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RESA board to decide Inkster's fate

Wayne-Westland among potential receiving districts

By Sue Mason
 Staff Writer

The fate of the Inkster Public Schools and its 2,200 students will be determined Thursday when the Wayne RESA Board of Education

meets in special session to consider the dissolution and the redrawing of the boundaries of the financially beleaguered school district.

The meeting will be at 6 p.m. in the Arthur's Auditorium of the Wayne RESA Education Center at 33500 Van Born, Wayne. It comes just three days after the district failed to submit documentation to the state Department of Education that proved it had the money available to remain open

through the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

Inkster is one of two districts that last week State Superintendent Mike Flanagan and State Treasurer Andy Dillon determined was no longer financially viable and unable to educate students under Public Act 96. Also included in the decision was the Buena Vista School District.

The Inkster School District has a deficit of more than \$15 million; Buena Vista has a \$3.7

million deficit.

Missed deadline

Both districts had been given until 5 p.m. Monday to provide documentation that they had access to cash and/or a letter of commitment from a lending institution as well as a letter from their respective auditing firms that showed the money would be enough for the districts to operate through the upcoming school year. Neither district met the deadline.

Wayne RESA Superintendent Christopher Wigent was meeting with state officials in Lansing on Tuesday and scheduled a meeting for Wednesday morning with the superintendents of districts that likely will be involved in the redraw.

"I believe they will be Westwood, Taylor, Wayne-Westland and Romulus," said Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy about the

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Cousins Cody and Chris O'Keefe from O'Keefe Organics Farm in Willis sell squash, turnips and other vegetables at the Westland Farmers Market. For more photos, see Page A2. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Netters cry foul over hoops removal

Following complaints from neighbors about noise, bad behavior and parking problems, two basketball hoops were removed from Wayne's Jaycee Park last week.

Now, basketball players and their supporters are crying foul.

"There has been a big uproar from people who want them back up," Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams said. "My opinion is in my memo. There is a petition going around supporting the basketball hoops — it's larger than the anti petition (from residents)."

Supporters of the basketball hoops organized a meeting Tuesday evening at Rotary Park 2, one of the other city parks which will have basketball courts under review. There are also basketball hoops at DeMario, Shafer and Civitan parks but homes are located in the close proximity to Jaycee and Rotary 2.

The removal of the basketball hoops spurred a flurry of pro and con comments on the Wayne Pride Facebook page, including complaints about lack of notice when the Jaycee Park petition was discussed at the July 15 council meeting.

Solution needed

"Removing the basketball hoops is easy. I'd like to find a solution," said Adams, who had advocated time to review the situation and look for solutions.

Some suggestions at the council meeting included relocating basketball hoops from neighborhood parks to Attwood Park. One of the tennis courts could be converted to basketball with a similar system of showing identification to obtain a key to access the court, with designated times for different age groups, Adams said.

"The basketball hoops are kind of in neighborhoods. Parents don't want their kids to have to bike or walk to Attwood — they want to look out the window and keep an eye on them," Adams said.

Additionally, Adams said the goal is to provide recreational opportunities for all ages, which means a variety of different activities.

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Check out the Farmers Market

Westland's Farmers Market is open from 3-7 p.m. Thursday through the end of October.

"The Farmers Market got off to a slow start on vegetables due to drought and now rain," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

"It's important to support it."

Soon the Downtown Development Authority will be funding the construction of a permanent pavilion in Tattan Park to house the Farmers Market and other events.

The market is currently held in the City Hall parking lot.

Westland also has a bus service scheduled to provide transportation to the market from local senior apartment buildings.

Wayne also has a weekly Farmers Market from 3-7 p.m. Thursdays in Goudy Park behind Wayne City Hall.



Westland resident Mike Crider plays music for shoppers at the Westland Farmers Market, held weekly next to Westland City Hall.

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Tour combined dispatch center at ribbon cutting

Residents of Westland, Wayne, Garden City and Inkster are invited to a ribbon cutting to officially inaugurate the new combined emergency dispatch center at the Westland Police Department.

Westland Mayor William Wild, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous, Garden City Mayor Randy Walker, Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton and other local dignitaries are expected to be on hand for the ceremony at 11 a.m. Monday, July 29.

After the official program, tours of the dispatch center will be offered and light refreshments will be provided.

The newest shared services venture for the communities, the combined emergency dispatch center became operational on the evening of June 30. Since that time, the dispatch center has been handling emergency calls for all four cities.

"I'm excited to celebrate another successful undertaking in shared services with our sur-

rounding communities," Wild said. "We've proven in the few weeks it's been operating, that this is an effective and efficient use of manpower that will not only save lives but will save tax dollars."

Joining forces and creating a joint dispatch center, located in Westland, has proven that you can enhance residents' safety through strategic partnerships while saving each of the communities tax dollars, Wild said.

The new combined service provides emergency medical dispatch to all residents, businesses and other callers within the cities, without changing the ways the calls are treated. It will also reduce costs for each community relative to dispatch expenses, including; staff training, radio equipment, maintenance agreements and interconnectivity.

The ceremony will be held at the Westland Police Department, 36701 Ford, west of Wayne Road.

FIND IT AT THE MARKET



At the Westland Farmers Market, Westland residents Asia Carreathers and boyfriend Adonis Ward sample honey while talking with Tish Branham, owner of Scott-Tish Bee Honey of Livonia. Branham said she sells more honeybee pollen that helps with many medical issues a person may have than honey itself. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN



Nancy Claphan (left), an employee of Vic the Breadman, helps Marie Eldred of Westland as she buys a loaf of cranberry, orange marmalade bread. Eldred took the bus from Presbyterian Village in Westland where she lives.

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meeting. "We will probably get the northwest quad. We weave in and out of that area as far as boundaries go."

Poses a challenge

Baracy in an interview Monday said a mass transfer of students could pose a challenge in terms of transportation, staffing, scheduling and school supplies. Local tax millage will be redirected to pay off the outstanding debts of the districts, and the state School Aid Fund will absorb the full per-pupil funding cost for

each student. The receiving districts also will get money to cover transition costs, likely to be about \$700 per student for four years, Baracy said.

He said that while the dissolution of the school districts may look good on paper, he doesn't think state officials have "thought out the logistics."

He added that Wayne-Westland will do its best to comply with the law and do whatever the district can "to make it as comfortable and as seamless for families as we possibly can."

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"A couple of houses near Rotary Park are 20 feet from the court," Adams said. "The park was established before people there. When it comes to litter and foul

language, I've been out to the parks a lot. I let the kids know that I can't go to bat for them unless they cut back on the language, etc."

Behavior check

Like police, Adams said he hasn't witnessed any problems at the basketball courts but con-

cedes the behavior can be different when he isn't present.

Another concern about eliminating neighborhood basketball courts is that the activities will shift elsewhere such as portable hoops being set up in the streets. Or those who can't afford to purchase

equipment would have no opportunity to play ball.

Adams will have a recommendation for council at their next meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6.

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Westland woman is a Champion of Change

For almost 30 years, Therese Smith has worked on the front lines to treat patients who will be most impacted by climate change. As a certified case manager, Smith educates her patients, both young and old, about lung disease and the effects of poor air quality.

Her work has not gone unnoticed.

The Westland resident was in Washington, D.C., on July 9 to be honored with 10 other individuals as "Champions of Change" by the White House for their work on the front lines to protect the public's health in a changing climate.

"My job as a public health professional is to try and make a difference one person at a time, one place at a time, if at all possible, by educating, volunteering, and letting people know that clean air is everyone's responsibility — we all need to breathe it," said Smith, a registered nurse and health advocate and chronic condition case manager with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. "I work in my community and across the state of Michigan to educate members about lung disease and the importance of a healthy environment."

Extraordinary things

The Champions of Change program was created as an opportunity for the White House to feature groups of Americans — individuals, businesses and organizations — who are doing extraordinary things to empower and inspire members of their communities. According to the Champions for Change website — www.whitehouse.gov/champions — Smith and her fellow Champions have taken action to raise awareness about the health consequences and help their communities prepare for climate-related health impacts.

Smith was nominated for the honor by the American Lung Association in Michigan. She is a volunteer with the organization and a member of the local Regional Leadership Council of Region B.

"We are excited that Therese has been chosen as a Champion of Change by the White House," said Barry Gottschalk, president and CEO of the American Lung Association of the Midland States, which coordinates programs and services in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. "Therese's volunteer efforts to educate people about climate change and air quality have helped put us on a path that will lead to stronger pollution standards and cleaner air for everyone in Michigan."

Smith has been a first-hand witness to the already heavy burden air pollution places on families of children with asthma, adults with COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) and those struggling with other lung health challenges. She has helped raise awareness about the public health impacts of uncontrolled carbon pollution and how the air pollution problems impacted by climate change will only make the burden of lung disease worse.

Small changes

She also has worked with local decision makers to seek support for action now to reduce air pollution that threatens public health, including carbon pollution from coal-fired power plants.

"I make sure they understand how they can make small changes to protect their health on ozone action days, when weather conditions make it likely that ground-level ozone will approach unhealthy levels and are cautious about air pollutants to help improve their quality of life and

hopefully their environment too," she said.

According to Smith, climate change and public health go hand in hand. She points to the Department of Health and Human Services' "Healthy People 2020" which outlines its objective to promote health for everyone through a healthy environment. To do that, the focus must be on six different areas including outdoor air quality, our homes and communities, ground water, toxic substances and hazardous wastes in our air, water and land and our entire global environment, she said.

"The American Lung Association of the Midland States has given me a platform to educate more people about the link between air quality and chronic conditions, such as lung disease,



Therese Smith (center) was honored as a Champion of Change: Public Health and Climate along with Dr. Georgia Milan (from left), Dan Dolan Laughlin, Dr. William Rom and Dr. Laura Anderko. All five are champions of the American Lung Association's mission.

diabetes, and heart disease," she said. "As an advocate in various clean air campaigns, I continue to make sure that everyone everywhere gets the chance to breathe the cleanest air possible, both indoors and out." Smith is currently

working on a doctoral degree in public policy and administration with a focus on health policy "to make a difference in changing the course of health policy — to make a difference in the world — so we can all breathe cleaner air."



Therese Smith of Westland visits with U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow while in Washington, D.C., for the Champions of Change ceremony.

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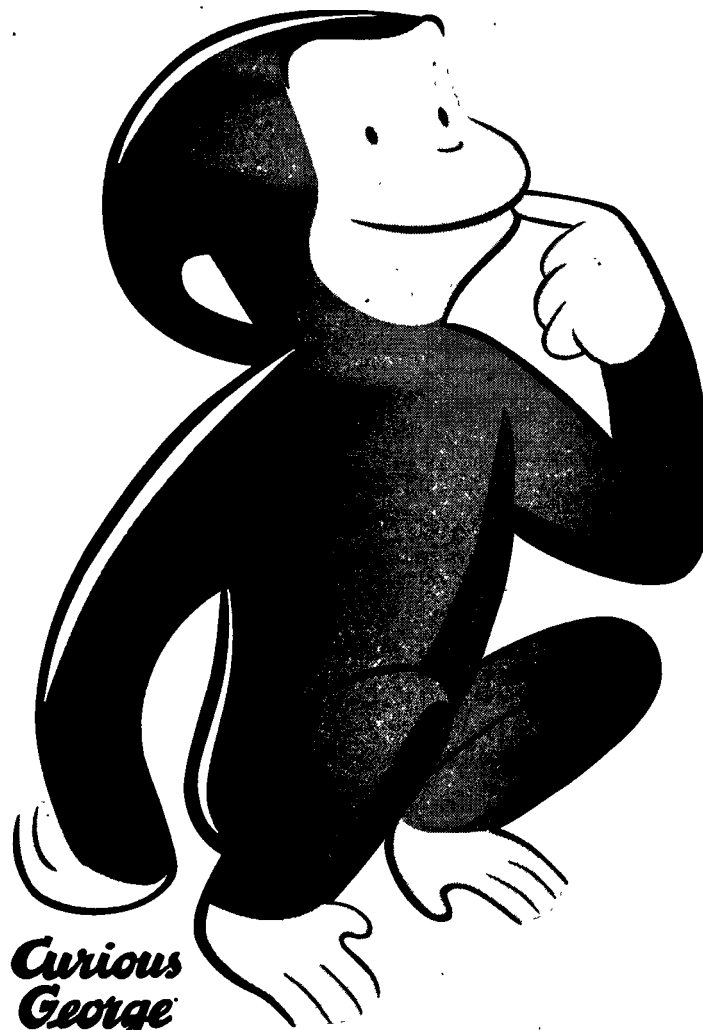
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Mom competent to stand trial in baby's death

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland woman has been found competent to stand trial in the death of her newborn son.

Kelli Worth-McBride, 21, is charged with felony murder and first-degree child abuse in the Dec.

19, 2012, death of her son Joshua Wilson Jr., 3 months old.

An April 22 trial date in Wayne County Circuit Court for Worth-McBride had been delayed until she could be evaluated to determine whether she was competent to understand the proceedings and assist in her own

defense. She was found competent during a hearing Monday.

The baby's father, Joshua Wilson, 22, entered a guilty plea to a charge of second-degree murder in the death of his son. Wilson was sentenced to 27-60 years in prison on April 23 by Wayne County Circuit

Court Judge Edward Ewell. Wilson is currently incarcerated in the Michigan Reformatory in Ionia.

Worth-McBride and Wilson had both been in custody since the baby's death.

EMS and police were called to the couple's apartment on Venoy

about the baby not breathing. The baby died a short time later at the hospital.

Wilson and Worth-McBride both made statements to police that described the baby being struck, thrown into a bed or car seat and "bear hugged" so that he would stop crying.

The autopsy found the infant had died of blunt force trauma that caused abdominal hemorrhaging. The baby was described as being covered with bruises and suffering broken bones.

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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Break-in

A resident in the 31000 block of Birchlawn reported July 18 that items were stolen from his house while he was at work.

He believes the suspect entered through an open window which he had left propped open because he has no air conditioning in the house. The screen on the window doesn't lock.

He said his \$250 PS3 player and a \$300 computer were stolen, but nothing else was disturbed.

Home invasion

A homeowner in the 30000 block of John Hawk said he locked his house when he left, but when he returned about 7:30 p.m. July 16 he found the entry door standing open.

Somebody stole the copper plumbing from the basement and plumbing from the kitchen on the main floor. He believes a basement window was the entry point of the home, which is currently unoccupied. He hasn't yet moved in.

Theft

A resident in the 30000 block of Maplewood discovered items missing

from his 2006 Saturn Vue on July 18 after he left his car unlocked in the driveway.

The thief took a book of 40 CDs valued at \$400 and a \$100 GPS unit.

Property damage

A resident in the 6400 block of Gilman reported July 18 that someone keyed his 2013 Ford Fusion. He found the driver's side front door keyed. The car was parked in front of the house.

A resident in the 6700 block of Helen reported July 19 that the driver's side door of his 2003 Chevy Camaro was keyed. The car was parked in front of his house.

A resident in the 6000 block of Lathers reported that he found holes made from a BB gun in the back of his house. The police questioned a woman who lives on Harrison at the rear of the house and she said her children have neither a BB gun nor a pellet gun.

Retail fraud

The loss prevention officer at the Kmart store, 29600 Ford, reported July 21 that an un-

known woman stole flowers and clothes from the sidewalk sales in front of the store.

Store employees managed to get a license plate number.

A store video reportedly showed that after the woman took merchandise to her vehicle, a blue and white conversion van pulled up in front of the store and the woman could be seen putting in additional merchandise without paying for them.

Suspended license

While on patrol, a Garden City police officer noticed a vehicle didn't have its headlights on just past midnight July 21.

When he stopped the female driver in the area of Cherry Hill and Henry Ruff, the 27-year-old Garden City woman reportedly said she forgot to put the lights on and reached over to turn the lights on.

The driver was arrested after the police discovered that she was driving with a suspended license.

The officer also reportedly found marijuana in her possession and Zig-Zag rolling papers.

By Sue Buck

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Break-in

A weed whacker, a leaf blower and a backpack leaf blower, valued at \$421, were reportedly stolen from a garage in the 36000 block of Somerset overnight on July 19.

The homeowner told police that her daughter had let the dog out the night before and had forgotten to close the garage door, which was found open in the morning.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident of the Orchards of Newburgh Apartments, at 37228 Orchard Circle, told police on July 19 that someone had stolen electrical tools, a lantern and a tire jack, valued at \$750, from his pickup truck on July 17.

He said the tool box in the truck bed had been forced open.

On July 19, a resident in the 35000 block of Somerset told police that overnight someone had stolen a GPS unit valued at \$200 and an unknown amount of change from her car while it was parked on the street.

She said she had

forgot to lock the car.

A couple living in the 36000 block of Florane told police on July 20 that someone had ransacked the interiors of their vehicles during the night.

Nothing was reported missing from one vehicle, but 3-4 credit cards and 4-5 store and restaurant gift cards were reported missing from the other vehicle.

On July 20, a resident in the 36000 block of Avondale that someone had broken into her 2009 Ford Focus.

She said the unlocked vehicle had been ransacked with the only items missing being some documents that had her Social Security number on them.

A resident in the 100 block of Van Sull told police July 21 that someone had searched all three vehicles they own. He said he noticed vehicle registration paperwork on the ground in the morning.

A GPS unit valued at \$260 was reported stolen from one vehicle while a two power saws valued at \$400 were reported stolen from a second vehicle.

On July 21, a resident of the Willow Creek

Apartments, 1280 Woodside Drive, told police that he discovered several CDS not belonging to him on the ground near his car.

He then said he found his GPS unit valued at \$250 and some change had been stolen.

Vehicle theft

A resident in the 1600 block of Linville told police that just before 5:30 a.m. July 20 his wife started their 2008 Chevrolet Impala using a remote starter.

She then went out and placed a bag along with the car keys on the car seat and returned to the house.

When she went back outside, the vehicle was gone.

Larceny

An employee of a management company reported the exterior central air conditioning compressor stolen from a vacant home in the 2300 block of Ackley July 20.

The employee said the unit had been vacant for two weeks, but the air conditioning equipment had been taken within the last three days.

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Site plan approved for Wayne dealership

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A site for a new and improved Mark Chevrolet has been approved by the Wayne City Council.

The plans call for construction of a 2,544-square foot addition and a complete interior/exterior renovation of the existing 53,178-square foot building at 33290 Michigan Ave. west of Venoy.

Presenting the site plan to the council, Clerk/Planner Matthew Miller noted the project would incorporate land from the former Beehive/Big Boy restaurants.

General Motors wanted the new look and branding. They are doing that with the new project," Miller said. "This is part of keeping a General Motors dealership in the city."

An area on the west side of the building, where service customers drive up under a canopy, will be enclosed under this plan. On the east side of the building, improvements would be made to improve the appearance and functionality of the vehicle display plaza.

"We hope to get started in September to get going before winter," said architect David Schaff of Architects and Planners representing the dealership. "There are always a few items that drag over the winter."

Schaff added dealership owner Charlie Cabana was very appreciative of the city's support.

"This will be a very fine improvement to the city," Councilman Albert Damitio said.

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City hall property still not for sale

By LeAnne Rogers
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Westland's city hall will be moving next year but its current site at Ford and Carlson isn't for sale — no matter how many times you ask.

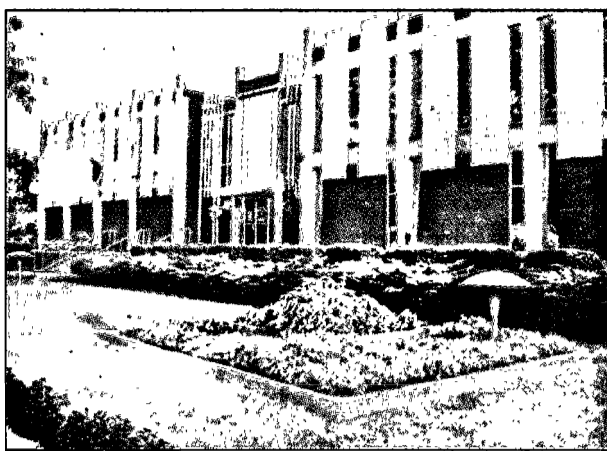
At a recent council meeting, the three non-incumbents council candidates seeking election in November — Bill Campbell, Kevin Coleman and Donna Stottlemeyer — all came before council to again question the status of the property that also includes Fire Station 1 and the closed Bailey Recreation Center.

Council hasn't voted but has verbally expressed the intention that the Ford Road parcel — set to be vacated next year when city hall moves into the retrofitted former Circuit City building and a new fire station is constructed — would be held for some kind of recreational use. No specific plans have been developed.

A vocal opponent of a new city hall, Campbell noted he asked the same questions about the future plans for the property in June. Stottlemeyer lives across the street from the municipal property.

No plans yet

The answer from council, Mayor William



Westland officials are stressing that the plan is for recreational use for the city hall property on Ford Road.

Wild and his administration has been the same: recreational use but no plans have been developed or approved. This time, Campbell cited a posting on the city's website under the Economic Development Department listing available properties which included the Ford Road property.

"The property is not on the market. Each year I travel to an international conference on shopping centers," Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale said. "The separate page allows anyone to go back and look at the presentation. It says the site is available, not for sale."

The intent is to get ideas for fulfilling what the community collectively wants on the site,

Fodale said, adding no use was being considered except recreational.

"We're not planning a big box store. If a developer could do what we want, then Brownfield funding would be available, if the Downtown Development Authority hasn't demolished the buildings," Fodale said.

Additionally, Fodale noted the Ford Road property was not listed on the portion of the website that lists available properties in the city, either for rent or purchase.

"I was at the meetings with Lori and met with developers. We discussed recreational uses. The property is not for sale," Council President James Godbout said. "It was part of our due diligence to see if there was

any interest in putting together a project for what we'd like."

Part of the discussion has been a possible public/private partnership on some type of recreational facility. Wild later acknowledged the website information might have been confusing to some people.

During his comments, Campbell played a recording of comments by Councilman Bill Johnson at an earlier council meeting indicating he and at least three other council members are committed to keeping the Ford Road property city-owned for recreational use. Johnson's position hasn't changed.

Lacking facts

"There was very little fact and a lot of fiction," said Johnson, who isn't up for reelection this year. "I know why the comments were made. You shouldn't say it without the facts."

Godbout echoed those comments.

"It's unfortunate when we head down the path of innuendos," said Godbout, noting unsuccessful efforts to recall council members and Wild last year by Campbell and another resident Burke Rock.

One of the issues was the proposed construction of a new city hall behind the William P.

Faust Public Library, which is located directly north of the Newberry Estates Subdivision where Campbell lives. The city eventually settled on the former Circuit City building after a pending sale fell through.

Like himself, council members Michael Kehrer and Christine Bryant, the latter absent from the meeting, were committed to recreational use of the property, Johnson said.

Both are seeking reelection this year as are council members Meriem Kadi and Dewey Reeves.

"I never attended or heard about any meetings on developing this property," Kehrer said.

Campbell later added he didn't think council members behaved professionally in dealing with the questions.

"I was embarrassed for the council and administration. They didn't want to hear what we had to say," Campbell said.

"I barely got a response last time. This is the second or third time I asked. I wouldn't say I was satisfied with the explanation. That convention is for shopping centers."

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Cellular Connection in Westland giving away backpacks

Westland residents are about to benefit from a national backpack giveaway campaign.

The Cellular Connection in Westland will be distributing 100-150 backpacks full of school supplies to children through its School Rocks Backpack Giveaway initiative.

More than 400 participating TCC stores across the U.S. are inviting

local families to bring their children to the store between noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, to pick up a backpack filled with pencils, paper, a pencil box, folders, glue and more.

Backpacks will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last at the Westland store, 36610 Ford Road. Each participating TCC store will

donate between 100 and 150 backpacks. Any leftover backpacks will be donated to local schools.

Westland residents have also joined the cause. Since the beginning of May, TCC customers have been given the option to round their purchases up to the nearest dollar with the difference going directly toward the School Rocks

Backpack Giveaway.

According to the National Retail Federation, the average person with children in grades K-12 will spend \$95.44 on school supplies such as notebooks, pencils and backpacks.

On top of that, nearly 16 million children in the U.S. live in poverty. TCC is doing its part to ensure that as many children as possible are set

up for educational success.

More information about the School Rocks Backpack Giveaway initiative is available on YouTube. Supporters of the cause are encouraged to use hashtag #TCCRocks on Instagram and Twitter to help spread the word.

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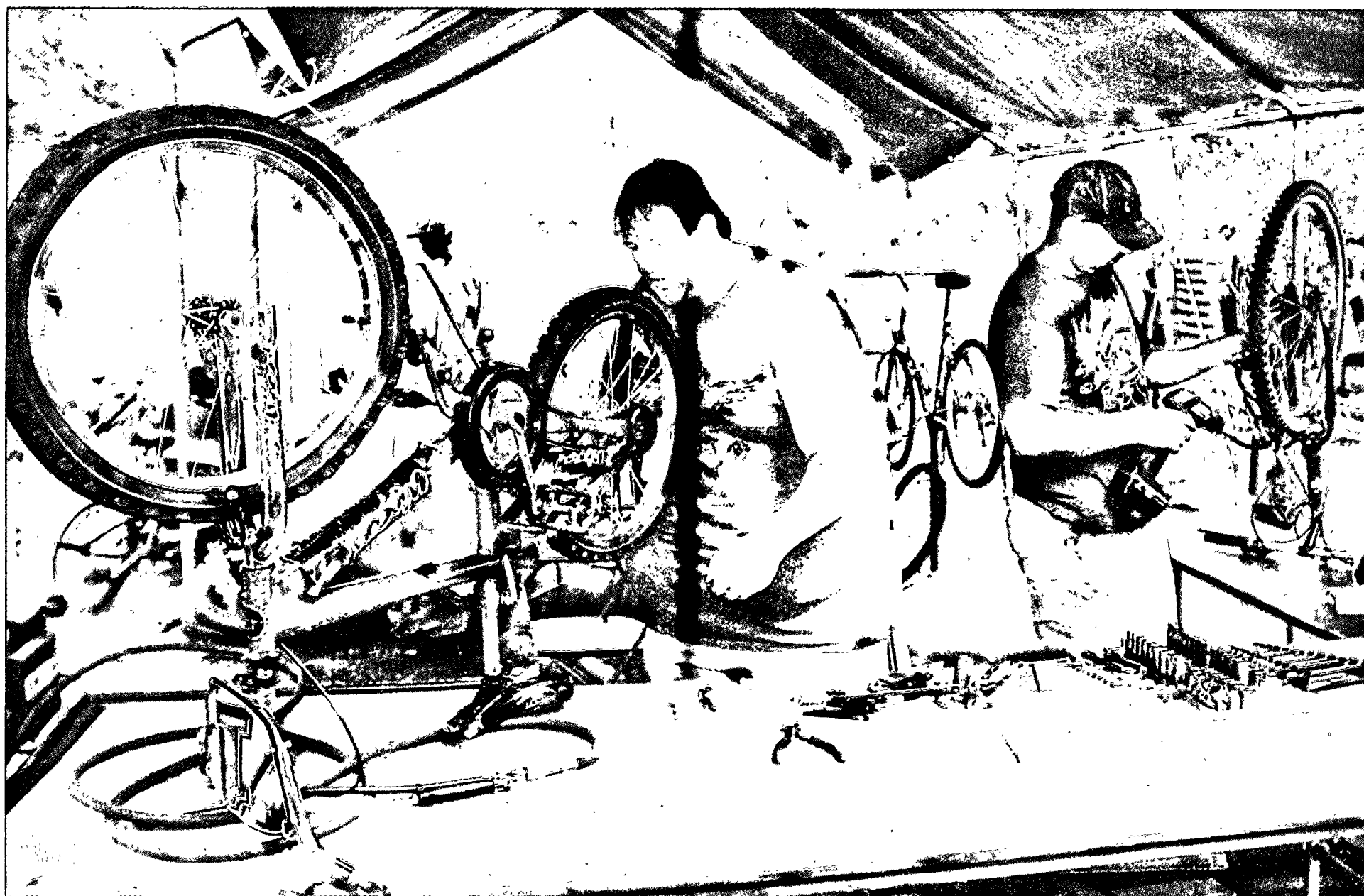
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Church members Jim Borders and Joel Rasur fixed bicycles for the public for free at WOW JAM. PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Community turns out for annual WOW JAM

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Pastor Rob Parish knows there will be a third annual WOW JAM. He also knows it will never again be held at Cornerstone City Church in Wayne. The response to the free event just keeps getting bigger by the year.

"We had over 3,000 people attend this year," Parish said. "The first year we did it at the church and there were 2,100 people. It was difficult accommodating the people and the parking."

"You set it up and wonder if the community will come, but once they hear the music, they show up," he added.

This year WOW JAM was held at Goudy Park in downtown Wayne. An acronym for Winning Our World through Jesus and Music — the event is an outreach of Stephen and Linda Tavini. He is a former music producer while she is the former Peaches of the Peaches and Herb singing duo.

WOW JAM travels the country and world to do outreaches "to bring the church to the streets and the streets back into the church."

"The outreach lets people know their lives matter and Jesus loves them," said Parish, adding that 250 people accepted the world of God and 108 were baptized at the event. "The whole purpose is to be a blessing for the community and put out the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Free event

The church gave away more than 10 new bikes, as well as fixed 40 bikes and pumped up more than 100 tires. It also gave away four-five flat screen TVs and 300 bags of groceries to participants.

Some 140 volunteers from the church and the community passed out 430 snow cones, dishes, fans, iPods, skateboards and sports equipment like basketballs.

Parish estimates that 100 children had their faces painted and 85 family photos were taken.

Volunteers also handed out 428 Bibles.

"We actually ran out of Bibles," Parish said. "We gave away every Bible we had."

Also at the event was a lead artist for Disney and his son who did more than 150 portraits and "handed them out for free."

"He's highly sought after," Parish said. "He wanted to see what WOW JAM is about and we got him."

Community involvement

Cornerstone City Church, located on Michigan Avenue at Hannan Road, has been in the Wayne community since 2001. It's been involved in a variety of community events, including handing out hundreds of goodie bags at the annual Marshmallow Drop.

The church got help with WOW JAM through community partners like the Walmart stores in Toledo and Canton, Meijer and Prince Valley.

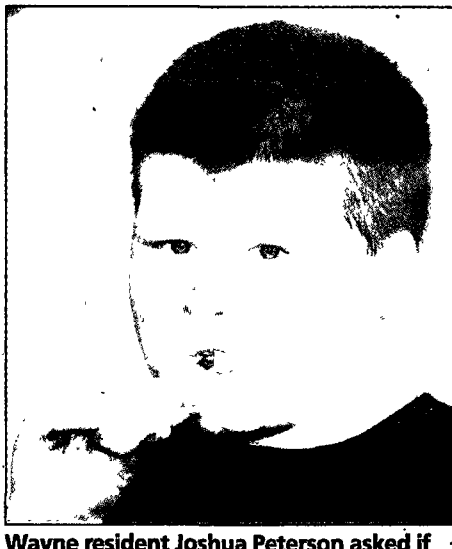
"It was just a great day altogether," Parish said. "We had overwhelming sponsorships and the people were glad to be there."

Mother Nature also helped make it a great event, waiting until it was over to rain.

"We couldn't have timed the end better," Parish said. "We were just wrapping up when the clouds opened up."



Evelynn Cortes of Wayne gets her face painted.



Wayne resident Joshua Peterson asked if there was a hot dog eating contest. There wasn't.



Church member Gabe Kelly does painting at WOW JAM.



Long lines and large crowds turned out for Cornerstone City Church's WOW JAM.



Jacob Klukowski, his father Ryan and sleeping brother Ryan Jr. were among people attending Cornerstone City Church's WOW JAM at Goudy Park in Wayne on July 12.

Fireworks light up talk about restrictions in Wayne

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

As allowed by state law, Wayne is considering adding an hours restriction to its local fireworks ordinance.

That would limit consumer fireworks discharge from 8 a.m. to midnight on 10 national holidays and the days before and after the holiday.

But the change won't address the complaints and safety concerns from residents or Councilman Albert Damitio, who has

a particular bone to pick over the state fireworks law.

"State law allows fireworks on Christmas Day. That's the only religious holiday on here for fireworks," Damitio said. "I request that we go back to the legislature and ask that Christmas be dropped off the list. I'm glad to have the time limits, but we need to eliminate Christmas from the list."

Asking for a strong letter to be sent to the state from the council, Damitio said the Muslim

Ramadan, which actually lasts a month, and the Jewish holiday Chanukah are included in permitted dates for holidays.

"I agree. I also think that children shouldn't be allowed to set off fireworks," Councilman James Henley said.

Included holidays

Included holidays like July 4, maybe Memorial Day and Labor Day could be expected to see fireworks, Councilwoman Pam Dobrowolski said.

"But Martin Luther King Day or Washing-

ton's birthday?" she said regarding other holidays included on the fireworks list.

Resident Jan Crowe urged the council do do all they can to limit consumer fireworks being discharged in Wayne.

"It's a fire hazard and it impinges on the rights of residents who are shift workers trying to sleep, the elderly, the ill, babies who can't sleep and veterans," Crowe said. "It's outrageous. I'm a gardener and love to be outside. I've lost that due to the kids and silly adults —

their right to have fun supersedes our rights."

The city needs to enforce decibel limits for the fireworks, allowed by state law, Crowe said, and let people know there will be consequences for violations.

Tickets written

Some tickets have been written for fireworks violations, which are civil infractions and must be witnessed by officers, Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright said.

"In some cases, charges have been

sought. The officers are all as frustrated as everyone in the room," Wright said. "When we go out (on a fireworks complaint), they have shot all their bottle rockets in five minutes or are holding them while the officers is there."

The city has limited authority over the fireworks for the designated 30 days annually since state law supersedes local ordinance.

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Community gathering scheduled for Aug. 8

Westland residents looking for a little water fun won't have to visit the H2O Zone — the city is bringing water slides and activities to Corrado Park on Thursday, Aug. 8.

It's Mayor William Wild's first community gathering of the summer, with a host of activities planned from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Along with water slides, this free event features a dunk tank, disc jockey, food and drinks and free giveaways. The Westland Police and Wayne-Westland Fire departments will showcase their vehicles, and there will be views of the new Department of Public Service Equipment, as well as kids' safety activities.

As a celebration of summer, this family-friendly event is being offered free of charge to all residents.

The celebration will be at Corrado Park on Gladys at Flamingo, south of Joy and west of Middlebelt.

Another free outdoor event will be a family

movie night as Thursday, Aug. 22, at Jaycee Park next to Mike Modano Arena.

Park It will bring an outdoor movie screen to show *Hotel Transylvania*, an animated film starring Adam Sandler as the voice of Dracula.

The family-friendly movie was chosen through residents' response to a crowd sourcing question posted on the City of Westland Administration's Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/CityofWestland.

This free event will also include a community gathering with Wild's staff and local officials, as well as bouncy houses, kids' activities and free giveaways beginning at 6 p.m. There will be live music by George Brother's Band and concessions available for purchase in the Modano Ice Arena.

The festivities begin at 6 p.m., with the movie set to start at 8:15 p.m. Jaycee Park is at Wildwood and Hunter, east of Wayne Road. Bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Forever After Productions stages 'Chicago'

Forever After Productions will present *Chicago A Musical Vaudeville* at the Berne Center for the Performing Arts in West Bloomfield Aug. 8-11.

Chicago A Musical Vaudeville is based on the book by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse.

The music was composed by John Kander and lyrics written by Fred Ebb. The story is based on the play by Maurine Dallas Watkins. This Samuel French publication is rated PG with mild language, violence and adult themes.

Winner of six Tony awards, including Best Musical Revival, *Chicago* combines an adulterous affair, deceit, murder, suspenseful courtroom scenes and glamorous show girls into the longest running revival on Broadway.

It's the Roaring 20s in Chicago. Roxie Hart, an ambitious chorus girl, murders her lover and then tricks her husband, Amos, into taking the rap. When the police convince Amos that Roxie lied, she lands in jail with another headline hunter stage per-



Appearing in *Chicago* are Emma Dwyer, Lindsay Powers, Elizabeth Ash, Jenna Craven, Korina Deming and CJ Hayes.

former Velma Kelly, both seeking pretrial publicity on their way to stardom.

Spectacular score

This sharp-edged satire features a spectacular score that includes *Razzle Dazzle*, *Cell Block Tango*, *Mr. Cellophane* and *All That Jazz*. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 8-10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11.

Tickets are \$15 each, \$12 for groups of 15 or

more. Purchase tickets by phone at (734) 547-5156, at www.foreverafterproductions.com, or at the door. The box office opens one hour before showtime.

Forever After Productions is a youth theater company for children and young adults ages 6 through college.

Upcoming shows for the 2013-2014 season include *Willie Wonka Jr.* in November, *A Christmas Carol* in late November/early

December and *Shrek* in January.

Forever After Productions is the premiere youth theater destination for southeast Michigan, providing quality theater education while producing Broadway style shows with exceptional costumes, staging, lighting and technical effects.

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Western Wayne political, business leaders planning gathering

An unprecedented gathering of the chief elected officials and business leaders from across 18 Western Wayne County communities will gather this fall for an evening of networking in celebration of the region's vibrant attributes.

The inaugural Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet will be held Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center in Dearborn. The Conference of Western Wayne, an advocacy organization serving the elected leaders of the

region's 18 cities and townships, is working with a team of local Chambers of Commerce to coordinate this program.

The intent of the banquet is to build stronger municipal-business relationships in a region that represents 700,000 residents and more than 54 percent of Wayne County's tax base.

"The Conference continues its 34-year-old tradition of working together with a dynamic and unified voice to improve the quality of life for our citizens," said

Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, who chairs the Conference of Western Wayne Board.

"We are eagerly looking forward to a long and successful collaboration with the many influential business leaders gathering at this event. Working cooperatively with both cities and townships in a nonpartisan fashion has benefited all of our communities."

The Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet will be emceed by Mary Kramer, the publisher of *Crain's Detroit Business*, and the

keynote speaker will be James Tetreault, Ford Motor Co.'s vice president of North American Manufacturing. Tetreault will speak about how metro Detroit communities can support the re-emerging American manufacturing industry that is in need of skilled, tech-savvy workers.

"We are happy to see many key people embrace this significant concept to promote our region," said Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Dan West, a lead banquet planner. "Our goal is to develop

this inaugural effort into an annual must-attend event for our region's elected officials and leading businesses to build relationships. Furthermore, as will be the case with our keynote speaker, we aim to provide a proactive message that will support our region's economic growth."

The program is scheduled to feature the appearance of all 18 chief-elected officials from the following municipalities: Cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster,

Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland; Townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter, and Van Buren. The event will be promoted by the chambers of commerce within the CWW region. Planners anticipate the banquet will attract some 450 people.

Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet sponsorship opportunities remain and corporate-table packages are on sale. For details, call 734-427-2122 or e-mail dwest@livonia.org.

Code Michigan event seeks mobile app developers

Code developers are invited to the state's first-ever Code Michigan event this October for an opportunity to build mobile applications and win cash prizes. The free "civic coding" event will also feature presentations from heavy-hitters in the technology industry.

"This unique event is only one example of how the State of Michigan is thinking outside the box on ways to improve customer service," said John Nixon, director of the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget. "We are excited to tap into the many talented developers out there who can help us realize our vision of making state government even more innovative and responsive."

Code Michigan is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4,

and run through 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at the Madison Building, 1555 Broadway St. in Detroit.

Individuals interested in participating may register for the free, three-day event can visit the Code Michigan website at www.codemichigan.com. There are only 200 tickets available, so early registration is encouraged.

Cash prizes and opportunities to pitch developed apps to real venture capitalists will be awarded to the best, most viable and useful apps developed at the event.

"Code Michigan is an exciting opportunity for civic-minded developers and designers to get together and create mobile apps for the public good," CIO David Behen said. "This is the first chance for coders to use state data to design and build apps with

real social value." The state is working on Code Michigan with several private partners including Commercial Progression, Detroit Labs and Bedrock Real Estate, all of Detroit. Other sponsors include Windows Azure (Microsoft), GitHub and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

"Coders have a skill set that they use every day that they can now leverage to contribute to the betterment of society," said Rick Mason, an entrepreneur who proposed the event. "I call it 'Democracy 2.0'"

Code Michigan will result in even more useful applications than currently exists today. Similar events in other parts of the country have resulted in the creation of new companies and new jobs. For more information, visit codemichigan.com.



Honored during CNA Week at Hope Healthcare Center in Westland were senior employees Debra McKnight (from left), Gretchen Morgan, Patrice Lewis, Pam Hixon, Tanya Stoudemire, Tina Harvey, Audra West, Tracey Coates, Rhonda Morgan, Carolyn Jones and Ameenah Lane.

Hope Healthcare honors senior care specialists

Hope Healthcare Center in Westland recently honored 11 of its resident care specialists as part of the recent 36th annual Certified Nursing Assistants Week.

The care specialists represent a collective 145 years of experience in serving residents at Hope Healthcare, located at 38410 Cherry Hill, Westland.

According to adminis-

trator Don Mass, the 11 CNAs "represent how dedicated Hope Healthcare Center is to the residents and families that have chosen to become a part of our family for the last 30 years."

"Hope Healthcare Center is the most committed short-term rehab and long-term care provider in Westland," he said.

"Some say 'they are

the best,' but we are the most invested - and are the best!"

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HVS All-Sports Camps are offered for three age groups - Mini Campers (3.5-5.5), Junior Campers (5-9), and Senior Campers (10-13). Full-day camps run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the half-day runs either 9 a.m. to noon

or 1-4 p.m. Before Care starts at 7:15 am and After Care ends at 6 pm. Campers can enroll by the day or the week.

The cost is \$19/day for half-day campers and \$35/day for full-day campers. Before Care is \$5/day and After Care is \$5/hour/day. A hot lunch may be purchased each day for \$5 or kids can bring sack lunches. Junior and senior Campers will play age-appropriate sports and backyard games. Mini campers participate in sports clinics, jump on the inflatables, and work on a themed project each day (Mondays-Arts/Music,

Tuesday-Safety, Wednesday-Water/Sand Play, Thursdays-Nature, and Fridays-Health and Nutrition).

Kids on field trips enjoy sports stations, team building activities, and the Inflatable Zone. Field trips start at \$6 per child for two hours with a minimum of 20 kids and just add \$1 for child for each additional hour. Kids can bring sack lunches or buy lunch for \$4 (pizza, cookies, and a drink). Team and Corporate Parties are also welcome.

For more information, call Elaine Matthews at 734-487-7678.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PRESCHOOL SIGNUP

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

Details: The Westland Free Methodist Preschool is 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.

Contact: For more information, to schedule a tour or enroll, call 734-728-3559, visit www.preschool.livesarechanging.com or email wfmppreschool@yahoo.com.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23

Location: Designer Duds 'n Other Treasures, 815 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Enjoy an evening of shopping, fellowship and fun at Designer Duds 'n Other Treasures' Hawaiian-themed Ladies' Night Out. Vendors include 31 Bags & Gifts, Premiere Designs, Clever Container, Wine Tasting with Wines for Humanity, Pure Romance and It Works. Cost is \$25 to reserve a space and is a must to guarantee a spot. Bring a raffle item. Depending on weather, the event may be held in the parking.

Contact: Call 734-331-2519.

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, email mom2momwayne-fumc@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 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 Road, Plymouth

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

Contact: John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschjt@yahoo.com

FALL CRAFT SHOWS

ST. THEODORE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 12

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

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

Contact: Mary at 734-425-4421 vm#10

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. A table with electricity is \$35.

Contact: For applications, call St. Mel's at 313-274-0684 or email stmelcraftfair@yahoo.com.

PERRINVILLE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12

Location: Perrinville Early Childhood Center, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia

Details: Crafters are being sought for the Perrinville Early Childhood Center's fourth annual Craft/Vendor Show.

Contact: Brenda at wjwb2000@ameritech.net

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 pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson 734-522-3918

WESTLAND ROTARY

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

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

Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Visit www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events.

Contact: Jeff at 734-261-5010

FAMILY CAREGIVERS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Monday of the month

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Helen Streett at 734-629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES

Time/Date: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Helen Streett at 734-629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Helen Streett at 734-629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month

Location: Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

Details: The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays.

Contact: For more information, call Debbie Dayton at 734-721-4216.

TOASTMASTERS

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Warriors 3 Comics & Games, 35613 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Enter from parking lot entrance.

Details: Wayne-Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

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

EARTH ANGELS

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

Contact: www.earthangelson-tour.org or eangel1986@comcast.net

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, desig-

Wish You Were Here



Wayne-Westland School Superintendent and his wife Gabi, as well as daughter and son-in-law Courtney and Paul Giordano, chose the Great Wall of China as the backdrop to pose with their Wayne-Westland Observer to say Wish You Were Here. The group was visiting China where Paul spoke to the International Turf Grass Conference in Beijing. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

nate days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

Contact: For more information, call 888-660-2007 and leave a message.

CITIZENS FOR PEACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month

Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.

Contact: Colleen Mills at 734-425-0079

VETERAN'S HAVEN

Location: Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne.

Details: Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

Contact: 734-728-0527

SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass.

Contact: 734-482-2902

GARDEN CITY KIWANIS

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

Location: Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City

Details: Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to bettering the world one child and one community at a time. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

GARDEN CITY ROTARY

Time/Date: 12 noon Thursdays

Location: Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City

Details: Community service planning, lunch and socializing are enjoyed.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Details: The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fundraising. No experience is necessary. Training will be provided.

Contact: 734-459-7744

ANNAPOLIS RETIREES

Time/Date: 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month

Location: Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne

Details: All Oakwood Retirees are welcome to attend.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. third Monday of every month

Location: Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile

Details: Beginning genealogy and computer classes start at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

PURPLE HEART

Time/Date: 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month

Location: VFW Post 7575 Hall, 33011 Ford west of Venoy, Garden City

Details: Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans.

FOR SENIORS

FRIENDSHIP CENTER

Location: 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland

Details: The Senior Resources Department Friendship Center offers a variety of programs for older adults.

Contact: 734-722-7632, www.cl.westland.mi.us

DYER CENTER

Location: 36745 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Marquette, Westland

Details: Offers activities Monday-Friday at the center.

Contact: 734-419-2020

SENIOR FITNESS

Location: Maplewood Senior Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

Details: The Senior Fitness Room is available to those age 50 and older. There's an annual membership is \$55 per year or get a daily pass for \$1. Senior aerobic classes are held from 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and

Thursday. Drop in for \$3 per day.

Contact: 734-793-1870

SENIOR SERVICES

Location: Senior Services Lounge, Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne

Details: Wayne Seniors Services offers Sew Friendly 1-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Material Girls 6-9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month; the Golden Hour Club at 11 a.m. Thursdays; bingo at 1 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month for adults age 50 and older; and the Sometimes Travel Club for adults age 30 and older with \$5 annual dues.

Contact: For more information, call 734-721-7400.

VOLUNTEERS

FIRST STEP

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

Contact: 734-416-1111, Ext. 223

VNA HOSPICE

Details: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's VNA-hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

Contact: 248-967-8361, www.vna.org

SEASONS HOSPICE

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

Contact: 800-370-8592

HEARTLAND HOSPICE

Details: Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people interested in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services.

Contact: 888-973-1145

ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2013-26
July 16, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, July 15, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Presentation of a resolution to Richard Fernandez; APPROVED: minutes of the regular meetings of July 2 and special meeting of July 9; Special Event Permits for US-12 and Wayne Rotary Club; establishment of Ind. Dev. Dist at Russo Properties; site plan 2013-07-Mark Chevrolet; bid to Fiore Ent. for \$233,251.50; materials recovery permits at 36597 Annapolis and 4322 Walker; first reading of amendments to Chapter 692.00-Fireworks; resolution for PA 345 - 7 mills/10 years; approve Mayor & Clerk to sign real estate doc.; sale of 32328 Michigan to Wyoming Properties; transformer rental for \$4100.00; 4th/yr. contract with Specialized Vending; adoption of PA 152; canceled special meeting on 7/17/13; called spec mtg for 8/6/13 at 6:30 p.m.; and consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 14 7/15/13

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves
126: Appr. minutes of meeting held 7/1/13.
- Adopted land div. resolution, PID #081-99-0021-705, e. side of Merriman, n. of Van Born.
- Adopted land div. resolution, PID #003-99-0012-701, SE corner of Ann Arbor Trail & Middlebelt.
- Appr. prepared resolution adopting WWCS Agreement for renovation of 31905 Saginaw Ct.
- Adopted 1 NSP disposition for 7408 Floral.
127: Closed public hearing for YLM USA Inc. Tax abatement.
128: Appr. amendment to Class C liquor license issued to MJR Westland License LLC, changing it to MJR Sterling Heights License LLC.
129: Appr. voucher list \$2,872,387.81.
Mtg. adj. at 7:43 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk, CMC

James Godbout
Council President

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ABSTRACT - WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING #2013-27
July 17, 2013

The Special Meeting of the City Council was not held on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. as it has been rescheduled to August 6, 2013 at 6:30p.m. and lack of quorum.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2013-25
July 16, 2013

Special Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 7:05 p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Recessed to a closed session at 7:05 p.m. Reconvened in open session at 8:05 p.m. Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

OUR VIEWS

Make a donation

Help Yankee Air save bomber plant

The deadline is approaching for the Yankee Air Museum to buy 175,000 square feet of the former Willow Run bomber plant from RACER (Revitalizing Automotive Communities Environmental Response) Trust, which is disposing of properties left after GM's 2009 bankruptcy.

The Museum has until Aug. 1 to raise \$5 million to buy that portion of the five million-square-foot former GM Powertrain plant where more than 8,600 B-24 Liberator bombers were built during World War II. Without the money, YAM supporters will have to watch as RACER has the plant torn down to open up 300 acres for development.

Raising that kind of money in a short amount of time is a monumental effort for the museum, which signed a letter of intent to purchase the building in April. The deadline is just a week away and the museum has raised approximately \$400,000. Unless many donors step forward, YAM will fall far short of its goal.

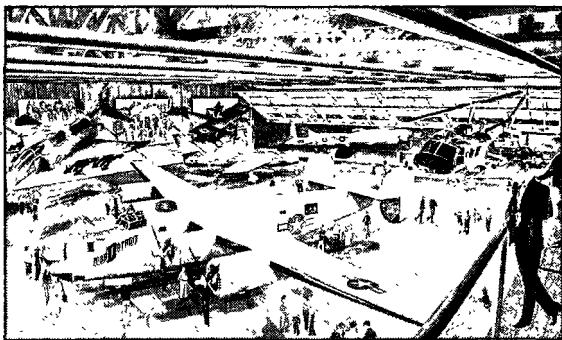
YAM has been around since the 1980s, working to preserve the country's aviation history, first in a wooden hangar that burned down and then in a smaller building it recently purchased. Having the opportunity to save a piece of the history of the Arsenal of Democracy and a chance to consolidate its collection, including all but its largest aircraft, under one roof is a huge plus for the organization.

Every dollar counts. According to YAM, every \$50 raised saves one square foot of the bomber plant. That means 100,000 people, businesses, even veterans organizations, would need to donate that amount to save the building and let YAM accomplish its dream of becoming a signature destination in southeast Michigan. A show of community support could also spur major donors to give.

History was made at the Willow Run bomber plant, which has close ties to the area. More than 40,000 men and women worked there, and Westland's Norwayne Subdivision was built in 1943 to provide housing for defense workers who built the B-24 bombers.

YAM needs everyone's help to keep its dream alive. Be one of those people and send a donation to the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, "Rebuilding the Yankee Air Museum," P.O. Box 8282, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

No amount is too small to save a piece of history.



The Yankee Air Museum plans to transform the building into a display area filled with many of the planes it now has on static display outside.

Keep the jazz humming: Donate to annual festival

The Michigan Jazz Festival is a perennial favorite at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, with the college taking on a more active role this past weekend, its 19th such annual presentation.

In the past, Schoolcraft was always a great venue, but has assumed a more active role with "Ma Jazz" Midge Ellis stepping back into well-deserved retirement.

The festival brings six stages and super-talented musicians to town the third Sunday of July. The event is free and draws jazz lovers from near and far.

The Michigan Jazz Festival is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, dependent on the generosity of music lovers to keep the music free. Donations may be made online at info@michiganjazzfestival.org.

Organizers also depend on the annual fundraisers, the Performer's Day Brunch at Schoolcraft and a spring performance held this past April. Sponsors from the community are a tremendous help in keeping the music free, but individual support matters a great deal as well.

If you like the jazz event, which dates back to the 1990s and has grown in size and stature, why not consider making a donation?

Checks or money orders payable to the Michigan Jazz Festival are also welcome. They should be sent to: Michigan Jazz Festival, c/o Schoolcraft College Music Office, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, MI 48152.

One great thing about the Michigan Jazz Festival is its support for young musicians. Your contribution will keep this great community event alive and help educate up-and-coming musicians as well.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of the proposed new hockey arena and entertainment district in downtown Detroit?

We asked this question at the Livonia Civic Center Library.



"Anything that can make Detroit a vibrant city, that's a plus."

Patti Fitzer
Westland



"I think it's an awesome thing for the city."

Kristen Calder-Bowman
South Lyon



"I think it's great."

Mary Bojanic
Redford



"I think that it's probably going to make a lot of people go back downtown."

Lynn Cairne
Livonia

LETTERS

Fee is ridiculous

So the Mayor and City Council made the decision to pass an ordinance to charge \$12 to have a garage sale. I never heard of this at the meetings.

The surrounding cities like Livonia, Redford and Garden City charge \$5 for six days. And Wayne and Canton do not charge at all. Why didn't they allow getting citizens feedback on this ordinance? I think this is ridiculous.

Mrs. J. Chyba
Westland

Not a good idea

On paper, county school districts sound like a good idea. There is, however, a worst case example right here in Wayne County, the Detroit Public Schools. They service about 50 percent of Wayne County and are among the worst, if not the worst, school districts in the nation. Using Detroit as an example, the thought of a county-wide school district sends shivers up my spine.

Yes, there can be consolidation of small districts into one larger one, but a single district in counties like Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb is absolutely not the way to go. The county could be divided into several manageable districts like the Wayne-Westland and Plymouth-Canton school districts and be successful.

Super sized systems like Detroit won't work, at least here in Southeastern Michigan. Detroit has proved it.

Thomas (Tom) Jenkins
Westland

Corporate greed

We found the Tuesday, July 9, issue of *The Detroit News*, articles regarding paying of back property taxes relating to possession of foreclosed homes terribly upsetting. This is why we are writing this letter to hopefully capture the interest of other readers who will respond to our Wayne County executives.

Apparently, Raymond Wojtowicz, Wayne County treasurer, allowed owners to pay their bills and retain their properties up to the September and October foreclosure auctions. The article further stated that some county treasury officials said that this caused too many problems that by law communities and the state are allowed to take possession of any foreclosed property they want several weeks prior to the auction. Further it stated that the new policy blocks owners in foreclosure from paying during July. Then Deputy Treasurer David Szymanski said taxpayers can still have their properties come Aug. 1, 2013, if the local communities and state don't want them.

Since when do local communities and/or the state take precedence over the individual homeowners? What third world country do we live in? How much lower is the bar going to go? When did we start treating our people like commodities? Whatever happened to morality?

If the county needs money, all one has to do is put a stop to the wasteful, obscene expenditure of money. What in the world is going on? How could anyone refuse a 62-year-old lady who showed up last week to pay her \$700 bill? She left empty-handed. After owning her home for 37 years, she fell behind because of medical bills. The refusal by the county to accept her payment was diabolical. One can change rules; however, the action of denying this lady's ownership of her home was immoral. Another example of a citizen, a 46-year-old gentleman, was also denied the right to make another down-payment on his tax debt. How many citizens were

SEND US YOUR VIEWS

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters by the following formats:

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

and continue to be treated like third world people?

The article further stated that Mr. Wojtowicz used discretion for extending the window for owners to save their properties. This is how we would expect our people to be treated. But everyone doesn't do it.

In this entire maze of Main Street vs. Wall Street, Wall Street continues to win. Nobody is talking about corporate welfare. Corporations continue to get all of the breaks, yet when our citizens continue to experience hardships, they are just moved around like pawns on a chess board. How cruel. Further, L. Yangouyian, Dearborn assistant corporation counsel, said that worried owners' calls are turned away. "They have had ample opportunity to make these payments," said Yangouyian. Really Corporate welfare?

We are deeply saddened by what is transpiring. It appears that Wojtowicz is the only ray of hope in this ongoing nightmare. He risked a lawsuit by turning down a request for a foreclosed property by working out a payment plan with the owner to recover the delinquent taxes. His continued respect for his constituency is admirable amidst the craziness of too many elected officials. For this, we thank him.

We expect all other elected officials to treat constituents with respect and dignity. We should keep the bar high. We need to help people who are struggling keep a roof over their heads. We pray that too many more of our people will not become victims of Wall Street type greed.

James and Mary Murphy
Westland

No to stadium

As a lifetime Red Wings fan and longtime visitor to first Olympia and later Joe Louis Arena, I must speak in opposition to a new stadium. Not because of cost or location, but because approximately 44 percent will be publicly financed. Ilitch Enterprises is a billion-dollar effort and the Ilitches are billionaires.

We are simply opposed to additional corporate welfare.

The new proposed stadium is much smaller and likely full of executive suites. Ticket prices will go up and most average fans will simply be priced out of the new stadium. The public will get very little for its 44 percent long-term investment in this \$650 million project.

This is not to say that the new proposed stadium won't have benefits, but just none for the average fan. Mr. Ilitch can afford to build it himself and has the power to do so. The city and state are broke; why should we be asked to pay nearly half the costs?

More private financing and less public financing is required.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Apples and oranges

In a recent op-ed, Sen. Patrick Colbeck says that an alternative to Medicaid expansion is to "look no further than free-market segments such as laser eye and plastic surgery as examples to follow in cost containment." Comparing market efficiencies in these two segments of health care with the rest of health care is a misleading comparison of apples to oranges, but sadly something to be expected from Colbeck.

Laser surgery, nose jobs, breast enhancement and face lifts, unlike emergency appendectomies or heart bypass surgeries, are almost always elective and not normally covered by private insurance and certainly not by Medicaid. People "shopping" these markets by choice, not necessity, are almost entirely made up of those who are comparatively very well off, not your average Michigander who Colbeck purports to represent; hence these markets have little in common.

Colbeck then treats readers to an anti-government comment about "the long list of government services that do not promote quality" (What about all the public opinion polls expressing satisfaction with Social Security, the VA hospital system, Medicare or the military, all government programs?) without ever offering an explanation of how to apply those so-called "free-market" principles to Medicaid, lamenting, "as more and more doctors begin refusing Medicaid recipients to avoid going out of business, where will all those people go to be treated?"

Is Colbeck's concern here more for doctors or the shunned patients? Perhaps, senator, since the medical market is a life-and-death matter, free-market principles should not apply.

Colbeck, a supporter of right-to-work, seems to be OK with teachers, police officers, firefighters and municipal workers, as well as all private-sector union members, having to accept less. Why then would he avoid any suggestion that as part of a solution American doctors may have to start accepting incomes more in line with doctor incomes in places like Canada and the other OECD countries rather than going out of business?

Colbeck again goes to what seems to be his standby, a misleading apples-to-oranges comparison by claiming that "Obamacare" will cause premium increases of 30 to 60 percent without any qualification or citation. According to www.upworthy.com, rather than Colbeck's inferred across-the-board hikes, less than 3 percent of young adults who by law must upgrade from strictly catastrophic (apples) to more comprehensive policies (oranges) resulting in greater cost for greater value may fall into this category. The good news is that there are generous subsidies extending up to incomes of \$94,000 for a family of four, according to the Henry Kaiser Family Foundation, and increased competition within the exchanges suppressing premiums overall.

Colbeck concludes with "let the private sector provide a framework where competition thrives in a consumer-friendly environment." Senator, letting the private sector provide the framework has resulted in a for-profit system that has Americans paying up to twice as much for care as those in most OECD nations with inferior outcomes making health care a primary driver of federal deficits going forward, hence Obamacare.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Classy cars, motorcycles have spot at Concours d'Elegance

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Local residents are bringing their own touch of class to the grand 35th Concours d'Elegance in Plymouth, touted as one of the world's most prestigious showings of classic, rare and magnificent autos.

Classic car enthusiast Paul Coleman plans to bring an award-winning 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 Sunliner, a convertible finished in raven black and flame red.

John Horner, owner of Canton-based BMW Motorcycles of Southeast Michigan, is bringing three 2013 cycles to Concours d'Elegance, set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 28, on the lush grounds of the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile.

Both men have participated in past Concours events.

Coleman, 69, is showing the classy Ford he has owned since 1999, after he bought it and had it restored in Arkansas. His father before him, Ross Coleman, enjoyed classic cars, as does his son Jeff, 43.



Canton resident Paul Coleman and his granddaughters, Abbey (left) and Caroline Farwell, show off Coleman's 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 Sunliner.

"I think you have to have the old car gene," Paul Coleman said. "I think you have to inherit it."

He recalls fondly how his father bought a new car most every year, especially during the 1950s when he said U.S. automakers gave their vehicles a jet-age look with big fins, large tail-lights and other unique amenities.

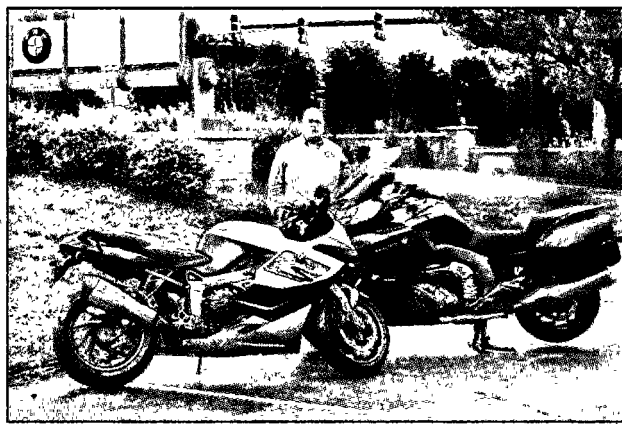
"That's what drove the Big Three and their marketing and advertising," Coleman said. "It was the love affair America had with the automobile."

His beloved Ford is to

become part of the so-called Jet Age convertible section of Concours, complete with its padded dash and sun visors, "swift sure" power brakes, Town & Country radio, Sunburst wheel covers and other amenities.

"It was all part of that decade when styling was just so, in some cases, outlandish," Coleman said.

Horner, meanwhile, is rolling out three BMW motorcycles — two he owns and one belonging to a customer. He isn't looking for awards as he enters the Super Bikes



John Horner, owner of Canton-based BMW Motorcycles of Southeast Michigan, is bringing three 2013 motorcycles to Concours d'Elegance Sunday in Plymouth.

and Super Cars section of Concours.

"It's just for show," said Horner, who owns his business with wife Dawn. "We get a lot of traffic (from Concours) at our business, so it's good for us."

BMW Motorcycles of Southeast Michigan, at Ford and Lotz roads, ranks as the 12th largest BMW motorcycle dealer in the country. It's a business that ties in nicely with Concours d'Elegance.

"The section we're in is a celebration of the technology that's in the current vehicles," said

cycle engines. The K1600GT, billed by Horner as the only production bike with an in-line six-cylinder engine. It also has amenities such as an adaptive headlight that lights up the driver's path, rather than fading off into trees or other off-the-road spots.

"It's the best sport touring motorcycle in the world," Horner said.

Horner said he commutes by motorcycle about nine months of the year, "as long as there's no ice on the road."

Coleman and Horner are among some 300 owners invited to this year's Concours, spread over the lush and historic St. John's grounds.

The event is dedicated to the Genius of the Automobile and celebrates exotic, beautiful and historically important vehicles and the people behind them.

Admission is \$25 and includes parking, shuttle and program book. For more information, visit www.concourusa.org.

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AROUND WESTLAND AND WAYNE

Document shredding

The Westland Friendship Center at 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford, will have an industrial shredder on site from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, July 26, for residents to have their documents shredded and disposed of safely.

Drive up with your bags or boxes of documents — three bag/box maximum — and watch them be shredded for free.

For more information, call 734-722-7628.

No Coffee Hours

No coffee hours will be held in Westland and Garden City in August for Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, state Sen. Glenn Anderson or state Reps.

David Knezek and Robert Kosowski.

Coffee hours will resume in September.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson can contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at 866-262-7306 or by email at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Benefit car show

Parkside Credit Union will be hosting its eighth annual Classic Car Show benefiting the Lyman Foundation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 27, at the Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road.

The event will give the community an opportunity to showcase their classic cars and enjoy fun with friends and family while benefiting a charity.

cause. The Lyman Foundation is a non-profit organization that raises money for Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City.

Golf outing

The John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 16th annual golf outing fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Idyl Wyld Golf Course, 35786 Five Mile, Livonia.

The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and steak dinner after golf. Hole sponsorship and raffle donations are also being accepted. All donations are welcome.

Contact Coach Pòlk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at 734-634-4595 for more information or reservations or visit glennwrestling.com.

ting.com.

Cruise the Rouge

Cruise the Rouge River on the Diamond Belle with Friends of the Rouge from 5:45-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6.

The tour is \$50 and includes dinner and narration of the Rouge by Dr. Orin Gelderloos as well as an update on the cleanup of the Lower Rouge sediments by the EPA.

Proceeds from the tour go to support Friends of the Rouge whose mission is to promote restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River.

For more information or to register, visit the-rouge.org.

Teen Programs

The Westland Youth Assistance Program and

the Taylor Teen Health Center are hosting a "Be Proud! Be Responsible!" workshops.

"Be Proud, Be Responsible!" is a pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention program for ages 12-18. The workshops will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 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.

Circus tickets

Tickets are on sale for the Kelly Miller Circus, which will do two 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.

Community Day

Community Free Will Baptist Church at 33031 Cherry Hill, Westland, is holding a Community Day, starting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 4.

The event is free to the public and includes hot dogs, snacks, bounce houses, games, face painting and more.

For more information, call 734-340-3694.

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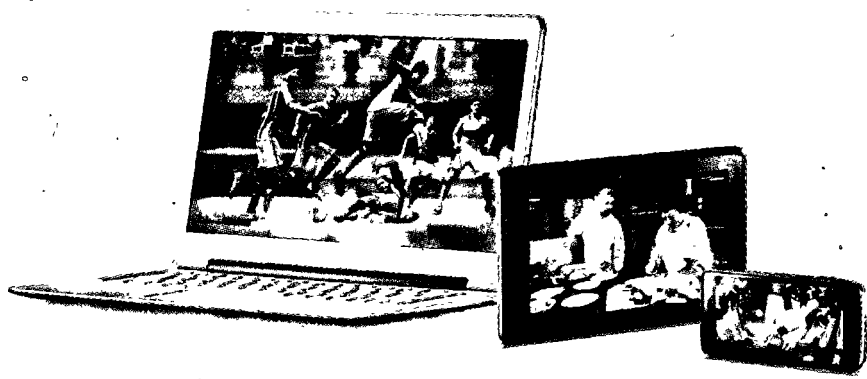
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Ovarian cancer survivor Jenn Sommermann will tackle the fourth state of her 2013 triathlon season by participating in The Village Triathlon in Clarkston on Sunday.

Triathlete racing to raise awareness of early ovarian cancer detection

Survivor Jenn Sommermann, who has been racing across the country to support the early detection of ovarian cancer, will make the fourth stop in her 2013 season in Michigan this weekend.

Sommermann will tackle The Village Triathlon in Clarkston on Sunday, July 28. Michigan represents the 47th state since she launched her 50 x 50 x 100 campaign in 2009. The athlete's personal crusade is to compete in 50 triathlons in all 50 states by the time she is 50 years old, raising \$100,000 for ovarian cancer research and educating women across the country about the disease.

Now 49 years old, Sommermann has already competed in 46 states, raising awareness and \$96,000 to fight ovarian cancer on behalf of the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund. OCRF sponsors research aimed at finding a method of early detection and a cure for the disease, dubbed the "silent killer" of women.

'Insidious killer'

According to OCRF, Ovarian cancer is the leading cause of death from gynecologic cancers in the United States and is the fifth leading cause of cancer death among American women. "Ovarian Cancer is an insidious killer, and without a known, reliable

screening test, less than 20 percent of cases are caught before the disease has already spread," Sommermann said.

Six years ago, Sommermann herself was diagnosed with a stage-three ovarian tumor that presented only the slightest symptoms, but which had already spread.

"When I noticed a mysterious weight gain and my clothes fitting tighter at my waist within a matter of a few weeks, I knew something wasn't right," she said. "I wasted no time in consulting my physician, received the diagnosis and immediately scheduled surgery."

After undergoing surgery and chemotherapy in early 2007, Sommermann was back to work and competing in triathlons eight weeks later with a new-found purpose: she would compete in events across the U.S. to raise awareness of ovarian cancer and the crucial need for a means of early detection.

"The campaign is really gaining momentum," said Sommermann, who is encouraged that the message is getting out. "No one needs to die from this disease, if it is caught early."

Self-funded

The campaign is fully self-funded. Sommermann pays her own travel expenses, entry fees

and all costs associated with her events. In addition, in-kind donations, including competition entries and hotel stays, are turned into cash donations by Sommermann in the name of the contributor. Contributions are tax-deductible, and all funds raised through her efforts go 100 percent to fund ovarian cancer research.

"No donation is too small," Sommermann said. "Lots of people don't bother to make a contribution because they're feeling the pinch of the economic downturn. My hope is that those considering making a donation aren't dissuaded because they can't afford a \$25 or \$50 contribution. I just love seeing those \$5 and \$10 donations coming in."

A lifelong athlete, Sommermann competed in her first triathlon at age 40 and discovered her passion for the sport. She has competed in all three Women's Triathlon Series races in Washington, Illinois and California as part of Team Hope, which raises funds for OCRF, and was the single largest fundraiser for the organization in 2008.

To follow Sommermann's event schedule and contribute to her fundraising efforts, visit jennsommermann.blogspot.com. For more information about OCRF, visit ocrf.org.

Lessons to learn from Detroit's bankruptcy

Not surprisingly, the city of Detroit filed for bankruptcy last week. Just like when General Motors filed for bankruptcy, the handwriting has been on the wall for a while. Detroit's finances are a mess and Kevyn Orr, the Emergency Manager, had very few options available.

At this point I have no idea how long the bankruptcy will last and what the ultimate outcome will be. However, I think it is safe to say that pensioners and creditors — along with Detroit residents — will experience a fair amount of pain. Hopefully, Detroit will use this opportunity to get its fiscal house in order.

There are lots of reasons the city has been a failure fiscally. However, the purpose of this column is not to review those issues but rather, to focus on what individuals can learn from the Detroit bankruptcy.

Detroit's economic problems did not start a couple years ago. They have been 30-plus years in the making. Throughout that time, mayors and members of city council have avoided tackling Detroit's economic problems.

Avoiding problems

They chose the easier course — to push the



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problems into the future. The result is Detroit's economic mess and the bankruptcy. The lesson to learn is that economic problems need to be addressed and resolved immediately. Ignoring the problem or trying to resolve it by borrowing more money, like the city has done, is not a solution.

If Detroit would have addressed some of its systemic problems 30-plus years ago, it would have been in much better economic shape today. The same thing applies to an individual's financial affairs. Addressing economic problems makes them easier to resolve.

Another lesson to learn from Detroit's bankruptcy is that bankruptcy in many situations is a viable alternative. Many people in severe financial difficulty often will not consider bankruptcy as an option. I believe that is a mistake. That doesn't mean bankruptcy is a first option, but it should be considered.

Bankruptcy laws are meant to give a second chance and the opportunity to wipe the slate clean. In some situations,

an individual's economic problems are so vast that bankruptcy is the most viable alternative.

Sometimes people so much want to avoid bankruptcy that they actually get themselves in worse shape by avoiding it. Corporate America has used the bankruptcy laws to its advantage individuals shouldn't hesitate to also use those laws.

Not a sign of failure

Just because you filed for bankruptcy does not mean that you have been a failure. Sometimes, things just happen that are out of your control. However, in some an individual's difficult financial situation was caused by his/her own bad choices and failure to monitor personal financial affairs.

I have no idea how the bankruptcy in Detroit is going to turn out. Will Detroit take this opportunity to get its act together or will it continue to decline? Either way, there will be more lessons we can all learn. Let's hope that the lessons in the future will be positive ones. Good luck.

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Youth baseball camp director Pat Watson (standing, red shirt) gives instructions about Extreme Pickle to campers before they begin the game. ALL PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Rams roll

Three more games, three more blowout victories for the Michigan Rams.

After sweeping Sunday's Livonia Collegiate Baseball League doubleheader against the Southfield Indians (9-0 in Game 1; 12-1 in the nightcap), the Rams went on to trounce the Motor City Pride, 7-0 on Sunday at Ford Field.

The Rams (17-11-2) scored four runs in the top of the first and never looked back. Pitcher Jack Balicki gave up just two hits and one walk while striking out eight.

Big guns included Tyler Baker (2-for-3 with a double and three RBI), Griffin Harms (2-for-4), Justin Sherman (2-for-3, double, two runs) and Trent Drumheller (2-for-4).

For the Pride (18-12-0), Joe Killian and Michael Craig each collected one hit in three trips to the plate.

On Sunday against the Southfield Indians at Southfield-Lathrup High School, Spencer Goebel pitched a no-hitter, striking out 14 as the Rams prevailed 9-0 in the twinbill opener.

Baker went 4-for-5 to pace the Rams' 17-hit attack while Sherman (three runs) and Harris (two RBI) each went 3-for-5 with Drumheller and Chris McDonald adding two hits each. Miles Sorise smacked a solo homer.

In Game 2, six-run rallies in the first two frames lifted the Rams. Ben Yax had a big game (3-for-3, three runs, three RBI).

Earning the win with three innings of shutout pitching was Donnie Eaton (U-M) with Kirk Stambaugh (Western Michigan University) finishing up with two innings of relief.

Diamond days



Jason "J.J." Whittenburg (foreground) tries to stay ahead of assistant camp counselor Nick Basel during a game of Extreme Pickle at High Velocity in Canton. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Summer heat doesn't strike out enthusiastic baseball campers

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

All last week, Anthony Genna and nearly 50 other youngsters had to endure brutally hot weather in order to take part in Canton Leisure Services' youth baseball camp.

So with the heat index pushing 100 degrees all week, it was fitting that the 11-year-old boiled it all down as to why he took his baseball glove, spikes and water jug to Canton Sports Center five consecutive days.

"Because it's fun to play baseball," said Anthony, a Canton resident and Discovery Middle School student who was just 6 when he first signed up for the annual camp coached by Pat Watson. "When you play, try to hit the ball as hard as you can and just get better at it."

Another camp "veteran," Canton's Adam Jaroudi, 12, relished the opportunity to get back on the diamond and sharpen up all aspects of his game.

And his ringing endorsement was good enough for younger brother Ryan, 9, to join the camp roster a couple of years later.

"It's a really fun camp," Adam said. "There's really fun counselors and it's a really great time."



Incoming Salem freshman A.J. Choukair and other baseball campers played Extreme Pickle hoping to win this wood fungo bat.

Their enthusiastic testimonials undoubtedly sound as sweet as bat on ball to baseball lifer Watson, a Canton resident who played the sport at Ann Arbor Huron and coached it at West Bloomfield. Now in his 12th year of coaching the camp, Watson emphasized that interest in the sport among kids these days is "a little down" from a

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Golfer Verdura sets world record

Former Farmington Hills resident nears goal of 14,000 holes in one year

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

John Verdura is living the golfer's dream. He plays golf morning, noon and night - day after day.

And the best part is his wife doesn't even mind. In fact, Karen Verdura is the one who suggested her husband play so much golf.

It's all part of a nearly completed, year-long quest by Verdura to set a Guinness World Record for the most holes of golf played in a single year.

The former Farmington Hills resident has the record. That issue was decided back in May. The only unknown is what the final tally will be when Verdura plays his last round July 31.

He is certainly within reach of his goal of 14,000 holes. As of



John Verdura is pictured with his wife Karen at the Firewheel Golf Course, where he played the vast majority of his nearly 14,000 holes of golf.

July 18, the 63-year-old retiree who now lives in Garland, Texas, had played 13,688 holes - an amount equal to 760-plus rounds of 18-hole golf.

Verdura obliterated the old record of 11,000 that belonged to Richard Lewis of Irving, Texas.

"I really didn't think I would shatter it," Verdura said. "I thought I could break it. I just started playing and tried to get in as many holes as I could."

"The gentleman who had the record averaged 30 a day and I'm trying to average 36. If the opportunity was there for me to play more, I took it because I knew there would be days I wouldn't get in 36."

When he started Aug. 1, 2012, it seemed like such a daunting task to Verdura. After he played 72 holes Sept. 28, spending 12½ hours on the course, his spirit and confidence soared, however.

"I wasn't even tired that day," he said. "Right then and there, barring any injury, I knew I could do it. Now, here I am!"

The idea for the record-setting effort came from Verdura's nephew, Jeff Guy of Farmington Hills, during a visit to Texas last summer. On the airplane, he read a magazine article about Lewis and his record.

"He said, 'You know, uncle John, you wouldn't have to change your lifestyle to break this record' because he knew I was playing a lot of golf, too," Verdura said. "Karen heard that and jumped right on it. She said, 'Starting Aug. 1, start bringing those score cards home to me.'"

Karen Verdura, who still works full time and was transferred to Texas three years ago, thought it was the ideal endeavor for her golf-playing husband.

"I thought that would be pretty fun," she said. "I mentioned it to John but, as soon as our daughter Sara said she thought it would be cool, suddenly that changed everything. He started figuring it out and what would have to be done."

When people hear about Ver-

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Rusin shines

Canton native Chris Rusin (Divine Child grad) took full advantage of his emergency start for the Chicago Cubs on Monday night.

Rusin earned a 4-2 win against the Arizona Diamondbacks by yielding just two runs and two hits in five innings. He struck out four and walked two before three Cubs relievers finished the job.

Rusin was promoted for the start after the Cubs' original starting pitcher Matt Garza was traded to the Texas Rangers earlier in the day.

Rusin has excelled for the AAA Iowa Cubs this season, having carved out an 8-7 record and a 3.35 earned run average.

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Pummill set to shine for SC volleyball team

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

In an era when many top-notch high school athletes choose to specialize in a single sport, Julene Pummill was a player for all seasons during her recently completed career at Garden City High School, where she earned multiple letters for the Cougars' volleyball, basketball and softball programs.

Pummill's three-sport experience will take a back seat to specialization beginning this fall, but for all the right reasons.

On July 15, Pummill officially committed to play volleyball for Schoolcraft College, which has been a major stepping stone for several area players on their way to four-year schools.

Pummill, a setter, bypassed impressive academic scholarship offers from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Wayne State University to keep her volleyball dreams alive at Schoolcraft.

"I am so grateful that this opportunity came along because after being involved in athletics since about the fourth grade, I don't know what I would have done without sports," she said, smiling.



Recent Garden City graduate Julene Pummill, pictured with her parents Ron and Justine and her younger brother Joe (standing), committed last week to play volleyball for Schoolcraft College.

"There are two other freshmen setters coming in, so I know I'm going to have to work hard, but I'm ready to do whatever it takes."

Pummill's path to Schoolcraft was intriguing due to its late-in-the-game circumstances.

"Kayla Bone, who I played with at Garden City, is going to play at Schoolcraft, too, and she told me they had an opening," Pummill said. "She en-

couraged me to attend some of the open-gym workouts they had this spring, but our softball team did so well (the Cougars advanced to the Division I semifinals), we played well into June.

"I was worried that the roster spot may be filled by somebody else. But once softball ended, I showed up at the open gyms and the coaches got a chance to watch me play. I was a little nervous at first

because it was basically like a tryout, but the other players made me feel really comfortable right away."

A starting guard for the Cougars' basketball team this past winter and a starting center fielder for the Cougars' softball team, Pummill said, volleyball has always been her favorite activity.

"My favorite part about the sport is the team aspect," she said. "You have to rely on everybody else around you and everybody has to pick everybody else up."

"I also like that you're never out of the game until the last point; you can always come back."

Pummill has also received strong encouragement from former GC volleyball standout Shannon Pietruszka, who is engaged to marry Pummill's older brother Ron later this month.

"Shannon's been a great influence for me, both with volleyball and away from it," Pummill said. "She knows (Schoolcraft) coach (Rod) Brumfield, too, so she put a good word in for me."

Pummill was an extraordinary student at Garden City, where she carved out a 4.06 grade-point average, which put her No. 3 in her class. Her



Julene Pummill is pictured with Schoolcraft College volleyball coach Rod Brumfield.

long-range goals include becoming a neurologist.

Volleyball-wise, the sky is the limit.

"Playing for a Division 1 school may be out of the question, but if I could move on to a D-2 school after I'm done at Schoolcraft, that would be awesome," she said. "I love the sport and I want to play it as long as I can."

Pummill is the daughter of Ron and Justine Pummill, both of whom are teachers at Garden City Middle School.

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WWGA finals: Plymouth native Murphy nipped in 20 holes

Championship final was tightly contested

Rain delayed the start of the 87th Women's Western Junior Golf Championships on Friday at Dubuque (Iowa) Golf & Country Club.

But what a finish it was, with Plymouth native Kelsey Murphy (a 2013 graduate and member of the Wildcats' 2012 state championship team) nearly winning the title.

The afternoon championship final between Murphy and Heather Ciskowski (Barrington, Ill.) was one for the books. They were both tenacious and never gave up on their respective games.

Through the 12th hole, Murphy was up three and Ciskowski began to fight back.

By the time they arrived at the 17th tee, the match was all square.

It took 20 holes for Ciskowski to win the hole

she needed to take the championship, 152-154.

Both finalists had to ward off tough competition earlier Friday in the championship semifinal matches, delayed an hour due to rain.

Last year's WWGA Junior Champion, Fai Khamborn of Thailand, was defeated by Eastern Michigan-bound Murphy (with a margin of 5 and 3).

In the other semifinal, Bing Singhsumalee of Naperville, Ill. — who

had been victorious in very tight matches through the quarterfinals — was defeated in another close one (2 and 1) by Ciskowski.

For good measure, Ciskowski was fifth in the stroke play portion of the contest held Monday and Tuesday and Murphy was sixth.

Murphy reached the final four with a win over Alice Chen of Princeton, N.J. in Thursday afternoon's championship quarterfinal.



Kelsey Murphy, a 2013 Plymouth grad, went to 20 holes before falling two strokes short in the WWGA championship finals.

'Summer in Service' program offering teens opportunity

Sports camps are everywhere this summer, but Observerland teens looking for something to do have a unique option.

One prime example of that is the Plymouth Family YMCA's Youth Volunteer Corps "Summer in Service" program, which continues through August.

The program offers local teens the chance to take part in service learning projects "that make a difference in the community," according

to a press release from Josh Borg, community program director of the Plymouth Family Y.

Upcoming sessions of YVC are as follows: Aug. 29 through Aug. 2; Aug. 5-9; Aug. 12-16; Aug. 19-23.

Sessions run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and are open to youngsters entering grades 9-12, with a \$30 registration fee for each service.

Youths must sign up prior to projects. For more information,

visit www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth or call 734-453-2904.

Youth Volunteer Corps of Plymouth YMCA's mission is to promote a lifetime commitment to service among youth by offering volunteer projects for youths ages 11-18.

The Plymouth Y is one of more than 30 affiliates of YVC, headquartered in Kansas City. Go to www.yvc.org for more information.

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LOCAL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Michigan Generals

The Michigan Generals travel softball program is back in business and will be running 12U and 14U teams beginning this fall and heading into the spring and summer of 2014.

Coaches affiliated with the organization include Larry Thiede, Al Land, Al White, Tom Hillsey, Dave Brubaker, Gary Arnold and Jeff Simpson.

Tryouts will be held at North Farmington High School 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, and Thursday, Aug. 8. Interested players are encouraged to arrive early to fill out registration papers.

Motor City Riversharks

The Motor City Riversharks 13U and 14U travel baseball teams will be holding tryouts in August for the 2014 season.

Players must be willing to commit to playing between 40 and 50 games, including weekend tournaments. The season runs from April through July. To preregister or for more

information, send an email to motorcityriver-sharks@gmail.com.

It is recommended, but not required, that players attend all three tryout dates. Tryouts will be held at Jaycee Park, which is located at the corner of Hunter and Wildwood in Westland.

Tryouts for the 13U Riversharks will be held 12:30 p.m. Aug. 3 and Aug. 4; and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 11.

Tryouts for the 14U Riversharks will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 3 and 4; and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 10.

Oakland Reds

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

To register online and for more information, visit www.oaklandreds.com.

Great Lakes Cardinals

The Great Lakes Cardinals, a 14-and-under team in the KVBSA, is looking for five new players for the 2014 season.

Tryouts will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, July 29, at the Wayne Ford Civic Baseball Field, located on Wayne Road, just south of Ford Road.

For more information, call Bill Flohr at 248-761-9694 or Angelo Lanava at 734-395-3355.

Canton Cardinals

Baseball tryouts for the GCYBSA travel team (Canton Cardinals) and competitive program are scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 3, at Heritage Park, 1010 S., Canton Center Road.

Tryouts will take place as follows: 11:30 a.m.: 9-Under; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: 10U; Noon to 2:30 p.m.: 11U; 3:30 p.m.: 12U; 3-5:30 p.m.: 13U; 4-6:30 p.m.: 14U.

Players should arrive in proper baseball attire, bring all of their baseball gear and

bring a water bottle.

They are encouraged to attend the tryout session and be prepared to attend a combine style workout the following week (date TBD by head coach).

The age group is determined by the player's age on April 30, 2014.

Visit www.gcybsa.com to register for tryouts. Those who cannot attend tryouts should contact a.zidzik@sbcglobal.net prior to the tryout date to make alternate arrangements.

Motor City Chiefs

Tryouts for the 2014 Motor City Chiefs 12-and-under travel baseball team will be 7 p.m. Monday, July 29, at University Field (Madonna University), 15090 Newburgh Rd., Livonia; and 9:15 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at Don Massey Field, 790 Plymouth Road, Plymouth.

Players should arrive 30 minutes early to warm up. To preregister or obtain information about the team, contact the Chiefs at motorcitybase-

ball@gmail.com or call either Ken Gaffney at 734-395-4058 or Tom Dono at 586-381-3740.

The Chiefs compete in the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association Open Division and various tournaments.

Michigan Blue Jays

2014 Michigan Blue Jays 10-and-under White travel baseball team will be holding open and private tryouts for the 2014 season.

Open tryouts will take place at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, and Sunday, Aug. 4, at the Eastern Michigan University fields.

Participants must be 10 or younger on May 1 to play on the team. Private tryouts also are available.

The team will play in the KVBSA in addition to six to eight tournaments.

Those with a strong desire to excel and are committed to the above schedule, send information to jays10u2014@gmail.com.

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dura's golfing exploits, he knows what the first question will be.

"They want to know, 'Are you married? What does your wife say?'" Verdura said. "I tell them, 'She didn't discourage it; she encouraged it!' She's been very, very supportive toward trying to break this. Heck, I think there are times she's more excited about it than I am."

Verdura, a former teacher who coached the Farmington High girls basketball team in the mid-1990s, has had to document all of his golf, too. When he's done, a signed score card for every round must be produced to verify his effort and confirm the record.

"That's where Karen comes in," he said. "She's the organized one. All I do is golf and bring the score cards home. Karen has put them on a spread sheet. Eventually, we'll email them to the Guinness people."

The Verduras live right next to a 63-hole public golf course, which has offered John a nice senior package for greens fees and, in terms of proximity, enabled him to play a lot of golf.

"Everything fell into place," Verdura said. "We moved down here and found a home on a golf course. Obviously, the climate was in my favor."

"(The large course) gives me the opportunity to play and move around. If it was 18 holes, it would be too crowded to play a round and get that many holes in a day."

"We had a very mild winter in Texas, so that made it a good situation," Karen Verdura said. "Everything does have to line up - geographically, where you



John Verdura (second from right) is pictured with his golfing buddies May 11, the day he broke the record of 11,000 holes of golf in one year.

can play the year round and the weather does have to cooperate."

Verdura has had to play in some bad weather, however. He had to play whenever possible to keep pushing forward and taking advantage of every situation.

"I've got a cart with a cover and a heater," Verdura said, adding he could rack up the holes on bad days because there were so few people on the course and he could move quickly.

"There was one day when it was windy and cold and it had rained," he said. "The course was open and I was playing. I

was the only car in the parking lot."

"You have to play on those kind of days if you're going to do this. If I wasn't doing this, I wouldn't be playing on those days. But since I made it a goal to do it, I was out there playing."

Besides sleet, snow and cold, Verdura has played in the extreme heat, too. When he started last August, the temperature was over 100 degrees 12 of the first 13 days.

"We were like, 'This might be a little harder than we thought,'" Karen said. "He's an extremely disciplined guy. When he sets his mind to doing

something, he does it."

Verdura, who has averaged 38 holes per day, had played 87 consecutive days as of July 18. That was his longest streak during the run. He was in Michigan a week earlier for a wedding and "only" played 18 holes twice.

"I don't get tired of it," Verdura said. "I get up every day excited about going to the golf course. Sometimes, I come home depressed, depending on how I play. But I like going there. It's not like it's work or anything."

Verdura, who has a six handicap, has had four holes-in-one in the last year, too. He

got the first of five overall in 2008 during a visit to Texas.

"Sixty years in Michigan and I never had a hole-in-one," he said. "If you take enough shots, sooner or later you're going to get lucky."

It's not luck that will put Verdura, who taught and coached at Gabriel Richard, Shrine, St. Alphonsus and Aquinas high schools, in the Guinness Book of World Records. It was commitment and dedication to a goal that did that.

"Without my nephew stumbling upon it, heck, I would've never even thought about it," Verdura said.

CAMPERS

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decade ago.

Yet it's never too late to inspire them to get active and hopefully stay active long after the week is over.

Station to station

"A lot of kids have switched to either staying home and doing nothing," Watson said. "But baseball and basketball have always been my passion. I'm hoping that in our community it (interest in baseball) continues to grow ... to be what it was when I was a kid."

To that end, he added that it's good that all three varsity teams at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and the major league Detroit Tigers are and continue to be successful.

The youngsters, ranging in age from 7-14 and almost entirely from Canton or Plymouth, found out for themselves what it takes to play the game.

Namely plenty of reps in hitting, fielding, throwing and running.

"We start out every morning and go through different stations," Watson said. "We work on fielding, pitching, hitting, outfield work and base running."

"Then in the afternoon, we allow them to scrimmage. And for a lot of kids, this is their only chance to play shortstop or try pitcher or try catcher."

"Because they didn't get to play it during the regular season and they wanted to try it, so this is a good opportunity for them to try that," Watson added.



Canton's Adam Jaroudi, 12 (right), shares a water jug with his 9-year-old brother Ryan during the Canton Youth Baseball Camp. They and other campers enjoyed some time indoors at High Velocity due to a popup rain shower last Thursday.

Staying hydrated

With one exception — when a popup shower last Thursday forced proceedings inside to adjacent High Velocity Sports — campers put in all that work under the broiling sun.

No worries that Watson and assistant counselors such as Canton alum Dane Staples (who in 2012 threw a no-hitter for Spring Arbor University) and Salem player Tyler Brooks would allow them to get overheated in the process.

Watson, currently athletic director at West Bloomfield High School (where he coached baseball from 1994 to 2010), is a stickler for following guidelines on dealing with soaring heat and humidity as set this year by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

When the heat index (which combines air temperatures and relative humidity to determine how hot weather feels) rises into the mid-90s, the MHSAA

breaks it down this way: For every 30 minutes of activity, campers must take a 10-minute break with "as much water as they desire," the website notes.

"We actually make them drink, we take several breaks," Watson said. "And when it gets really hot and the heat index is 95, if we're scrimmaging we'll be outside for 20 minutes and go inside in the air conditioning for 10. Then come back out for 20."

"So it's a lot of transitions, but the kids understand and, of course, the parents want to make sure we're taking good care of their kids."

Throughout the week, campers finished up morning drills and ate lunch indoors before going back out for afternoon activities.

Last Thursday, however, Watson and the campers were thrown a Max Scherzer-like changeup when rain moved in.

Everybody loaded up their gear and headed across the parking lot to High Velocity

Sports.

On the run

They proceeded to turn an indoor soccer field into as good a place as any to get in some "Extreme Pickle."

Watson and his staffers threw a so-called "rag ball" back and forth almost like quarterbacks perfectly leading their wideouts.

Campers ran, ran and ran some more to avoid getting tagged out.

Even if they were, they didn't let up on the footwork — or the fun.

To ensure just that, all keep-away participants started the game wearing their baseball caps with bills pointed forward.

"That's just because we don't want someone to get out early in the game and have to sit out for 15 minutes and watch everyone else play," Watson said. "So what we do, because we need one winner at the end, you have your hat facing forward. If you get out, you turn the hat backwards."

"You still can continue in the game, you can't win the bat but you can still stay in the game, you can play, so we'll still try to tag you out, so they're still having a good time."

Whoever is the last kid standing wins a bona fide wood fungo bat.

There was white athletic tape wrapped around the blue bat's sweet spot, the preferred location for gap-power contact.

The "Extreme Pickle" game lasted until Friday; Henry Styron finished first and won the prized Louisville Slugger.

But although only one kid could prevail in pickle, un-



Assistant camp counselor and Salem student Tyler Brooks poses with a wood fungo bat — the prize to the winner of Extreme Pickle. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

doubtedly everybody who came out to Canton Sports Center was pretty happy they came out for a week of line drives and laughter.

That's just fine with Watson, who looks like he still gets a youthful kick whenever he can wear a mitt.

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Youngsters enjoy getting 'schooled' by Plymouth Whalers at summer camps

Hockey pros provide individual instruction

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

There's nothing quite like the excitement of the shootout in hockey, pitting goalie versus skater in a one-on-one showdown.

That one-on-one component also is a reason why kids keep coming back every year to take part in hockey schools hosted by the Plymouth Whalers.

Youngsters between ages 6-12 will get plenty of individual instruction from Whalers players during the various schools at Compuware Arena.

Compuware once again will provide participants with a cool place to pick up some hot ice tips. The first three-day session begins Monday and various schools will continue until Friday, Aug. 16.

Spots for the schools are all but sold out, but some openings remain. Go to www.plymouthwhalers.com for more information.

As for sheer excitement about the offerings, just consider some of the feedback on the Whalers' official website.

"He loves this and can't stop talking about it," said Jodi DiMarco of Chicago, Ill., whose 6-year-old son Braden is a repeat customer. "He loves being on the ice and loves being with

the Whalers.

"I like the small size of the camp. We've done other camps that have had way too many kids in them. Here, they're getting a lot of individual attention."

Closer to home, members of a Northville family are thrilled about the Whalers camps being just around the corner.

Deb Bjorge said sons Seth and Ryan, now ages 9 and 7, respectively, are counting down the days to when they can skate on the Compuware ice with their hockey heroes.

"It's the novelty of being able to skate with the Whalers," she said. "It's big with these guys to try to steal the puck from one of the Whalers."

"They love all the Whalers and they love the game."

Bjorge added that this year marks the first time both Seth and Ryan will be able to participate.

"We've done this over a couple of years and it used to be just Seth," she said. "Over time, Ryan is old enough and it's a big deal for him, because he watched his brother skate with the Whalers and now he gets to as well."

Keeping it fun

That young kids want to sign up year after year demonstrates that the camps do a good job meshing fun activities with the drills, Whalers assistant general manager and school instructor Brian Som-



Plymouth Whalers Hockey School instructors Brian Sommariva and Scott MacDonald (back row, second and third from left) take a break with students last summer. PETE KRUPSKY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

mariva emphasized.

"There's something to be said about having fun on the ice," he said. "If the kids see that you have high tempo and have energy, you'll keep their attention."

"Anytime you are doing skating drills for 30 or 40 minutes and you are working with kids from 6 to 12 years old, they're not going to be very happy about it."

"So you have to find ways to have fun and keep it interesting and be energetic yourself."

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This scene likely will get played out again over the next couple of weeks at Plymouth Whalers summer hockey camps. PETE KRUPSKY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

Playing up a Storm



The Livonia Storm, a 14-and-under girls fastpitch softball team, recently posted an 11-0 record to capture the Silver Division-North title of the Western Wayne County League. Team members include (front row, from left): Erin Andrews, Sarah Cervenak, Ally Shatter, Morgan Pacheco and Rose Thacker; and (back row, from left) Katlyn Stevenson, Melissa Ferrier, McKenna Dogonski, Danielle Hoskins, Delaney Rowader and Alana Wilson. The head coach is Shellee Andrews, who was assisted by Gary Shatter and Ron Thacker. Also on the team is Allison Sciatto.



Farmington Hills golfer Monica Oliver (far left) was crowned the overall low net champion at the Michigan Women's Golf Association's 28th State Championship. Also pictured (from left) are Olivia Bayagich, Lori Rogers and Joan Garety.

Local golfers go low at MWGA state tournament

A pair of local golfers earned some hardware at the Michigan Women's Golf Association State Championship, which was held Saturday and Sunday at The Medalist Golf Course in Marshall.

Open to all amateur female golfers in the state, the tournament attracted 41 participants, who competed in two divisions.

Farmington Hills resident Monica Oliver

was the overall low net champion in Division 2 after she carded a 36-hole score of 145.

Canton resident Lu Stockton was one stroke back at 146.

Placing first in the Collegiate Division with a two-day gross total of 143 was Kimberly Dinh of Midland. Dinh is a junior at the University of Wisconsin.

The state champion and first low gross winner in Division 1, Flight

2 was Joan Garety of Ada, who carded a two-day gross total of 155. This was the seventh time Garety has won the MWGA state championship.

In Division 2, Flight 2, the first low gross was awarded to Susan Merrick of West Bloomfield, who posted a 198 total.

Second low gross went to Joan Cleland of Bloomfield Hills, who fired a 199.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Golfer shoots ace

Gary Fernyhough of Livonia notched his second hole-in-one in 13 years of playing golf July 12 at Whispering Willows. He used a 7-iron to ace the 129-yard seventh hole. Fernyhough shot 40 for the round.

O&E golf tourneys

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.

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. 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 tourneys, visit www.golflivonia.com.

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

CYO soccer signup

The St. Edith athletic program is accepting registrations for its CYO fall soccer teams.

Boys and girls entering grades 4 through 8 are eligible to play. The program is open to those who attend St. Edith, St. Colette, St. Aidan and St. Kenneth parishes.

For additional information, contact Ron Wollenweber at stedithsoccer@gmail.com or visit www.stedithcyo.com.

Beat the heat

Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton has some late July offerings to help folks beat the heat.

Open skate is 4-5:50 p.m. Sunday (admission \$5 adults, \$3 children 14 and under) with Sticks & Pucks slated to follow 6-6:50 p.m. (\$5).

Both offerings also are on tap Friday and Saturday, albeit at different times.

On Friday, Sticks & Pucks is 6-6:50 p.m. fol-

lowed by open skate 7-8:50 p.m. Saturday's schedule is Sticks & Pucks from noon to 12:50 p.m. and open skate 1-2:50 p.m.

For the open skate sessions, skate rental is \$3. Children age 3 and under skate free.

Arctic Edge is located at 46615 Michigan Ave. For more information, call 734-487-777 or go to www.arcticarenas.com.

Team needs players

The Michigan Hawks under-11 girls recreational soccer team needs a couple of players to complete its roster for the upcoming fall season.

The team plays in the WSSL and practices Monday nights (starting after Labor Day) at Jaycee Park in Livonia. The cost to play is \$75.

Players should contact Doug Landefeld at either 660-473-6604 or dbradley1515@sbcglobal.net.

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.

For more information, visit www.golflivonia.com or call Whispering Willows at 248-476-4493.

Wayne grid camp

Wayne Memorial is hosting a football camp 3:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, and Wednesday, July 31.

For more information, email Lee Grizzell at leegrisswold47@yahoo.com

Girls on the Run

The YMCA is hosting the Girls on the Run Girls Volleyball Camp, for youngsters ages 8-12.

The camp, designed to "give girls the opportunity to gain confidence, make friends and learn about a great game developed at the YMCA" will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 30, through Friday, Aug. 2, at the Northville Community Center.

Cost to enroll is \$100; each participant will receive a volleyball.

Contact Josh Borg, community program director of Plymouth

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Family YMCA, at 734-453-2904 or via email at jborg@ymcadeloitrois.org.

Franklin girls hoop

The Livonia Franklin girls basketball clinic (grades 5-8) will be 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, July 23-25, at the fieldhouse.

The clinic is free. To register, visit liviainfranklingirlsbasketball.com or email coach Jim Milican at jmilican@liviainpublicschools.org.

Hawks-Wolves

The Michigan Wolves and Hawks will offer a summer soccer camp for boys and girls (ages 5-15) from 10 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, Aug. 12-15, at Jaycee Park, 19800 Mayfield Street, Livonia.

The cost of the four-day camp is \$75 (if registered before Aug. 5) or \$95 (after). Included in the cost is camp T-shirt.

For more information, email [\[dley1515@sbcglobal.net\]\(mailto:dley1515@sbcglobal.net\); or visiting \[michigan-wolveshawks.com\]\(http://michigan-wolveshawks.com\).](mailto:dbra-</p>
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Salem soccer

Boys entering high school at Salem this fall are eligible to take part in the Rocks' boys soccer camp.

The sessions will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday through Friday, July 24-26, at the corner of Joy and Canton Center roads.

For more information, email coach Scott Duhl at elduhl@yahoo.com.

GC volleyball

The Garden City High School volleyball program will host a camp for advanced players 5-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 22-26.

The cost is \$100 and includes a T-shirt.

For more information, send an email to gardencityvb@yahoo.com.

RELIGION CALENDAR

JULY 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

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sundays, through 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 25
Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Cards and games night is planned for July 25. Ice cream is available for \$5
Contact: 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

AUGUST CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24
Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: 12th annual Charity Car Show will benefit Angela Hospice. All makes of cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome. There are class trophies plus best of show, a club participation award, goodie bags for the first 75 entrants, door prizes, a live DJ, and food and drinks available for purchase. The entry fee to show a vehicle is \$15. No charge to view the entries. Organizers also are seeking sponsors for the show
Contact: 734-427-8743

CHOIR DIRECTOR WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 12
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: The three-day workshop at Holy Cross Lutheran Church is designed for choir directors and music educators, led by Michael Burkhardt
Contact: www.heartshands-voices.org; 734-427-1414 for more information.

C.L.E.A.P. FROG

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Aug. 5-21
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merri-man, Livonia
Details: This learning program in a Christ-centered environment is designed to sharpen a child's skills and give them a 'leap' into the coming school year. C.L.E.A.P. FROG — which is not a VBS program — will offer the basics, including math, reading, music, science and more. This free program is for children entering grades 1-6. A class for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten also is offered. All children must be pre-registered
Contact: Mary at 248/471-1322 or Melissa at 734/466-8694 to register

PARENTING CLASS

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Aug. 5-21
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merri-man, Livonia
Details: The class for adults is based on the book "Have a New Kid by Friday" by Dr. Kevin Leman. It focuses on changing a child's attitude, behavior and character. It provides practical and doable strategies for regaining control and being the parent you always wanted to be. Cost is \$8 payable upon enrollment. Pre-registration is required
Contact: Mary at 248/471-1322 or Melissa at 734/466-8694 to register

SOCCER CAMP

Time/Date: 6-30-8 p.m., Aug. 5-8
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Soccer mini-camp is for boys and girls, 5-12. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items not required to enroll. Cost is \$15 per student and includes instruction, snacks, and a soccer ball to take home.
Contact: www.christsaviorsavior.org; 734-522-6830

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 5-8
Location: Fellowship hall at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Designed for children, 3, through those entering fifth grade in the fall. Cost is \$10 per child and \$25 for families with three or more children. Each child will receive a free CD with all of the music from the week. Registration forms are available in the church office.
Contact: Pam Gunderson at rgpc.children@yahoo.com or 734-422-0494, Ext. 14

WORSHIP & MUSIC CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 12-15
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: "Hearts, Hands and Voices," is designed to help students in grades two-seven grow spiritually and musically.

Contact: Register at www.heartshandsvoices.org; 734-427-1414
YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. July 18-19 and 8 a.m.-noon, July 20
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia
Contact: 248-442-8822

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GIBBONS, FREDERICK J. "MAJOR" JR.

Beloved Father, Grandfather and WWII Veteran
 Frederick J. Gibbons, Jr., 88, formally of Redford, MI, died Sunday, July 7, 2013 in the NJ State Veterans Memorial Home in Edison, NJ. He was born on July 12, 1924 in Toledo OH. After serving our country in Europe, he moved to Detroit and worked for Ford Motor Company for almost 25 years. Fred received his undergraduate business degree from Babson College and completed post graduate business education (MBA/DBA) at Indiana Northern University. He retired at 55 and never looked back. He and his wife Helen travelled the world from 1978 until Helen's death in 2006. He is survived by his son, Patrick, his daughter-in-law Francie and three grandchildren; Erin, Mollie, and Brian. Fred was an avid military historian (102nd Ozarks Infantry Division, US Army) and accomplished musician. He played sax, clarinet and piano. He also spent many years as an assistant scoutmaster, Junior Achievement mentor, and volunteer tax preparer for seniors. He was active in the VFW, Masonic and St. Mark's Presbyterian Church. Most importantly, he was an extremely generous father and grandfather. A memorial service celebrating Fred's life will be held in Troy, Michigan at a later date.
 To leave a message please visit dooleycolonialfuneralhome.com

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LOESCHE, MARGARET ALICE

Age 94, died peacefully at home on June 24. Born February 22, 1919, Margaret was the daughter of Mary and Henry Loesche and the step-daughter of Roland Bird. She enjoyed a more than 30-year career in equipment disposition with the US Department of Defense in Detroit. She is preceded in death by her brother, Francis J. ("Joe") Loesche and her sister-in-law, Virginia Loesche. "Aunt Margaret" is survived by nephew Steven Loesche (Brigitta), nieces Janet Loesche (Dan Luria) and Lynn Morehouse (Mark), and by their children Joe, Laura, Megan, Kristy, Nick, Anna, Sascha, Maya, and Dan. Interment was at Grand Lawn Cemetery. A memorial to celebrate Margaret's long and healthy life will be held on Sunday, July 28 starting at 2:00 PM at Corsi's Restaurant, 27910 West 7 Mile Road, Livonia.

PACIOCCO, MATTHEW "MATT" JAMES

Beloved husband and father succumbed to leukemia on Saturday, July 20, 2013 following a five year battle he courageously fought to the end. He was surrounded by his loving family. Matt was born February 19, 1961 in Dearborn, the son of Albert V. and Shirley I. (Kopacz) Paciocco. Matt was a 1979 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland and on May 8, 1981 he married the love of his life, Karen Sue Winchester. They have two children and spent 32 wonderful years together. Matt had a zest for life which was infectious and inspiring to all around him. His family was the focus of his life but he enjoyed golf and was a master woodworker. Matt is survived by his wife Karen; children, Ryan Paciocco of Westland and Krysta Paciocco of Farmington Hills and mother, Shirley Paciocco of Howell. Brother of Laura (Ed) Kitts of Chandler, AZ, Ken (Sue) Paciocco of Cibola, TX, Janet (Bob) Blair of Howell, Mike Paciocco of Howell, Nick (Rhonda) Paciocco of Canton, Robb (Nora) Paciocco of Howell, Susan (John) Gellert of Westland and the late Steven. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Matt was a member of Bible Baptist Church, 2258 E. Highland Rd. (M-59), Howell where funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. (instate 10 a.m.). Visitation will be held Tuesday, 2 to 8 p.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Please visit the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com
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WATTS, SHIRLEY SCHULKINS

Age 78, of South Lyon, formerly of Farmington, July 19, 2013. Shirley was a 1954 graduate of Farmington High School. Devoted mother of Charles Watts, Diane (Bryan) Zillich and Wendy Tamlyn (John Cohen); loving grandmother of the late Jason, Jennifer, Gregory, Amber, Steven and Justin; great grandmother of Jayden, Karen and Steven; fond sister of George Schulkins. Memorial service Saturday, July 27, 1 pm, at the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Saturday 12-1 pm.
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Annual rare car show turns
The Inn at St. John into

TEMPORARY MUSEUM

The Chrysler 300 is one of the featured cars this year.

By Pamela A. Zinkosky
Correspondent

The Motor City loves a car show, and a July 28 event in Plymouth Township is an auto extravaganza. Imagine a display of nearly 300 hand-picked rare automobiles, all carefully arranged by type, with no two alike. Add to that a host of car-lovers' activities — a car auction, art show, motoring tour, seminars and tours of local rare car collections — and you've got the annual Concours d'Elegance of America. Now in its 35th year, the Concours d'Elegance draws auto owners and enthusiasts

from around the globe. The event, which attracted 10,000 spectators last year, has its roots in the original French show of the 1920s, which showcased custom automobiles and fashions of the time. This Concours d'Elegance, one of many such shows around the country, ran for 32 years at Oakland University's Meadowbrook Hall, and is now in its third year on the grounds of The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

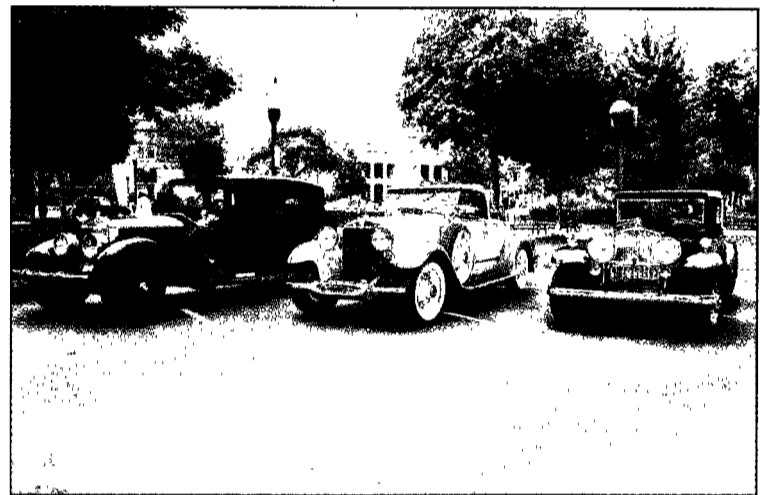
Jim McCarter, executive director for Concours d'Elegance, said the Sunday show, featuring 27 circles, or groupings, of cars, is "like a one-day car museum" featuring rare

automobiles carefully sought-out by a year-round selection committee. Each Concours showcases a unique set of automobile classes along with traditional classes, like Muscle Cars, American Classics 1928-1942 and Post-War European.

This year's featured classes include Vintage NASCAR; Electric Cars; Mercedes Pagoda and 600; Indianapolis Iron; Detroit Iron including Cadillac, Chrysler, Lincoln and Packard; Jet H Convertibles; Porsche 911; Motorcycles: Bobbers; Can-Am and 1963 Corvettes, and more.

Of particular interest is a

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Car enthusiasts can participate in a Friday motoring tour. These cars were taken out for a spin around town during a previous Concours.

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A rare British airplane will head into the blue skies Aug. 10-11 over Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti. It's one of the featured airplanes at Thunder Over Michigan Air Show, produced by the Yankee Air Museum.

The de Havilland DH-98 Mosquito was a British multi-role combat aircraft that served during World War II and postwar operations. Sometimes referred to as "Mossie," it held many different roles from fast and fighter bomber, to a night fighter, to an overseas transport aircraft.

The Mosquito is constructed almost entirely of wood and is affectionately known as "The Wooden Wonder." During its frontline presence in the war, it was prized for its maneuverability and speed powered by dual Rolls Royce Merlin engines. Today, it is the only airworthy de Havilland Mosquito in the world.

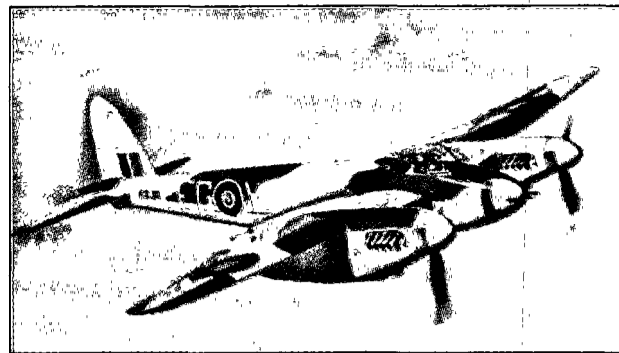
"We are excited and honored to have the world's only flying Mosquito performing this year at Thunder," said Kevin Walsh, executive director of the Yankee Air Museum and director

of Thunder Over Michigan. "In efforts to bring our spectators world-class entertainment, this addition really elevates our lineup to a whole new level."

The Show will feature a lineup including the F-100 Super Sabre Jet, the World's top two civilian aerobatic performers, Sean D. Tucker and Michael Goulian, a World War II and a Vietnam Battle Reenactment including vintage aircraft like Huey helicopters, P-51 Mustangs and T-6 Texans, a Kidz Zone Play Area and much more.

Fans can receive performer updates via social media on Facebook.com/ThunderOverMichigan and Twitter.com/ThunderOverMI or by signing up online for the behind the scenes email list.

Tickets are now on sale for a discounted price if purchased online through noon, Sunday, Aug. 11. General Admission tickets for guests 16 and older are \$30 and kids 15 and under are admitted at no charge. There are also a variety of premium seating ticket options available in advance online for a



The world's only flying Mosquito will perform at Thunder Over Michigan.

discounted rate. Tickets, sponsorship opportunities and additional information are available at www.yankeeamuseum.org/airshow.

The mission of the Yankee Air Museum, a non-profit organization, is to preserve Southeast

Michigan's rich history of aviation and to educate the public about that history. The museum, featuring aviation displays, historic aircraft, meeting rooms, and a gift shop is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ARTS, CRAFTS

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 Ellsworth 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; cantonvillagetheater.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. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 26-27 and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 28

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Star Trek into Darkness," admission, \$3

Coming up: "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: "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 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

Contact: 313-537-2560

HISTORICAL

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

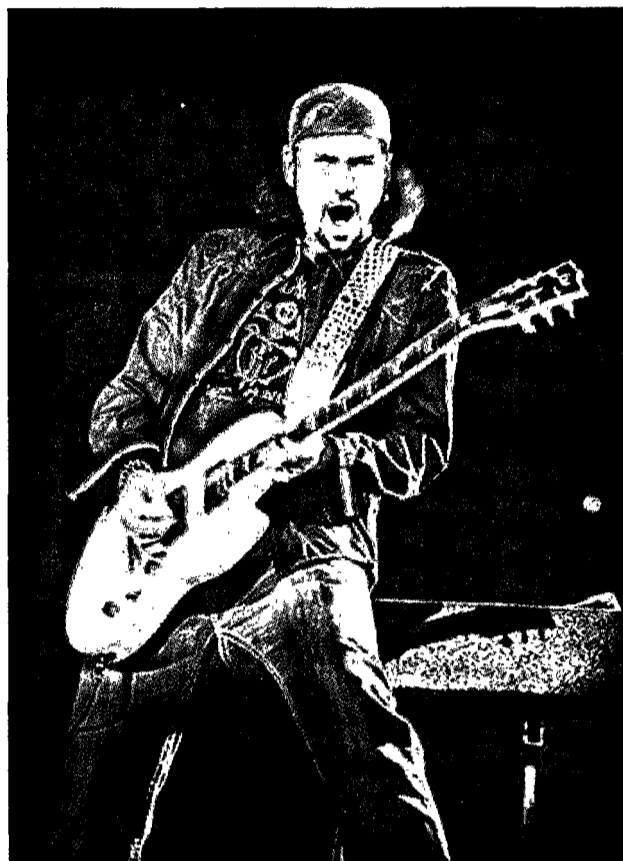
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Location: I-696 service drive



Bruce Kulick, who spent 12 years with KISS, will join Grand Funk Railroad at its performance July 26 in Detroit.

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

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

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 artist: Potters Field, July 26. Featured perform-

er concerts start at 8 p.m.
Contact: 734-454-0178

ROCKIN ON THE RIVERFRONT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 26

Location: GM Plaza on the Detroit riverfront

Details: Grand Funk Railroad performs in this free summer series

Coming up: 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: 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

THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 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: Kandi Krumins 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
Contact: 248-347-4134, or e-mail paulsplayers@gmail.com

CONCOURS

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1955 Chrysler 300, an early muscle car originally sold by Knauz Chrysler Plymouth in Illinois by Bill Knauz, who has since repurchased and restored the vehicle. There's also a Porsche #313327, the oldest existing Porsche 911, a prototype with a manual sunroof and other unique features.

"There are cars here you're never going to see anywhere else," McCarter said. "Every car is invited and is there for a reason. No two are alike."

Since auto owners are invited to display their vehicles but are not compensated for their expenses, it makes good sense to court them with events that make their trip worthwhile, McCarter explained. "We want to give them plenty to do."

Additional events

To that end, the Concours d'Elegance has each year added complementary events that span the weekend, culminating in the Sunday show at St. John's. A

Thursday-night Automotive Hall of Fame awards ceremony and dinner kicks off the weekend, followed by an automotive art show and car auction preview on Friday night, the RM Vintage Car Show Auction all day Saturday, along with auto seminars, and a Saturday-night gala. See the full schedule of events and ticket prices at www.concoursusa.org.

Car enthusiasts also can buy tickets to the Friday motoring tour, which caravans from The Inn at St. John's to The Lingenfelter Collection, featuring 150 sports cars, or to a Friday tour of The Adderley Collection of automobiles.

The local towns also have gotten involved in the event. There's a free concert and car show in Plymouth's Kellogg Park on Friday night, and a preview party and car show on Saturday is planned in Northville.

New this year is The Italian Happening, a car show on Saturday at The Inn at St. John featuring automobiles from a group of Italian car clubs. Admission to that show is \$15.

"I think Saturday is

one of the most interesting times to go," McCarter said, noting that guests can choose to attend The Italian Happening, take a sneak peak at the Concours display that organizers will be getting ready and or one of three free seminars — Mercedes-Benz Pagoda seminar, Haggerty Looks Under the Hood at the Class of '63 and the College for Creative Studies design seminar on electric car design.

The event is largely dependent on the weather, McCarter said, but he expects upwards of 10,000 people to attend the car show and other events over the weekend. "The show gets bigger and better every year," he said.

Tickets for the main show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 28, as well as for the many ancillary events, are available online at www.concoursusa.org. You can also purchase tickets at the gate for the Sunday show. The cost is \$25 for adults. Children age 12 and under get in free.

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Get creative when planning your summer party. Kids also will love to get involved and add their own personal touches to the big event. Simple items, such as blankets, oversized pillows, Mason jars and mismatched dinnerware will create the feeling of home and comfort to all. These simple additions, along with essential recipe ingredients will make for an amazing summer menu and party for your friends and family.

Here are a few tips to make your outdoor party simple and smooth:

» **Opt for Appetizers**

Many party guests will want to nosh and mingle throughout the evening, so make sure you have plenty of appetizers, dips and chips on hand. This Easy Asiago Dip offers a cheesy kick with the use of just a few ingredients.

» **Self-Serve Drink Stations**

Allow guests to refill their drinks themselves by placing a pitcher of drinks on a small end table or cart. Cover it with a brightly colored tablecloth and stacked glasses. Don't forget your ice bucket and tongs to keep drinks cold. If you are serving beer or wine, ice them down in coolers placed next to the drink station. Be sure to position the station away from the food to keep lines from forming.

» **Stick with Simple**

Don't spend all of your resources on fancy courses that require countless hours of preparation. Choose simple crowd favorites, such as sandwiches, salads and sweets that can be created in a snap. Just create, plate and cover with plastic wrap and you've got the menu covered for a fabulous party. For added simplicity, serve buffet-style so guests can pick and choose while you enjoy the party. A simple dish, like Zippy Ham Salad Sandwiches or tuna melts is a great option that can be made quickly and cut into quarters to be served as finger food.

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Cook time: 1 minute

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2 tablespoons sweet pickle relish
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
8 slices white or wheat bread
4 slices American cheese
4 small green leaf lettuce leaves



Combine ham, dressing, relish and onion in medium bowl. Spread bread, if desired, with additional dressing. Arrange 4 bread slices on aluminum-foil-lined broiler pan. Evenly spread bread with ham salad, then top with cheese. Broil 1 minute or until cheese is melted. Top with lettuce and remaining bread.

EASY ASIAGO DIP

Serves: 4

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 30 seconds

1 cup Hellmann's Real Whipped Tangy Dressing

½ cup grated Asiago cheese
¼ cup finely chopped fresh parsley leaves
1 clove garlic, chopped



Combine all ingredients in small bowl. Chill, if desired. Serve, if desired, with your favorite dippers.

JALAPEÑO JACK TUNA MELTS

Serves: 4

Prep time: 15 minutes

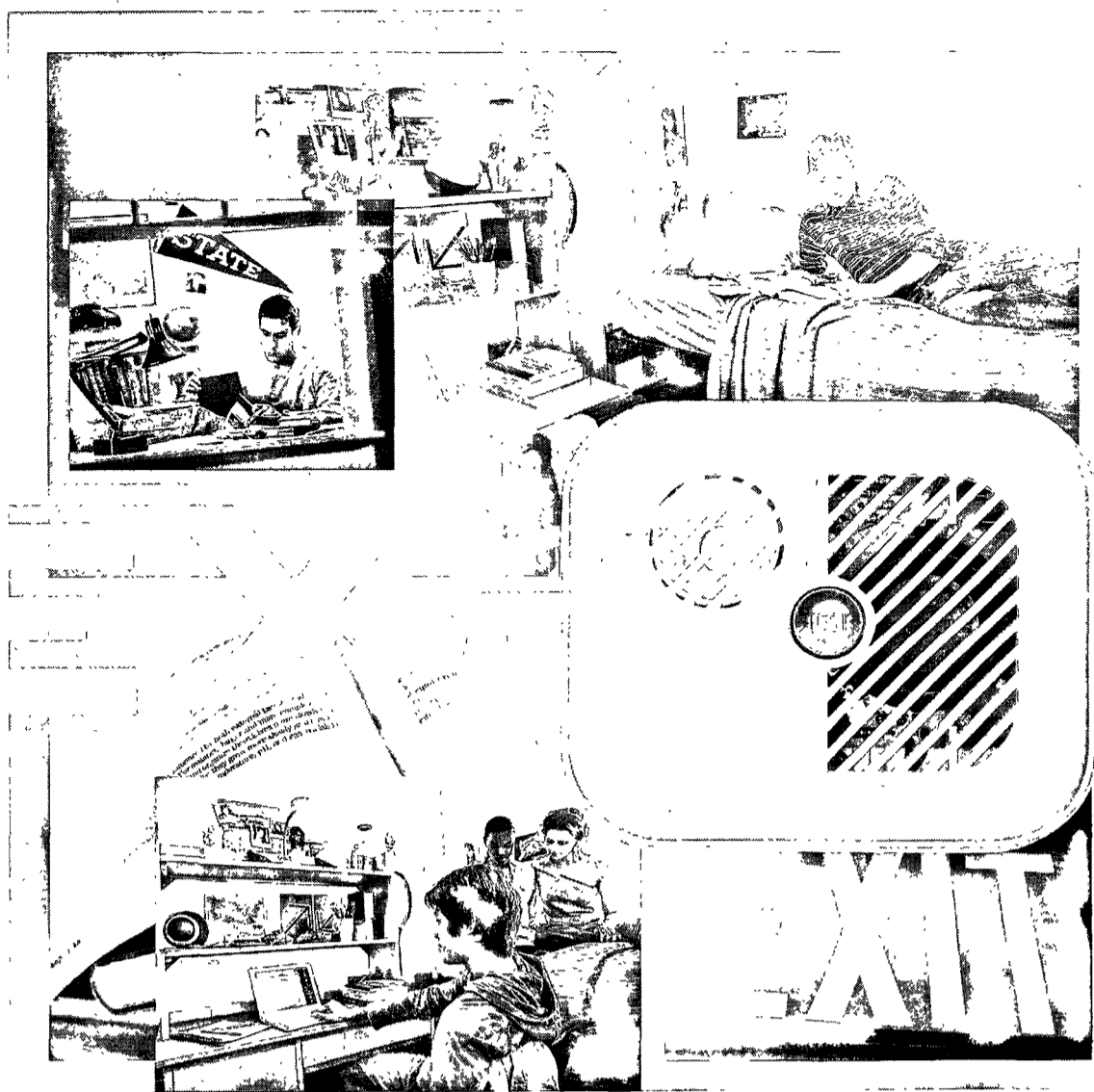
Cook time: 1 minute

1 can (6 ounces) tuna

½ cup Hellmann's Real Whipped Tangy Dressing
¼ cup chopped celery
2 tablespoons chopped red onion
2 tablespoons chopped pickled jalapeño pepper
4 slices white or whole wheat bread
1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese



Combine tuna, dressing, celery, onion and jalapeño in medium bowl. Arrange bread on aluminum-foil-lined broiler pan. Evenly top with tuna mixture, then sprinkle with cheese. Broil 1 minute or until cheese is melted.



Beaucoup bucks: Paris is pricey

Q: We are thinking about buying an apartment near the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. What can you tell us about it?

A: Be prepared to spend. The closer to the cathedral and the River Seine, the more the cost, as much as \$17,000 per square meter or approximately \$1,600 per square foot. In other words, even a modest 700-square-foot apartment would cost over \$1 million. Also be aware of added agency and closing costs.

Q: I recently sold my home, and at the closing, the real estate company on the other side wanted \$245 as an additional fee over and above the commission. I did not have an attorney and ended up having to pay the fee in order to close. What could I have done?

A: The charge was probably hidden in your listing agreement. Many experts consider such charges above and beyond the commission to be gouging. You should have gotten a lawyer to review the listing agreement as well as the purchase agreement before you signed anything and you should complain to your real estate agent and his or her broker about this "hidden" charge. You may also want to complain to the local chapter of the Michigan Association of Realtors. This type of charge is one reason why online real estate companies are thriving. For the most part, they have lower commissions and less hidden costs.

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Robert Meisner

INCLUDE FIRE SAFETY IN YOUR OFF-TO-COLLEGE PLANNING

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Firefighter Tom Kiurski's daughter is used to hearing about fire safety from her dad. She's a senior at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, and her dad recently retired from a 26 1/2-year career with the Livonia Fire Department, most recently as training coordinator.

"Just when she's awake," Tom Kiurski joked. His daughter's gone with him to school demonstrations and open houses. "She knows dad's going to do all his thing."

Kiurski and colleagues in the fire service urge young adults heading off to college and their parents to heed fire safety warnings. Kiurski's daughter began her CMU stint in a dorm, and is now in a sorority house.

"They're so caught up in the social life, classes and things," he said. He urges families to ask, "Have you walked through this building? Do you know your way out?" That's true both for campus housing and for classroom buildings.

His family set their daughter up with a smoke detector on her dresser, although Kiurski was pleased to see CMU had smoke detectors as well. "They're getting better," he said of colleges and universities and fire safety. "Dorms and classrooms are getting retrofitted" with sprinkler systems and fire alarms.

Her sorority house also has a carbon monoxide detector, which Kiurski recommends for other students.

"Cooking is still No. 1," he said of what causes fires. "Kids get hungry and they're studying, going to classes. They're

cooking on the fly." Some of the devices used for cooking may not be the safest, he said.

Careless smoking also contributes to college housing fires, he said. Some students have piles of unwashed clothing which can quickly ignite. "You see a lot of candles, too."

He sees some smaller fires and resulting tragedies in colleges and universities. "Here and there, they still happen," he said.

Also, off-campus housing is hard to inspect, Kiurski said. "That's where most of the problems are in the off campus."

"Students will take whatever they can get and not worry too much about it."

He recalled one student group that was housed in an attic with pull-down stairs.

"Now we're looking at a pretty challenging climb for kids to

make" with no walls to guide them, he said.

Madonna University in Livonia has an advantage in fire safety in that its dorms aren't high rise, and stairs are well marked. "I normally go every fall and teach the RAs (resident advisers) fire safety," Kiurski said.

Madonna is known for its sign language instruction and has hearing-impaired students, Kiurski added, which makes dorm fire safety even more important.

He concluded by reminding parents, "This'll take less than five minutes," looking for exits from college housing. "Just make sure you've got a clear path out." The door may lock you out when you're safely out, he added, but should never lock you indoors.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps

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It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 18-22, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BIRMINGHAM	
1961 Graefield Rd	\$94,000
942 Humphrey Ave	\$433,000
637 N Old Woodward Ave	\$262,000
1113 N Old Woodward Ave Unit	\$165,000
1225 Northlawn Blvd	\$265,000
651 Ruffner Ave	\$336,000
1105 Smith Ave	\$465,000
1743 Washington Blvd	\$195,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
7118 Cathedral Dr	\$205,000

4354 Ramsgate Ln	\$420,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2794 Courville Dr	\$215,000
101 Eileen Dr	\$174,000
820 Willoway Estates Dr	\$568,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
3164 Belle Terre	\$185,000
6147 Birchcrest Ln	\$414,000
2231 Palmetto	\$40,000
5215 Paula Crest Dr	\$243,000
5065 Winewood Ln	\$237,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
31220 Country Way	\$89,000
23496 Derby Ln	\$160,000
23125 Elmgrove St	\$160,000
29069 Forest Hill Dr	\$200,000
28182 Golf Pointe Blvd	\$252,000

36933 Howard Rd	\$810,000
25964 Kilreigh Dr	\$207,000
21147 Kimberly Ln	\$30,000
29449 N Meadowridge	\$149,000
33544 Oak Point Cir	\$231,000
28645 Ryan Dr	\$165,000
22039 Springbrook Ave	\$119,000
22840 Vacri Ln	\$181,000
25506 Westmoreland Dr	\$136,000
28086 Wildwood Trl	\$100,000
FRANKLIN	
30650 Inkster Rd	\$310,000
MILFORD	
318 Milford Meadows Dr	\$310,000
962 Panorama Dr	\$92,000
1309 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$276,000
NORTHVILLE	
21174 Bridle Run	\$150,000

NOVI	
44450 Bristol Cir	\$380,000
25535 Clark St	\$140,000
21992 Clover Ln	\$255,000
44593 Ellery Ln	\$180,000
44595 Ellery Ln	\$175,000
44597 Ellery Ln	\$180,000
50695 Glades Ct E	\$50,000
28042 Hopkins Dr	\$160,000
45811 Irvine Dr	\$425,000
27149 Maxwell Ct	\$222,000
24304 Saybrook Ct	\$619,000
46300 W 11 Mile Rd	\$158,000
26850 Wixom Rd	\$220,000
SOUTH LYON	
52202 Copperwood Dr S	\$388,000
61002 Evergreen Ct	\$155,000
60725 Marjorie Ann St	\$135,000
59308 Peters Barn Dr	\$87,000

24730 Purlin Ct	\$81,000
52744 Trailwood Dr	\$110,000
SOUTHFIELD	
29540 Chelmsford Rd	\$45,000
24321 Evergreen Rd	\$30,000
26934 Fairfield Rd	\$104,000
27700 Lahser Rd	\$38,000
15801 Providence Dr # 01a	\$25,000
20978 Stahelin Rd	\$98,000
18278 Westland Ave	\$65,000
20695 Winchester St	\$140,000
WHITE LAKE	
11273 Lakehaven Dr	\$182,000
909 Suchava Dr	\$46,000
8108 Wildwood Ln	\$199,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 8-12, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
2604 Barkhill Rd	\$77,000
3886 Brookstone Dr	\$204,000
6613 Chadwick Dr	\$228,000
42202 Chase Ct	\$242,000
296 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$150,000
455 Constitution St	\$252,000
44321 Dartmouth St	\$205,000
4185 Elizabeth Ave	\$113,000
50905 Federal Blvd	\$77,000
39938 Hillary Dr	\$125,000
45189 Horseshoe Cir	\$124,000
6129 Maben Woods Ln	\$75,000
8086 Newbury Ct S	\$540,000
4047 Palace Ave	\$222,000

47886 Pavillon Rd	\$373,000
49121 Rockefeller Dr	\$323,000
47641 Scenic Circle Dr S	\$255,000
3721 Shepherd Ln	\$175,000
41154 Southwind Dr	\$59,000
42173 Starlite Ct	\$150,000
43299 Stonington Ct	\$182,000
113 Village Way	\$128,000
1762 Whittier Dr	\$146,000
GARDEN CITY	
6916 Arcola St	\$35,000
28608 Cambridge St	\$63,000
556 E Rose Ave	\$59,000
28655 Marquette St	\$27,000
29515 Sheridan St	\$55,000
32509 Sheridan St	\$44,000
LIVONIA	
14245 Arcola St	\$134,000
15068 Blue Skies St	\$140,000
34214 Brettton Dr	\$239,000
12011 Cavell St	\$80,000
18945 Deering St	\$85,000

17110 Dolores St	\$135,000
15631 Doris St	\$84,000
15395 Fairlane Dr	\$180,000
18027 Floral St	\$115,000
20084 Gary Ln	\$317,000
28473 Gita St	\$118,000
18362 Glastonbury Dr	\$329,000
15770 Golfview St	\$156,000
29781 Hathaway St	\$94,000
18547 Hillcrest St	\$100,000
11304 Ingram St	\$110,000
37756 Jamison St	\$143,000
29083 Lori St	\$125,000
14432 Lyons St	\$115,000
17311 Mayfield St	\$185,000
11021 Milburn St	\$110,000
29115 Minton St	\$97,000
28142 N Clements Cir	\$69,000
15023 Norman St	\$150,000
29537 Oakley St	\$131,000
14638 Westmore St	\$225,000
34637 Wood St	\$163,000

NORTHVILLE	
17001 Birchwood Dr	\$405,000
20180 E Whipple Dr	\$210,000
39440 Edgewater Dr	\$209,000
16951 Franklin Rd	\$265,000
16890 Glenmoor Dr	\$405,000
18350 Laraugh Dr	\$387,000
15867 Merlon Ct	\$600,000
39629 Muirfield Ln	\$277,000
16365 Mulberry Way	\$329,000
18283 Parkshore Dr	\$558,000
404 W Main St	\$540,000
42266 Waterfall Rd	\$329,000
19764 Windridge Dr	\$420,000
PLYMOUTH	
678 Adams St	\$169,000
13033 Graefield Cir	\$263,000
698 Herald St	\$190,000
9080 Marlowe Ave	\$67,000
11962 Medford Ct	\$445,000
50986 Northview	\$303,000
14369 Northville Rd	\$220,000

11848 Russell Ave	\$133,000
1386 S Harvey St	\$110,000
9067 Stone Hollow Ct	\$382,000
REDFORD	
26624 Five Mile Rd	\$33,000
20070 Delaware Ave	\$30,000
18234 Garfield	\$15,000
9225 Kinloch	\$60,000
9661 Kinloch	\$56,000
16637 Lexington	\$37,000
9522 Mercedes	\$46,000
12045 Nathaline	\$52,000
10017 Royal Grand	\$58,000
26648 Student	\$82,000
WESTLAND	
2087 Alberta St	\$26,000
8204 Creekside Dr	\$181,000
35704 Fairchild St	\$49,000
241 N Hanlon St	\$110,000
355 N Hawthorne St	\$90,000
2407 S Christine	\$39,000
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5 Mining hazard
8 Kind of hound or lobster
12 RSVP word
13 PC key
14 Plaintive reed
15 Golf stroke
16 In rotation
18 Hut
20 Yahoo! rival
21 Ventricle neighbor
23 401(k) cousin
26 Lauder rival
29 Stop sign
31 Wild plum
32 Murrum of content
33 Comet's head
34 Unfortunate
36 Simple French verb
37 NFL gains
38 Suitably
40 Face or amble lead-in

DOWN

1 Award for an outstanding player
2 Promissory notes
3 "Ask Dr. —"
4 This, in Barcelona
5 Tropical lizard
6 Do — say
7 Ease an itch
8 Wallpaper unit
9 Tea-house attire
10 Sting operation

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Word Search

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