friday, July 26, 7-10 p.m. Cost: Free

» City of Northville Concours Preview Party, Saturday, July 27, 3-9 p.m. Cost: Free

The show has added improved parking and shuttles will be available from downtown Plymouth and downtown Northville, a service McCarter, the executive director of the show, urges people to use.

McCarter also extolled the virtues of the three-year-old relationship between the Concours d'Elegance and the Inn at St. John's.

"St. John's is a partner, they take ownership of the show, so we're not just a tenant, so that's



Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce President Wes Graff welcomes the crowd at the preview event. He shares the spotlight with a 1914 Detroit Electric Roadster, owned by Terence E. Adderley of Troy.



St. John's in Plymouth Township will host the Concours d'Elegance. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The Flying Lady hood ornament is the instantly recognizable symbol of the Rolls Royce motorcar.



Concours d'Elegance will include vehicles of all ages and styles, from recognizable to exotic.

wonderful," McCarter said. "The municipalities, the chambers of commerce, the DDAs, the police ... everyone without exception has been helpful. It's been a wonderful, wonderful move and I suspect we'll be here for a long time."

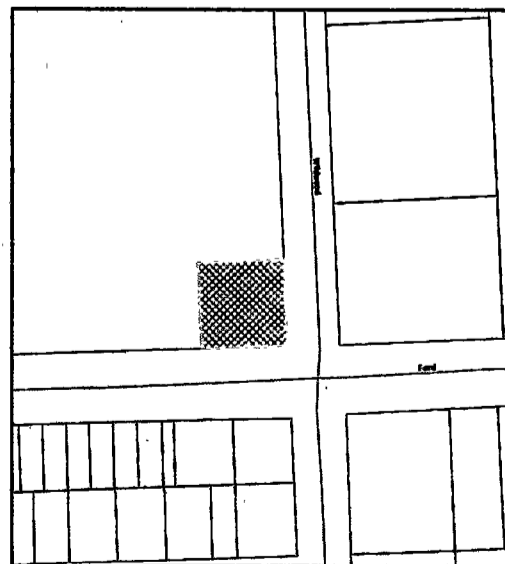
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## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

**Case #1678B, Public Hearing for Proposed Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Tim Horton's Restaurant with Drive-Thru, 34410 Ford Road, Parcel #035-99-0016-000, Northwest Corner of Ford Road and Wildwood Avenue, John Abro, and**

**Case #1678C, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Addition to Commercial Building, 34410 Ford Road, Parcel #035-99-0016-000, Northwest Corner of Ford Road and Wildwood Avenue, John Abro.**



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 7, 2013.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
Westland Planning Commission

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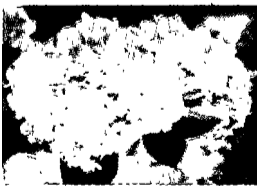
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The State of Michigan is advising unemployed workers to beware of independent businesses that charge a fee to apply for unemployment benefits. "There is only one official agency to apply for unemployment benefits and only one official agency that determines eligibility for benefits - and that's Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA)," said Shaun Thomas, acting director of the UIA. "And, the UIA never charges a fee for filing an unemployment claim in Michigan."

"It's also important to know that these types of companies are not affiliated with the State of Michigan and sharing your information with them could put your privacy and the confidentiality of your claim at risk," Thomas added.

Customers have the option of filing their unemployment benefit claims online at michigan.gov/uiia between 7 a.m. Monday through 7 p.m. Saturday, or by phoning UIA's toll-free claims line 866-500-0017. Phone applications can be filed weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The UIA also issued a warning to customers last year when people reported visiting websites where they were tricked into providing personal and financial information or were charged fees to file

unemployment claims.

The agency urges claimants not to do an Internet search for unemployment benefits or to respond to email offers to file claims. If a site requests credit card information or offers registration for state or federal unemployment benefits or work search services, claimants need to know this did not originate from Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Agency.

For those who are unsure of how to file a claim, or feel they may have reached a site that is not an official State of Michigan site, visit the official Unemployment Insurance Agency website at [www.michigan.gov/uiia](http://www.michigan.gov/uiia).

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## Men's consignment store finds great niche in Royal Oak

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Kelly Pepper didn't even know what the word "consign" meant when he first heard it four years ago.

Pepper, who lives in Westland, had just had gastric bypass surgery that helped him lose 145 pounds, and one of his friends suggested that he sell his now useless clothes to a men's consignment store.

The only problem — he couldn't find one.

"I was really intrigued by the whole concept and started making calls, but there was nothing out there," he said, noting the majority of the places he contacted carried mostly women's clothes and had only a few racks dedicated to men.

One of his calls was to The Emporium in Birmingham, a designer women's consignment store, where he talked to owner Betina Mascari. Mascari urged him to fill the niche, and in 2012



Kelly Pepper, owner of Gentleman's Consignment in Royal Oak.

Pepper opened Gentleman's Consignment in Plymouth.

His stay in Plymouth was short-lived, however, as sales were stagnant.

But that didn't mean Pepper was going to call it quits, and he knew a change of scenery was needed.

He made the move to 623 S. Washington in downtown Royal Oak in mid-February, and sales have been booming since.

"It's amazing the dif-

ference a demographic makes," he said. "The Royal Oak community is just crazy about it."

What makes Pepper's store even more unique is that he only carries high-end clothing and accessories from brands like Giorgio Armani, Brioni, Gucci, Burberry, Prada and more.

He checks out every piece of clothing that comes into the store himself and admits to turning away a lot more

than he accepts. "People will find it to be a really nice, refined experience," he said, adding that customers are only going to find the best items at a fraction of the cost.

Pepper said having the store is fulfilling a dream of his and he hopes to one day open another store that only sells the "best of the best."

"It's the best way to shop and find the best stuff," he said. "There's no place else to go but this store."

Gentlemen's Consignment is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Consigners can drop off five items or fewer during store hours, but appointments are needed for those dropping off more.

Anything Pepper does not keep is donated to the Neighborhood Service Organization.

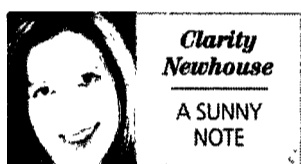
For more information, visit [www.Gentlemen'sConsignment.com](http://www.Gentlemen'sConsignment.com).

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## Aim high: Have goals that make you 'tremble'

Once had the opportunity to attend a seminar hosted by The Yes Network featuring Les Brown, whose words have stuck with me for a long time. Les shared lots of great ideas to help increase our personal and financial success, and here's a simple, powerful one to share with you today: Think bigger.

"Increase your financial goals by at least



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10 times," Les said. "You can do 10 to 100 times more. You have the ability to do more than you can ever imagine. But the only way you can do this is you have to have goals that will make you tremble."

That's right — tremble. He said take a pen and write down the total amount of money you want to make by a certain deadline, such as this year, this lifetime or whatever time frame you have in mind. Now add a zero to the end of the number. Yep — that's the new goal. Is it possible?

Yes it is. The hardest part is believing you can do it. Once you believe it, you can achieve it.

"It's not enough to want something, we have to expect it," said Les. "Want" shows up in conversation. 'Expectation' shows up in preparation, development and what you're willing to invest in yourself. Take personal responsibility for what you want. Nobody else is going to do it for you. You've got to decide to design a life that you deserve."

Believe in yourself — and have a sunny day!

Clarity P.S. "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

Ralph Waldo Emerson 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.joinsunnynotes.com](http://www.joinsunnynotes.com).

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## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### 5 Star gathering

The 5 Star Business Group will meet at the Big Fish Dearborn 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23.

The meeting will be 5-7:30 p.m. at the restaurant, located at 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. Appetizers will be provided with a cash bar.

The 5 Star Business Group is a joint effort between the Dearborn Area, Redford, Wayne and Westland Chambers to offer more opportunities to their members within each chamber. The driving force behind the 5 Star Business Group is power in numbers.

The goal of the 5 Star Business Group is to provide members with networking opportunities with a larger group of people. A larger audience allows for amazing opportunities to exchange ideas and create partnership opportunities with individuals from other areas. The reserve a spot call the Westland Chamber at 734-326-7222 or the Wayne Chamber at 734-721-0100.

### CPR Day

Wayne County Community College District is holding a A Community CPR Day 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, August 9, at its Downriver Campus, 21000 Northline, Taylor.

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), is an emergency procedure performed on people suffering cardiac arrest. The purpose of CPR is to provide a continuous flow of oxygen to the lungs and brain until the person regains consciousness.

The human brain can only survive an average of five minutes without oxygen, after which time permanent damage is done. By performing CPR on a victim, the rescuer is increasing the chances for a full recovery.

The seminar will educate interested participants on administering the lifesaving technique along with identifying the signs of choking and heart attack in accordance with the American Heart Association.

CPR Day is open to the public at no cost. For more information, call 734-946-3500.

Workshops Aug. 19-22 at the main campus in Livonia

Schoolcraft College's Learning Support Services department is offering students and community members free back-to-school workshops in math and science. JumpStart! is a series of workshops offered the week before classes begin for the fall and winter semesters. JS reviews the math topic and study skills that students need to be successful in their upcoming math and science classes. It also serves as a refresher to students wishing to place into higher level courses (up to two levels higher in some cases).

The workshops are designed for advanced high school and college level students. Participants can choose sessions ranging from Math Survival Skills to Graphing Calculator to specific math and science refreshers. This is a fantastic way to get your brain

in "playing shape" for the rigors of the upcoming academic year. For complete workshop descriptions and more information, visit the college's website at [www.schoolcraft.edu/LAC](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/LAC).

### Disney Seminar

Disney Institute professional facilitators will share Disney strategies and philosophies used by its businesses all around the world, and how those key insights have been applied to numerous organizations in the healthcare industry at a Building a Culture of Healthcare Excellence Monday, Sept. 16, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The seminar will teach how to create a sustainable culture of service that can lead to a competitive edge for healthcare organizations. While it isn't the first time this seminar has been offered in Metro Detroit, it will mark the very first time it's being offered to a public audience. Topics include developing your healthcare operational culture, leading a patient-centric experience quality service methodology and engineering a quality experience.

The seminar will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 500 C and D of VisTaTech Center and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. The cost is \$399. Registration is necessary, and space is limited. For more information, call 734-462-4448 or send an email to [CEPD@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:CEPD@schoolcraft.edu).

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.







# RIDING THE RAILS

Canton 'conductor' revels in garden railway

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

One of Greg Franko's favorite things to hear from his wife, Jane, is a request to expand the gorgeous garden the couple has cultivated in their Canton back yard.

That's because Franko, who retired from his job as a Tower Automotive planner three years ago, knows when his wife gets new plants, he gets a new piece for his garden railroad.

Thanks to Jane's love of gardening, Franko, who has loved trains since his dad gave him his first Lionel train in 1957, has built an impressive, nearly-200-foot garden railway that weaves its way among the plants.

"My dad gave me that train; I had it in the basement, and I've had it ever since," Franko said. "I've always liked the larger trains. When the G-scale came out, I thought, 'I have to have that.'"

The couple has lived in their Tyndall Drive home for some 38 years, but the train track is only about 10 years old. It started not long after Greg and Jane were married, when Jane got him the first train for the

railway (which still runs today). The couple set up the track around just one tree in the back yard.

## Bonding time

Over the years, the railway has grown. Franko and his son built much of the backyard, and he and Jane have planted everything in the garden. The 60x120-foot yard is filled with beautiful flowers and plants, and the railway.

Tending the garden, and the railway, is something Franko said he and his wife do together.

"That's our hobby together," he said. "Instead of watching television, we'll come out here and do some planting."

Jane Franko said the railway and the garden help bring "a lot of interest" to the back yard.

"It started as a cottage garden, but as the trees came in, it converted itself to what I call organized chaos," Jane Franko said with a chuckle. "The trains really add something to it."

The railway hobby expanded a few years ago, when Franko read something about the Lakeshore Garden Railway Club on the Internet. He joined the club about three years ago, and is



Greg Franko runs trains in the back yard of his Canton home. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

now getting ready for the eighth annual Garden Railway Open Tour, a seven-home traveling tour of garden railways, mostly in Oakland County.

He likes being part of the crowd because his railway is a "true garden" railway, because it borders and is "built around a garden."

## Kids are fans

The railway also serves as an entertainment venue of sorts for neighbors and friends. Franko recalled a recent request from a neighbor to bring a couple of kids

to see the railway during a graduation party. Franko said he went into the house to get the trains, which he keeps indoors during inclement weather and when they're not being used. When he came out, he said, the yard was full of spectators.

"It's just fun," he said. "The kids just love it, and that's what we do it for."

The railway is also one of the biggest reasons the garden is as large as it is, rather than being just a few flowers and plants here and there.

Jane Franko likes the

way the railway and the garden combine for a pleasing effect.

"I think it brings a lot of interest to the back yard," she said. "Greg has a pretty good eye, and it's a fun hobby. I love my flowers."

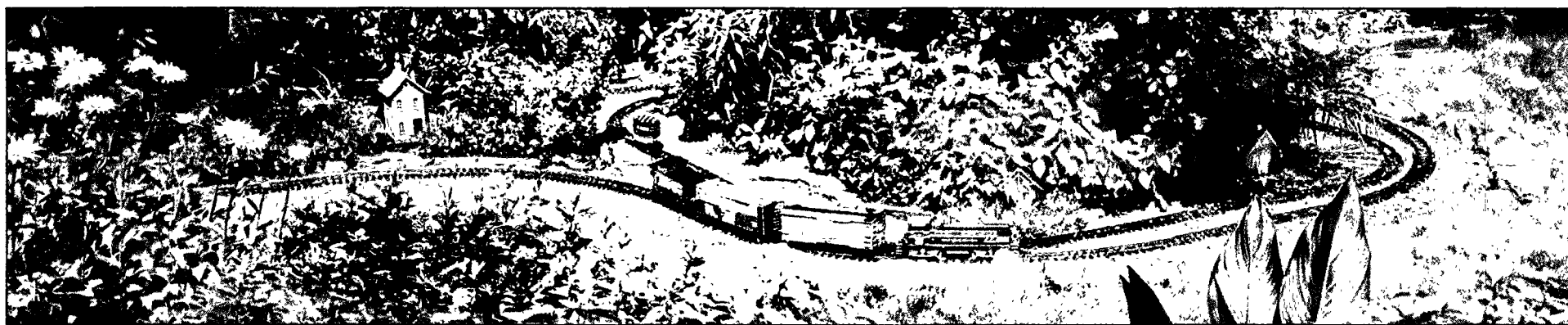
Franko takes advantage of his wife's love of gardening when he can.

"(Jane) gave me one as a Christmas present," Franko said with a smile. "Now, any time she wants more garden, I get more trains."

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There goes the neighborhood. A T-Rex rolls into town aboard Greg Franko's Jurassic Park train.



A view of the train from Greg Franko's deck.

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# ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE

Plymouth art fair delights thousands

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

The 34th annual Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth made history in at least one aspect.

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock, who has been around in one way or another for all of them, said the crowds got so large, particularly for Friday's opening day, that city officials had to do something they've never had to do before: Use a senior bus to supplement the annual shuttle that brings visitors into town.

"We've never had to do that on a Friday," Sincock said. "The crowds were just amazing. It's good for the city, good for business."

Thousands of people passed through downtown Plymouth during the three-day festival, which ended Sunday.

The weather was perfect, with sunny skies and temperatures that weren't soaring. Visitors saw exhibits by about 400 artists and crafters. They jammed Kellogg Park and surrounding streets for three days, browsing the art, talking to artists, stopping in downtown restaurants and soaking up the rays and the atmosphere.

Jen Hackmann of Ann Arbor was there Saturday with twin 10-year-old daughters Jadyn and Jordan. Both girls were taking advantage of the Duck Tape booth, making duct tape jewelry.

"I love coming to the festival because you get to see all kinds of art," Jadyn said. "Plus, I love duct tape."

The fair proved to be more of a boon to 15-year-old Lauren Layden of Plymouth than even she thought it was going to be. Lauren, a student at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard High School, was selling multi-colored shoes she painted herself. She sold so many Friday that she had to stay up late that night to have some inventory for the second



Neal Michaels of Plymouth has a caricature made by Grand Rapids artist Chris LaPorte.

day of the fair.

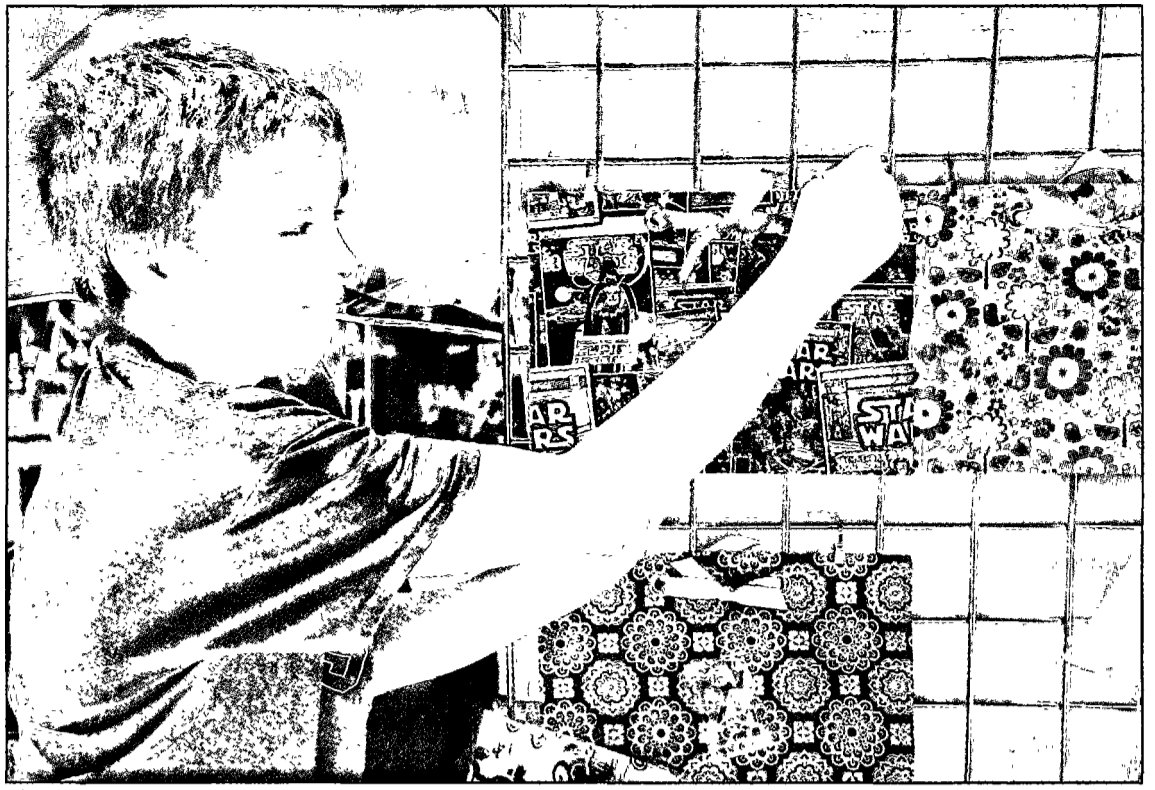
"I thought we'd sell a lot, but I didn't think we'd sell out," Lauren said. "It was exciting. It made me want to keep making them."

Lauren said she saw the idea online and made her own shoes. When she wore them to school (even with the uniform required at Gabriel Richard) and got a lot of positive feedback, the idea started building. Her mom Karen was proud to see her pull it off.

Not everyone was there to sell, though. Kristen Dillenbeck Anderson, an artist whose mother owns D&M Art Studio in Canton, said she was there just for "the enjoyment of the audience."

"There are so many booths here and so many different types of arts and different crafts to see, I'm just trying to give everybody a break and let them watch and enjoy an artist at work," said Anderson, a muralist and body artist who has come to the fair for five years. "I love the crowd. ... Everybody's so excited and very creative. It's a very creative show and I love the audience."

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Thirteen-year-old Nick O'Donohue makes and sells magnetic note boards. This is his second year at Art in The Park. Each board takes him about 30 minutes to complete. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

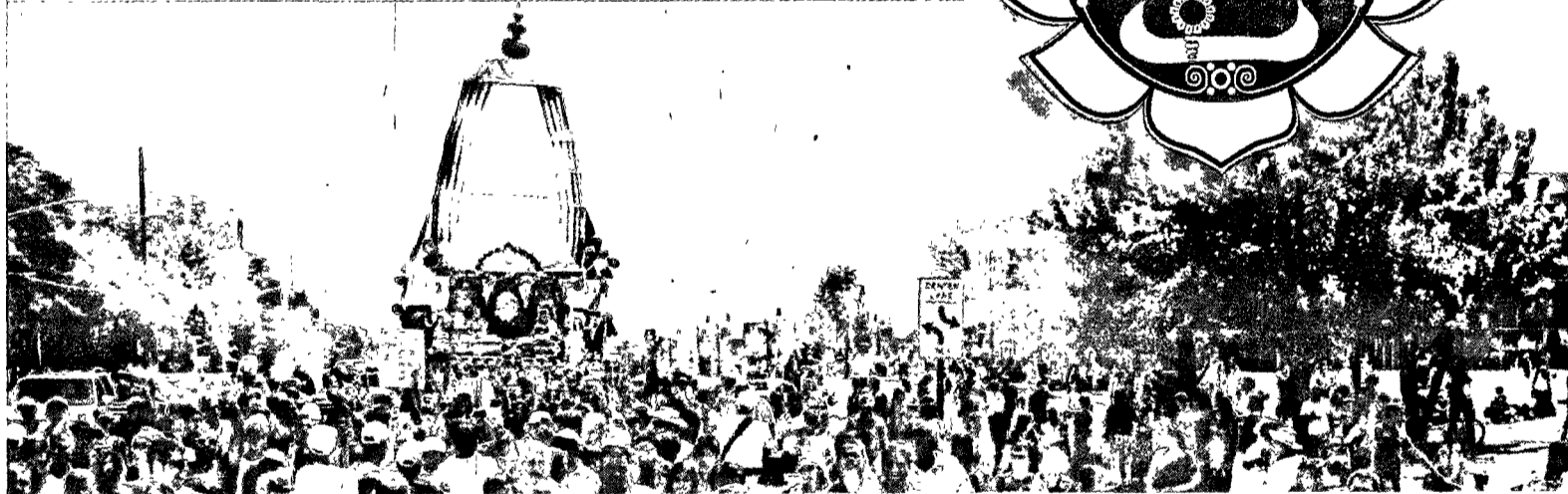


Lauren Branneman of Lansing is the human canvas. Kristen Dillenbeck Anderson, of Brooklyn, N.Y., is the artist. Anderson's mom Sharon owns D&M Art Studio in Canton.

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Plymouth and Canton friends (from left) Tyler Jeleniewski, Adam Powers, Kulraj Sandhu, Erik Wright, Billy Holden, Dan Wanshon and Max Julien sprint through the Tough Mudder's Electroshock Therapy obstacle June 29. The dangling wires packed a jolt of up to 10,000 volts of electricity. TERRY JELENIEWSKI

## Hole-in-one

Suzanne Riggs of Livonia used an 8-iron to ace the 120-yard (from the women's tee) seventh hole at St. Johns Golf Course in Plymouth on June 26.

It was the second hole-in-one for Riggs, who also aced the 13th hole at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford six years ago.

Riggs' latest feat occurred while playing a regular round in the Golf Fun-Addicts League, and it was witnessed by fellow league members Sue Hostetter and Sandy Brincat.

When she hit the tee shot, Riggs said she had no idea the ball would end up in the cup.

## Wrestling in Westland

The Midwest Pro Wrestling Alliance will host its Collision card beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 28, at Romanowski VFW Post No. 6896, 28945 Joy Rd., Westland.

Doors open at 2 p.m. and the event is free for all ages.

The MPWA Collision card, which will be filmed and later edited on WMYD My TV 20, features Rick "The Righteous Maker" Baker, "Prime-time" Tommy Johnson, Rik Thorton, Titus, Jerome "Do It" Pruitt and many more.

Local rockabilly punk band The Devil Elvis will perform throughout the card. Concessions will be available.

The MPWA will also host a training seminar before event at 9 a.m.

Promoter Brian Shotwell and former TNA star and MPWA champion Rucj Baker will give participants an in-ring introduction about breaking into the business. The cost is \$25.

For more information, call Johnny Carruba at (734) 363-2008; or visit My MPWA.webs.com.

## All-stars

The format for the annual high school football coaches association all-star game will change in 2014, going from an intra-state to an inter-state event.

Instead of an all-Michigan East-West game, a team of Michigan all-stars will play an Ohio all-star squad in the inaugural Border Classic Football Game June 14 on the University of Findlay (Ohio) campus.

The Ohio and Michigan coaches associations will each select 40 players and six coaches to participate in the game. Selections will be announced in February at a press conference.

# Life-changing challenge

Tough Mudder event pushes local participants to the edge and back

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Depending upon which of the 25 grueling obstacles you happened to be passing through at the time, the Tough Mudder endurance event June 29-30 in Brooklyn, Mich., was chilling, shocking, thrilling and demanding (both physically and mentally).

Several Observerland-area residents who participated in the life-changing, 12-mile challenge all agreed that crossing the finish line ranked among the most uplifting experiences of their lives.

"It was the toughest thing



Livonia resident Alicia Martin (right) completed her second Tough Mudder with her good friend Donna Wolbers of South Lyon.

I've ever done and the coolest thing I've ever done - all at the same time," said 53-year-old Plymouth resident Scott David, who toughed out the mud-laced course with several of his

Southfield-based Guardian Alarm co-workers. "The next day my body hurt in places I didn't even know existed, but it was well worth it."

According to the event's

official website, Tough Mudders are "hard-core" 10- to 12-mile obstacle courses designed by British Special Forces that test participants' strength, stamina, mental grit and camaraderie.

After reviewing the never-a-dull-moment course, it's easy to understand why only 78 percent of the entrants manage to complete each of the event's obstacles. In addition to running through fire, getting zapped on the back by high-voltage wires and getting submerged in muscle-paralyzing ice water, mudders have to run close to a half marathon - most of the way on a muddy path that only a massive pig could love.

## Noble cause

The events have raised more than \$5 million for the Wounded

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## Fast Eddie II takes the lead again

Farmington Hills owner's speedboat unbeaten in APBA hydroplane racing

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

Jim Sechler and his hydroplane racing crew hope to keep their victory streak intact this weekend when they compete in front of family and friends on Pontiac Lake.

The Farmington Hills owner of the Fast Eddie II will be going after his 11th straight win of the 2013 season in the 14th annual Quake on the Lake.

Sechler and his team have won all 10 of the races they've entered thus far in the American Power Boat Association's one-liter modified inboard class.

The three-day event begins Friday at the Waterford location and will include eight other inboard classes. New additions this year are the stock outboard boats.

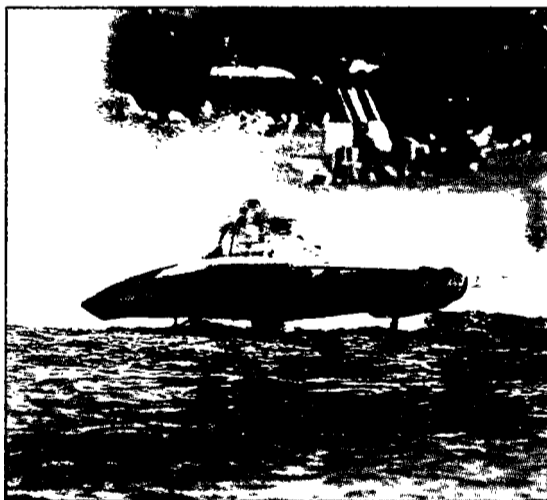
Sechler will have his boat in the water for two heats both Saturday and Sunday. Each day

counts as an official day of racing. A team can enter 20 races and select the top 15 finishes to determine its overall point total at the end of the season.

"We hope to win all of them," Sechler said of the four heats at Pontiac Lake. "Whether we can or not is a different story. We expected to win last year and didn't. What I will expect to see is a lot of fast boats competing and, hopefully, we can be better than them."

"There are probably four or five boats (with a chance to win any race). It's good for the class because then people want to watch it and that's what it's all about. Nobody wants to see the same guys win every single race."

While the competition has gotten better, the Fast Eddie II has stayed a step ahead of the



Fast Eddie II glides over the water during a one-liter, modified inboard speedboat race.

field and remained the class of the class.

Sechler and his team, which includes veteran driver Dan Kanfoush of Buffalo, N.Y., have won eight consecutive APBA national championships in the one-liter modified division and they're well on their way to winning a ninth.

"Anything can happen, of course, but I like our odds," said Sechler, whose profession is engineering and does much of the maintenance work on the boat.

Unlike last year, the Fast Eddie II and crew are well in front of the competition with a nice lead in the point totals this time around.

Sechler likes to front-load his schedule with a lot of early races in April and May. His team got going later last year due to bad weather and other scheduling matters and a late-season push was needed to claim a come-from-behind victory in the final points tally.

"We had races in August and September,

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## Duhl welcomes double duty with Salem

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Scott Duhl didn't need to make much of a pitch to take over as the "pitch-man" for Salem's varsity boys soccer team.

The former Mr. Soccer runner-up and state finalist for the Rocks in the late 1990s last week was hired to succeed the man who coached him at Salem - Ed McCarthy.

Duhl is no stranger on the coaching sidelines at Salem, either,

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New Salem varsity boys soccer coach Scott Duhl (above) is looking to continue the excellent standard set by his former coach and mentor, Ed McCarthy.

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# Ex-Spartans help Rams earn split

Two former Livonia Stevenson pitchers teamed up for the victory Saturday as the Michigan Rams earned a 4-3 victory and salvaged a split of their Livonia Collegiate Baseball League doubleheader with the Michigan Monarchs at Lakeland High School.

After falling 3-2 in the opener, Madonna's Evan Piechota pitched 6½ innings to pick up the win.

The right-hander allowed three runs on six hits with a walk and two strikeouts before former Stevenson teammate Chris McDonald (Hillsdale) came on for the final two outs and picked up the save.

J.P. Maracani's two-run HR in the top of the sixth inning proved to be the difference. McDonald and Griffin

Harms also knocked in runs for the Rams (12-11-2).

Losing pitcher Joe Buchalski allowed four runs on five hits in six innings. He struck out nine and walked seven. Victor Barron (MU) pitched a scoreless seventh.

Matt Priebe (Plymouth) had a two-run homer and Shane Dokey (MU) went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Monarchs (17-8).

In Game 1, the Monarchs collected two RBI from Barron, including the game-winning hit in the bottom of the seventh, to earn a one-run victory.

Rob Zenas went the first five innings, allowing two runs on five hits and two walks. He gave way to Kevin Delapaz (Canton/Bowling Green), who pitched two

scoreless innings to pick up the win.

Kirk Stambaugh took the loss in relief after going the final two innings for Rams starter Spencer Goebel, who gave up just one earned run on four hits.

Maracani and Justin Sherman each contributed two hits and an RBI.

**RAMS 1, BULLS 0:** On Friday, Trent Drumheller's walk-off single drove Miles Sorise home with the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning to give the Rams (11-10-2) the LCBL victory over the Michigan Bulls (17-5) at Bicentennial Park.

Sorise went 2-for-3 with a double for the Bulls.

Winning pitcher Jake Balicki went all eight innings to earn the victory.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Garden City Hockey Association signups

The Garden City Hockey Association is holding walk-in registrations on July 20 from 10 a.m. to noon; and on July 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Garden City Ice Arena.

The cost for house players registering on these dates will be \$115, which reflects a \$10 discount. The cost for the GCHA's learn-to-play

hockey program is \$40 for an eight-week session.

For more information, visit [www.leagueli-neup.com/gcha](http://www.leagueli-neup.com/gcha).

### 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 tour-

ney 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 [golflivonia.com](http://golflivonia.com) or call Whispering Willows at 248-476-4493.

## DUHL

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having been an assistant coach for McCarthy in 2011-12.

Moreover, he was JV boys coach from 2004-10 and this spring coached Salem's varsity girls soccer team (a job he will continue in 2014).

"Getting the job was really exciting," Duhl said. "Since I started coaching here, I always wanted to be the one making tough decisions during the game."

Duhl emphasized that it is "bittersweet" getting the top spot, only because it meant McCarthy was leaving (he stepped down late last year for personal reasons).

### Changing the voice

But he noted that he and McCarthy pretty much are on the same wavelength about how to get the most out of a soccer team.

"Taking over for Ed will be difficult in terms of expectations and people getting accustomed to doing things a certain way," Duhl said. "Players will have to adapt to different training times and hearing a different voice, but I believe that our philosophies are pretty close."

"We have had great pride at Salem that it has been hard to score goals on us historically."

As it turned out, McCarthy isn't exactly leaving the Salem soccer scene. Although opting not to continue with head coaching duties, McCarthy is sticking around as a mentor.

"The other thing that excites me the most that a lot of people do not know is that Ed has agreed to be back in a smaller role as an assistant this year," said Duhl, a standout forward and attacking midfielder after high school both at Western Michigan University and with the semi-professional Michigan Bucks. "He has a lot of things he is juggling with work and family life, so we're not sure how big the role will be out of the gate."

"But he has been the face of this program for 20 years and he knows he is always welcome here as long as I am around."

Augmenting the staff will be another big-time former Salem player, Brian Popney, a teammate of Duhl's on the Rocks' state finalists of 1999.

"I am really excited about my staff," Duhl said. "We have a lot of history together and really creates a great atmosphere for the players with all the tradition."

### Plenty to do

Part of Salem's soccer tradition is a penchant for coaches and players alike to get after it.

Duhl, like McCarthy, is no stranger to a busy soccer workload and he welcomes the challenge.

He also coaches club teams with the Michigan Wolves and Michigan Hawks and helps out teams in the Wolves Academy — all while keeping an ear to the ground and an eye on getting started with the 2013 Salem boys team. "As much fun as it is

### THE DUHL FILE

**Who:** Scott Duhl, recently named head coach of the Salem varsity boys soccer team.

**In demand:** He also coaches club soccer teams with the Michigan Wolves and Michigan Hawks, runs summer soccer camps and recently wrapped up his first season at the helm of Salem's varsity girls soccer squad.

**Prep star:** Duhl graduated in 2000 from Salem High School after a stellar four-year career as a forward/midfielder. He nearly won "Mr. Soccer" honors his senior year and helped the Rocks reach the state finals in 1997 and 1999.

**College kudos:** All-conference honors came his way all four years at Western Michigan University (2000-03) and he was team MVP two of those seasons.

**Pro stance:** He played with the Michigan Bucks of the United Soccer Leagues Premier Development League and in 2011-12 was an assistant coach. Other experience after WMU included the Kalamazoo Kingdom and West Michigan Edge.

to score goals, I take more pride in being organized and defending while as a group," Duhl said. "With all that said, we will have high expectations this year and that makes me want to get the ball rolling."

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## From big band sound to improvisation: free Michigan Jazz Festival has it all

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

The Michigan Jazz Festival will feature a special guest artist for the first time in its 19-year history when it returns to Schoolcraft College in Livonia this weekend.

"We've never had one artist pointed out as being special. But this year we have the sensational jazz drummer, Peter Erskine. He has been performing with big bands like Buddy Rich and jazz fusion groups like Weather Report," said Barton Polot, music department chair at Schoolcraft and a liaison between the college and the festival.

"He's a West Coast guy and was a student at Interlochen way back. He'll be sitting in with two groups, guys who we have here every year."

Another West Coast-based performer, Terry Harrington, a woodwind instrumentalist and saxophone player also will be on hand. He's provides the music behind Lisa Simpson's saxophone playing on the animated show, *The Simpsons*.

One other new twist to the festival, which will offer jazz fans nine hours of continuous music, starting at noon Sunday, July 21, is a tribute to jazz legend Don Palmer. Polot said the Detroit Jazz Festival donated funds to make the tribute happen, enabling Michigan Jazz Festival organizers to bring in the Detroit Jazz Festival Strings with Chris Collins conducting.

Of course, many favorite performers will be back on the festival stage this weekend. The outdoor tent will feature Dave Tatrow Dixie, Steve Wood Quintet, Lynn LaPlante 7, Russ Miller Sextet, Dobbins, Krahnke & Weed Trio and Paul Keller Quintet.

Indoors, guests can choose



A performer belts out a jazzy tune on one of the five indoor stages at the Michigan Jazz Festival.



Peter Erskine is a featured performer at the Michigan Jazz Festival, Sunday, July 21.

from 22 bands on four stages and six pianists in the Steinway Solo Piano Room. The Schoolcraft College Jazz Band, Masters of Music Big Band, The Johnny Trudell Big Band, Cliff Cliff Monear Trio, Dave Bennett and Gary Schunk Trio are just a few of the returning favorites.

### Attracting youth

The Future of Jazz Stage is dedicated to young performers and this year will feature Nolan Young Quartet, Ann Arbor Public Schools, Eddie Codrington Quartet, and Playing with the Pros.

"We're committed to the younger generation. It's not just a chance for (youth) to hear these great players, but to mingle with them and to play for an astute audience," Polot said.

He anticipates the festival this year will attract 6,000-7,000 jazz fans to the campus, which is located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile.

"It's hard to find a festival of this size where five of the six stages are under one roof," he said. "I've got a list of peo-



Big bands are among the performers at the annual Michigan Jazz Festival.

ple who want to perform at the jazz festival. For many of them it's the highlight of the year. They get paid union scale. They don't do it for the money — it's because they play for jazz aficionados."

The festival holds two ma-

jor fundraisers each year to help defray costs and accepts year-round donations. Last year, it formed a partnership with the college, which had participated in the event as a venue only.

"Now Schoolcraft is more

invested and that ensures the festival's ongoing success."

Henry's Cafeteria will be open during the event and wine and beer will be available. For more information about the Michigan Jazz Festival, visit [MichiganJazzFestival.org](http://MichiganJazzFestival.org).

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**Contact:** 248-473-1856

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**Time/Date:** 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  
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**Contact:** 313-833-7900, www.dia.org

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**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; canton-villagetheater.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  
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PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 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  
**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth  
**Details:** "Epic," admission, \$3  
**Coming up:** "Star Trek into Darkness," 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 26-27 and 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,



Bill Bynum & Company performs at Stars in the Park July 18 in Farmington Hills.

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:** 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.  
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REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday, July 26 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, July 27  
**Location:** 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit  
**Details:** "Notorious" \$5  
**Coming up:** "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  
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MUSIC  
JAZZ AT THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December  
**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth  
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**Contact:** 734-453-1780 or email to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

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**Time/Date:** 7:30-10 p.m. every Monday  
**Location:** 884 Penniman, Plymouth  
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**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 19  
**Location:** GM Plaza on the Detroit riverfront  
**Details:** America performs in this free summer series  
**history.org; 734-455-8940**

**Coming up:** Grand Funk Railroad, July 26; Great White, Aug. 2; Loverboy, Aug. 9; Night Ranger, Aug. 16  
**Contact:** www.facebook.com/RockinontheRiverfront

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**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. July 18  
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**For Steaks:**

Kosher or coarse salt and freshly ground black pepper  
4 ¾-pound bone in rib-eye steaks, about 1 inch thick

1 large shallot, thinly sliced  
½ cup aged balsamic vinegar  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter

**For potatoes:** Place the potatoes in saucepan and cover with cold, salted water. Set over high heat and bring to boil. Cook until potatoes are fork tender, about 10 minutes depending on size of potatoes.

Drain and rinse under cold running water. Pat potatoes dry with paper towels and season with salt and pepper to taste. Set potatoes aside and begin steak.

**For steak:** Sprinkle large cast-iron skillet with kosher or coarse salt; heat skillet over high heat for about 8 minutes, then add steaks. Sear until steaks are crusted brown, about 4 minutes; turn steaks. Sear to desired doneness or about 6 more minutes for medium rare. Transfer to cutting board and let rest while you make sauce.

Wipe out pan and add shallot; cook, stirring, about 1 minute. Slowly add vinegar and 1 tablespoon of water and bring to a boil. Stir continuously until reduces and thickens, about 2 minutes. Remove pan from heat, swirl in butter, and season with pepper to taste. Drizzle sauce over steaks just before serving.

**To finish potatoes:** Heat olive oil in large skillet over high heat. When hot, add seasoned potatoes, cut side down, and rosemary. Cook until golden and crispy, about 2 minutes per side. Sprinkle with additional salt and pepper to taste.



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12 slices French bread, sliced on the diagonal into ½-inch-thick slices

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Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper  
12 thinly sliced pieces  
Serrano ham

2 ripe peaches, halved, pitted and sliced onto 12 thin wedges

2 ounces goat cheese, crumbled (about ½ cup)  
1 tablespoon roughly chopped Marcona almonds

Preheat grill. Brush each slice of bread on one side with olive oil and sprinkle with salt. Grill, oil-side down until lightly golden brown, about 3 minutes. Remove from grill and place a piece Serrano ham on each. Drizzle peaches with 1 tablespoon of olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Grill peaches until grill marks appear, turning once, about 1 to 2 minutes per side. Place warm grilled peaches on top of each crostini and sprinkle each with crumbled goat cheese and Marcona almonds. Drizzle them lightly with additional olive oil. Serve.



### RED WINE AND VANILLA BEAN PANNA COTTA

Yield: 6 servings

1 orange

1 cup blackberries and/or raspberries  
1 vanilla bean, cut in half  
3 cups Las Rocas Garnacha wine  
½ cup sugar  
1 cup whole milk  
1 ½-ounce packet unflavored powdered gelatin  
2 cups whole Greek style yogurt  
Fresh mint sprigs for garnish

Remove a wide, 2-inch-long strip of zest from orange with sharp paring knife. Peel and segment orange and toss with blackberries, cover and refrigerate.

Scrape seeds from vanilla bean. Place seeds and pod in small saucepan. Add wine, ½ cup sugar and orange zest strip. Simmer over medium-low heat until reduced to 1 ½ cups, about 35 minutes. Discard vanilla bean pod and zest strip. Cool completely. Set aside ¼ cup for serving.

Combine milk with remaining ½ cup sugar in medium saucepan. Sprinkle in gelatin and let stand, undisturbed, until gelatin softens, about 4 minutes. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until gelatin and sugar are just dissolved (do not boil); let cool. Whisk in 1 cup of wine reduction and yogurt until smooth. Pour into six 6-ounce ramekins or jars, cover and refrigerate until set, at least 3 hours or overnight.

If using ramekins, dip bottom of each ramekin in warm water to loosen. Invert each panna cotta onto a plate. If using jars, skip this step. Drizzle panna cottas with reserved wine reduction and garnish with oranges and berries and sprig of fresh mint.







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