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**City programs receive funding**

Westland housing, service programs getting slightly more federal dollars

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Staff Writer

Funding for Westland's Community Development Block Grant program is up slightly for 2013-14.

Westland will receive just over \$990,000 with the largest allocation, \$198,000 being spent

to administer the CDBG program, monitor subgrantees and operate the Dorsey Center, located in Norwayne.

"There are no big changes this year. Our funding went up a bit. Congress took disaster recovery dollars and rolled it into CDBG," said Westland Community Development Di-

rector Joanne Campbell. "Westland wouldn't get disaster recovery dollars, so it is beneficial to us."

The CDBG budget approved by the Westland Council allocates funds to ongoing projects, Campbell said.

**Uses for money**

CDBG funds are to be used for activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families, aid in prevention or elimination of slums or blight

or address an urgent threat to community health or safety.

Specifically, Westland's CDBG objectives are:

» Affordable housing through the rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes and rental units, acquiring and demolishing foreclosed homes and administering the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Allocations include \$105,000 for building code and safety enforcement; \$65,000 for 0-5 percent loans for emergency

homeowner rehabilitation and elimination of safety hazards; and \$73,000 for matching grants to rehabilitate rental properties.

» Neighborhood revitalization through acquisition and demolition of blighted structures, supporting the Norwayne Community Citizens Council and collaborating with the private sector to stimulate reinvestment.

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Flanked by police cars from their respective cities, Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton (left), Wayne Mayor Al Haldous, Garden City Mayor Randy Walker and Westland Mayor William Wild pose at the grand opening of the Western Wayne Emergency Dispatch Services.

**COMBINED DISPATCH CENTER OFFICIALLY OPENS**

4 cities to save about \$380,000 combined

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Staff Writer

Faced with decreasing revenues and the continuing need for services, Westland, Wayne, Garden City and Inkster combined their emergency dispatching services.

"Forces at work in the 21st century require leaders to review service delivery models," said Westland Mayor William Wild on Monday at the official grand opening of the Western Wayne Emergency Dispatch Services. "You have to do the smart thing and the right thing."

That means saving money — an estimated \$380,000 combined for all four cities — but also providing improved and more efficient services, he

said.

That was the message from the mayors of all the participating cities which have combined population of nearly 155,000 residents.

Instead of working separately at individual police departments, the combined dispatch center inside the Westland Police Department will have 21 dispatchers.

"It's not only smart but the right thing to do. It's not just a cliché when we talk of improving cooperation and collaboration," said Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton. "It's something we need to do. I want to thank Mayor Wild for his leadership — he's been a big brother to the smaller communities in western Wayne County."

**Successful partnerships**

Westland and Wayne have already had successful partnerships with the merger of their fire and parks and



In attendance were Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik (from left), Garden City Fire Chief Cathy Harman, Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright and Garden City Police Chief and City Manager Robert Muery.

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**Westland man charged in knife attack on neighbors**

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Staff Writer

An elderly Westland couple remain hospitalized, recovering from an apparently random knife attack by their neighbor on Van Sull Street early Saturday morning.

The neighbor, Jeff Peters, 50, is jailed in lieu of bond after being arraigned on seven felony charges: two counts of assault with intent to commit murder; two counts of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm; two counts of felonious assault; and one count of first-degree home invasion.

"He (Peters) has a documented history of mental illness," said Westland Police Sgt. Norm Brooks. "He was not having a dispute with anyone in particular."



Jeff Peters

Initially, Peters was at a different home on Van Sull, banging on the door and yelling obscenities as he called for a female resident to come out, Brooks said. That woman and her boyfriend didn't open the door.

By 7:30 a.m., Peters had

gone to the victims' nearby home and began yelling and pounding on their door.

When the husband, 77, answered the door, Brooks said that Peters pushed his way into the home and then pulled the man outside into the driveway.

The man received multiple stab wounds. When his wife came to assist her husband, she was also stabbed multiple times, Brooks said.

The wife had called 9-1-1 before going to help her husband.

Numerous neighbors who

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**Tee up to benefit the Wayne Public Library**

Golfers won't have to worry about the weather — or be able to use it for an excuse — as the Friends of the Wayne Public Library host an indoor mini golf outing Saturday, Aug. 17.

The fundraiser will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. inside the library at 3737 S. Wayne Road. The Indoor Mini-Golf Fundraiser will include an 18-hole mini-golf course, a gift basket raffle and lunch will be available for purchase at the 19th hole.

Tickets are on sale at the Wayne Public Library. Student tickets, ages 6-18, cost \$3; adult tickets, aged 18 and up, are \$5; family tickets, for up to six people, are \$15; and children under the age of 5 are free. All

children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Friends are still seeking sponsorships for the success of the event. The sponsorship opportunities include; a \$500 official sponsorship or \$100 tee or green sponsorship, with opportunities for your business to be showcased publicly, signage on a tee or green, recognition on the official score cards, complimentary rounds of golf and publicity on the Wayne Public Library Facebook page and website.

All proceeds from this event will be used to enhance the children's materials collection,

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That includes an \$188,000 budget item to fund acquisition and demolition of blighted properties in Norwayne. This is in addition to over \$2 million in federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program money spent to acquire, rehabilitate or demolished blighted, foreclosed properties in the city, much of it focusing on Norwayne.

The related HOME Program allocates over \$96,000 to housing rehabilitation loans to homeowners; nearly \$49,000 for low/moderate home-buyer assistance; and \$83,000 for continuation of NSP.

## Support services

» Funding support services assistance for the elderly, youth and disadvantaged citizens and partnering with non-profit organizations that serve the needs of lower-income residents.

This category includes a \$155,000 allocation for senior programs at the Friendship Center; \$3,500 for First Step for abuse and sexual assault counseling, education and outreach; and \$15,000 for a youth camp at spring break and summer, along with young adult training programs at the Samuel B. Ware Community Center.

There is also \$20,000 allocated to repair damaged playground equipment in Norwayne, nearly \$50,000 for renovations at the Dorsey Center and \$20,000 for various programs, including those offered at the Dorsey Center and the Friendship Center.

» Promoting the continuum of care for the homeless and special needs population by maintaining existing shelter facilities, encouraging the development of transitional and permanent housing for the homeless and using group homes for special needs residents.

Included in the CDBG budget is a \$2,000 to the Wayne County Family Center.

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# AROUND WAYNE-WESTLAND

## Health, Safety Fest

Mark your calendar now for the Wayne County Health and Safety Fun Fest 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, on the grounds of the Wayne County Department of Public Health, 33030 Van Born at Venoy in Wayne.

The free back-to-school health fair features free immunizations, health-related vendors, prizes and giveaways, plus fun for the entire family. Free book bags and school supplies to the first 300 school-age children.

For more information, call 734-727-7000 or 734-727-7030.

## 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.

## Teen Programs

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

"Be Proud, Be Responsible!" is a pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention program for adolescent youth ages 12-18. The workshops will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 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, call the Westland Youth Assistance Program at 734-467-7904.

## Golf outing

The John Glenn High School wrestling program will hold its 16th annual golf outing fundraiser on 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 Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at 734-634-4595. For more information, visit glennwrestling.com.

## Circus Tickets

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

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

## 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.

## Mom to Mom

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

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

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

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

» McKinley Cooperative Preschool is holding a Mom 2 Mom Sale noon to 4 p.m. Saturday Sept. 21, inside St. John's Episcopal Church at 555 S. Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill, Westland.

There will be approximately 40 tables with a big item area. There will be concessions and a bake sale. Admission is \$1 per person, and strollers are allowed. Table rental is \$20 for an eight-foot table.

A contract is available on the www.mckinleypreschool.org/mom2mom and be sent to Rebecca Lay at beccanew1027@yahoo.com.

## Preschool signup

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool is enrolling for the 2013-14 preschool year. Enroll now and save half off the enrollment fee, a \$25 savings value.

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

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

## Open House

McKinley Cooperative Preschool will hold an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 17, at the preschool located inside St. John's Episcopal Church at 555 S. Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill, Westland. The preschool offers 2-, 3- and 4-year-old classes with afford-

able tuition and parent involvement. Register for fall classes at the open house and meet the teacher who has more than 25 years of experience.

Contact Erin Gibbons at 734-729-7222 or by email at erin1600@gmail.com for more information or to schedule a personal visit if unable to attend the open house.

## Democratic Club

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

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

## Ripple Effect

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

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

## Toastmasters

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

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

Westland Easytalkers meets 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday. For more information, call Luddie at 734-414-0034 or Curt at 734-525-8445 or visit westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org.

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including the purchase of books, books on CD, DVDs and music CDs targeting preschoolers through fifth-graders. To become a sponsor, contact Library Director Paulette Medvecky at 734-641-4627.

The Friends of the Wayne Public Library is a nonprofit group involved in activities that directly benefit the library activities and programs. Members are sponsoring a family fundraising event to support the children of Wayne.

# CHARGED

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heard the attack also called for help.

"Another neighbor came over. He (Peters) stood up, folded his knife, put it in his pocket and calmly walked home," said Brooks, who described the weapon as a folding knife with a 4-inch blade.

Police surrounded the man's home in the 700 block of Van Sull.

Peters initially didn't comply with orders from police, Brooks said, and then began to resist officers after he was handcuffed.

The couple was hospitalized in intensive care following the attack.

It wasn't clear why but Peters was also hospitalized and later arraigned from his hospital bed before being transferred to the Wayne County Jail.

Officers executed a search warrant on Peters' home following his arrest. "We found a major pot

growing operation in the basement," said Brooks, adding that 80 marijuana plants were seized.

An hour before the incidents on Van Sull, Brooks said Peters had been in a retail fraud involving alcohol taken from a 7-Eleven store.

Peters is scheduled for a preliminary examination Thursday, Aug. 8, before 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli.

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# DISPATCH

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recreation departments, noted Wayne Mayor Al Haidous.

"We've been seeing some success. It's how you build services for local government - you do more with less," said Haidous. "I thank the other mayors for their leadership. I hope we continue to progress in the future."

Garden City Mayor Randy Walker noted the existing ties among the communities, such as Mutual Aid which brought fire and police

assistance after the Franks furniture store explosion in Wayne and more recently the Marvoso's Italian Grille/Electric Stick fire that killed Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke.

"It's a great day for our four communities. With a declining tax revenue base, it's important to work smart to give residents the services to which they have grown accustomed," said Walker. "I think it's the first phase of consolidations to come. We have four great communities here."

This combined dispatch - Westland has handled Inkster dispatching for a decade and Garden City and Wayne had been com-

bined in recent years - could be the impetus for a Western Wayne County dispatching center serving additional communities, Wild said.

## July 1 start

The combined dispatch center officially went into service July 1 to coincide with the start of the communities' fiscal year.

That also coincided with a major local event - the Westland Summer Festival.

"The Dearborn Heights emergency dispatch center went down at the same time. As planned, we stepped in and took over the dispatching," said Wild. "Our dispatchers did it without dropping a single call. It speaks to the

level of professionalism and talent of our dispatchers."

In particular, Wild said he wanted to mention the former Garden City dispatchers who in recent years made the move to Wayne for the two city dispatching center and now made the second move to Westland.

"The hard part was getting all of them under one roof," said Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik, adding new technology, such as touch screen wireless Internet access and other upgrades, will make it the most efficient dispatch center in the area.

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# GOING TO THE EXTREME

Nurses accept TV show's challenge to lose their weight

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Trina Miller doesn't see herself as a celebrity, although her appearance on TV last week had a total stranger driving to the Detroit area from Port Huron just to meet her.

Miller, a contingency nurse with Oakwood Healthcare, was featured on ABC's *Extreme Weight Loss*. The two-part show documented her year-long struggle to lose weight. She shed 145 of the 290 pounds she weighed at the start of what she called "an emotional journey."

"It takes my breath away when I look at myself in the mirror," said Miller who lost the weight with the help of trainer Chris Powell. "I knew it was time, I needed to do something for myself and better myself. I'm getting older and I wanted to take care of myself. It was a long year, a lot of hard work."

Powell helped Miller lose her weight in three-month increments. She managed to get down to 148 pounds in nine months, but backslid, gaining back 32 pounds in three weeks. Powell put Miller through a workout in Kellogg Park in Plymouth where she finally admitted that the weight gain was due to a return to her stress eating habits. A candidate for skin removal, she recommitted to losing the weight and finished the 12-month program at a svelte 145 pounds.

An admitted yo-yo dieter, the Grosse Ile resident had pinned her hopes of losing weight on being picked by Powell for the TV show. Because nursing is one occupation in the U.S. with the highest obesity weight, she was able to bring along a group of fellow nurses who also worked out and dieted with her.

## Her team

"When I was chosen for the show, I was asked if I could bring in other nurses to do it," Miller said. "It was hard to find people. They'd get offended when I asked them to join in my weight loss journey."

The nurses - Jamie Fineran of Westland, Kristin Quint of Garden City, Ebony Gibson of Romulus, Vicky Schell of Ypsilanti, Lisa Rigney of Southgate and Wynema Timmons of Southgate - worked out and changed their eating habits to collectively shed 363 pounds.

"Trina asked and I said yes," said Schell, who grew up in South Lyon. It's been a good journey, a really good journey. I'm honored she asked. It's something I never would have tried on my own."

Schell didn't have the spectacular weight loss of some of her teammates. She weighed in at 434 pounds and has lost 26 pounds to date.

"I'm a work in progress," she said. "I stopped and screwed up, but I'm back on the power train."

The team copied what Miller did in Arizona with Powell. When she came back to Michigan, Powell arranged for Miller to work with David Finley at his Crossfit in Canton. Understanding that the team was good support for Miller, he allowed her to bring them in to work out at no charge.

"The hardest part was fitting it all in, fitting in the diet and exercise and creating a balance in my life," said Quint who went from a size 22 to a size 4. "I'm still fighting



Working out at the Oakwood Physical Therapy and Wellness Center in Dearborn are Vicky Schell (from left), Trina Miller, Jamie Fineran, Kristin Quint and Ebony Gibson. The group lost a total of 508 pounds as part of Miller's involvement with ABC's *Extreme Weight Loss* show. PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN

that battle in my head, it's an everyday fight, but I'm winning."

Quint went to Florida in March and bought a bathing suit. It's too big now, but she still wears it. She has found that she isn't losing weight now, she's losing inches.

"I'm focusing on performance in the gym," she said. "I'm the same weight or a few pounds less, but my clothes fit differently. It's now about maintaining - not losing weight, but losing inches."

She added that she's now "shopping at stores I never knew existed."

## Sending inspiration

Quint's commitment to lose weight has spilled over onto her fiancé who joined the journey and has lost 51 pounds and her brother who also has lost 50 pounds. She is credited with sending daily inspirational text messages to the group and in keeping the communication flowing among the entire team.

"Kristen is always sending encouraging text messages," said Schell.

They've helped Gibson who was the heaviest team member at 478 pounds. She has lost 90 pounds and has gone from buying size 34-36 to size 22-24.

"I've been very open about my struggles with my weight," said Gibson. "I text my team if I'm having trouble and they come and give me support."

Being the largest team member, she worries that when the others have reached their goal, she'll still be fat.

"That made me wonder if I wanted to do it," said Gibson. "But after they're done losing, I'm still going to do it. We've all made major strides in our lifestyles. I have tons of clothes I can't wear anymore and that's fine with me. Those clothes are not coming back into my closet again."

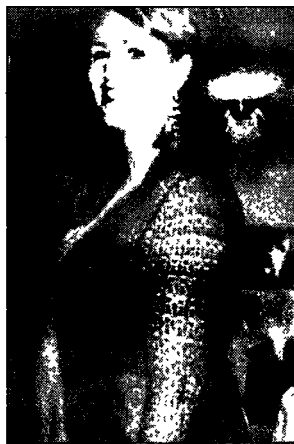
Fineran, who works at Oakwood Healthcare in Garden City, had just had her second child and was still struggling to lose the weight she gained with her first pregnancy when Miller asked her to join the team.

She started at 217 pounds and has dropped 45 pounds. She wore size 20-22 and now is in a size 12.

"It's hard not eating what my children eat, but I'm transitioning them so they make healthy choices," she said. "The best part is the weight loss. I feel better, I feel more confident. I can't pinpoint the number of pounds I want to lose; I just want to look my



From left to right: Trina Miller weighed 290 pounds before becoming a participant on ABC's *Extreme Weight Loss*; Jamie Fineran of Westland started her weight loss program at 217 pounds; Kristin Quint started the year-long weight loss regimen at 216 pounds; and Ebony Gibson has lost 90 pounds since this photo was taken of her with teammate Kristin Quint of Garden City.



best."  
"I have clothes that I find I'm saying I need to throw away," she added.

## Staying together

The team has stayed motivated since the year ended and get together for workouts at different Oakwood facilities. They try to get together four-five days a week.

Miller is at a different fitness level because of her work with Powell. She can jog eight miles in one hour 10 minutes and do an 8 minute 57 second mile. She also spends two hours in the gym. Her favorite apparatus is the stair stepper.

"I love it, it's the greatest work out for me," she said.

She also has found she has changed inside. On the TV show, she admitted Powell had taught her to "love me and put myself first."

"Since I've lost weight, I've opened up to people," she said. "When I was heavy, I was sad and hid behind my smiles and my weight. This has been amazing and inspiring and maybe now I can spark that change in others."

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# Hearing delayed in Leo's Jewelry robbery case

Two men facing  
multiple charges

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A preliminary examination for two men charged with robbing Leo's Jewelry in Wayne has been adjourned until Aug. 20.

Defendants Quentin Goddard, 23, of Detroit and Jonathan Stalling, 20, of Battle Creek are both being held in the Wayne County Jail and didn't arrive at Wayne 29th District Court until well after the time scheduled for the hearing Tuesday.

In addition, one of the defense attorneys was unable to attend the hearing. That led Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Kristen Capling to request adjournment of the preliminary examination.

Under state law, criminal defendants must have a preliminary examination within 14 days of their arraignment. Defendants often waive the 14-day rule to allow more time to prepare their defense.

"One attorney is not available, so I find there is good cause to grant an adjournment," said 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack. "I usually give one adjournment per side."

The \$30,000/10 percent bond set for each defendant by Mack was continued. Both Goddard and Stalling are jailed after being unable to post the bond.

**Multiple charges**  
Goddard and Stalling have both been charged with armed robbery, larceny from person, and larceny in a building in the July 17 incident.

Goddard is also charged as a habitual offender. According to Michigan

Department of Corrections information, Goddard was sentenced to probation in February for delivery of a controlled substance, marijuana, which was to end Aug. 8. He also has prior convictions for attempted delivery of a controlled substance and receiving a stolen vehicle.

No other arrests have been made but the July 17 incident involved additional suspects and is still under investigation by Wayne police.

It was about 1:23 p.m. when police were called to Leo's Jewelry, 34900 W. Michigan Ave., about a robbery in progress.

Four subjects were reported to have come to the store, three subjects entered the location, damaging display cases and stealing an undisclosed amount of property.

#### Search for suspects

The suspects fled the location on foot. Wayne police officers and officers from other local police agencies assisted in the search for the suspects.

Wayne officers located a Ford Taurus that was attempting to pick up several of the fleeing suspects in Dynamite Park located on Michigan Avenue.

Some of the suspects got into the car which then drove into the park. Wayne officers made contact with the suspect vehicle and two suspects ran from the vehicle.

With the assistance of a Wayne County Sheriff canine unit, Goddard was arrested in the park.

The Taurus was reported to have fled the scene after being rammed by a Wayne police vehicle attempting to stop the vehicle. The Taurus was not located.

Other Wayne officers checking the area located Stalling on Fourth near Ash where he was taken into custody.

Anyone with information of this incident is asked to contact Sgt. Matthew Spunar at 734-721-1598.

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Stalling



Goddard

## WESTLAND COP CALLS

### Larceny

» A Westland woman told police July 27 that someone stole her purse, containing a camera and a check book, from her unlocked car while it was parked at Sportway, 38520 Ford.

» A resident in the 31000 block of Calhoun Court told police July 27 that someone stole her purse from her unlocked vehicle.

» On July 26, a resident of Hunters West Apartments, 6501 Yale, reported the radar detector stolen from his vehicle. He said the car had been locked and someone apparently used a coat hanger to open the vehicle.

» A resident in the 900 block of Easley told police July 28 that someone stole his wallet, containing \$50-100, from his unlocked vehicle.

### Vandalism

A Wayne man told police July 28 he was driving westbound on Glenwood near Wilshire when the front passenger window on his vehicle shattered into his daughter's lap. He said he didn't see anyone or hear anything hitting the window.

### Attempted break-in

A resident of the Hines Park Apartments, 31650 Cowan, told police he left town July 20 and returned July 24 to find his front door damaged

from an attempted break-in. He said the door was dead bolted, so no entry was made.

### Break-in

An employee at Town and Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, told police July 25 he arrived to find a window in the bar area smashed with asphalt. Three or four bottles of liquor were reported missing.

### Stolen trailer

A 29-foot 1997 Salem Coach trailer valued at \$16,000 was reported stolen from Harlow Tire, 1845 N. Wayne Road, July 25. The owner said the trailer had been parked at the rear of the business and was last seen July 22.

### Break-in

A resident in the 32000 block of Ogemaw told police July 25 he returned home to find his side door open and cooper pipe missing from his laundry room. An access panel to the crawl space was found open.

### Vandalism

The driver's side window of a vehicle was reportedly smashed while parked in front of a resident's home in the 30000 block of Steinhauer on July 27.

By LeAnne Rogers

## GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

### Stolen knives

A Leesburg, Va., man reported July 27 that 12 antique knives were stolen from a home in the 32000 block of Maplewood, where he stays when he's in town on business. The owner of the home also talked to the police about the theft.

### Burglary

A resident in the 30000 block of Beechwood reported July 28 that someone pried open the door of his shed which is located at the back of his garage. About \$300 worth of tools was stolen. The owner couldn't provide the serial numbers for the tools.

### Theft

A resident in the 31000 block of Pardo reported July 28 that someone broke into his attached garage and stole several tools and a bag of golf clubs. The items were valued at more than \$2,000.

### Suspended license

» When the police made a traffic stop in the area of Middlebelt and Cherry Hill on July 21, they learned that the Sumpter Township driver had a suspended license. The officer arrested the man and transported him to the station.

At the time of the traffic stop, they also noted the smell of marijuana emanating from the auto. The man admitted to smoking marijuana about 20 minutes prior to the traffic stop, police said.

» A prohibited turn at Middlebelt and Ford on July 23 caught the attention of a police officer in the area who made a traffic stop.

He arrested the driver for driving with a suspended license. After the officer checked his driving record, he also discovered the driver had a contempt of court warrant out of 20th District Court in Dearborn Heights.

By Sue Buck

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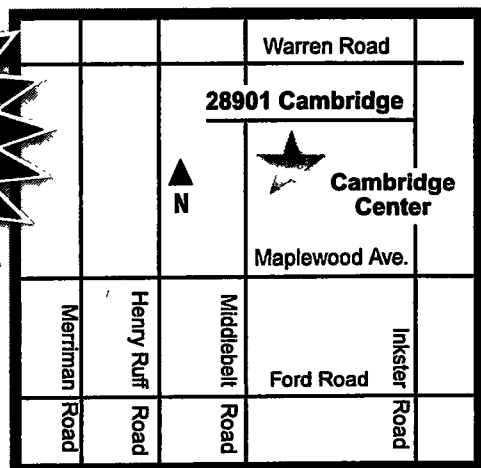
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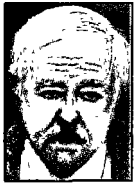
# Couple charged with running gambling ring, tax evasion

A Westland couple is facing felony charges for their part in running what is described as a multi-county illegal sports betting operation.

John Zurich, 70, and his wife Ellen Jane Zurich, 68, are also charged with filing false tax returns.



Ellen Zurich



John Zurich

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette's Criminal Division launched a joint investigation with the Westland Police Department after receiving a tip from that agency.

During the course of the investigation, the AG Criminal Division froze assets of approximately \$733,162 believed to be derived from the proceeds of the illegal gambling operation.

"Profits from illegal gambling can spur related crimes that under-

mine public safety," Schuette said. "We will continue to work with local and state law enforcement to shut down any illegal gambling operations we may find."

"I would like to thank the Westland Police Department for their efforts in this important investigation."

The joint investigation found that John Zurich allegedly took straight bets as a bookie between Dec. 2, 2002, and May 1, 2012. Further investigation also established that Zurich allegedly printed football betting cards at ArtCraft Printing in Detroit, which he owned and operated.

The charges are that Zurich would print college and professional betting cards and distribute them across multiple contacts in counties, including Wayne, Oakland and Macomb. While Zurich primarily focused on college and professional football betting, he is alleged to have coordinated bets on college basketball as well.

Ellen Jane Zurich is alleged to have handled

all of the bookkeeping for both the legitimate aspects of the Detroit printing business and the illegal gambling operation. It is alleged that she had knowledge her husband took illegal bets as a bookie, and was instrumental in allegedly making gambling proceeds appear as if they were legitimate income.

On Monday, John Zurich was arraigned in Westland 18th District Court on one count of conducting a criminal enterprise, punishable by 20 years in prison and/or \$100,000 fine, and one count of failure to file/false taxes, a 5-year felony and/or a \$5,000 fine.

Ellen Jane Zurich was charged with one count of failure to file/false taxes.

The couple turned themselves in to Westland Police prior to being arraigned Monday. Not guilty pleas were entered for both defendants, who released on a \$20,000 personal bond. Preliminary examinations are scheduled Judge Sandra Cicirelli at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26.

# Know tax laws but focus on net worth

Sunday, July 28, marked the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 16th Amendment which basically gave the federal government the power to tax income.

At first, the law only affected the wealthy and the average American didn't even have to file a tax return. It wasn't until World War II that the tax law affected the great majority of Americans. It was thought at the time with the cost of World War II there should be shared sacrifice. That is why the tax law was then applied to the great majority of Americans.

Because it's the 100th anniversary of this law, I will highlight certain aspects.

Currently, tax law is 73,954 pages. Those 73,954 pages were written by politicians and lawyers which mean that for the majority of Americans it is unreadable.

## Tax law changes

It's important to recognize tax law is not static - it is constantly changing. In fact, in the last decade there have been nearly 4,700 changes in the tax law - one tax law change per day.

In addition, it's just not new laws that affect taxpayers but it's also



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parts of tax law that are considered temporary. This year alone there are more than 50 parts of the tax code which are set to expire. Over the last 15 years, Congress seems to have made more of our tax laws temporary. In fact, during that 15-year period the number of temporary provisions in our tax law has more than tripled. That is why when it comes to tax laws consumer have to deal with a professional; someone who is dedicated to staying current on the changes in tax law. Someone who reads something about taxes once or twice a year is not a person to trust on tax advice.

## Tax facts

A few other interesting tidbits about tax law.  
 » 44 percent of the federal government's revenue comes from personal income taxes.  
 » The number one tax break in the tax code is that taxpayers are not taxed on the cost of healthcare provided by an employer. It is estimated this break costs

over \$150 billion a year.

» It is estimated that between individuals and businesses, Americans are spending over six billion hours a year preparing their returns. That is equivalent to 3,000 people working full time.

I've always told investors never let the tax tail wag the dog. In other words, don't do anything for tax reasons alone. Do things that make good economic sense.

It is important that as Americans we understand tax law and take advantage of it where we can. However, always remember as investors the goal is not to lower taxes but rather, to increase net worth. Unfortunately, in too many instances if you focus solely on taxes you'll find that you have lowered your tax bill but at the same time you have not increased your net worth.

Take taxes into consideration, however, don't let them be the driving force.

Good luck.

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# Last McCotter staffer sentenced in petition scandal case

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

One of the last cases resulting from the former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter petition scandal last summer saw a sentence of probation and community service for one of his former staffers.



Turnbull

Mary Turnbull of Howell was sentenced to two years probation and 200 hours of community service July 23 by Oakland County Circuit Judge Leo Bowman. Turnbull was originally charged with conspiracy

to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a felony, and one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor. She pleaded no contest to both charges in May.

"I sincerely regret my actions," Turnbull said, her voice cracking. "I would like to apologize to the office of attorney general. Throughout my life, I have tried to do the right thing."

Her attorney, Leon Weiss, told the court Turnbull had moved out of McCotter's congressional district and mistakenly believed that precluded her from circulating petitions on behalf of his candidacy. After she had gath-

ered signatures, she asked a supervisor whether she could have someone who lives in the district sign the sheets as the circulator. She was told yes, Weiss said.

"She made a mistake," Weiss said. "She didn't mean to break the law, but she stands ready to accept full responsibility."

Turnbull was one of four individuals charged in the petition fraud case, which led to McCotter's resignation from Congress. Secretary of State officials found several irregularities with the petitions filed by McCotter, a Livonia Republican, and his staff, and ultimately disqualified him from the ballot.



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A majestic Willy the Pig has a new place to call home, the Commons Corner at Ford and Middlebelt. PHOTO BY ANN ESPINOZA

# WILLY THE PIG REIGNS SUPREME AT ANNUAL ART FUNDRAISER

**G**arden City loves Willy the Pig. The community, along with the Garden City Downtown Development Authority, welcomed the famous red pig back home on Friday at the second annual bART-be-que.

The festivities began in the parking lot behind Albert's on the Alley and continued with a free movie, *Babe*, which was shown in the parking lot between Allstate Insurance and the Garden City Moose Lodge.

Stacey Tobar, director of the DDA, acknowledged the sculpture's special qualities.

"He brings something special to the downtown," Tobar said.

Willy, who attained that name once he got to Garden City is named after the character, Wilbur, from *Charlotte's Web*.

Willy attracted notoriety by the outfits residents put on him. After he was damaged and a new sculpture was commissioned last year, he developed a Facebook following and had T-shirts bearing his likeness sold at Friday's event.

By Sue Buck



Jaime Beccaccio (left) of Garden City takes a group photo of Brooklin and Sabrina Beccaccio and Jesse and Autumn Jennings with Willy the Pig. PHOTO BY ANN ESPINOZA



Melissa Sauer of Garden City holds up her 2-year-old son Caleb to touch Willy's nose. PHOTO BY ANN ESPINOZA



Kim Dold, assistant to Downtown Development Executive Director Stacey Tobar, wears her Willy nose while taking photographs at the unveiling Friday. PHOTO BY ANN ESPINOZA



Two-year-old Brooklin Beccaccio gets a smile from her mother, Jaime Beccaccio, as she tries on her Willy nose. PHOTO BY ANN ESPINOZA



# ROTARY FINDS OUT MORE ABOUT VILLAGE

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

With aging baby boomers in the area, Adam Sterling came to speak to the Garden City Rotary recently about senior housing opportunities.

The Henry Ford Village representative was accompanied by Ryan Ambrozaitis, Henry Ford Village Foundation executive director who works in community relations.

Today's young seniors are taking charge of their retirement plans and that includes deciding how and where they want to spend the rest of their lives, according to Sterling, director of business development for Henry Ford Village in Dearborn.

"We speak to each person individually and each person has to make his own application," Sterling said.

Residents who live on the 35-acre site, developed 20 years ago, don't have a chance to become lonely because the village boasts 1,000 residents. More than 800 residents live independently. Residents must be at least 62 years old to move in.

"You have generations of people who move in," Sterling said. "Most people move in in their mid-70s. There's always somebody to talk to."

### Clubs and activities

There are 100 resident-organized clubs and activities. There's even an in-house television station.

Weather is also not an issue at the village because there are walkways between buildings which are heated or cooled depending on the season. The buildings also have different de-



With area baby boomers getting older, Ryan Ambrozaitis, executive director of the Henry Ford Village Foundation, and Adam Sterling, director of business development for Henry Ford Village, spoke to Garden City Rotary Club members about options for an easy retirement. They are pictured with Wilma Healy, the program chairman.

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signs and are between four to six stories high. There's a waiting list for some designs, Sterling said.

"I met some people who said, 'This is amazing. They have so many services and amenities under one roof,'" Sterling said. "They have their own library and Comerica Bank branch. They have their own hair salons. There are a number of things throughout the community."

Today's active seniors are planning their Golden Years themselves because over the last 80 years, almost 20 years have been added to the life expectancy, he said.

"When I grew up, the only thing that I ever heard of was a convalescent home or a nursing home," Sterling said.

### Not for profit

Sterling, who has worked at the village for 16 years, said that the public may be surprised

that Henry Ford Village is a not-for-profit organization. There's an independent board of directors.

The cost of a one-bedroom unit starts at about \$1,100 a month, \$1,500 a month for a two-bedroom unit.

"Uniquely, this is the only retirement community that Ford ever developed," said Sterling who described it as the largest retirement community in Michigan.

One Rotary Club member questioned the price quoted because her father had a one-bedroom unit at another facility and paid \$3,400 a month.

"We are markedly lower than everybody else," Sterling said. "It is a factor of the business plan."

He added that they could not move in 1,000 people if the price wasn't "affordable." The down side is that there is a "refundable entrance

deposit" required. He cited \$75,000-\$100,000.

"Everybody has some means in paying that deposit," Sterling said, adding that it is a way to pay for some of their care up front.

Another Rotary Club member asked if grandchildren are welcome to come and stay for a visit.

"Guests are always allowed," Sterling said. "We don't have any restriction on their stay as long as they don't become occupants permanently."

"We have always said that you will be tired of your guest before we even notice him."

Ambrozaitis said that one Foundation fund ensures that residents can remain in the village even if they have outlived their life savings.

"That is a major selling point," he said.

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## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

### Open house

Garden City Co-Op Preschool is holding an open house from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at the school, 1841 Middebelt, south of Ford.

Established in 1995, it's one of the oldest cooperative preschools in Michigan.

Its goal is to create a quality preschool environment for children with direct parental involvement.

For more information, visit [gardencity-coopreschool.org](http://gardencity-coopreschool.org) or send an email to [gardencitypreschool@gmail.com](mailto:gardencitypreschool@gmail.com).

### Self Defense class

On Saturday, Aug. 10, Guardian Martial Arts will host a Women's and Girls' Self-Defense Class from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The course will cover assault prevention and practical self-defense that is easy to use and remember.

The three-hour course will be taught by Senior Chief Instructors Kelly and Shelby Perkins, who have more

than 40 years combined martial art experience. Students will gain hands-on experience practicing the self-defense taught in this class. Included are a take-home booklet and poker. The course is \$29. College students with ID receive \$5 off the course. Preregistration is necessary.

The self-defense course will be held at Guardian Martial Arts, 30942 Ford, Garden City. To register, contact Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness at 734-266-0565.

### No Coffee Hours

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will not host his monthly coffee hours in Livonia and Garden City in July or August. 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](mailto:SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov).

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July 19	<i>Phil Denny</i>	Centre Village at Kroger Ford & Canton Center	
July 26	<i>Demetrius "Krayon" Nabors</i>	Lowe's Ford between Sheldon & Morton Taylor	
August 2	<i>Tim Bowman</i>	Home Depot Ford & Lotz	
August 9	<i>Randy Scott</i>	Super Bowl Ford between Canton Center & Sheldon	
August 16	<i>Charles &amp; Gwen Scales</i>	JC Penney Ford between Sheldon & Morton Taylor	
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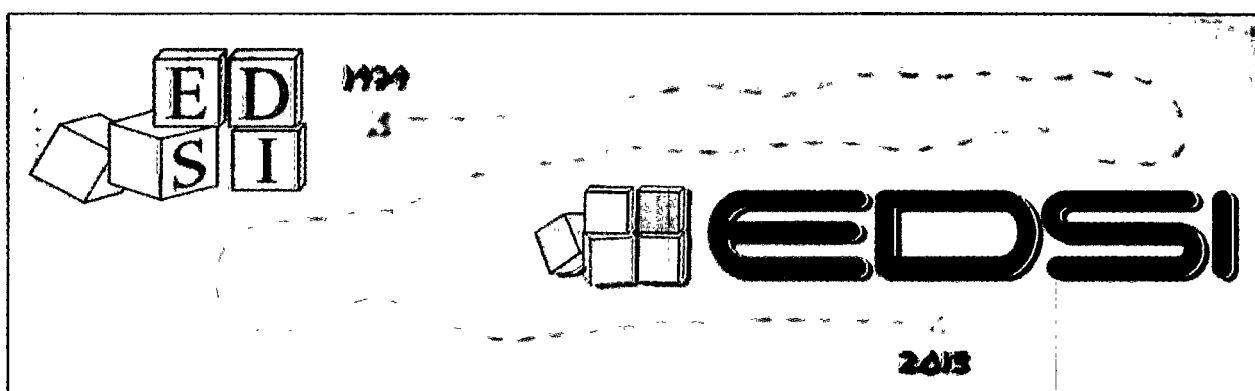
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EDSI (Educational Data Systems, Inc.) has unveiled a new company logo, replacing an image that has been with the organization since it started more than 30 years ago.

## 'Painted picture' illustrates future of EDSI

In the past month, EDSI's (Educational Data Systems Inc.) website has been assembling a puzzle that has revealed a new company logo, replacing an image that has been with the organization since its birth in 1979.

The workforce development, customized training and consulting company's new logo paints a picture of an organization that is on the move with a goal to help more than 250,000 individuals in transition by 2016.

The new logo draws on the classic building block design of EDSI's first logo, while employing a modernized typeface and color palette aimed at illustrating a focus on the future. Integration of EDSI's new logo will begin this summer and continue throughout the year.

"We're very excited to share our new logo design with our fantastic clients and partners," said EDSI CEO Kevin Schnieders. "We paid a graphic designer \$75, more than 33 years ago, to develop our original logo. It's an image that we've always loved, because of the people and the efforts that it represents."

"When we considered an updated look, we set out to modernize the original design, while recognizing all of the positive feelings we have for the EDSI building blocks. The new logo signals that we will always embrace what's next, with a genuine sense of respect and an appreciation for what was."

**T-shirt promotion**  
In support of the unveiling, EDSI worked with World Clothes Line to design and produce a unique T-shirt commemorating the launch. Three T-shirt designs have been created for EDSI which visitors to the EDSI website at [www.EDSIolutions.com/logo](http://www.EDSIolutions.com/logo) can view and vote for their favorite.

The T-shirt receiving the most votes will become the official launch apparel, with EDSI purchasing 500 of the American-made shirts for its employees and partners.

For each T-shirt purchased by EDSI, World Clothes Line also will provide a new item of clothing to people in need in Metro Detroit and across the country.

"We are excited to partner with World Clothes Line to generate some great buzz for the launch of our new logo and also provide clothing for people who really need it," said Casey White, EDSI's Strategic Marketing Coordinator.

"This philanthropic partnership certainly supports our core purpose at EDSI of helping people."

To help current and future clients understand the company's future focus, EDSI has created a "Painted Picture" video on its website.

In the video, Schnieders explains the company's strategic thinking and vision for 2016 when, through training and partnerships, they intend to increase their geographic reach and the number of people in transition served from 25,000 to 250,000.

### EDSI vision

"At EDSI, we really do believe a picture is worth a thousand words," said Schnieders. "With the guidance of some great partners, we put that belief to the test by creating a painted picture to communicate the vision for EDSI in 2016. It's a vision whose foundation is based on our mission of seeing through our client's eyes to understand their needs and our core purpose of helping people."

Founded in 1979 and headquartered in Dearborn, EDSI is a workforce development, customized training and consulting company intertwined with one common thread: helping people and companies in transition.

EDSI has grown to a network that employs more than 400 people in eight states and Washington, D.C.

EDSI has an office at 31509 Cherry Hill, Westland, and an Onsite Internship Office at 210 Merriman, Westland. For more information, call 734-729-4156.

## Self-discipline: basis for success

I'm reminded this week of Aesop's fable about the Tortoise and the Hare. The Hare started out fast but didn't discipline himself to stick to the program, while the Tortoise consistently put one foot in front of the other until he crossed the finish line first.

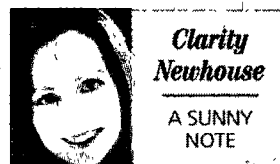
It's a simple story to illustrate a profound point.

Self-discipline is the foundation of success.

Without self-discipline, we get distracted, fail to finish things we start and allow ourselves to drift away from fundamental practices that (in the back of our minds) we know would make us more successful.

The good news is that some of the most important things we must do every day aren't physically demanding.

Instead, the challenge — or opportunity — lies in exercising the necessary willpower to do what needs to be done, and done consistently.



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## Comerica hosts singing contest

As part of Fan Appreciation Weekend, Comerica Bank is giving back to local heroes through the Home of the Brave National Anthem Singing Contest.

The contest is open to Southeast Michigan police and firefighters and runs through Aug. 18. A lucky hometown hero will be offered the opportunity to sing the National Anthem at the

Sept. 22 Detroit Tigers game at Comerica Park and receive 40 tickets to the game and a \$10,000 grant to the winner's police or fire station.

Police officers and firefighters who are interested in entering should upload a video of themselves singing the National Anthem to the National Anthem tab on the Comerica Cares Facebook page.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### HFAP accreditation

Garden City Hospital was awarded accreditation from the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP), an independent accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). It earned this distinction after HFAP conducted an extensive and objective review of the hospital's quality and safety standards.

"Garden City Hospital clearly demonstrates a commitment to quality patient care," said Michael Zarski, CEO of HFAP. "We base our decision on federal standards, as well as recognized national standards for patient safety, quality improvement, and environmental safety. Garden City Hospital met or exceeded standards in every case."

"We're proud to achieve this prestigious distinction," said Gary Ley, Garden City Hospital President. "By awarding us accreditation, HFAP has recognized our commitment to providing outstanding care to our patients and our community. In fact, quality is consistently the priority focus in our strategic plans and goals."

The HFAP is a non-profit, nationally recognized accreditation organization. It has been accrediting healthcare facilities for more than 60 years and under Medicare since its inception. Its mission is to advance high quality patient care and safety through objective application of recognized standards. Its accreditation is recognized by the federal government, state governments, managed care organizations, and insurance companies.

Located in Garden City, Garden City Hospi-

tal provides comprehensive health care services, osteopathic medical education, and health care related programs to the surrounding communities. For more information about Garden City Hospital, call 877-717-WELL or visit [www.GCH.org](http://www.GCH.org).

### Prevention Corps site

The Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Corps (MFPC) will have a host site in the city of Wayne for the 2013-2014 program year.

The MFPC, a program of the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), has provided AmeriCorps members to foreclosure counseling agencies for the last several years to assist with building the capacity of certified, nonprofit foreclosure counseling agencies to serve homeowners in Michigan. The program year begins Oct. 3, 2013 and runs through October 2, 2014.

"While foreclosure numbers across the country are down, they still remain at historically high levels," said Jamie Schriener-Hooper, CEDAM executive director. "The need for Michigan homeowners to receive assistance to save their homes from both tax and mortgage foreclosure remains vital. These AmeriCorps members continue to serve our great state and help Michigan homeowners."

Community Housing Network will host the site in Wayne.

The MFPC received \$266,000 through the Michigan Community Service Commission, funding 20 full-time member positions to be housed within the 20 host sites. MFPC members work on a variety of foreclosure prevention and intervention activ-

ities and help provide intake or triage services for at-risk homeowners.

For more information, visit [foreclosure.cedam.info/mfpc/candidates](http://foreclosure.cedam.info/mfpc/candidates).

### Michigan bound

ZYNP International Corp., a renowned global automotive supplier founded in China, is investing close to \$10 million dollars in a new research and development center in Romulus. The company selected its Wayne County location over a competing site in Texas.

"We are thrilled that ZYNP International Corp. has decided to open its new R&D center in Romulus, further adding to their presence in Wayne County," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "ZYNP's choice is another example of how our economic development strategies are succeeding. We believe our strong relationships, particularly in China, will continue to yield jobs and economic growth in the County."

ZYNP International manufactures cylinder liners for gasoline and diesel engines. The company opened its operation in Romulus in 2005 and employs about 3,500 workers in China and North America.

"We helped ZYNP in selecting their location and by acquiring funds to assist with worker retraining," said Ray Byers, Wayne County Director of Economic Development and Growth Engine (EDGE).

"We are looking forward to the 51 new jobs and ZYNP's nearly \$10 million investment."

For more information on economic development opportunities in Wayne County through EDGE, visit [www.waynecounty.com](http://www.waynecounty.com) and click on the EDGE tab.

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# MECS CENTER OPENS



Garden City Fire Engineer Mike Terch (from left) watches as Police Chief Robert Muery, Fire Chief Catherine Harman, Mayor Randy Walker, Avery Klemola held by Kevin Whittenberg, Melissa Whittenberg, Madi Seidel, Mayor Pro Tem Patricia Squires, State Rep. David Knezek and Downtown Development Authority Board member Bob Squires cut the ribbon at the grand opening of Michigan Extreme Combat Sports and Fitness Center in Garden City.

## Ribbon-cutting celebration held

Youngsters took kicks at cancer, rang the bell on a fire truck and joined local officials in the grand opening ceremony of the Michigan Extreme Combat Sports and Family Fitness at 29135 Ford in downtown Garden City.

Attending the ribbon cutting ceremony were Police Chief Robert Muery, Fire Chief Catherine Harman, Downtown Development Authority representative Bob Squires, Councilwoman Jaylee Lynch,

Mayor Randy Walker, Mayor Pro Tem Patricia Squires, State Rep. David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, Kerry and Cheryl Partin, and Bill Justice of Extreme Isshinryu Karate.

"I am honored to be the newest positive influence on the youth of Garden City," said Kevin Whittenberg, who owns the fitness center with his wife, Melissa.

"As a GCYAA football coach in the past and coach for 20 years, my goal is to make a difference in the lives of our future.

"This is what I do, it's my time to give back to

the community and I will make every effort to make our services affordable for everyone."

"There are far too many negative influences in today's society, there are no mulligans in life," he added.

Prior to the ribbon cutting was a Kids Kick-in' Cancer fundraiser with all proceeds from that event going to Mott Children's Hospital.

"There was a great turnout of kids for this event," Whittenberg said.

"The special guests included Avery Klemola of Garden City and Ma-

di Seidel of Westland, both 4-year-old cancer survivors.

"It was an honor having both happy, full-of-life princesses at our event."

MECS also helped the Burger Center for Students with Autism which received the proceeds from the night's fight and a portion of ticket sales went to Sean Dunn and his family in their mother Elizabeth Rose Dunn's fight against cancer.

"It's always a great day when you welcome a small business to your community," Knezek said.



Madi Seidel and Avery Klemola sit on the bumper of the fire truck after ringing the bell.

# St. Mary Mercy to host blood drive

In partnership with the American Red Cross, St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold a blood drive from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, in the North Auditorium of the hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The public is invited

to join St. Mary Mercy employees and volunteers in donating blood at the event. Participants will receive a free ice cream bar.

St. Mary Mercy and the Red Cross are partnering in a yearlong blood drive campaign.

Future blood drives will be held from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10 and Dec. 12, in the North Auditorium.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Appointment sign-ups are also

available in the hospital cafeteria.

Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

For more information, visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org) and click on "classes and events."

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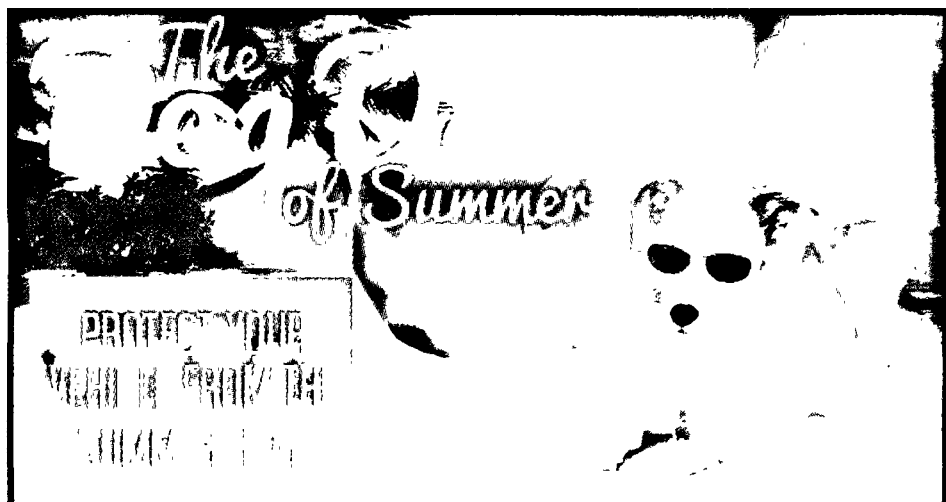
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## OUR VIEWS

# Helmet law

## Increased costs, injury severity provide reasons for change

Freedom comes at a price. In the 15 months since Michigan scrapped its longstanding law and allowed certain motorcyclists the freedom to ride without helmets, medical payments for insurance claims based on the severity of injuries have increased. Severe injuries are occurring and driving up costs, which collectively demand a repeal of the weakened law.

Already, statistics show that freedom for a few will likely increase costs for the majority. It's a simple equation. The more insurance companies have to pay out in claims, sooner or later rates will increase to offset those costs. That's how insurance works.

But there is a human cost to allowing motorcyclists to ride without the safety of helmets. No one wants to witness a motorcycle crash in which the rider is not wearing a helmet. And no one wants to witness that crash when a motorcyclist is tooling down a freeway at 70 mph or faster. Logic dictates the consequences.

The weakened law — enacted on the off-chance of boosting tourism — allows motorcyclists 21 years and older to legally ride without a helmet if they carry a minimum \$20,000 in medical payments coverage.

Today, only 19 states require all riders to wear helmets, while 28 require helmets for some motorcyclists. Illinois, Iowa and New Hampshire have no helmet laws.

Curious enough to find out the impact of Michigan's new law, the Highway Loss Data In-



Wearing a helmet while riding a motorcycle is still a good idea despite the change in state law.

stitute (HLDI) conducted a study and compared its results with other states, including Iowa, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

It also considered factors including the age and class of motorcycles, rider demographics and weather issues. The study also took into account the motorcycle riding season in Michigan.

The HLDI's results are eye-opening. Overall medical payments were 50 percent higher than expected for Michigan after the law changed in April 2012. HLDI researchers qualified that result by adding that some of the increase may reflect an increased crash risk because collision claim frequency on its own increased about 12 percent.

But the research group made it very clear that the in-

crease in medical payment overall losses stems from a definite 36 percent increase in the severity of claims. Granted, following the change in the law, some motorcyclists who chose to ride without a helmet also increased their medical payments policy limits to the required \$20,000 minimum.

Yet even with the change in policy limits, HLDI found that medical payments claim severity is estimated to have increased — just in 15 months — by 22 percent. HLDI said the results are "consistent with (the) expectation that crashes after the law change resulted in more severe injuries as a result of less helmet use."

Sooner or later, the increased claims and the associated costs will translate into increased insurance costs for all Michigan drivers who have ve-

hicle insurance. The writing is on the wall — and at a time when state legislators debate whether to put an end to no-fault insurance.

For some motorcyclists, a helmet is uncomfortable and cumbersome. But for some vehicle drivers, seat belts are equally uncomfortable and cumbersome. Just as the belts have proven to save lives or to reduce the severity of injuries, there is no denying — especially statistically — that helmets reduce the degree of brain injuries.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation, which advocates safe motorcycling, holds fast to its belief that helmets work, just as different types of helmets work in sports and other professions, including construction, football and the military.

Four basic components in a helmet protect the rider: an outer shell, an impact-absorbing liner, comfort padding and a retention system, also known as a secure strap.

ABATE of Michigan, which strongly supported the weakened law, maintains that helmets have done nothing to improve safety, reduce fatalities or the cost of insurance. In fact, ABATE also claims that helmets impede vision and hearing while motorcycling.

HLDI's study proves otherwise. The issue isn't just about fatalities. It is about severe brain injuries that essentially ruin a life, while costing society a lot of money.

If a helmet can protect even one motorcyclist from severe damage, while holding down insurance costs, it is worth repealing the weakened law.

# Dissolution is heavy handed, ignores local control

It's rare to find a group of people of the same mindset, but that was the case at last Thursday's Wayne County RESA board meeting. School, state and local officials and parents almost to the person were in opposition to the decision to dissolve the Inkster Public Schools.

Wayne RESA Superintendent Christopher Wigent said the decision a "very sad and unfortunate situation" and criticized state officials for an "irresponsible and politically motivated" law. He said it was the "most heartbreaking, confusing and anti-educational thing" he had ever seen in his 24 years as a superintendent.

At the heart of the decision is local control and local decisions. A newly enacted law that in many people's eyes specifi-

cally targeted two school districts — Inkster and Buena Vista — let the state decide the fate of those two districts, not their elected boards, not their registered voters.

The bill had one of the quickest trips through the legislature in years, making it to the governor's desk in 14 days. And it was used almost as quickly by State Superintendent Mike Flanagan and State Treasurer Andy Dillon to determine the two districts should be dissolved.

School officials voiced opposition to the bill in testimony before state lawmakers, but it fell on deaf ears. One state lawmaker, who was at the special meeting, said when it became apparent what the focus of the bill was the Democratic sponsor withdrew his support

and Democrats in both houses refused to support it.

What happened to Inkster schools is a complete and utter disregard of local control. Inkster residents are angry at being robbed of their school district and rightly so. They had no say in what happened to their schools and their children. The decision was made in Lansing, not in Inkster. The state cast aside local control, ignored the rights of stakeholders and decided to shut down the district.

It will never be known if the district was able to open its doors and remain open for the 2013-2014 school year. Inkster residents believed the district could. That speaks volumes about their pride in their school and what they were doing for students. However,

the handwriting was on the wall, and unfortunately, the message was written by the state.

What's most painful is that Inkster residents really weren't given a choice. There was no "do this or this will happen," no "find a merger partner or consolidate or face dissolution." Residents should have had the chance to decide the fate of their school district. If they had balked, then the district should have been dissolved, but they should have at least had a chance to decide.

Education in Michigan is under severe financial stress. At a time when the emphasis is on making students career and college ready, state support of schools has diminished, leaving school districts to take drastic measures to stay afloat.

Inkster had proposed turning its high school into a charter school and becoming a K-8 district to reduce its deficit. It would have saved millions, but that won't happen.

Will this new law begin and end with Inkster and Buena Vista? Probably not, because some 50 more districts are in deficit and many more teetering on the edge. This decision may not be the end but the beginning. Inkster and Buena Vista were the first to be dissolved, and they most likely won't be the last.

Dissolution of school districts as it happened in Inkster is a heavy-handed quick fix for a school funding crisis that needs to be addressed now, not later. Inkster students deserve better, and so does every child in Michigan.

## Preseason football starts this weekend. How do you think the Lions will do this season?

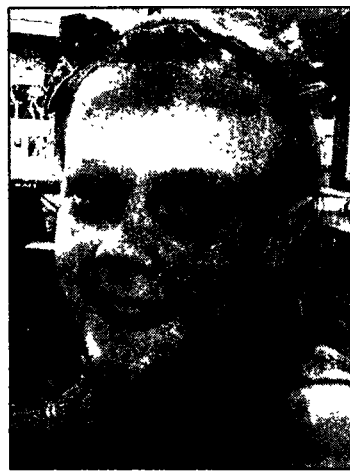
We asked this question at the Garden City Public Library in Garden City.



"They have to do a lot better, they've been disappointing. They haven't had a lot of consistency or team drive."  
**Claudine Wooley**  
Garden City



"I don't know. I really don't follow them at all."  
**Steve Dennis**  
Livonia



"I think they'll do great. They're really good."  
**Katelynn Bowers**  
Garden City



"Hopefully, they do good this year. Hopefully they'll do better."  
**Josh Gidley**  
Garden City

## LETTERS

### Thanks for contributions

The Norwayne Community Watch would like to thank Mayor William Wild and the Wayne Ford Civic League for the contribution of trash and garbage bags. We also would like to thank JoAnne Campbell and the employees of the Dorsey Center for helping us get the Community Watch started, along with the Westland Police Department.

With the bags we hope to give the citizens of Norwayne a push in cleaning up the litter and waste along the streets and yards in their neighborhood. We are hoping that the block leaders and block captains passing these out will help all of us to get to know our neighbors. With a Community Watch it is important for everyone to know their neighbors' names and numbers.

We are noticing a difference with the court workers who have been cleaning up the roadside litter along Dorsey and Grand Traverse and, of course, Buster, the young man, who decided to clean up near his home.

Anyone wanting to help with the Community Watch (we need block leaders and block captains) can contact either Brenda Hubbard at 734-729-3833 or Judy McKinney at 734-721-0729.

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# Democrats talk women's health issues at forum

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, said Monday night that women's access to health care is necessary for the well-being of all Michigan residents.

And, while access was the topic of the night, many of the 30 or so folks also wanted to talk about subjects as varied as how Obamacare will affect their current health care situation to potential fraud in the health care process.

"Some of the concerns were more about, with the health care act, 'Am I going to have to get rid of my Blue Cross?'" Slavens said. "There were some questions and concerns, and we'll take those back to Lansing and get answers, and then get back to people."

Slavens said some of the questions were about potential fraud and, while the Medicaid expansion bill includes protections against fraud, Slavens said there's no harm to checking again.

"We have some provisions on preventing fraud," she said. "We'll double-check and strengthen that to make sure we eliminate as much fraud as possible."

Canton resident Sommer Foster wanted to hear about what the state Legislature is doing to help women reach their health care goals. She said she was satisfied with information she got on how legislators are working with Affordable Care Act exchanges and expanding Medicaid.

"That's going to help women," Foster said. "I have been without health care in my life, and I know how difficult and expensive it is if you get sick. I think whatever can be done to make sure people have the opportunity for health care and to be able to see a doctor is a good thing."

Slavens, whose professional background is in health care, said the health of residents is "central to the health of the state."

"Making sure women — our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters —



State Rep. Dian Slavens, (D-Canton) said "making sure women — our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters — have access to quality health care should be common sense." BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

have access to quality health care should be common sense," she said. "Sadly, access to women's health has not seen nearly enough attention in the Michigan Legislature."

Slavens was joined by House Democrats' Women's Task Force co-chairs Reps. Marcia Hovey-Wright, D-Muskegon, and Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor, along with Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan Director of Government Relations Meghan Groen.

Task force members heard from their guest and members of the audience at the meeting held at the Canton Township Administration Building.

Hovey-Wright said it's important to protect the "safety, emotional well-being and even the lives" of women across the state.

"We have to make sure that women, men and their families have the resources and tools to make informed choices about their health and family," she said.

Irwin called ensuring quality, affordable health care "one of our most important tasks as legislators."

"My colleagues and I will take the ideas and concerns we heard in Canton back to Lansing, to fight for affordable and equal access to health care and insurance," he said.

# Highland Games return to Greenmead this weekend

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

It's almost time to get out that kilt and bagpipes.

The 164th Annual Highland Games are returning this Saturday to Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park, and event organizers are expecting thousands to come celebrate and watch the Scottish games.

Bagpiper Edgar Bicknell, a Livonia resident and member of the St. Andrew's Society, said he looks forward to attending the games and playing the bagpipes, an instrument well-known for its roots in the British Isles.

He's performed at the games for about 40 years.

"I've got Scottish ancestry, and you can't stop me from playing the bagpipes," he said. "This particular event is the biggest event for the St. Andrew's Society."

More than 10,000 people are expected to attend the Highland Games Friday and Saturday, located in the historical park at Eight Mile and Newburgh. Attendees will be able to enjoy Scottish dance competitions, music and other entertainment.

## Ceilidh is Friday night

The Highland Games will begin Friday night with the Ceilidh, a gathering that mimics one that would take place in a Scottish home. Ceilidh patrons can enjoy music, food, dancing and other entertainment beginning at 5 p.m. Friday at the park.

Competition begins on Saturday, with opening ceremonies starting at noon. The parade of Scottish clans takes place before the opening ceremonies, where 20 to 30 bagpipe bands take to the field to perform.

"I like the ceremony because they bring out all the Scottish bands," said Gary Pritchard of Livonia, chairman of the opening ceremonies. "They're all together, and they play all together. That's pretty impressive, as far as I'm concerned."

Livonia firefighters will return this year to compete in the tug-of-war against other groups from the Marines, Army and Highlanders.

Returning to the heavy athletics are fan-favorite events such as the hammer

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**Parking:** There is limited parking on site at Greenmead — after 9:30 a.m. or so it is usually full. Shuttle service is available at Schoolcraft College on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile. Shuttles will run every five minutes.

throw, stone put and caber toss, where athletes take large logs and flip them over end.

## Competitions start Saturday

The amateur heavy athletics competition begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, and the professional competition begins at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Several Scottish clans will have areas set up for people to learn more about the clans, a group of people from a certain family or area in Scotland.

Pritchard, a member of the Livonia Historical Commission, said learning about the Scottish people's history is a big draw for him.

"There's so much going on, you can't just sit there," he said. "You can spend a couple hours there or you can spend all day."

Bagpipers, such as Bicknell, will have their own competitions throughout the day as well. Pipe bands from as far as Florida will come and compete, and drum majors from all over will participate in a skills contest.

For more information, visit the Highland Games website at [highland-games.com](http://highland-games.com)

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Even rain can't dampen mood at Concours

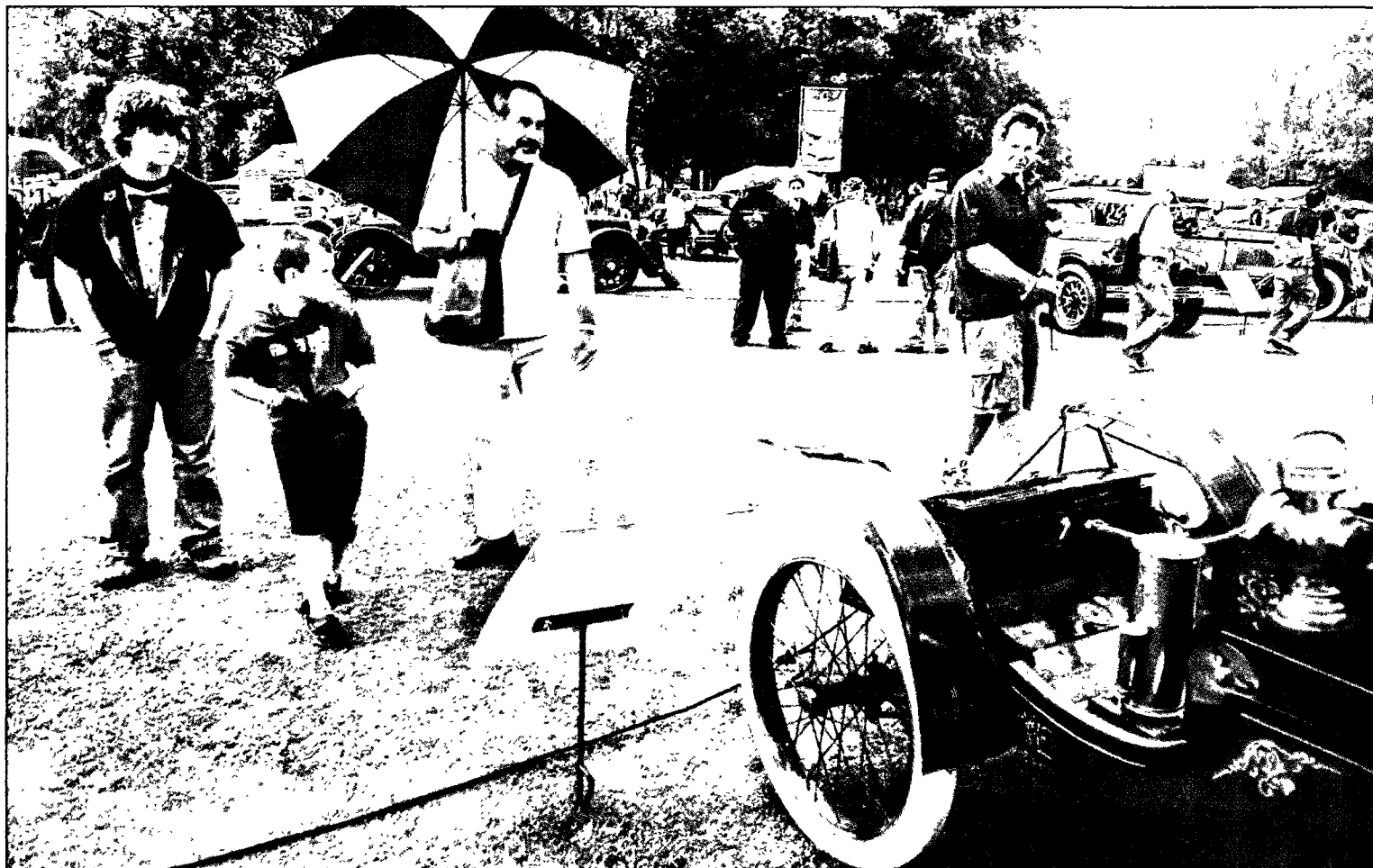
By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Storm clouds and an occasional drizzle didn't stop thousands of people from visiting Plymouth Township Sunday for one of the country's top auto shows.

Hundreds of rare, collectible and innovative cars – from an 1889 Edison Electric Runabout to a 2014 Cadillac ELR – graced the grounds at The Inn at St. John's Sunday for the 35th annual Concours d'Elegance of America. It was the third Concours at St. John's; the event moved from Rochester Hills' Meadow Brook Hall beginning in 2011.

"It's a beautiful show. Unbelievable cars, cars you're never going to see anywhere," said Philip Brown of Oak Brook, Ill. "The level of cars is phenomenal."

"It was a lot of fun," said Julia Machacek Cordes of Leavenworth, Kan. "We met a lot of people, learned a lot about other cars."



Livonia resident Tom Reschke and his sons, Zack, 15, and Taber, 9, look over a 1903 Michigan Model A Runabout. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Festival of cars

Brown was showing off his 1957 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Roadster, a car he owned for nearly 30 years before its 2004 restoration.

"It was all the money I had back then," said Brown of his purchase of the sports car in 1975. "This was my dream car."

Cordes was exhibiting a 1962 Chrysler 300 H, which she stores in Michigan, where she has family.

"It's a muscle car, yet its kind of luxurious," Cordes said.

Sunday's exhibition capped several days of Concours events, including an Automotive Hall of Fame induction and awards event on Thursday, tours of two private car collections in the area on Friday, an auction of collectibles on Saturday and a Saturday night gala. The Concours offered

cars of every era and style, including many from long-defunct manufacturers, such as Gardner, Graham, and American Austin.

## Souped up, stripped down

Show classes included *Gaslight* (the 1906-1914 era), *Detroit Iron* (early Cadillacs, Chryslers, Lincolns and Packards), *American Postwar 1946-1959* (Chrysler, Pontiac, Buick, Ford) and *Muscle Car*, which was weighted toward Corvettes and Camaros.

The display *Electric Cars: Past, Present & Future* attracted a lot of visitors, who saw models ranging from the Runabout Thomas Edison built, later acquired by Edison admirer Henry Ford, to a 1916 Detroit Electric Brougham, to a two-seat General Motors Corp.

concept car from 1970 (top speed 25 mph, with a 58-mile battery range).

There was also a collection of antique "bobbers," or stripped-down ("bobbed") motorcycles. "Cars are really well-presented. I love the way they lay it out," said Bob Gardner of St. Paul, Minn., who was showing his 1928 Gardner Model 85 Sport Roadster. "It's not easy to put on a show of this caliber, and they really do a wonderful job."

Clouds hung overhead for much of the show, and there were brief periods of light rain before it began to fall more steadily, for about 10 minutes, around the Concours' 4 p.m. closing time.

Organizers said an exact figure won't be tabulated for a week, but estimated the crowd at more than 10,000.



Kim Spurlock (left) of Detroit and Jordan Dunn of Westland, employees of The Inn at St. John's, load up a burger with all the trimmings. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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Pro champion Michael Sitko of Farmington Hills holds one of his five huge smallmouths from Day Three on Lake Erie. PHOTOS BY BRETT CARLSON | FLW

## Reeling them in

### Farmington Hills angler Sitko rules EverStart bass event

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Michael Sitko is still pinching himself. The 39-year-old AT&T outside repairman from Farmington Hills relied on his instincts and familiarity with the waters of Lake Erie to score his biggest victory in 19 pro starts as he captured the Walmart FLW EverStart Series Detroit River event last weekend.

Bringing in a total weight of 61 pounds, 15 ounces of smallmouth bass during a three-day period, Sitko earned a first-place check of \$33,071 along with a new boat, a Ranger Z518 with a 200 horsepower engine.

His combined two-day catch on Thursday and Friday was 40 pounds, 9 ounces followed by a 21-pound, 6-ounce haul on Saturday as he leapfrogged all the way from

seventh to first place.

Sitko has enjoyed success locally during numerous tournaments on the Great Lakes, but he'd never been victorious in an event of this magnitude. Two weeks ago he finished third in a Walmart Bass Fishing League event coupled with fourth earlier this year at an MWC walleye tournament on the Detroit River.

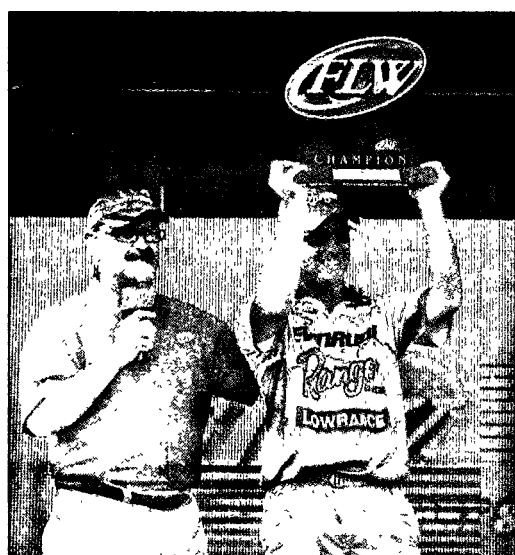
"I'm still up on Cloud Nine even up until this point and time," Sitko said. "It was kind of a big tournament to win. I was shocked for sure. I didn't think I had a shot at it, but I ended up pulling it off I guess."

The waters were calm during the first two days, but Saturday's finale proved to be challenging to say the least with rain and high winds.

#### Strong whitecaps

"I'd say every bit of 5-to-6 footers, but some guys were saying 6-to-8," Sitko said of the waves. "My co-angler (Steve Sorrell) got

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Michael Sitko of Farmington Hills proudly holds his first-place trophy after winning the EverStart bass tournament last weekend.

### Kroll takes Big 10 5K

Michigan State University senior Sara Kroll (Livonia Churchill), the 2012 Big Ten Women's Cross Country Runner of the Year, captured Saturday's Big Ten Network 5-kilometer race in Chicago with a clocking of 17 minutes, 15 seconds.

The BTN 10K and 5K races attracted more than 11,000 runners.

"I think since I haven't done a road race in the last five years, I was just coming out to really have fun and test how my summer training has been going," Kroll told Lisa Byington of the Big Ten Network. "I wouldn't say I'm displeased with my time by any means. I think I ran a pretty good time. I beat a lot of guys, so that's always exciting."

Kroll is the defending Big Ten women's champion, but said she may red-shirt this fall.

Kroll's mother, father and sister also participated in the 5K.

### Bucks fall

The Michigan Bucks' season ended Saturday with a 1-0 loss to the Premier Development League (PDL) regular season champion Thunder Bay (Ontario) Chill at Fort William Stadium.

The visiting Bucks dominated from start to finish, but couldn't get a goal past Chill goalkeeper Stephen Paterson, who made several incredible saves to send his top-seeded team into the elite eight match-up.

In the other semi-final, London defeated the Real Colorado Foxes in penalty kicks after playing to a scoreless draw.

Sunny Omeregic scored on Bucks goalkeeper Adam Grinwis (six saves) in the 38th minute, as the Chill defeated the Bucks for the third straight time in the playoffs.

After center back Nick Walker was hit in the groin and had to leave the game in the 20th minute, the short-handed Bucks were also missing eight other players who were either injured or ineligible to enter Canada due to visas.

Bucks coach Demir Muftari moved Latif Alashe and Stew Givens to handle the center back position, the first time either has played that position. The outside back positions were handled by Quincy Thomas, making his third start of the season and Zach Schewee making his inaugural start.

## Perfect follow through

### Plymouth grad Rodes realizes 'Mr. Golf' dream with blend of confidence, skill

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

When Kyle Rodes geared up for his senior season with Plymouth's varsity golf team, he didn't just think about playing well enough to help the Wildcats enjoy team success.

He thought about winning the Michigan Golf Coaches Association's "Mr. Golf" award — an annual award given to that year's elite high school performer.

"I just thought, you know, might as well end my high school career trying to get the highest award I possibly could," said the 18-year-old Rodes, who recently graduated from Plymouth High School.

"I just always thought it would be really cool to be Mr. Golf."

Sure enough, having nabbed Division 1 individual medalist honors thanks to a playoff victory at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West, Rodes pulled it off.



This year's 'Mr. Golf,' recent Plymouth grad Kyle Rodes, is right at home at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Course. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Rodes (71.4 average) won the coveted individual title after finishing 72-71-143 to edge Alex Kleckner of White Lake Lakeland on the third playoff hole.

He also nearly led the Wildcats to the D1 team championship; Plymouth fell just short on a fifth-player tiebreaker to lose the trophy to Battle Creek Lakeview.

#### Extra edge

"It feels really, really good to win it," said Rodes, who will golf at Eastern Michigan University. "It's pretty humbling, to be honest, because there were a lot of really good golfers that are good friends of mine

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## Rams squeak through into postseason

### NABF tourney on tap in Toledo after 3-2 victory

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

There was plenty at stake for the Michigan Rams in their Livonia Collegiate Baseball League regular season finale late Monday night at Bicentennial Park.

With a postseason playoff berth hanging in the balance, the Rams pushed across a run in the bottom of the ninth to beat the Michigan Red Sox, 3-2.

The win sends the Rams, who finished 21-13-2 (44 points) in the LCBL, off to the National Amateur Baseball Federation 22-and-under tournament beginning Thursday in Toledo along with the first-place Michigan Bulls, the defending NABF champion.

But the Rams missed out on returning to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament, Aug. 4-10, in Johnstown, Pa., after losing a second-place tiebreaker based on a run

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**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

**O&E men's golf**

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, visit [www.golflivonia.com](http://www.golflivonia.com).

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

**CYO soccer sign-up**

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

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

For more information, contact Ron Wollenweber at [stedithsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:stedithsoccer@gmail.com) or visit [www.stedithcyo.com](http://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. followed 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 at 46615 Michigan Ave. For more information, call 734-487-777 or visit [www.arcticarenas.com](http://www.arcticarenas.com).

**Rec soccer openings**

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](mailto:dbradley1515@sbcglobal.net).

**Chiefs golf outing**

The 11th annual Canton Chiefs Football Golf Outing will begin at noon on Saturday, Aug. 3, at Salem Hills Golf Course.

Plenty of great prizes will be on tap, along with an opportunity to win \$10,000.

For more information about the event, contact Julie Baechler (734-645-7777) or Enza Lanava (313-300-1173).

**Franklin girls tennis**

Girls interested in playing high school tennis for Livonia Franklin during the 2013-2014 school year are asked to contact coach Rick Clack immediately at 734-945-5762 or email him at [clack@comcast.net](mailto:clack@comcast.net).

Potential players are asked to leave their name and contact number in a voice message.

There is off-season conditioning and off-season play during the summer and school year before the season begins.

**Soccer officials**

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

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

Class fee includes MHSAA registration fees. Those completing

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

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

**Coaching jobs**

» Livonia Ladywood High School has coaching vacancies for a girls varsity pom pon and varsity swimming for the fall 2013 season, along with a girls freshman basketball coach for the 2013-14 winter season. Call 734-591-2386.

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

» Farmington High School is seeking an assistant junior varsity football coach. For more information, email head coach John Bechtel at [jbecht12345@aol.com](mailto:jbecht12345@aol.com).

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**Karmanos named to US Hockey Hall**

Plymouth Whalers owner Peter Karmanos Jr. is part of the United States Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2013, it was announced last week.

In addition to Karmanos, other selections

include former Michigan State hockey coach and athletic director Ron Mason, Warren's Doug Weight, Bill Guerin and Cindy Curley.

The date and location of the induction event will be announced later this summer.

"This is a class that represents extraordinary contribution and success in many different areas

of our sport," said Ron DeGregorio, president of USA Hockey. "It's a truly remarkable collection of individuals, all so very deserving of their place among immortals in the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame."

Karmanos, also the owner and chief executive officer of the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes, has used his business acumen to build an empire of hockey at all levels of the game in the United States for more than five decades.

In 1994, he acquired the Hartford Whalers and two seasons later moved the team to Raleigh, N.C.

Since the team's arrival in North Carolina, the Hurricanes have enjoyed success both on and off

the ice, highlighted by winning the Stanley Cup in 2006.

As retired executive chairman of the board for Detroit-based Compuware, he has sponsored one of America's most successful youth hockey programs of the same name.

Karmanos also owns the Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League, the ECHL's Florida Everblades and several arenas (including Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township).

In 2012 he received USA Hockey's Distinguished Achievement Award.

In 1998 the NHL honored him with the Lester Patrick Award for his outstanding service to hockey in the United States.



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# 'Cool' summer family fun on tap Saturday at Suburban Ice

Area families looking for "cool" things to do Saturday might want to check out Suburban Ice Farmington Hills.

On tap Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. is the annual Customer Appreciation Day, complete with plenty of free events for families and friends — plus everyone's mascot faves, Snowplow Sam and Suburban Steve.

Events include free "Sticks & Pucks" (11 a.m. to noon, noon to 1 p.m., 1-2 p.m. for all ages) and free open skate (2-3 p.m. for all ages). Those wishing to take part in "Sticks & Pucks" must pre-register.

Snowplow Sam, the figure-skating bear, and hockey-loving Suburban Steve will be in attendance for kids to have pictures taken with. Plus, there will be free hot dogs at the concession stand for those youngsters who work up an appetite with all the fun.

In addition, there will be information about the upcoming Learn to Skate sessions and other fall programming, along with special raffle prizes and drawings throughout the day.

### Give it a try

In addition to Customer Appreciation Day, SIFH will offer kids 12 and under who have never tried hockey before the opportunity to take part in a Try Hockey for Free Clinic (10-11 a.m.).

Kids will get the chance to experience the game for the first time and learn the basics of



Two youngsters are shown meeting "Suburban Steve" during last summer's Customer Appreciation Day at Suburban Ice Farmington Hills.

hockey in a fun, safe environment.

Participants will be provided all the necessary hockey equipment for the hour; on-ice instructors will be present to help them get dressed, stand on skates, hold a

stick and skate around.

Pre-registration is required. Contact the SIFH office at 248-888-1400.

Suburban Ice Farmington Hills is located at 23996 Freeway Park Drive.

## SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

### Miguel Cabrera baseball camp

Triple Crown batting champion Miguel Cabrera will be the attraction at a baseball camp from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 1, at Lake Orion High School.

The Detroit Tigers slugger will be joined by former Phillies minor league pitcher Mark Rutherford (Livonia Churchill/Eastern Michigan University).

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

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

The camp fee is \$99 and space will be limited.

Visit [www.Miguel-CabreraCamp.com](http://www.Miguel-CabreraCamp.com) for more information.

### Hawks-Wolves soccer camp

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 camp staff includes Doug Landefeld, Adil Salmoni, Sam Cheaib and Lars Richters.

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 [dbradley1515@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbradley1515@sbcglobal.net); or visiting [michigan-wolveshawks.com](http://michigan-wolveshawks.com).

### Soccer mini-camp for ages 5-12

A soccer mini-camp for boys and girls ages 5-12 (all skill levels) will be from 6:30-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Aug. 5-8, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$15 (includes instruction, snacks and a soccer ball to take home).

To register, visit [www.christsavior.org](http://www.christsavior.org). For more information, call 734-522-6830.

## Madonna University athletes applauded by NAIA, CoSIDA

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics named its 2012-13 Scholar-Teams, and for the first time, all 11 Madonna University squads, led by men's golf (3.63 grade-point average) and women's softball (3.60), were honored.

For a team to be considered for the NAIA Scholar-Team award, it must have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) as defined by the institution.

The 11 MU teams on the list marks a new record for the department, surpassing the total of nine from the 2011-12 school year.

"We are thrilled at the overall academic

success of all our student-athletes this year," MU athletic director Bryan Rizzo said.

"Having 11 Scholar-Teams is truly impressive and the ranks within the sports reflect the tremendous commitment these students have made to school.

"Our coaches deserve a huge amount of credit for this emphasis on academic excellence"

Meanwhile, the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), along with Capital One, recently announced its 2013 Academic All-America cross country and track teams with MU's Tim Boes (Westland John Glenn) earning second-

team Academic All-America.

Boes is the fifth Madonna student-athlete to earn the CoSIDA honor for the recently completed 2012-13 school year.

He is joined by fellow second-team selection Bobby Naubert (men's basketball), a junior guard from Livonia Stevenson.

First-team honorees include Nastija Baranovska (volleyball), Michelle Hall (women's golf) and Plymouth High's Brad Lineberry (baseball).

The five Crusaders honored this year surpass the 2011-12 record of four set just one year ago.

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that were going for the award, too."

Keeping his eye on the prize proved to be a winning blueprint.

"If I had a bad round going, sometimes I'd think about 'OK, Mr. Golf, I don't want to get my average too high,'" Rodes continued. "Just determination to just try to have the best average and best finish I could every tournament."

He also acknowledged that prevailing in the playoff against Kleckner probably helped his cause.

"Yeah, that's what most people I talked to said," Rodes noted.

"A lot of the guys that were in the running I talked to and they said 'Yeah, I thought you were going to win it (Mr. Golf) after you won states.'"

"That definitely had a big part in it, also the fact I was in a three-hole playoff helped show I could handle the pressure when needed."

### Giving thanks

Yet Rodes emphasized that he couldn't have enjoyed such success without a lot of faith, not to mention family and friends.

"I don't want to be a cocky Mr. Golf," Rodes said. "I want to be known as someone that won the award and was very respectful to other golfers. I thank my Lord, Jesus Christ, because without him

I couldn't have done it.

"And my parents (Lisa and Joe), too. My parents helped me with everything, supporting me, driving me everywhere."

According to Plymouth head coach Nick Brandon, who succeeded Chris Moore before the 2013 season, Rodes fully deserved the lofty honor for a number of reasons.

"No player in the state deserved that honor more than Kyle Rodes," Brandon said. "Not just for the way he performed on the course but the way he led his team and this program off the course."

"Kyle Rodes is one heck of a golfer. But he is also an incredible young man and he and his family should be proud of this accomplishment."

### Changing course

Not bad for somebody who didn't get serious about golf until his middle school years.

During eighth grade, Rodes played football in the autumn and basketball in the winter. He was undecided on whether to play baseball or golf in the spring.

Fate intervened. He broke his femur and quickly realized he was down to one option.

"When I broke my femur, that decided it for me," Rodes said. "So I decided to try out for the golf team because I couldn't play baseball any more. I played golf instead."

The way Rodes managed to make a seemingly seamless transi-

tion and not miss a beat is something Brandon marvels about.

"Most people don't know that Kyle was a great baseball player," Brandon said. "Competition's been in his blood his whole life. He has a terrific family and they have helped him overcome some obstacles and they supported him along the way."

Rodes isn't resting on his laurels, either. All summer, he is getting reps in at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

He is competing in tournaments, with the next one the Randy Wise Junior Open later this month at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc.

### Balancing act

From there, he'll officially start getting his swings in at Eastern Michigan.

Don't be surprised if Rodes carries the same supreme level of cool confidence and long-off-the-tee talent to the college ranks.

"Kyle strikes that perfect balance between believing in himself but also knowing what it takes to achieve great things," Brandon said.

"I think one of his many gifts, as a golfer and as an athlete, is knowing how to get where he wants to get and believing in himself the whole way. While also staying very humble."

"And in golf, you've got to be humble because it's a crazy game."

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Kyle Rodes gets his practice swings in at Pheasant Run Golf Club. He soon will be teeing off for Eastern Michigan University. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## ANGLER

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a pretty bad case of sea sickness and spent most of the day laying down in the boat."

Sitko was able to navigate through Lake Erie thanks to the only boat he owns, a Ranger 621VS, which is more suited for national walleye tournaments.

And while his pro competitors zipped by him in their smaller bass boats during the first two days of competition, Sitko took advantage on Day Three and was able to withstand the choppy conditions.

While the other nine finalists headed west toward Lake St. Clair, Sitko did the opposite and ran 35 miles east along the North Shore. He boated a quick limit that included one 4-pounder and four others that barely measured. By 9 a.m. he had three good fish in the livewell and all the other tournament boats around

him had vacated.

He eventually headed back too, but stopped after 12 miles to sample another spot. There he caught a 4-pounder and a 3½."

"You need to be able to withstand the conditions," Sitko said. "The secret to fishing out there is that you've got to put in the time. The water is just so expansive and so fast that you just can't go out there and expect to catch it. And many a years of going out there and not catching anything you realize, 'Oh, no. That's not working.'"

### No limitations

Ironically, the waters were wide open and there is no actual area range of fishing.

"I believe it was unlimited, nothing was closed off," Sitko said. "Some guys turned around, decided to get gas and go to Lake St. Clair. I was in Canadian waters. All the waters are open — some guys going to Ohio waters,



Michael Sitko shows off two of his catches during Saturday's EverStar Series bass fishing event on the waters of Lake Erie. BRETT CARLSON | FLW

some are going to Michigan waters. It's depending on where you feel comfortable and where you think you have fish."

Sitko was able to race back in time by the 12:30 p.m. deadline Saturday and win the Central Division event by four pounds over runner-up Rick Taylor of West Olive, Mich.

"I wouldn't really say I'm a professional fisherman," Sitko said. "I have

a full-time job. I just happen to fish a lot, but I feel confident enough in myself in the amount of time that I'm out there that when the bigger tournaments come to town, I say 'Hey, anybody has a shot at it, why not me?'"

Sitko used two standard Erie presentations to catch his fish — a drop-shot and a tube. His drop-shot setup consisted of either a ½- or ¾-ounce

weight with a Poor Boy's Erie Darter or a Berkley 3-inch Twitch Tail Minnow. His tube was 4 inches long and green pumpkin in color. Sitko estimated he weighed nine fish this week on the drop-shot and six on the tube.

His biggest bass, weighed on Thursday, tipped the scales at 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

### Young angler

Sitko, a native of Flat Rock, got started fishing in junior high school.

"I used to skip school and go down to the Huron River in Flat Rock and fish," he said. "Whenever my mom got the call finding out why I wasn't in school, she knew where I was. I was down at the river fishing."

And Sitko admitted he had home water advantage.

"I've fished that water ever since I've had a boat," he said. "I've fished that water with my uncles."

Sitko has now doubled his career bass earnings,

which now stand at \$85,437.

"I'm going to definitely give Uncle Sam some money and pay for these tournaments because I put a lot of money into them, too, and pay off the bills I've racked up for fishing," he said.

"I pretty much fish the stuff they come around here locally. I don't have the time off work to travel and do a lot of the out-of-state stuff."

Meanwhile, Sitko's wife, Marilee, was also able to celebrate at the victory weigh-in.

"She was extremely excited," Michael said. "She's very proud for me. She is one of the most understanding wives. We've been married for 12 years now and she has been very, very understanding."

"She allows me to do that. She's my biggest sponsor/supporter because she does allow me to do that."

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# 12U Canton Cards capture AA World Series

Nothing could stop the 12-and-Under Canton Cards travel baseball team down the stretch.

That's something opponents found out at last weekend's 12U AA World Series at Canton Sports Center.

The Cards went 7-0 in World Series play to finish 37-6 in overall tournament play and 15-6 in the USSSA.

Head coach Doug Spencer lauded the entire team for deserving World Series award recognition, but the overall MVP went to Robby Begley with the offensive MVP award going to Ben Spencer.

"We had key hits at the right time from players like Garrett Colasinski, Justin Kuhn, Jake Amato, Michael Mullenax and Guido Costantino," wrote Spencer in an e-mail to the Observer.

"We had exceptional defensive performances from Kyle Aniol, Thomas Harvey. We had (to) pitch 10 of our players over the weekend with impressive performances from each."

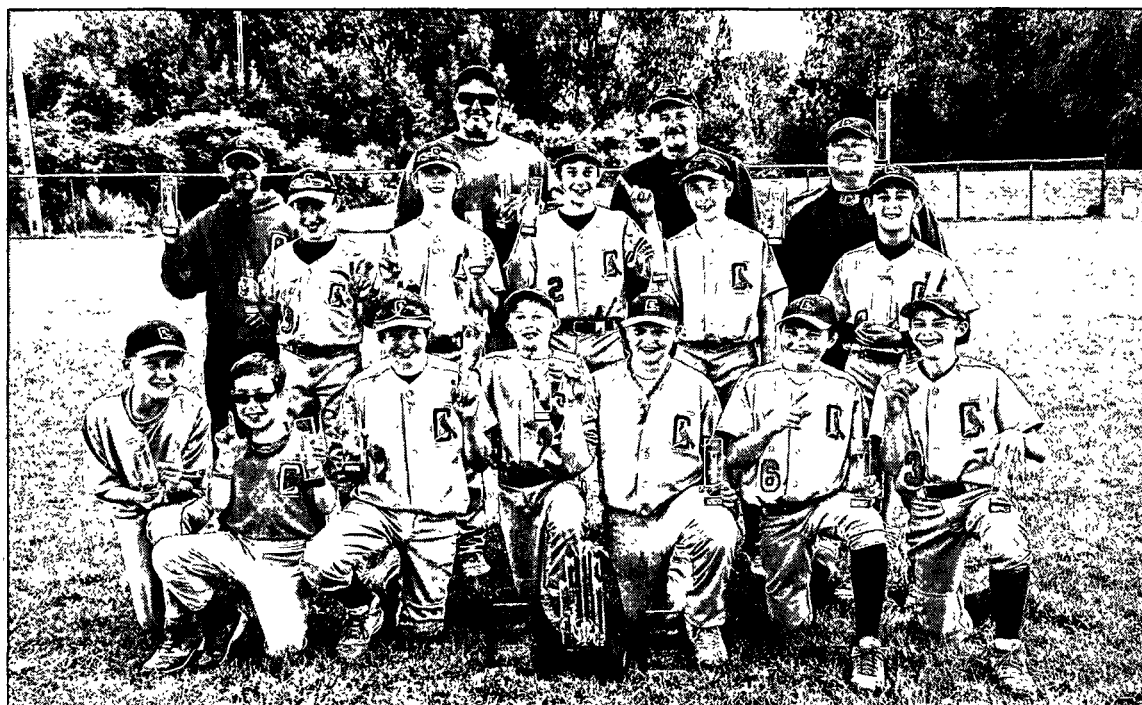
Spencer listed Sam Cassatta, Robby Begley, Ben Spencer and Lucas Binguit as the top pitchers during the tournament.

"We worked very hard this past season and had plenty of struggles," Spencer continued. "About a month ago, things began to click for this team. The players became focused, disciplined and aggressive on the field."

"Off the field they became very good friends who have a lot of trust for each other. As these players are getting older and stronger, the coaching staff was hoping to get this team in the right frame of mind to overcome anything that baseball was going to throw at them."

He added that "Well, they got there. This championship is well-deserved by these players."

Also helping Spencer lead the Cards were assistant coaches Fred Binguit, Rich Harvey and Bob Begley. The bat boy is Paul Cassatta.



The 12-and-Under Canton Cardinals travel baseball team celebrates after winning last weekend's 12U AA World Series in Canton. Pictured in the front row (from left) are Thomas Harvey, bat boy Paul Cassatta, Ben Spencer, Garrett Colasinski, Robby Begley, Guido Costantino and Kyle Aniol. In the middle row (from left) are Sam Cassatta, Jake Amato, Michael Mullenax, Justin Kuhn and Lucas Binguit. In the back row (from left) are coaches Fred Binguit, Rich Harvey, Doug Spencer and Bob Begley.

## Michigan Generals

The Michigan Generals travel softball program is back in business and will be running 12-and-under and 14-and-under 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 from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 7-8, at North Farmington High School.

Interested players are encouraged to arrive early to fill out registration papers.

## M.C. Riversharks

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

Players must be will-

ing 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 motorcityriversharks@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 13-and-under Riversharks will be held from 12:30-2 p.m. Aug. 3 and Aug. 4; and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 11.

Tryouts for the 14-and-under 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.

## Canton Cardinals

Baseball tryouts for the GCYBSA travel team (Canton Cardinals) and

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competitive program are scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 3, at Heritage Park, 1010 S. Canton Center Road.

Tryouts will be as follows: 11:30 a.m.: 9-and-under; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: 10-and-under; noon to 2:30 p.m.: 11-and-under; 3:30 p.m.: 12-and-under; 3-5:30 p.m.: 13-and-under; 4-6:30 p.m.: 14-and-under.

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 to be determined by head coach). The age group is determined by the player's age as of April 30, 2014.

Visit [www.gcybsa.com](http://www.gcybsa.com) to register for tryouts. Those who cannot attend tryouts should contact [a.zidzik@sbcglobal.net](mailto:a.zidzik@sbcglobal.net) prior to the tryout date to make alternate arrange-

ments.

## Motor City Chiefs

Tryouts for the 2014 Motor City Chiefs 12-and-under travel baseball team will be at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at Don Massey Field, located at 790 Plymouth Road, Plymouth.

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

Players should arrive 30 minutes early to warm up.

To preregister or obtain information about the team, contact the Chiefs at [motorcitybaseball@gmail.com](mailto:motorcitybaseball@gmail.com) or call either Ken Gaffney at 734-395-4058 or Tom Dono at 586-381-3740.

## 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 at 9:30 a.m. Sat-

urday-Sunday, Aug. 3-4, 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.

## Michigan Bulldogs

Open tryouts for the Michigan Bulldogs' 10-and-under, 11-and-under and 12-and-under travel baseball teams are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 10 and Sunday, Aug. 11, at Bicentennial Field (fields nos. 2 and 3), located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads in Livonia.

Interested players should note that the Bulldogs will be looking for players to also fill out a second 11-and-under team.

For further information please contact Mike Heard at 734-834-6950; [mikeheard34@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeheard34@yahoo.com).

## Canton Cobras

The 2014 Canton Cobras 13-and-under travel baseball team will be holding a pair of tryouts for experienced players.

Tryouts are from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 at Massey Field in Plymouth; 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14 at Hines Drive west of Haggerty. Players should arrive 30 minutes early to register and warm up.

For more information, e-mail head coach Jack Murray ([jackmurray929@gmail.com](mailto:jackmurray929@gmail.com)) or call 734-968-5808.

## 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.

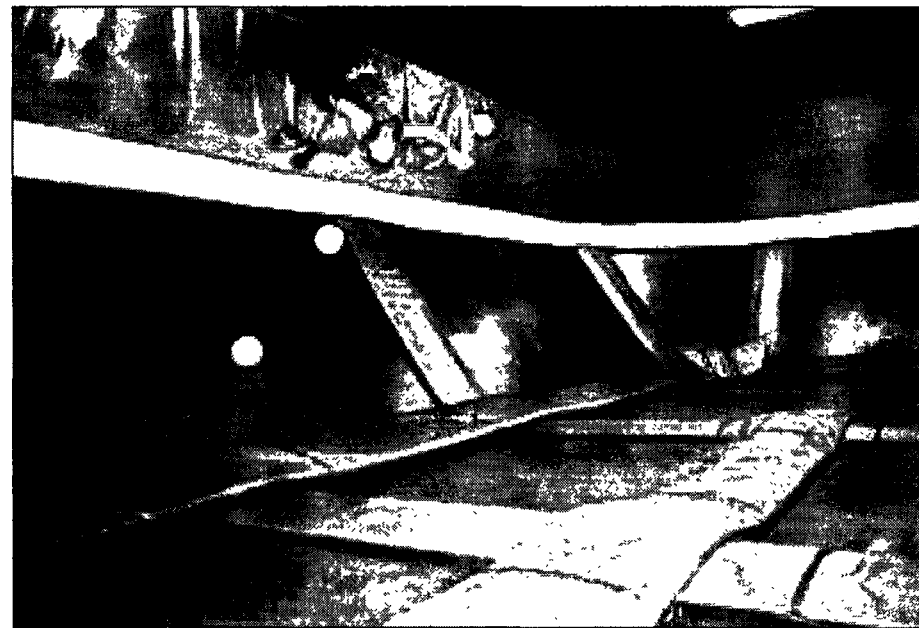
To register online and for more information, visit [oaklandreds.com](http://oaklandreds.com).

## Off to Siena Heights



Recent Plymouth High School graduate Taylor Rieckhoff (middle, front row) signed to join the Siena Heights women's track and field team. She earned athletic and academic scholarships. Flanking Taylor in this photo are her mom, Colleen (left) and her dad, Paul (right). In the back row (from left) are Siena Heights head coach Kirk Richards, Plymouth pole vault/long jump coach Kevin Palmer, Plymouth high jump coach Dean Clemons and Wildcats' head coach Ricky Styes.

## Dodgeball showdown



Canton's Sky Zone Trampoline Park (42550 Executive Drive) will be hosting a pretty exciting event 7 p.m. Saturday that is open to participants and spectators alike. Sky Zone parks around the country are hosting their local qualifiers to find the eight best teams for the final showdown Sept. 21-22 in Las Vegas. Over 100 teams across 35 Sky Zone parks will be vying for the title and a \$20,000 grand prize. Teams of 5-8 players, ages 16-and-up, are welcome to sign up and duke it out.

## RAMS

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differential to the Michigan Monarchs (22-14, 44 points), who got the nod after splitting a pair of games Monday at Ford Field.

The Rams and Monarchs split their four games this season, but LCBL director Erin Knieper ruled there was not enough leeway time between the end of the LCBL season and the NABF and AAABA tournaments to stage a second-place playoff game on Tuesday.

The Rams victory pushed the Michigan Sting (21-15, 42 points) into fourth place and out of postseason contention.

"I've been in this league 18 years and it's the first time it had to happen," said Rams manager Rick Berryman, who guided the Rams to a third-place finish in last year's AAABA Nationals.

"Whether I like it or not, I have to respect her (league director Erin Knieper) decision. She made it. I understand why she made it, but I just don't have to like it."

"She's under the gun. She truly does a wonderful job. I understand her dilemma."

In the extra inning affair, the Rams got a leadoff double in the ninth by Griffin Harms and he scored the game-winning run from second base when Matt Avromov's infield grounder to third was mishandled by Red Sox first baseman Christian Holder.

Chris McDonald (Livonia Stevenson/Hillsdale College) got the win in relief for the Rams. The right-hander allowed one run on two hits in 3½ innings after coming on for starter Mike Kanitra (Stevenson) with two outs in the sixth.

Kanitra, who has signed with Madonna University, gave the Rams 5½ quality innings

allowing just one unearned run on four hits. The 6-foot-4 right-hander walked four and struck out three.

"Pitching hasn't been an issue all season, but this week we were tested," said Berryman, whose team went 4-2 over a six-day stretch. "Mike Kanitra, in a Collegiate League, came in and gave us six innings of four-hit baseball. He did a great job. But he was our freshest arm. I thought he did a nice job and Chris McDonald came in and gave us three innings. And that's after he pitched on Friday."

The Rams trailed 1-0 through four innings, but took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the fifth on an RBI triple by Miles Sorise followed by an RBI single from catcher Brett Ramirez (Salem/MU).

The Red Sox, trying to play spoiler, tied it with a run in the top of the seventh.

Dylan Cooper, who

came on for starter Mike Burgher in the sixth, allowed the one unearned run and suffered the loss.

Blake Smith paced the Red Sox (14-21) offensively going 2-for-4 with a run scored.

Twenty teams — consisting of five pools of four — will compete in the NABF Tournament, with the top two teams in each pool advancing to the elimination round.

Berryman said he will start Donnie Eaton, a 6-4, 200-pound right-hander from the University of Michigan, in the tourney opener.

"He's one of our better, harder-throwing pitchers, but I couldn't throw him," Berryman said on the regular season finale. "But to get to here, I threw him 44 pitches, and on short rest, threw him 116. He'll be the most rested going Thursday for us."

The Rams rebounded to earn a postseason playoff berth after dropping below the .500 mark

midway through the LCBL season.

"We started out hot, then did poorly in the middle," Berryman said. "We made errors. The pitching was consistent all year. We made some errors, didn't hit well, then all the sudden we stopped making errors and hit well. That's how we came on at the end and caught everybody."

**RAMS 10, RED SOX 5:** Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson/Madonna University) threw a complete game Sunday at Bicentennial Park as the Rams (20-13-2) defeated the Michigan Red Sox (14-20).

Piechota gave up three earned runs, while scattering nine hits over seven innings to pick up the victory. He struck out eight.

Chris McDonald led the Rams' eight-hit attack going 2-for-2 with three RBI, while Miles Sorise went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Also knocking in runs were Griffin Harms (two), Trent Drumheller, Justin Sherman and J.P. Maracani.

Christian Holder (MU) led the Red Sox going 3-for-4 with two runs scored, while Garrett Ix went 2-for-3 with three RBI. Dan Cameron (Livonia Churchill) also went 2-for-3.

Red Sox starter Brandon Lane, who gave up seven runs on seven hits over three innings, took the loss.

**MONARCHS 10, RAMS 5:** Eric Jacobson went 3-for-4 with three RBI, while Matt Priebe went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI as the Michigan Monarchs (21-13) mounted a 14-hit attack Sunday to beat the Michigan Rams (19-13-2) at Ford Field.

Other top hitters for the Monarchs included Trent Pells (2-for-3, double, two runs); Jeremy Shay (2-for-3, RBI); MU's

Victor Barron (2-for-4, RBI); and Ryan Lech (two RBI).

Winning pitcher Justin Hicks went all seven innings to pick up the victory. He scattered 10 hits, walked two and hit one batter while fanning eight.

MU starter Jake Balicki, who gave up nine runs on nine hits in 2½ innings, took the loss.

The Rams were paced offensively by J.P. Maracani (3-for-4, RBI); Matt Avromov (2-for-4, two RBI); Justin Sherman (two doubles).

**RAMS 5, STEEL 2:** On Friday, the Michigan Rams (19-2-2) scored twice in the bottom of the sixth inning to put the game away in a victory Friday over Michigan Steel (13-18) at Ford Field.

Ben Yax knocked in two runs, while Mike Kanitra (Stevenson) went 2-for-3 with a run scored.

Winning pitcher Chris McDonald went the first 4½ innings before getting relief help from Jake Gardner.

McDonald allowed two runs on five hits and four walks. He struck out four. Gardner scattered three hits and one walk over the final 2½ innings while holding the Steel scoreless to pick up the save.

Losing pitcher Chase Keathley went all seven innings, allowing three earned runs on six hits. He struck out three and walked four.

Cody Greear went 3-for-4, while Austin Nogiec and Dylan Yancey each added two hits. Dan Muller (Livonia Franklin/Henry Ford CC) added an RBI.

**BULLS 2, RAMS 1:** Winning pitcher Ethan Vasiliasas threw a complete-game one-hitter and struck out 10 to lead the first-place Michigan Bulls (24-7) to an LCBL win last Thursday over the Michigan Rams (18-12-2) at Ford Field.

Vasiliasas walked two and allowed his only hit in the fifth inning to Miles Sorise. Losing pitcher Donnie Eaton gave up just one earned run on two hits over six innings. The Rams starter struck out eight and walked six.

John Lauro (MU) and Jeremy Robinson each knocked in a run for the Bulls.



**AUGUST BLOOD DRIVE**

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11  
**Location:** Our Lady of Loretto Church Family Center, corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Blood is urgently needed. Walk-ins are welcome or make an appointment  
**Contact:** 313-534-9000 or www.srmwojck@twmi.rr.com

**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. 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

**CATHOLIC SINGLES**

**Time/Date:** Meet for carpooling, 3 p.m., Mass, 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 10  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** Faith Uniting Neighbors, (F.U.N.), the church's new adult singles group for ages 30-60 from throughout the northwest suburbs, will meet in St. Michael's parking lot to carpool to Sweetest Heart of Mary Church in Detroit for Mass, followed by the Perogi Festival. RSVP by e-mail to catholic-singles@livoniastmichael.org by Aug. 3 in order to insure adequate transportation  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.org

**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 Merriman, 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

**CONCERT**

**Time/Date:** 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 3  
**Location:** Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student, one block north of Five Mile, off

Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** Features the church's praise band, One Accord, opening for Redemption Road. A cookie reception will follow the concert  
**Contact:** 313-535-3100

**CONCERT**

**Time/Date:** 5:30-6:30, barbecue buffet; 5-8 p.m. concert, Saturday, Aug. 3  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Annual Christ is Our Rock summer concert will feature three Christian bands and a barbecue buffet. Get meal tickets in advance by calling the church or visiting its website  
**Contact:** 248-553-3380; http://www.princeofpeacehills.org

**CONCERT AND FUNDRAISER**

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8  
**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** The Canton Concert Band will perform a free outdoor concert to benefit Open Door Ministry, Canton. Attendees may bring donations of non-perishable food items for Open Door. In case of inclement weather, concert will be held inside the church  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7  
**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, just south of Eight Mile in Livonia  
**Details:** Livonia Mayor Jack E. Kirksey will share his insights about the current state of the city.  
**Contact:** Pastor Don Sperling at 248-474-3444; www.clarencevillechurch.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. Attendees should bring their own lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333

**PARENTING PROGRAM**

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, from Aug. 5-21  
**Location:** Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, 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 want to be. Cost is \$8, payable upon enrollment. Pre-registration is required  
**Contact:** Mary at 248-471-1322 or Melissa at 734/466-8694

**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

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.christoursavior.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

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Aug. 5-9  
**Location:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** "Everywhere Fun Fair" is the theme for this program open to children entering preschool through sixth grade in the fall. Includes a morning of praise and worship, games, science, crafts, snacks and more. Registration is \$5 per child or \$10 per family  
**Contact:** Judy at 248-442-8822 for registration; www.emmanuel-livonia.org

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Time/Date:** 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 12-16  
**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia  
**Details:** The program, aimed at children in kindergarten-sixth grade, will include songs, crafts, skits, games and snacks. The child who brings the most friends with them will win a special prize. An offering will be collected daily to help build wells around the world. A family cook-out is set for 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 17  
**Contact:** www.clarencevillechurch.com; 248-474-3444

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Time/Date:** 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 22-23 and 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Aug. 24  
**Location:** Fireside Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** "Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep with God" will include water science, crafts, music and Bible fun  
**Contact:** 734-464-0990

**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

**SEPTEMBER RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13 and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14  
**Location:** New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, at Puritan, in Redford  
**Details:** Bargains, including dishes, clothing, furniture, toys, seasonal, and miscellaneous. Baked goods will be available for purchase  
**Contact:** 313-255-6330

**ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY**

**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

**New Life Community Church**  
**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.  
**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville  
**Contact:** 734-846-4615  
**Our Lady of Loretto**

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** 313-534-9000  
**St. Michael the Archangel**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.  
**Location:** School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

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**ASH, PATRICIA ANN**

Age 77, a lifetime resident of Livonia passed away July 27, 2013. She was born August 30, 1935 in Livonia, Michigan; daughter of Herbert and Bessie (Westfall) Tarrow. She was united in marriage to Charles L. Ash on June 29, 1956; they were married for 19 years until his death in 1975. Patricia was a 1953 graduate of the Michigan School for the Blind; she never let being born blind limit her. She was a member of the VFW Post 4012 Ladies Auxiliary. She was a very kind and intelligent woman who loved helping others. Patricia loved playing bingo at the Livonia Senior Center and also enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles. She was a wonderful mother and a very devoted friend. She is survived by her son Charles (Jamie Seely) Ash; her granddaughter Elizabeth Ash; her sister Elizabeth Hassell; and her brother Linwood Tarrow. She was also loved by Izabella Seely, Jack Watterian, and many dear friends. A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, August 3 from Noon until 5pm at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Livonia Senior Center or the Livonia Lions Club, 34570 Navin Court, Livonia, MI 48152.



**HOPE, Robert R. "Bob"**  
 Age 71, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away July 28, 2013.  
 Arrangements by:  
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**BOYD, ROBERT M.**

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## Plymouth resident returns to the stage with two roles in outdoor Shakespeare theater

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Kyle Grant hasn't acted on stage since 2005, but he'll make up for his absence by taking on two roles in Water Works Theatre Company's production of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

The Plymouth resident will portray Fenton, a young, romantic lover, and Bardolph, a drunken buffoon, in the Company's 13th annual Shakespeare in the Park, Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 1-11, in Jaycee Starr Park in Royal Oak.

"It's typical of Shakespeare productions these days," Grant said, referring to the double casting. "With Shakespeare, there are so many roles. It would be impossible to employ and pay actors for every character."

Costume and character changes can get a little tricky for actors who take on two roles in the same play.

"We spend a long time to make characters different, to walk differently and talk differently. In a lot of cases I exit as Fenton and enter immediately as Bardolph. Sometimes I would forget to enter as Bardolph. If you saw my script, it says 'Do not forget Bardolph' highlighted in three colors. To be honest, it's part of the fun. I don't think any of the actors see it (double casting) as particularly challenging."

Although Grant hasn't set foot on the stage for eight years, the Livonia Churchill High School graduate has been busy



Kyle Grant of Plymouth is Fenton and JM Ethridge of Eastpointe portrays Mistress Quickly in "The Merry Wives of Windsor," Aug. 1-11 in Starr Jaycee Park. SCOTT MYERS

teaching theater and directing. He was enrolled in the Creative And Performing Arts (CAPA) program while in high school and appeared in his first Water Works production, *The Taming of the Shrew*, during the company's second year in 2002. After high school, he auditioned for several college programs and was accepted into the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts in England.

"It (England) wasn't even on my radar, but it was the right fit for me," he said. "I was thinking Shakespeare and that was my primary focus at school, but I really was a lot more interested in

generating my own work, which typically you don't get to do as an actor."

### From actor to baker

Grant directed plays, including Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and *Macbeth*, in outdoor summer theater while in England. He also appeared in a few student films and on stage before his visa expired in 2005 and he moved to New York, N.Y.

"New York City is nonstop and you spend all of your time and energy just treading water. I did the starving artist thing for a while and then decided to do something else. My goal was to show up at the same

job every day for a year or two. I was tired of working everything around a career that wasn't happening," he said.

He worked as a whole grain baker for a few years and then moved home to Michigan two years ago to be close to family.

"Since I've moved back to Michigan I've worked nonstop. For someone like me, who is interested in generating my own stuff, I've found nothing but opportunity here. There is so much (theater) space here. In New York everything is prohibitive, you have to pay so much just to rent a dingy church base-

ment. It's so easy to get stuff done here. There isn't a constant fight."

Since returning home, Grant has worked with CAPA students and found a place at Belleville High School teaching theater.

"There was no musical happening there. I started a theater group there and did a musical. I found it rewarding to provide that opportunity for high school kids."

He decided to audition for *The Merry Wives of Windsor* after realizing that he had acquired more experience teaching than performing. It was time to "put my money where my mouth is," he said.

Grant also looked forward to performing Shakespeare's work outdoors, for a company that had "grown" since it was founded in 2001.

"They've become a staple in Royal Oak and with people doing Shakespeare," Grant explained. "I feel like there is something timeless about what we're doing. It's a lot closer to the way Shakespeare would have performed it, in an open-air venue. I think that's pretty special that we get to perform this in the way it was produced."

"I think that's an important tradition to give to the next generation."

*The Merry Wives of Windsor* cast also includes Sean Paraventi of Redford as Robert Shallow and John Rugby. Emily Pierce of Farmington Hills is stage managing *Much Ado About Nothing*, Water Works Theatre Company's family-friendly daytime show.

### SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

**What:** Water Works Theatre Company stages the comedies, "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and "Much Ado About Nothing" outdoors

**When:** 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 1-3 and 8-10 and 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4 and 11 for "Merry Wives." "Much Ado" runs at 1 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 3-4 and 10-11 and 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Aug. 6-7

**Where:** Starr Jaycee Park, 1301 W. 13 Mile, between Crooks and Main in Royal Oak

**Details:** Director Paul Hopper sets "Merry Wives" in pre-Civil War times in the deep south. Director Barton Bund gives "Much Ado" a twist with a girls camp theme. Outside food and beverages are prohibited inside the Shakespeare in the Park theater, but family-friendly concessions will be available during "Much Ado" and beer and wine will be sold during "Merry Wives" performances. Proper ID will be required. Bleachers are available for the audience, although ticket-holders also may bring their own lawn chairs

**Tickets:** \$20 for "Merry Wives" and \$8 for "Much Ado," available online or one hour before performances at the Starr Jaycee Park box office

**Contact:** www.waterworkstheatre.com; 248-399-3727

### 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

#### GALLERY @ VT

**Time/Date:** Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, during public performances and by appointment. Upcoming exhibit runs Aug. 3-28

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

**Details:** The Canton Historical Society shows photos and artifacts

**Contact:** www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org; 734-394-5300

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Aug. 30; gallery opening, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2. The opening reception includes a curator talk at 8 p.m.

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** "Collaboration and Continuum: The Carnival Photographs of Bill Rauhauser and Carlos Diaz," curated by Mary McNichols, Ph.D.  
**Contact:** 248-344-0497; http://www.northvillearts.org

#### DANCE

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Aug. 17

**Location:** American Dance Academy, 3132 Martin Parkway, Commerce

**Details:** Farmington Hills-based DDC dances auditions professional male and female dancers for its 34th season. Dancers should have extensive modern dance training, strong partnering skills and quality performing experiences. Audition pre-requisite must be submitted by Aug. 14. Visit www.detroitdancecollective.org for details

**Contact:** 810-444-4553

#### FILM COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

**Time/Date:** Gates open at 7:30 p.m., with movies starting



A series of carnival photos is on display through Aug. 30 at the Northville Art House. This piece is by Bill Rauhauser.



Catch Great White Friday, Aug. 2, at the free Rockin' on the Riverfront concert series in downtown Detroit.

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 9:15 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

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

**Details:** "Now You See Me," admission, \$3

**Coming up:** "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:** "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, Aug. 9 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

**Details:** "The Long, Long Trailer," with Lucille Ball and

Desi Arnaz, \$5

**Coming up:** "Jaws," with Richard Dreyfuss and Roy Scheider, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24

**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

**Contact:** www.plymouth-history.org; 734-455-8940

#### MUSIC 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:** Lindsay Lou and the Flatbells, Aug. 2; Kaiyama, Aug. 8; Ryan Dillaha with Katie Grace, Aug. 9; Empty Chair Night, Sept. 8; Singers Sing Seger Songs Tribute with John D. Lamb, Dave Edwards, Al Jacques, Charlie Springer and Bob Monteleone. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

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# Group exhibit at Ferndale gallery shows various forms of print art

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Carol Harvath can't think of a better way to spend a Tuesday than with ink, paper and a few creative friends.

The Farmington Hills woman and five other artists get together every week to work on individual projects in a group setting at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, (BBAC).

"That kind of setting just feeds you. We talk about different processes. We look at each others work. It's a lot of sharing," said Harvath, who has been interested in printmaking since she was a child. "It's a setting for growing. We share new ideas."

"The group of women I work with are all printmakers. For the most part we have our own studios in our own homes and work in our own settings, but often we'll bring in something that we've developed in our own personal setting. We've seen each others growth and failures. A lot of the failures are most informative in terms of learning."

Their successes in various forms of printmaking — from etching to collagraph, monotype to silkscreen — are on display through Aug. 30 at Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday. The opening reception for "Printmaker X 6" is 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 and a mid-month reception is set for 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23.

In addition to Harvath, the group includes Laura Whitesides Host of Birmingham, Rosemary Lee of Howell, Celeste Roe of Farmington, Judy St. John of Lincoln, formerly of Pontiac, and Lonora Swanson-Flores of West Bloomfield.

"We're excited about any kind of printmaking," said Host, who majored in painting and ceramics in college. "We enjoy being together."

Host was smitten by the printing process after taking a class at the



Celeste Roe of Farmington created this print of multiple images. She's one of six artists who meet weekly at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center to work on prints.



Carol Harvath of Farmington Hills is exhibiting this print, "Imagined" and other pieces this month at Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale.



Laura Host of Birmingham created "Vivasections." The print is part of the "Printmaker X 6" exhibit at Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale.

BBAC, where she and Roe, and Swanson-Flores also teach.

"I just loved it. You don't exactly know what you have and it will be backwards," she said, describing the process. She works mostly in monotype, creating one-of-a-kind prints.

"I do a lot of textures in my pieces. I save bags from onions and potatoes because they are a cool plastic texture. I ink them up and put them on a plate and through the press."

Horvath has incorporated bark, lace and leaves into her monotype prints. She also etches on zinc plates.

"We're talking about something veneer thin that can be incorporated into the print. When it goes through the press it's got to be thin. It has to be carefully done or it can damage the press," Horvath explained her use of bark. "Printmaking is a very rich and interesting field. There is no end to ideas. It's an exciting medium."

Host suspects visitors to the "Printmaker X 6" will be surprised by the variety and viewpoints they see in the works.

"Some are abstract and some are realistic. It covers the whole map."

The artists have shown their works in group exhibits throughout the country. They also occasionally collaborate on projects. Last spring they worked on a journal project for the Janice Charach Epstein gallery.



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1 tablespoon chopped walnuts  
4 pretzel twists, crumbled (about 1 tablespoon)  
1 small banana, sliced

In a small bowl, mix yogurt and peanut butter together. In a separate bowl, toss walnuts and pretzels together.

In a tall glass, begin to build parfait. Layer ½ cup yogurt, half of banana slices and 1 tablespoon of walnut/pretzel mixture. Repeat layers. Serve immediately.



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Prep time: 5 minutes  
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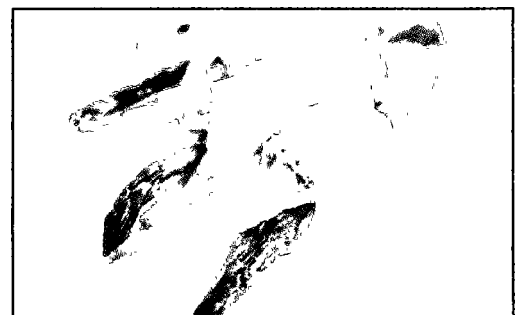
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Assorted cut-up fresh fruit

Combine ricotta cheese, yogurt, sugar, orange juice and orange peel in a blender or food processor. Cover and blend until smooth. If desired, cover and chill up to 24 hours. Serve with assorted fruit like apple, pear, peach and orange slices to dip.



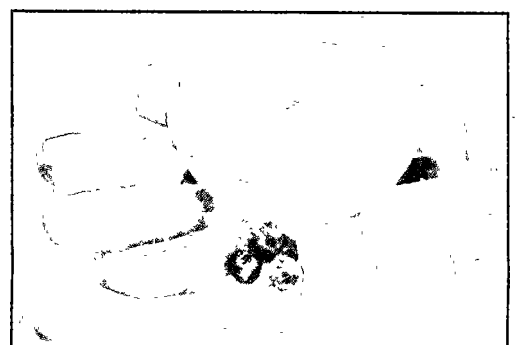
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1 pound (about 24 spears) asparagus  
2 red peppers, roasted, cut into ¼-inch wide strips  
4 sun-dried tomatoes  
4 ounces blue cheese, at room temperature  
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6 (8-inch) soft flour tortillas

Trim asparagus stalks to 5-inch length. In boiling salted water, cook asparagus until tender, about 5-7 minutes. Rinse under cold water. Dry asparagus and roasted peppers thoroughly. While asparagus is cooking, place sun-dried tomatoes in boiling water for 10 minutes. Drain and finely chop. In a small bowl, mash together blue cheese, cream cheese and tomatoes. Spread each tortilla with about ½ tablespoons of cheese spread. Cut each tortilla into 4 long strips. Place one asparagus tip and one pepper strip together at end of tortilla strip and roll up tightly into a spiral. Repeat with remaining asparagus and peppers. Serve immediately or refrigerate up to a day before serving.

Tip: To roast peppers, place under broiler or over grill, turning every few minutes until skin is blackened on all sides. Place in paper bag and close tightly for 15 minutes. Remove peppers from bag when cool. Peel, split lengthwise and remove seeds and core. Do not rinse under water.



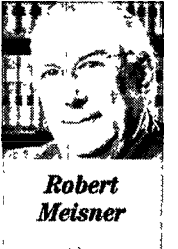




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**A:** Based upon my recent visit, the closer you are to the river, the Tagus in Lisbon, and the



Robert Meisner

Douro in Porto, or to the center of the city, the more expensive the property is. In both cities, new or refurbished properties command the highest price per square meter but the real estate market has declined approximately 20 percent over the last five years, so you may find a bargain on the outskirts of either beautiful and mystical city.

**Q: I travel to Barcelona, Spain, on business on occasion, and I read that unemployment there is as high as 25 percent. I was wondering how that is affecting real estate prices and if this might be a good time to buy. Any advice?**

**A:** Yes. Based on my research, and in talking to knowledgeable people in Barcelona, it appears that the price of real estate has gone down as much as 30 percent, even in new apartments around the sea port. Nevertheless, it is still a beautiful city with approximately three million inhabitants in the metropolitan area, thriving on tourism. In addition to the decline in the market, housing tends to be cheaper in Barcelona than in many other desirable European cities. Before purchasing, however, you should investigate the possibility of increased taxes imposed in austerity measures by the central government, even though Barcelona strives to be independent.

**Q: I am living in a nursing home, and I am wondering if I can still claim a homestead property tax exemption on the house that I still own and I lived in before going to the nursing home.**

**A:** A recent Amendment to the Michigan General Property Tax Act allows you to do so if you show an intention to return to the property by continuing to own it, not establishing a new principal residence, arranging for the maintenance of the property, keeping the house unoccupied, not offering it for sale or lease, and not allowing it to be used for any business or commercial purpose. The amendment also applies to persons living in assisted living facilities.

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## May home building a bright spot

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

There's encouraging news from the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan on home building in metro Detroit.

Based on single-family new home permit data compiled by the HBA and reported in the HBA/Wells Fargo Southeastern Michigan Residential Building Activity Report, a total of 507 such permits were issued in Oakland, Macomb, Wayne and St. Clair counties in May of this year.

From a year-over-year perspective, permit activity in May was nearly 17 percent higher than May 2012 (435). From a trailing 12-month perspective, the four-county total of 4,122 permits is 36 percent higher than May 2012 (3,027) and the highest level since August 2007 (4,055).

"Extremely encouraging," said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the HBA of Southeastern Michigan. "The new home

builders in our membership are just ecstatic with the demand that's going on. It's a great thing."

Macomb County was tops in May with 239 permits. May's permit activity in Macomb County was 73 percent higher than April 2013 (138) and 24 percent higher than May 2012 (193).

This was the first time since July 2006 that Macomb County exceeded the 200-permit threshold in a single month.

Oakland County exceeded 200 permits for the first time in 2013 with 207 issued.

This is only the second time since August 2006 that more than 200 permits were issued in a single month in Oakland County. Elsewhere, Wayne County issued 56 permits and St. Clair County issued five.

Stoskopf noted that some builders are even running out of suitable land and have to seek new sites. "The primary economic development starts with people having jobs," he said. More Michiganders are

working and have the potential "to maybe buy a new home."

He said the inventory for existing homes in the four-county area is at two-three months, not counting foreclosures. "This is exactly what you would expect, a lot of home building going on," Stoskopf said.

He agreed the building growth has driven up the need for such workers as carpenters and electricians.

Builder members often subcontract work like excavation and carpentry, and face a shortage of labor.

"There are quite a few opportunities for people who have those skills," said Stoskopf, a Willamston, Mich., resident who's been at his CEO post since April 2008. A lot of workers who relocated to North Carolina and other points south are returning, he said.

"So that's also very exciting."

In the January-March quarter this year, Wayne County

and Detroit led in single-family home building. There were 125 permits in the first quarter.

"Last year, they had two," Stoskopf said. "The city of Detroit is holding its own this year. Again, it comes down to average value."

Home values trend higher in western Wayne, he said, especially communities like Plymouth and Canton, than in Detroit. "Again, it's a very positive story all across Wayne County," with one-third of county home permits in Detroit.

Midsummer's usually a lull in new building, but Stoskopf expects things to pick up again in fall. "I'm hoping that this year we will get to 5,000 permits. Hopefully, this can keep on going."

The HBA/ASA New Housing Permit Forecast projects a total of 2,866 permits will be issued in the six-month, June-to-November time frame, representing a 37 percent growth in permits compared to the same six-month period in 2012.

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

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 25-29, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>BEVERLY HILLS</b>		
16036 Birwood Ave	\$233,000	
115 Charrington Ct	\$325,000	
31678 E Bell Vine Trl	\$336,000	
16156 Lauderdale Ave	\$130,000	
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>		
972 Ann St	\$611,000	
720 Bennaville Ave	\$522,000	
1510 Chapin Ave	\$325,000	
832 E Lincoln St	\$380,000	
767 Hanna St	\$505,000	
885 N Old Woodward Ave # 114	\$165,000	
536 Park St	\$455,000	
532 Pierce St	\$800,000	
1571 Ruffner Ave	\$436,000	
101 Rugby St	\$248,000	
856 S Bates St	\$1,243,000	
600 W Brown St # 206	\$150,000	
519 Wallace St	\$350,000	

111 Willits St # 409	\$710,000	
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>		
2558 Aspen Ln	\$260,000	
1956 Pine Ridge Ct	\$312,000	
236 Wendy Ln	\$175,000	
717 Arbor Ct	\$343,000	
3310 Berkshire Dr	\$207,000	
2655 Colby Dr	\$238,000	
1153 Glenpointe Ct	\$195,000	
1736 Long Lake Shore Dr	\$230,000	
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>		
1499 Ashover Dr	\$247,000	
5335 Brookdale Rd	\$575,000	
6630 Colby Ln	\$180,000	
612 Deauville Ln	\$335,000	
3171 E Breckenridge Ln	\$610,000	
3806 Lincoln Rd	\$304,000	
2277 Lost Tree Way	\$290,000	
2449 Mulberry Sq # 28	\$78,000	
4554 Private Lake Dr	\$395,000	
770 S Cranbrook Rd	\$249,000	
760 Trailwood Path	\$156,000	
42160 Woodward Ave Unit 28	\$106,000	
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>		
307 Anaconda St	\$185,000	
4977 Foothills Dr	\$200,000	

5336 Lancaster Ln	\$294,000	
5521 Rivers Edge Dr	\$315,000	
845 Sleeth Rd	\$111,000	
<b>FARMINGTON</b>		
23051 Frederick Ave	\$120,000	
33818 Grand River Ave	\$124,000	
22779 Maple Ave	\$156,000	
23632 Wesley Dr	\$238,000	
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>		
37103 Aspen Dr	\$317,000	
22135 Atlantic Pointe	\$55,000	
37678 Burton Dr	\$224,000	
37007 Driftwood	\$142,000	
35575 Forestville St	\$150,000	
24845 Glen Orchard Dr	\$177,000	
37538 Glengrove Dr	\$278,000	
23755 Haynes St	\$175,000	
36680 Howard Rd	\$220,000	
33833 Hunters Pointe Rd	\$255,000	
29963 Old Bedford St	\$143,000	
21887 Ontaga St	\$110,000	
30532 Ramblewood Club Dr	\$178,000	
21422 Roosevelt Ave	\$60,000	
30014 Valley Side Dr	\$220,000	
38315 Wynmar	\$123,000	
<b>MILFORD</b>		

747 Bird Song Dr	\$127,000	
709 Knight St	\$140,000	
204 S Houghton St	\$80,000	
1100 Tennyson Dr	\$300,000	
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>		
41771 Onaway Dr	\$65,000	
<b>NOVI</b>		
45535 Amherst Dr	\$322,000	
30126 Brightwood Dr	\$302,000	
30132 Brightwood Dr	\$279,000	
30136 Brightwood Dr	\$283,000	
27503 Harrington Way	\$298,000	
22469 Mill Rd	\$215,000	
<b>SOUTH LYON</b>		
58358 11 Mile Rd	\$155,000	
1090 Appaloosa Ct	\$226,000	
54435 Birchwood Dr	\$360,000	
1154 Fountain View Cir	\$99,000	
1069 Gentry Dr	\$289,000	
61201 Ladbroke Dr	\$291,000	
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>		
28238 Berkshire Dr	\$75,000	
17362 Dorset Ave	\$91,000	
20930 Duns Scotus St	\$60,000	
18317 New Hampshire Dr	\$92,000	
17289 Sunnybrook Dr	\$52,000	
20785 Winchester St	\$165,000	

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

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 15-18, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>CANTON</b>		
50437 Amberwood Rd	\$77,000	
2249 Arcadia Dr	\$115,000	
1792 Bentley Ct	\$280,000	
720 Buckingham Rd	\$115,000	
41936 Echo Forest Ct	\$267,000	
1200 Heritage Dr	\$152,000	
2679 Hunters Dr	\$293,000	
44622 Meadowcreek Ln	\$134,000	
41956 Metaline Dr	\$153,000	
2160 Mistwood Ct	\$445,000	
1886 Pinewood Dr	\$115,000	
3934 Ravensfield Dr	\$169,000	
42646 Redfern St	\$165,000	
1767 S Pennfield Ln	\$79,000	
42425 Somerset Ct	\$147,000	
1055 Terrel Ct	\$180,000	
1745 Thistle Dr	\$198,000	
46935 Torrey Hill Ct	\$272,000	
927 Torrey Hill Dr	\$280,000	
1935 Wentworth Dr	\$182,000	

<b>GARDEN CITY</b>		
577 Belton St	\$25,000	
31547 Elmwood St	\$50,000	
29015 Florence St	\$60,000	
238 Henry Ruff Rd	\$56,000	
31733 Kathryn St	\$20,000	
30599 Marquette St	\$80,000	
29159 Sheridan St	\$80,000	
30753 Sheridan St	\$71,000	
<b>LIVONIA</b>		
14608 Blue Skies St	\$110,000	
20210 Deering St	\$44,000	
15939 Edgewood St	\$225,000	
36356 Fairway Dr	\$30,000	
29137 Grandon St	\$93,000	
9024 Hubbard St	\$165,000	
16260 Hubbard St	\$155,000	
32625 Indiana St	\$130,000	
29842 Lori St	\$138,000	
18456 Manor Ln	\$230,000	
19490 Norwich Rd	\$225,000	
15335 Norwich St	\$210,000	
11161 Oxbow St	\$110,000	
8953 Parent St	\$132,000	
38388 Ross St	\$170,000	
19909 Saint Francis St	\$50,000	
32720 Schoolcraft Rd	\$76,000	
19016 Sunset St	\$73,000	
28960 Terrence St	\$122,000	

9840 Westmore St	\$126,000	
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>		
18372 Clairmont Cir E	\$705,000	
17858 Farmcrest Ct	\$340,000	
17401 Farmcrest Ln	\$331,000	
18718 Grande Vista Dr	\$125,000	
49091 Hidden Ridge Dr	\$129,000	
16400 Highland Ln	\$167,000	
16925 Lochmoor Cir E	\$330,000	
45991 Riviera Dr	\$465,000	
18185 Shoreline Ct	\$515,000	
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>		
46109 Barrington Rd	\$220,000	
40423 Brecken Ridge Ln	\$195,000	
42111 Brentwood Dr	\$145,000	
670 Byron St	\$190,000	
15027 Farmbrook Dr	\$231,000	
11356 General Dr	\$90,000	
574 N Evergreen St	\$485,000	
315 Pacific St	\$259,000	
14864 Thornridge Dr	\$190,000	
11955 Trailwood Rd	\$306,000	
<b>REDFORD</b>		
11379 Arnold	\$75,000	
14285 Breakfast Dr	\$150,000	
9327 Columbia	\$50,000	
18489 Glenmore	\$38,000	
20580 Glenmore	\$47,000	
19780 Imperial Hwy	\$40,000	

19912 Inkster Rd	\$25,000	
19173 Poinciana	\$30,000	
8887 Robindale	\$58,000	
8963 Rockland	\$60,000	
11337 Rockland	\$56,000	
14392 Salem	\$63,000	
9631 Sarasota	\$78,000	
24548 W Chicago	\$22,000	
<b>WESTLAND</b>		
33043 Alamo Ct	\$28,000	
33919 Arrowhead St	\$110,000	
32960 Audreys Way	\$220,000	
32646 Avondale St	\$89,000	
8715 Beatrice	\$44,000	
7451 Cavell St	\$46,000	
8083 Coventry St	\$45,000	
2311 Deerfield Ct	\$20,000	
7912 Donna St	\$100,000	
36060 Farragut Ave	\$41,000	
30565 Hogan Ln	\$70,000	
8430 N Henry Ruff Rd	\$62,000	
27554 Powers St	\$10,000	
715 Rahn St	\$62,000	
8135 Randy Dr	\$120,000	
535 S Hubbard St	\$97,000	
34648 Stacy St	\$68,000	
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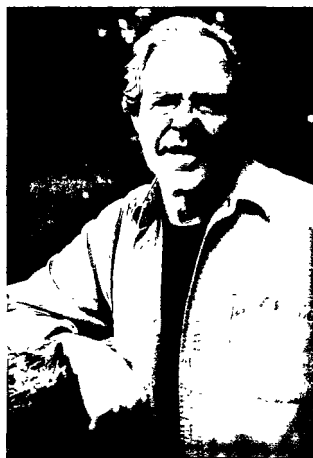


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**Q** What can you tell us about Michael Johnson, who had a big hit in 1978 with "Bluer Than Blue"?

—John Shevlin, Lakewood, Colo.

The guitarist-singer-songwriter, 68, was born in Alamosa, Colo., and grew up in Denver. After studying classical guitar in Spain, he toured in 1968, along with John Denver, in the Chad Mitchell Trio and then acted off-Broadway. With more than 20 albums to his credit, he had No. 1 country hits in the mid-1980s with "Give Me Wings" and "The Moon Is Still Over Her Shoulder." Living in Minneapolis, Minn., Johnson released *Moonlit Déjà Vu*, his first album in eight years, in 2012, and continues to perform.



**Q** What can you tell me about Lea Penick of TV's *American Hoggers*?

—J.B. Morgan, Helena, Mont.

Penick, 32, was born in Fredericksburg, Texas, and grew up with an older brother and sister on a ranch that has belonged to her family since 1857. A horseback-riding enthusiast, she showed horses in stock shows and competed in rodeo barrel racing as a teenager. She's been hunting since she was about 6. "We eat everything we kill," she says. "We butcher all of our own animals and process our own meats." The married outdoorswoman has a 6-year-old son and formerly managed the Fredericksburg Bakery.

**Q** What can you tell me about the life and movies of Elisha Cook Jr., who was in *Shane* and *The Maltese Falcon*?

—Dennis Lawhorn, Truth or Consequences, N.M.

Cook, a native of San Francisco, Calif., began his career in vaudeville at age 14 and debuted on Broadway in 1933. The character actor, who made more than 100 films, admits he didn't discriminate when it came to accepting a role. "I played rats, pimps, informers, hopheads and communists," he once said. "I didn't have the privilege of reading scripts. Guys called me up and said, 'You're going to work tomorrow.'" Among his other films were *The Big Sleep*, *The Killing*, *Rosemary's Baby* and *House on Haunted Hill*. Cook died of a stroke in 1995 at age 91.



Elisha Cook Jr. appeared in *The Maltese Falcon* in 1941 with Humphrey Bogart (left).

**Q** What can you tell me about Reshma Shetty from *Royal Pains*?

—Sandra Spirito, Fairfax, Va.

Shetty, 35, who plays physician assistant Divya Katdare on TV's *Royal Pains*, was born in Manchester, England, to Hindu Indian parents and grew up in both the U.K. and Richmond, Va. Originally studying pre-med, she switched to music and holds a Bachelor of Arts in opera performance from James Madison University and a master's in music from the University of Kentucky. She began her professional career in the first national tour of *Bombay Dreams* and has several other theatrical credits. She lives in New York City with her husband, actor Deep Katdare.



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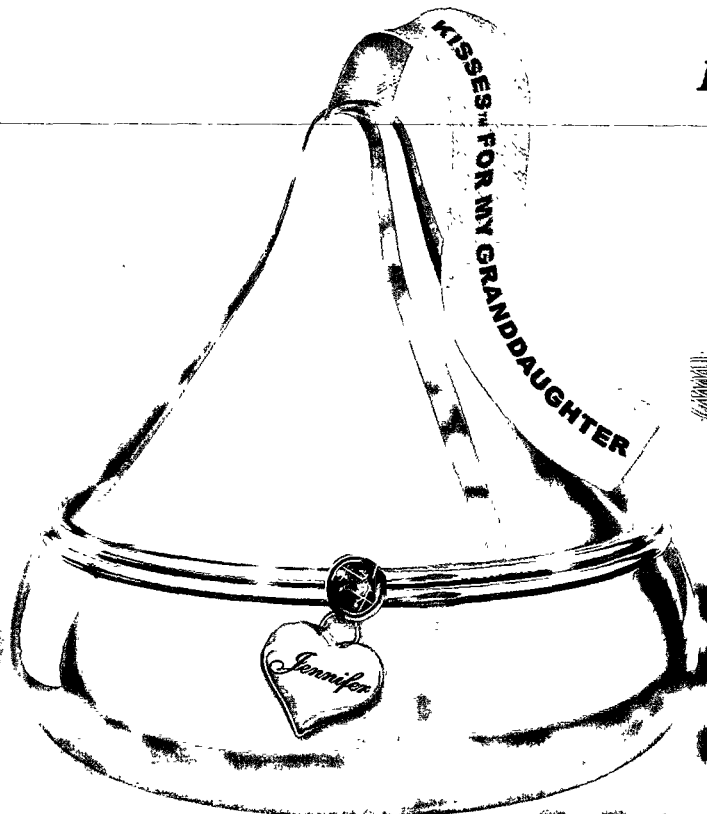


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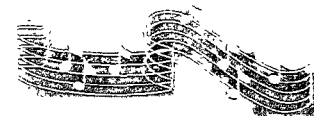


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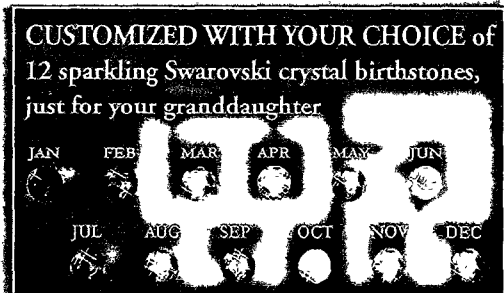
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# Hope for the Future

COPD sufferer turns family's health history into helpful foundation *By Katie Neal*

**GROWING UP** in Arlington, Mass. (pop. 42,844), John Walsh, 63, and his twin brother, Fred, didn't worry when their mother, Helen, seemed to catch every cold that went around. After all, she was an elementary schoolteacher, frequently exposed to the sneezes and sniffles of her young students.

But when she died at age 46 from what was described as "early-onset emphysema," things didn't add up. Helen had never smoked or been exposed to environmental risk factors.

Decades later, John and Fred found themselves suffering from similar chronic symptoms.

"At 35, we'd both had a couple bouts of pneumonia and hospitalization," says John, co-founder and president of the Alpha-1 Foundation and the COPD Foundation. "Then we were both diagnosed with allergy-induced asthma, but neither of us was really responding to the asthma meds."

Eventually, tests confirmed that Fred had a genetic marker known as Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1). People with the condition have lower levels of a protein that helps protect the lungs from irritation, which leaves them more susceptible to lung diseases such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). An estimated 2 percent to 3 percent of COPD cases are related to Alpha-1.

When his test came back positive, Fred called his brother and said, "I have good news and bad news," John recalls. The good news was that he'd finally identified the source of his longtime lung troubles—and the mystery was likely solved for John, too.

"I said, 'You don't have to tell me what the bad news is: That's what Mom had,'" John says.

But instead of withdrawing in fear of a condition that had taken their mother's life, the brothers took a proactive approach to their health. Both enrolled in an Alpha-1 study conducted by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. And when he learned that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) was planning to halt research on the gene, John

joined forces with two other Alpha-1 patients to create the Alpha-1 Foundation in 1995.

"I personally think—and the scientific community is really looking at the possibility—that the genetic risk factors for COPD are more significant than originally thought," John says.

Since its inception, the Alpha-1 Foundation has raised more than \$47 million for research, and the NIH and other large-scale research bodies have resumed studying the genetic marker.

But John's advocacy work wasn't done. After a decade running the Alpha-1 Foundation, scientific leaders in the COPD community approached John about establishing another nonprofit organization. "There was no organization representing or organizing COPD—it was being approached through a 'clean air and tobacco control campaign' and not recognized as a chronic condition," John says. "We set out to apply what we did with Alpha-1 and inform, educate, empower and engage individuals with COPD."

Established in 2004, the COPD Foundation

raises money for research, helps connect patients with clinical and treatment opportunities, operates mobile screening programs, publishes educational materials and mounts star-studded public awareness campaigns. In the process, the COPD Foundation also has spread the word about Alpha-1 and made genetic testing part of the standard of care for COPD—a move that has nearly doubled the diagnosis of Alpha-1 in the COPD community.

Both John and Fred remain as active as possible and work hard to manage their condition. Even with a lung function of only 34 percent, "I'm healthier than I was 10 years ago," John says. And while Fred requires full-time supplemental oxygen and is awaiting a lung transplant, he stays busy as a peer health coach for the Alpha-1 community.



COPD Foundation president John Walsh (right) celebrates with James Buescher, winner of the 2012 DRIVE4COPD 300 race at Daytona International Speedway, and (above right) with twin brother, Fred.

Fortunately, the brothers have had each other to lean on through the ups and downs of living with COPD. But not all patients have such emotional support. So in return for the wealth of information the COPD Foundation provides, John hopes patients will heed the organization's call to action.

"Become a COPD advocate, join a registry or an awareness campaign," he says. "We need to help support each other." ★



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# Stargazing

Five super places to view the night sky // BY MARY O. PARKER

**PEERING THROUGH** a towering telescope near McDonald Observatory in western Texas, Katherine Hausknecht, 13, gazes at Jupiter and spies the Great Red Spot on our solar system's largest planet.



PHOTOS BY JEFF PARKER

John Hausknecht examines Jupiter during a star party at Rebecca Gale Telescope Park at McDonald Observatory in western Texas.

"I can really see its storms!" says Katherine, a seventh-grader from El Paso, Texas, referring to the planet's astronomical weather phenomenon. Her brother, John, 11, takes his own turn looking skyward during a family-oriented star party at the observatory's Rebecca Gale Telescope Park. "You can really see its stripes!" he says of Jupiter's mysterious belt-like pattern.

The youngsters' celestial view is one of the best in the nation for stargazing, thanks to the surrounding Davis Mountains, which block artificial light at night; local ordinances that restrict use of artificial lighting; and dry, cloudless conditions that enhance stargazing at an elevation of 6,791 feet.

Whether you're observing the moon, planets and constellations through gigantic telescopes or scanning the heavens with the naked eye, some places in America are better than others for stargazing. Here are five super places to enjoy nature's celestial show.

## Big Pine Key, Fla.

Home to the National Key Deer Wildlife Refuge, this Florida island lies 100 miles from Miami's bright lights and restricts artificial lighting to accommodate nesting sea turtles. Wintertime delivers a special treat: the Southern Cross constellation. At 24.99 degrees latitude, Big Pine Key is one of the few places in the United States to see the small but beautiful constellation in the Southern sky.

"Even though you're at sea level, the air's very stable," says Lester Shalloway, 62, president of the Miami-based Southern Cross Astronomical Society (SCAS). "Because of that, we get incredible views of planets at low magnification."

Founded in 1922 and one of the oldest astronomical societies in the Western Hemisphere, SCAS sponsors its Winter Star Party each February on nearby Scout Key.

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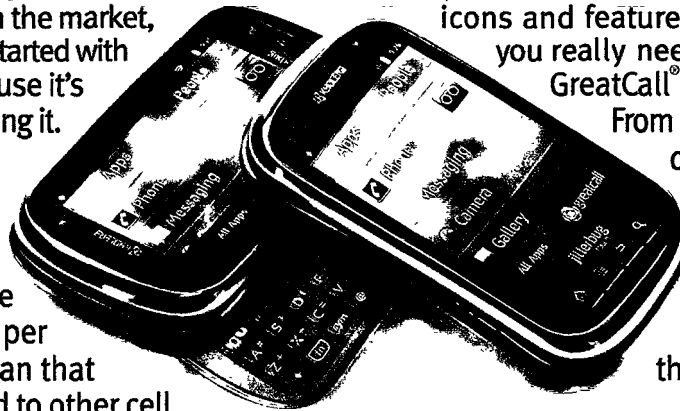
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Attendees follow a “no white light” protocol, especially since many SCAS members practice astrophotography, a hobby that converges art with science.

“Astrophotography requires extremely long exposures,” Shalloway explains, “and a single flash of white light destroys hours of someone’s hard work.”

## Socorro County, N.M.

Long before New Mexico voters passed the Night Sky Protection Act in 1999, scientists recognized the Land of Enchantment as an astronomical jewel.

“Because it’s so dry here, we tend to have more clear nights suitable for astronomy than many other places,” says Daniel A. Klingsmith III, 73, outreach coordinator for Magdalena Ridge Observatory, which is operated by the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NMT) in Socorro (pop. 9,051).

At an elevation of 10,600 feet, Magdalena Ridge is the second highest observatory in the continental United States and is open to the public each fall for its Enchanted Skies Star Party. (The Meyer-Womble Observatory on Mount Evans, Colo., is highest at 14,148 feet.)



// The radio astronomy observatory known as the Very Large Array, located on New Mexico’s Plains of San Agustin, is used by astronomers around the world.

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Nearby, the Etscorn Campus Observatory, also operated by NMT, welcomes visitors on the first Saturday of each month for free star parties led by professors and graduate students.

Also in the region, on the Plains of San Agustin, the National Science Foundation oversees one of the world’s premier astronomical radio observatories, used by astronomers from around the world. Consisting of 27 massive dish radio antennas in a Y-shaped configuration, the antennas—

known as the Very Large Array—form a single radio telescope system designed to interpret the energy of the universe. On the first Saturday of each month, visitors can enjoy free guided tours and family-friendly activities.

## Cherry Springs State Park, Pa.

At an elevation of 2,300 feet, Cherry Springs State Park ranks among the best places to stargaze in the Northeast.

The 262,000-acre Susquehannock State Forest insulates the park from artificial

lighting, while valleys retain most light generated by the nearby towns of Galeton (pop. 1,149) and Coudersport (pop. 2,546).

“It’s such an accessible spot for such a great viewing location. We’re within just a few hours’ drive of large populations,” says Greg Snowman, 49, the park’s environmental education specialist.

In 2008, Cherry Springs was designated an International Dark Sky Park by the International Dark-Skies Association (IDA), a nonprofit organization based in Tucson, Ariz., and dedicated to the thoughtful use of light at night.

During weekend programs from May through Labor Day, visitors can use the park’s stargazing equipment in the park’s 360-degree viewing area.

“I love to see people’s reactions when they look through the telescope and then look up at the sky, like ‘Is that *really* up there?’” Snowman says.

## Western Texas

While most of the nation’s skies have grown brighter from encroaching artificial light, western Texas has protected its dark nights through lighting ordinances and a committed astronomy community.

Since 1979, astronomers ranging from novices to professionals have flocked to the Texas Star Party, considered the granddaddy of star parties. The annual spring



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// Pennsylvania’s Cherry Springs State Park boasts some of the darkest skies in the Northeast and hosts frequent stargazing programs.

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For more informal star parties, the McDonald Observatory visitors center, northwest of Fort Davis, offers events three times a week to educate guests about night skies. While gentle red lighting illuminates the outdoor viewing area, attendees meander the grounds, peer through telescopes and learn from astronomy experts. The use of flashlights, cell phones and camera flashes is prohibited. "Each time you use white light, your eyes need 15 minutes to readjust to the dark," explained program coordinator Frank Cianciolo, 50, during a star party last spring.

A research unit of the University of Texas at Austin, the observatory houses a Hobby-Eberly Telescope, one of the world's largest optical telescopes.

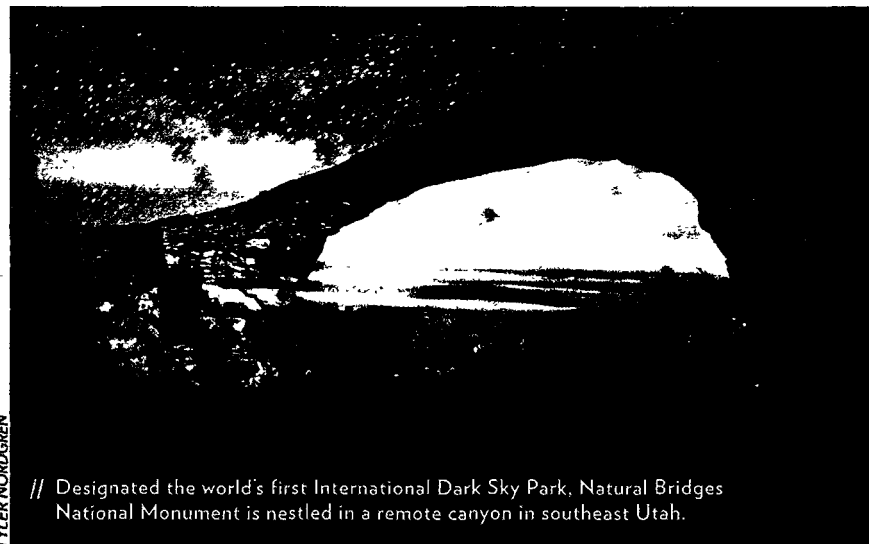
About 120 miles to the southeast, Big Bend National Park, near Redford, Texas, serves as another stargazing destination. Larger than the state of Rhode Island, the sprawling park is one of 11 places in the world designated an International Dark Sky Park.

## Natural Bridges National Monument, Utah

The 7,500-acre area in southern Utah was designated the world's first International Dark Sky Park in 2008.

"The park's a long way from anywhere. A million acres of wilderness surround us, all off the grid," says Gordon Gower, 62,

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// Designated the world's first International Dark Sky Park, Natural Bridges National Monument is nestled in a remote canyon in southeast Utah.

a National Park Service sky ranger.

At an elevation of 9,000 feet and nestled in forests of pine, aspen and Douglas fir trees, Natural Bridges offers among the nation's most pristine night-sky conditions. The park is surrounded on three sides by plateaus, separated from Blanding (pop. 3,375) by 40 miles and a bluff.

From May through

September, Gower presents twice-weekly educational programs featuring advanced stargazing equipment. "I have fun with the programs. They're not a boring recitation of facts," Gower says. "Astronomy is way too interesting for that!" ★

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  - 1 fresh pineapple, peeled and cut into chunks
  - 2 teaspoons peanut oil
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  2. Toss shrimp and pineapple with peanut oil. Arrange 4 or 5 shrimp on each skewer, with pineapple chunks in between.
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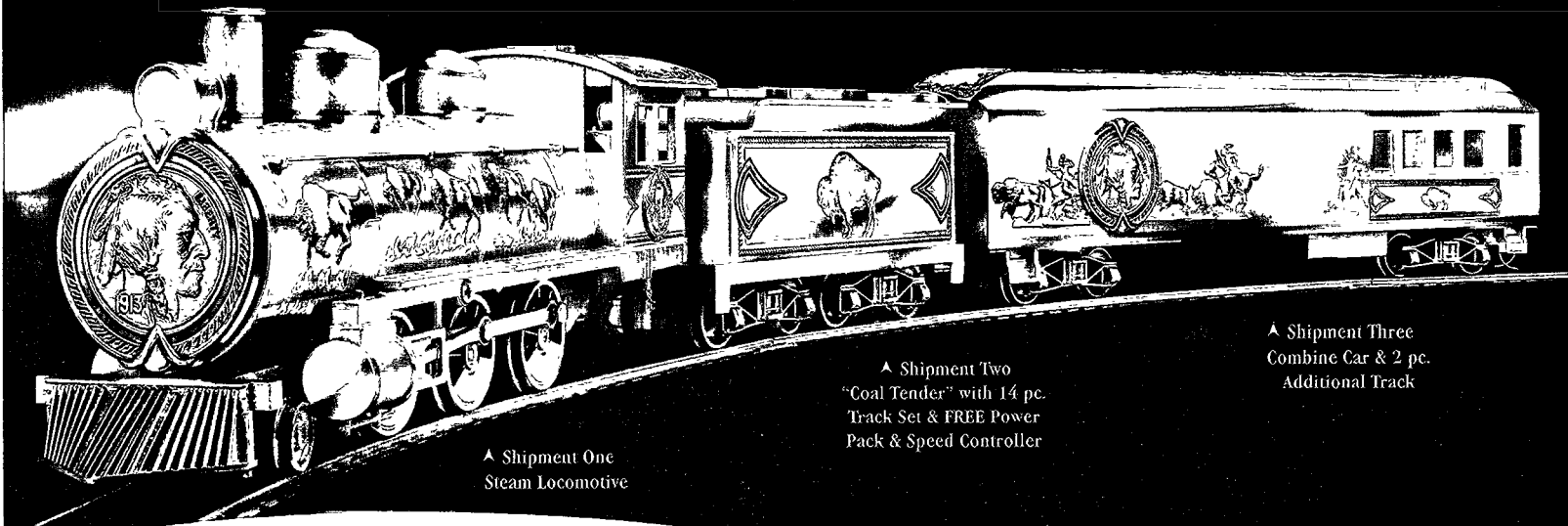
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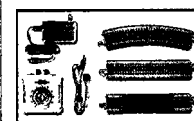
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**INDIANA**—The local legend of a giant turtle residing in Churubusco (pop. 1,796) inspired the town's nickname of Turtletown, U.S.A. Dubbed Oscar, the turtle reportedly sports a shell as large as a dining room table. The first sighting was reported in 1898.

**IOWA**—Lovers Leap swinging bridge in Columbus Junction (pop. 1,899) was built in 1886. The span was rebuilt in 1904 for safety reasons, and rebuilt again in 1922 after the second bridge snapped in 1920.

**KANSAS**—While born in Missouri, poet, novelist and playwright Langston Hughes (1902-1967) grew up in Lawrence (pop. 87,643), where a statue depicts Hughes as a young boy carrying a book by W.E.B. DuBois while delivering newspapers. In 1980, a plaque bearing the first line of Hughes' poem *Youth* was unveiled at the entrance of Lawrence City Hall. It reads: "We have tomorrow/ Bright before us/ Like a flame."

**MICHIGAN**—Stuart Padnos (1922-2012), an executive at a scrap metal and recycling firm, proved the adage that one man's trash can be another man's treasure. In 1998, Padnos created a 21-piece marching band out of scrap metal and donated the sculpture to Grand Valley State University in Allendale (pop. 17,579) in memory of his wife, an alumna.

**MINNESOTA**—During World War II, Cargill Inc. in Savage (pop. 26,911) joined the war effort by building ships for the U.S. Navy. The grain merchandising company, which built ships to haul grain, produced 22 ships for the war.

**MISSOURI**—S. Forrest Wright, a native of Bonne Terre (pop. 6,864), created a sculpture of a lead miner in 1981 as a tribute to miners everywhere. The statue stands in Bonne Terre Park.

**NEBRASKA**—Named for the Danish word for the flag of Denmark and founded in the 1870s by Danish pioneers, Dannebrog (pop. 303) bills itself as the Danish Capital of Nebraska.

**NORTH DAKOTA**—Gary Greff, the sculptor behind artwork along Interstate 94's Enchanted Highway, opened the Enchanted Castle in Regent (pop. 160) in 2012, turning a former school into a castle-themed motel.

**OHIO**—The Cowan Pottery Museum, housed in the public library in Rocky River (pop. 20,213), preserves more than 1,200 pieces of pottery. The pottery was created by R. Guy Cowan and his associates from 1912 to 1931.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**—In April, the South Dakota Rock and Roll Music Association inducted seven bands from the state into its Hall of Fame: Ma's Boys and Hursman of Sioux Falls; Nickel Bag of Soul from Flandreau (pop. 2,341); Outer Limits of Madison (pop. 6,474); Burch Ray & the Walkers of Spearfish (pop. 10,494); Lads of Sherwood from Sisseton (pop. 2,470); and The Roselles Brothers of Lead (pop. 3,124).

**WISCONSIN**—Don McClellan, owner of the Rocks for Fun Café in Tigerton (pop. 741), creates pebbles, stones and rocks with personality and displays them in his restaurant. At last count, more than 300 of his creations were on display.

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# Cowboys & Indians

Oklahoma museum chronicles the American West

By Marti Attoun, contributing editor

**FROM 1870S CATTLE-DRIVE** journals to Frederic Remington's 1907 painting *In From the Night Herd*, the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City preserves the history and culture of the American West.

Founded in 1955, the museum has corralled more than 28,000 Western artworks and artifacts, including collections of American Indian attire, barbed wire, horse saddles, early rodeo photographs and rare firearms, such as an 1830s Colt Paterson muzzle-loading percussion revolver and an 1850s Volcanic pistol. Three halls of fame—Rodeo, Great Westerners and Great Western Performers—honor individuals who've made notable contributions to the Western experience.

The museum's Native American Gallery showcases nearly 200 artifacts, including a pair of 1880s Delaware moccasins with a maple leaf beadwork design; an 1890s Teton Dakota animal hide picture calendar, known as a winter count; and a 1920s Sioux tobacco

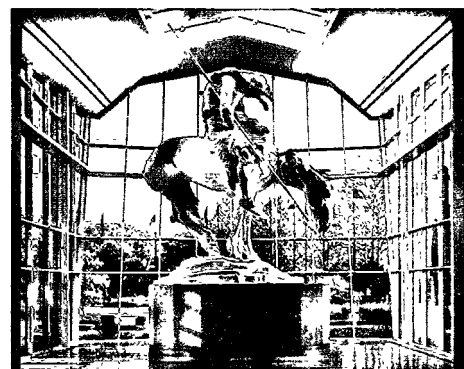
bag adorned with a beaded horse.

Cowboy life is depicted in the American Cowboy Gallery's bunkhouse replica, chuck wagon scenes, and on a 900-square-foot granite floor map etched with historic cattle trails and legendary ranches.

Hollywood cowboys star in the museum's Western Performers Gallery, which features actor Tom Mix's saddle, John Wayne's modified Model 1892 Winchester rifle carried in several movies, a black Western outfit worn by Barbara Stanwyck in TV's *The Big Valley*, and Roy Rogers' white Stetson hat and kangaroo boots.

Visitors also can stroll through Prosperity Junction, a re-created early-1900s Western prairie town with 15 full-size buildings, including a livery stable, blacksmith shop, train depot, newspaper office, bank and U.S. Marshal's office.

Best known for its top-notch Western art collection, the museum exhibits paintings such as Carl Wimar's 1860 *Buffalo Hunt*, Albert Bierstadt's 1867 *Emigrants Crossing the Plains* and Charles M.



James Earle Fraser's *The End of the Trail* statue rests on a pedestal in the museum's entrance hall.

Russell's 1921 *When Mules Wear Diamonds*.

The museum's iconic centerpiece can't be missed in the entrance hall. Standing 18 feet tall is James Earle Fraser's original plaster statue of an American Indian on horseback, *The End of the Trail*, created for the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition. ★

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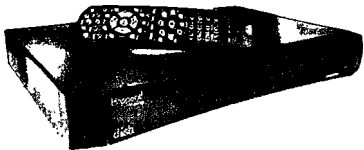
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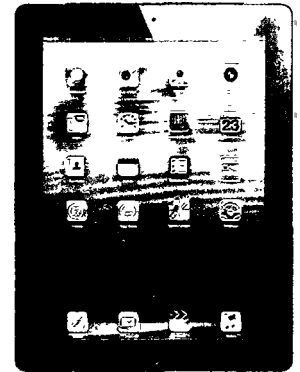


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