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# DONATION FUND TO BENEFIT FAMILY OF DECEASED WESTLAND SOCCER REFEREE

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

The Livonia Police Department is setting up a donation fund to assist the family of a soccer referee who died from injuries after being assaulted by an adult player during a match Sunday afternoon.

John Bieniewicz, 44, of Westland was refereeing an adult league match when he was punched in the head after issuing a red card to a player, ejecting him from the match. He was pronounced dead Tuesday morning.

"The Livonia Police Department has expressed our deep-



John Bieniewicz



Baseel Abdul-Amir Saad

est sympathy to the family of Mr. Bieniewicz," the police department said in a statement.

Livonia police were called Sunday afternoon to Mies Park, 32305 W. Chicago, on a report of an assault during an

adult league soccer match.

Officers and Livonia Fire Advanced Life Support arrived at the field and found an adult victim, the referee, on the ground unconscious. Officers investigating the incident determined the victim suffered a head injury after a player threw a punch at him during the match. The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office said the referee determined the suspect was to be ejected from the match and the man became upset. Police say they believe the suspect then hit the referee in the head, causing injury.

Baseel Abdul-Amir Saad, 36, of Dearborn, was arraigned

Monday by District Judge Sean Kavanagh on a charge of assault to do great bodily harm less than murder, a felony. His bond was set at \$500,000 cash or surety.

Maria Miller, spokeswoman for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, said the prosecutor will review the case and make updates when confirmations are made and documentation are sent to the county. There was no word on when or what kind of changes would be made to the charges Saad faces.

If convicted on the original charges, Saad faces up to 10 years in prison. He is sched-

uled for a preliminary examination at 9 a.m. July 10 in Livonia's 16th District Court.

### Funds to support his family

Livonia police chief Curtis Caid said the department is in the midst of setting up a donation fund at Huntington Bank to help support Bieniewicz's family during this tough time. While he's still working to secure an official name, area residents can go to any Huntington Bank branch and request to donate to the fund to support his wife and two chil-

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Ken Mehl salutes during the Nov. 11, 2013, dedication of the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland.

# Ken Mehl remembered as man of vision and passion for Westland

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Pam Martin wasn't thrilled with the idea of working with Ken Mehl handing out campaign literature when he and Charles "Trav" Griffin ran for city council in 1985.

"I kept thinking, 'Don't put me with him.' I didn't like him, he was arrogant," Martin said. "We got to be friends because I saw beyond that arrogance, and what I saw was a man with a soft heart."

"He became my best friend. It was very rare, unless we had an argument, that we didn't talk every day," she said.

Mehl went on to win a seat on council and served for 12 years, including six as its president, and earned a reputation among his close friends as a man who had the best interest of the city and community at heart.

Described as a "firm believer in

traditions" by his friend Normie Brazier, the 67-year-old Mehl was laid to rest on Wednesday. He died suddenly on Saturday at his home in Whitmore Lake.

"Ken Mehl was a friend, confidant, supporter and mentor to many," Brazier said. "But he was so much more than that, Ken was a doer. He did so much through the years for the community and his friends, the whole time never wanting the recognition for himself. He would always say, 'It's not about me, it's about what's right.'"

### Active in city

Born in Detroit in 1946, Mr. Mehl was a graduate of Lawrence Institute of Technology where he received a bachelor of science degree in engineering. A General Motors retiree, he was involved with the Westland's Dads Club and the Westland Youth Athletic

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NORMIE BRAZIER, friend

# Council approves jurisdictional agreement of courts

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Wayne's 29th and Westland 18th District courts are now officially sharing not only services but jurisdiction.

The Westland Council recently approved the concurrent jurisdiction plan, which had earlier been approved by the Wayne City Council.

"I think it (the concurrent jurisdiction) helps. The Wayne judge had some bandwidth and our court was overloaded," Westland Council President James Godbout said. "This allows the capability to hear cases in either court."

The agreement is aimed at reducing expenditures and improving services through each of the courts.

Among the changes already in place has been to have 18th District Court handle proba-

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# Six vying for Wayne council seat

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

At Monday's deadline, six people had filed applications to fill a vacant Wayne City Council seat.

Seeking appointment to serve on the council until the next regular general election in November 2015 are David James, Thomas Porter, Christopher Sanders, Keith Tilley, Shari Welch and Kevin McKay.

Council is set to interview the would-be council members in the order listed at a study session Tuesday, July 8, at the

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## Councilman defends comments

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A Westland councilman is defending comments about a colleague's voting record.

During a recent meeting, Councilman Dewey Reeves described Councilman Kevin Coleman as having voted against the Capital Improvement Plan and police labor agreement. Meeting minutes showed both were approved unanimously.

However, Reeves said his comments were accurate since Coleman voted against the general fund budget that pays for police labor costs.

Additionally, Reeves said Coleman also voted against transferring the property and operations of the Elderly Housing Corp. to the City of Westland Taylor Corporation, part of the Taylor Towers refinancing. The proceeds of the refinancing will fund the Capital Improvement Plan.

"You can't say you voted on something that is within the budget and then vote no on the budget," said Reeves, adding he had verified the information on Coleman's votes prior to making his public comments.

There are separate votes on different items for a reason, Coleman said.

"There are specific things which have one item I might support, another item I might not support," Coleman said.

After verbal dust-ups at the last two council meetings, Coleman said he was hoping council could move one.

"My correcting him (Reeves) on my votes was not intended to be disrespectful," Coleman said. "I hope to move on and get back to doing city business."

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dren. "It's a terrible, terrible tragedy, and certainly senseless," he

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Association and also served on the Westland Planning Commission, including three years as chairman. He also was active in the Romanowski VFW Post in Westland.

But he will best be remembered for his work on the annual Westland Summer Festival and the recently dedicated Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland.

said. "They need help." Those interested in donating can do so by leaving donations at the Livonia Police Department, 15050 Farmington, or at any Huntington Bank branch in Michigan.

A website dedicated to Bienewicz is also raising funds to help support his family's future and to help cover burial costs. According to the site, Bienewicz worked with pediatric dialysis patients at Mott

Children's Hospital and was the president of the Metro Detroit Soccer Officials Organization. He officiated games at various levels, including professional, collegiate, high school and children's leagues.

Those looking to donate at that site can do so by visiting johnbienewiczmemorial.com.

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Brazier met him at the festival when she worked on the Special Olympics Jail and Bail more than 20 years ago and joined him in working on the committee until it disbanded after last year's event. She said he preferred to work behind the scenes, making sure every festival was a family event. He had a long-standing rapport with the vendors and really enjoyed the fireworks.

He was part of a group of four men who were instrumental in the construction of the Viet-

nam Veterans Memorial on the lawn of Westland City Hall. Now only Jerry Huber remains, Martin said.

## Veterans association

He also served on the veterans committee that brought the Vietnam Moving Wall to the city twice, and the friendships made working on it evolved into the Westland Veterans Association.

"He was a man with the vision and passion to bring the Vietnam Moving Wall not once but

twice to Westland," Brazier said. "It also was because of Ken's vision, passion and drive we now have the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland. Ken will be deeply missed by many, and there is now an empty void in Westland and the hearts of many that will never be filled."

"If you want to believe it or not, he was all about the community," Martin said. "All he ever did was for the city. That's why he ran for council, that's why he ran for mayor and why

he ran for council again. That's why he brought the Moving Wall here and created the memorial garden."

Arrangements are through Uht Funeral Home in Westland. A service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with burial at Great Lake National Cemetery in Holly. In lieu of flowers, his family asks that memorials be made to the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland.

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## COURTS

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tion for 29th District Court along with the court work program. That began Oct. 1 as 29th District Court's part-time probation officer left. Westland's court has five full-time probation staff members.

The 18th District work program has a van to transport people and other equipment the 29th District didn't have for its program along with operating seven days a week. Defendants assigned to the work program work in both cities.

Additionally, both courts offer specialized courts open to defendants from other communities — sobriety court in Westland and mental health treatment court in Wayne.

The concurrent jurisdiction agreement is in response to a study that called for merger of the courts due to the need based on caseload for nearly another full-time judge in Westland — 2.83 judges — and less than a

full-time judge — .64 judge — in Wayne.

A court reorganization law signed by Gov. Rick Snyder earlier this year eliminates 29th District Court and merges it with Westland, if the funding units — the city councils — agreed. Combining the courts into a single 18th District Court had an estimated \$2.5 million price tag.

"The study session (on the concurrent jurisdiction) we had was good. We had a chance to walk the council through the options," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "This gets the two courts working more together. I'm encouraged by the cooperation between the two courts."

Under the agreement, the courts are exploring combining different dockets to spread the workload among the three judges and scheduling judges for after-hours search warrants. It also spells out how the courts will be administered and funding.

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Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe. The council is allowing 20 minutes per candidate for a public interview. McKay will not be participating due to an out-of-town work assignment.

Council is working with a short time frame since the city charter requires a council vacancy be filled by appointment within 30 days of the vacancy. That means the appointment needs to be

made at the regular council meeting July 15.

The appointment will be made to replace James Henley, who resigned from his council seat effective June 12. Reelected to a second four-year term in November, Henley cited personal reasons for resigning.

Under the city charter, the appointed council member would not be entitled to serve out Henley's term, which would have ended in 2017. The charter has a vacancy filled only until the next regular election, in this case

2015. Council will act as a committee of the whole so that the remaining six members will participate in the interviews of the applicants.

City Clerk Matthew Miller accepted the applications and was also working to verify residency of applicants along with being in tax arrears to the city. Owing city taxes disqualifies residents from serving on the council under the city charter.

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## AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

### Bowling benefit

Community Free Will Baptist Church will hold a bowling fundraiser at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at Town and Country Lanes in Westland.

The benefit will raise money to send youth to the National Association of Free Will

Baptist Bible, Arts and Music Competition in Texas later this month. The cost is \$15 for three games of bowling, pizza and pop. There will be a bake sale and silent auction.

Contact the church at 734-721-9040 to reserve a spot.

### In concert

Join the 338th Army Band for Concert Americana at the Wayne-Ford Civic League on Saturday. The concert is free, but donations are suggested for Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland. Doors open at 6 p.m.; the concert begins at 7 p.m. The first 500 will be seated.

Tickets are available at Westland City Hall and Westland Lock and Key, 35665 Ford Road. For more information, call 734-716-3432, 734-604-6484 or 734-788-

7753.

### Mom to Mom

A Mom 2 Mom Sale will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, at Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a \$2 early bird admission from 9-10 a.m.

There will be a Big Item Area, concession and a bake sale. Strollers will be allowed. An 8-foot table is \$15. A contract is available at Mom2MmList.com. For more info, email cgregones@yahoo.com.

### Community Day

Community Free Will Baptist Church at 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland, is holding a free Community Day at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9. There will be hot dogs, bounce houses, games, face painting, and more.



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# Family's tragedy leads to new law to help those struggling with substance abuse

Under a new law recently signed by Gov. Rick Snyder, families and health professionals can petition a court to involuntarily evaluate and treat adults who struggle with substance abuse.

"Substance abuse doesn't just harm the person struggling with addiction; it harms the families and friends of people in need of help, too," said state Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, who introduced the legislation. "This law makes it easier to help those we love recover from drug use and repair families damaged by abuse."

Walsh introduced the legislation after meeting with Mark and Carol Garofoli of Livonia, whose 22-year-old son Mark committed suicide while addicted to heroin. The son could no longer think rationally and had walked out of a rehab facility in Memphis, Mich., just two weeks prior to his death. His parents, and everyone else, were powerless to stop him because he was over age 18.

The Garofolis had shared their story with the *Observer* in the hopes of making the public aware that the law was not on family members' side. Walsh said he was unaware of the need for involuntary treatment for substance abuse until then.

Walsh introduced his proposed legislation May 24, 2012, the one-year anniversary of the Garofolis' son's death. It was modeled after the Marchman Act in Florida, as well as similar laws in other states such as Ohio.

It took the bill more than two years to work its way through the Legislature because of the concern lawmakers had over taking away an individual's personal liberty, Walsh said. He worked with the American Civil Liberties Union, the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Michigan Probate



Pictured at the signing are, from left, state Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia; Carol and Mark Garofoli of Livonia; Gov. Rick Snyder and Stacey Garofoli, the family's eldest daughter. On the desk are photos of the Garofolis' son, Mark.

Judges Association and the Michigan Association of Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies, among others, to protect individual rights and guard against someone being wrongfully committed.

House Bill 4486 — now Public Act 200 of 2014 — requires proof of a substance abuse problem as well as the likelihood to cause harm to themselves or others before rehabilitation is mandated. Those petitioning for mandated treatment must also guarantee payment for all associated health care costs.

"Our goal is to help family and friends improve the lives of those affected by drug abuse by allowing requests for much-needed medical treatment," Walsh said. "Not everyone can recognize and seek substance abuse help on their own, nor should they have to."

Health professionals must present certified proof that

patients require involuntary treatment, are dangerous to themselves or others and would actually benefit from rehabilitation. The type, duration and location of the patients' recovery efforts must also be prescribed by health professionals.

"Hopefully this will help bring families together to help overcome very challenging emotional, psychological and medical dilemmas," Walsh said.

The final decision to mandate treatment is decided by a probate court.

Mark Garofoli said his goal is to spread the word to as many people in Michigan as possible, using all forms of media, so they know there is now a tool in place that can help. "The faster people know about this, the faster it could help save lives and spare families the heartache we are still going through every day," he said.

# Dem candidates for Wayne County Executive to meet in Livonia forum

The five leading Democratic Party contenders vying for Wayne County Executive are scheduled to appear at a candidate forum sponsored by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 24, at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center Auditorium.

The forum is open to the public. Admission is free.

State Rep. Phil Cavanagh, former Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans, incumbent Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, and Westland Mayor William Wild are competing for the party nomination for county executive in the Aug. 5 primary election.

The primary election winner will advance to the general election in November. The general election winner will earn a four-year term as the chief executive officer of Michigan's largest county.

All five candidates have

committed to appear in the forum, which will be moderated by Livonia Chamber President Dan West.

The forum is scheduled to run for up to 90 minutes. Initial questions for the candidates will be developed by the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee, and the audience will have a chance to pose questions on three-by-five cards later in the forum.

"There is a lot of interest in this race," West said. "Our board of directors wanted to make sure we gave our business community a chance to hear directly from these candidates."

The VisTaTech Center Auditorium is at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce is a non-partisan, non-profit trade organization that represents 850 members. The Chamber does not endorse individual candidates.

# Visual Arts Association offers summer art classes, workshops

Are you looking for an opportunity to be creative? There is still time to register for classes and workshops being offered by the Visual Arts Association of Livonia starting in July and August.

"Adventures in Acrylics" is being offered by Janis Madias from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 9 to Aug. 13. Learn how to use acrylics with collage. Many techniques will be demonstrated, with a focus on individual goals. A still-life setup will be provided. Start a new painting or work to resolve unfinished work.

"Pastels That Pop" is being taught by instructor Fran Seikaly. It will meet from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays, July 14 to Aug. 18. In this class, students will learn about value, layering of colors, glazing and using warm and cool colors to create depth. Instruction is individualized and all levels are welcome.

For those who love to paint

summer flowers, there is a workshop on painting flowers. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 8-9, Marj Chellstorp will demonstrate painting flowers in a loose and wet technique while exploring "lost and found" edges, the magic of negative spaces, all with attention to unifying your painting using variations in value.

A youth workshop for ages 9-12 called "Art Rebels" Art Camp will be held from 1-4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, to Thursday, Aug. 7. Students will learn about artists such as Pablo Picasso, Rene Magritte, Jackson Pollack, Louise Nevelson and Frank Stella. Techniques covered will include learning to collage, creative drawing and experimental painting.

The VAAL classroom is at 37653 Five Mile Road at Newburgh in Livonia. For more information about registration, call 734-838-1204 or visit [www.vaalart.org](http://www.vaalart.org).

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## GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

### Stolen handgun

A resident in the 2000 block of Barton reported June 26 that someone stole a 9 mm gun that he left under his car seat.

The man said that two gun magazines were also stolen.

Police could collect no evidence at the scene and the neighbors who the officer spoke to said that they didn't see anything.

### Fraud

A resident in the 400 block of Farmington reported June 27 that a collection agency contacted him that he owed \$1,100 for an unpaid Comcast bill.

He told the police that someone fraudulently opened an account in his name. He said that he doesn't know anyone who lives at the Dearborn Heights address that was given.

### Theft

A resident in the 30000 block of Dawson reported June 26 that her expensive coin collection was sto-

len.

The coins were silver proof sets dating from 1980 to 2014. There was no sign of a break-in at that location and nothing else was out of place.

### Property damage

A resident in the 1000 block of Helen reported June 21 that someone shattered the passenger-side window of her 2005 GMC Safari.

The vehicle was parked in her backyard.

### Retail fraud

Police arrested a 58-year-old Inkster man after he allegedly didn't pay for \$110 in items from the Kmart store located at 29600 Ford.

Among the items allegedly taken were Bud Light and Budweiser beer as well as a \$10 pot of flowers.

### Suspended license

Garden City police arrested a 53-year-old Highland Park man June 19 in the area of Ford and Belton for driving with a suspended license. Police took his plate.

By Sue Buck

## WAYNE COP CALLS

### Larceny

A green John Deere Gator ATV valued at \$7,500 was reported stolen June 24 from Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St.

Security video from June 21 around 2 a.m. reportedly showed three people walking to the football storage area.

An employee said the garage door is kept locked but the suspects reportedly entered and about 20 minutes later the garage door opened and the suspects drove off in the ATV after stopping to close the garage door.

The video then reportedly showed the suspects driving through the wooded areas, around the baseball field, through the school parking lot and then east on Glenwood.

### Break-in

On June 26, a resident in the 3876 Mildred told police she awoke about 7:30 a.m. after hearing creaking noises from the first floor of her home and believed it was her husband.

The woman, who was sleeping on the second floor, said she realized her husband had left for work. When she went downstairs, she said she noticed her Apple iPad2, valued at \$400, was missing from the couch.

A screen had been removed from the bathroom window and the kitchen door was unlocked.

The woman's husband said he had left at 5:45 a.m. and locked the kitchen door as he left. He said the iPad was on the couch.

### Larceny

A resident in the 4300 block of Hayes told police June 29 that someone had broken into his home and stolen unspecified items while he was sleeping.

### Hit and Run

Police were called to the 32000 block of Bluebird Lane just after 10:30 p.m. when a resident reported a silver Chevy pickup truck had struck his Kia Rio, damaging the rear passenger. The truck failed to stop.

By LeAnne Rogers

## WESTLAND COP CALLS

### Attempted break-in

A resident of the Woodcrest Apartments, 8476 Woodcrest, told police June 28 that about 4:30 a.m. she heard someone attempting to remove the screen to her bedroom window.

The woman said she opened the blinds and saw two men — one prying the screen back, the other pushing on the window in an attempt to slide it open.

When the suspects saw her, the woman said both ran north into a wooded area.

### Vandalism

A custodian at P.D. Graham Elementary School, 1255 S. John Hix, called police June 24 after an unknown group of teens reportedly drove a large white van across the school grounds, causing large ruts in the field.

The custodian said a group of teens is always at the school Saturday mornings playing flag football.

### Attempted break-in

On June 24, a resident of the Hines Park Apartments, 31660 Cowan, told police that while he was gone for several hours someone pried his front window screen. No entry was made to the apartment.

### Larceny

An employee at Dollar General, 1615 S. Merriman, told police June 24 that two men came into the store and asked for bug spray.

She said she directed them to the aisle, but one man asked her to show him where the item was located. She said the man began asking questions about the store.

The two men left, but a short time later the employee said she noticed \$82 missing from a cash drawer. She said the store security video showed the second man going into the office and taking the cash while the first man distracted her.

A Westland woman told police June 25 that she and a roommate were in the process of moving out of the Parkcrest Apartments, 6971 Parkcrest, when various food items, utensils, office supplies and cleaning supplies were stolen. The woman said the roommate had taken the items valued at approximately \$500.

A resident of an apartment at 28408 Warren Road told police June 25 that on June 6 someone had stolen 120 prescription Norco tablets from his

apartment. Police asked why there had been such a delay in making the report, and the man said he hadn't intended to make a complaint until finding he needed one before his doctor would write another prescription.

### Larceny from a vehicle

Catalytic converters were reportedly cut off two vehicles that had been left for service at Eric's Auto, 28550 Warren Road, June 25. The owner told police the vehicles, a 1999 GMC Sierra truck and a 2002 Cadillac STS, had both been left on June 20.

A resident in 7300 W. Frumin told police June 27 that someone had cut the catalytic converter from his 2000 Pontiac Grand Am while it was parked on the street.

### Larceny from a vehicle

On June 28, a resident in the 1600 block of North Wildwood told police that someone entered her locked Pontiac G5 between 3-5 a.m. while it was parked in front of her home.

Reported missing from the car was a Nintendo DS gaming system, along with a watch and phone charger belonging to a Canton man. The missing items were valued at \$650.

The officer noted no damage to the exterior door lock but reported seeing an indentation consistent with a lock-out type tool.

### Vandalism

On June 27, a resident in the 34000 block of Bayview told police someone keyed the side of her 2002 Chevrolet Cruze while it was parked in the street overnight.

### Larceny

A Westland man told police June 27 that he went inside Aldi, 707 S. Wayne Road, but after about five minutes realized he had left his money in the car. When he went outside, he said the \$240 was missing from the glove box. He said some medication was also missing. One door on the vehicle has a broken lock, the man said.


### Found property

On June 27, a resident in the 33000 block of Joy told police that overnight someone had left a bicycle in her driveway. She said it wasn't familiar and she didn't think it belonged to anyone in her neighborhood.

The bike was described as a Kawasaki Prairie men's mountain bike. Officers took custody of the bike.

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# Tons of fun, lots of history: A tour of historic Hines Drive Park

Shortly after we moved to Livonia, Barb and I took a walk in Hines Drive Park. We saw herons, egrets and wood ducks on that first walk and later canaries, woodpeckers, butterflies and deer. Why did we go to Florida when such wonders of nature are so close by?

This is part of the magic of Hines, where worlds of nature, recreational fun and history await everyone.

Hines Drive was opened in 1949 by the Wayne County Road Commission and is named after Edward N.

Hines, one of its first commissioners. Hines (1870-1938) was a cyclist who founded the Good Roads organization, which preceded the Road Commission.

The 17-mile long Hines Drive begins in Dearborn and winds along the Middle Rouge River through five other cities — Dearborn Heights, Westland, Livonia, Plymouth and Northville. It begins at Ford Road in Dearborn, a city of 96,000 that was first settled in 1826 and named after Gen. Henry Dearborn.

The first stops are several of 24 recreational areas with picnic facilities and shelters, ball fields, playgrounds and bits of history too, beginning with Parkdale, named for a nearby Detroit neighborhood — one of 51 in the city before annexations ended 1926.

A mile north on Hines is Warrendale, named for one of 44 early villages that once existed inside the Detroit city limits. At 2.7 miles is Wallaceville, near a former village founded in 1862 by saw-miller John Wallace.

Ten more recreational areas are ahead as we pass through Dearborn Heights and Westland, some named for sections or streets within these cities, like Helm's Haven, Parr, Nolar Bend and Perrin.

The city of Dearborn Heights (pop. 57,000) was created out of parts of Dearborn and Inkster in 1960. Westland (pop. 84,000), a city since 1966, was founded with the Perrin brothers sawmill in 1832. It was first called Perrinville and later (1887) Pike's Peak, after the one in Colorado.

Then comes Middlebelt Hill (aka Dead Man's Hill), an old landfill that's one of Hines' best winter recreational areas, with long sled/toboggan runs.

Next is Sherwood, a recreational area named for a nearby 1900s village on the old Detroit & Northwestern inter-urban railway.

## Nankin Mills

At 7.6 miles, we come to the heart of Hines Drive Park — Nankin Mills, today Wayne County Park's headquarters, a nature center and a museum of the Henry Ford mills along the Rouge river watershed. Nankin Mills is named after the former Nankin Township, established in 1829 when split off from Bucklin Township, along with Pekin Township — both taking names from provinces in China.

Dating to 1842, the mill was the center of Pike Peak's village. The first grist mill burned and the present one was built by Sam Hardenbergh in the 1860s.

Henry Ford bought the mill and nearby dam in 1918. It is the first of six of his village industry mills along what became Hines Drive. He converted the mill to hydroelectric power, building a larger dam that created a larger Nankin Lake. Ford's mill produced screws, stencils and other parts for Ford automobiles. Nearly all mill workers were nearby farmers.

This and other mill properties along Hines were donated by Ford to the Road Commission in 1948 by his wife, Clara, the year after his death. It was remodeled in 1955-57, becoming an interpretive nature center offering park tours. The miller's Greek Revival-style house next door is now used for special events.

Nankin Mills visitors can see replicas of mill equipment, and there's a changing wildlife exhibit in the lobby. The Friends of Nankin Mills group has been helping keep it going

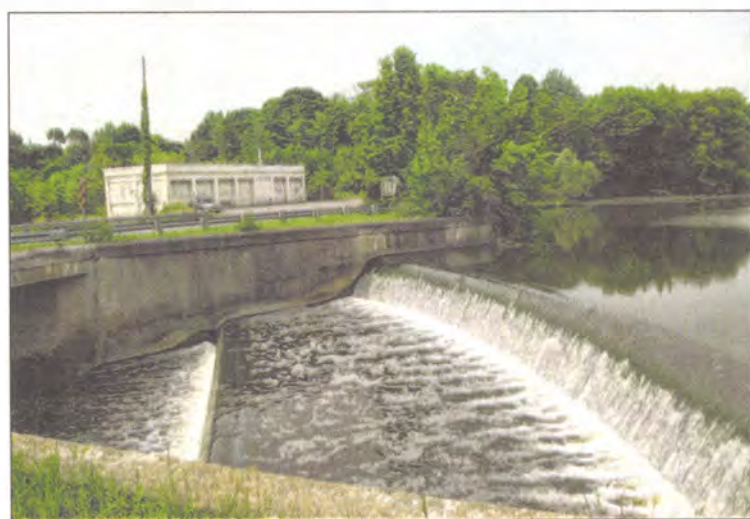


The Wayne County First Responders Memorial at Haggerty Road. PHOTOS BY GENE SCOTT



Gene Scott

GUEST COLUMNIST



Wilcox Mill and Dam at the entrance to old Plymouth's "Little Village."



Restored and remodeled Nankin Mills, at Hines Drive and Ann Arbor trail.

since 1988. For more information, visit [nankinmills.org](http://nankinmills.org) or call 734-261-1990.

The mill and adjacent Nankin recreation area are assembly points for numerous Hines Park annual events, including the helicopter Marshmallow Drop, Cruisin' The Hines old car show in August and Saturdays in the Park, when the eastern half of Hines is closed for family fun until 3 p.m. May through September.

Most popular is the Holiday Lights display along Hines, from Merriman east to Warrendale, mid-November to New Year's Eve.

## Perrinville School

Across Ann Arbor Trail is the 1856 Perrinville School one-room school, closed since 1937 and a church until 1968. At Joy Road, we enter the city of Livonia (pop. 97,000), first settled in 1818 and started as a township in 1835. It was named after Livonia, N.Y., an eastern Russia province, now part of Latvia.

At 9.1 miles is the Stark Road Bridge. Stark (1870-1930), one of Livonia's early villages, was an interurban stop.

Next comes Newburgh Mill and dam, Ford's last-purchased village industry mill site along Hines. Two earlier mills, by Asa Johns in 1819 and Nicolas Bodee in 1870, made cider from nearby apple orchards. Ford built his mill in 1934 with Wayne County and the WPA program under FDR's New Deal. It made airplane parts during World War II.

Ford's mill is now a County Sheriff's Mounted Division headquarters. His bigger dam

created Newburgh Lake, the largest lake along Hines. Newburgh (1819-1930) was another Livonia early village.

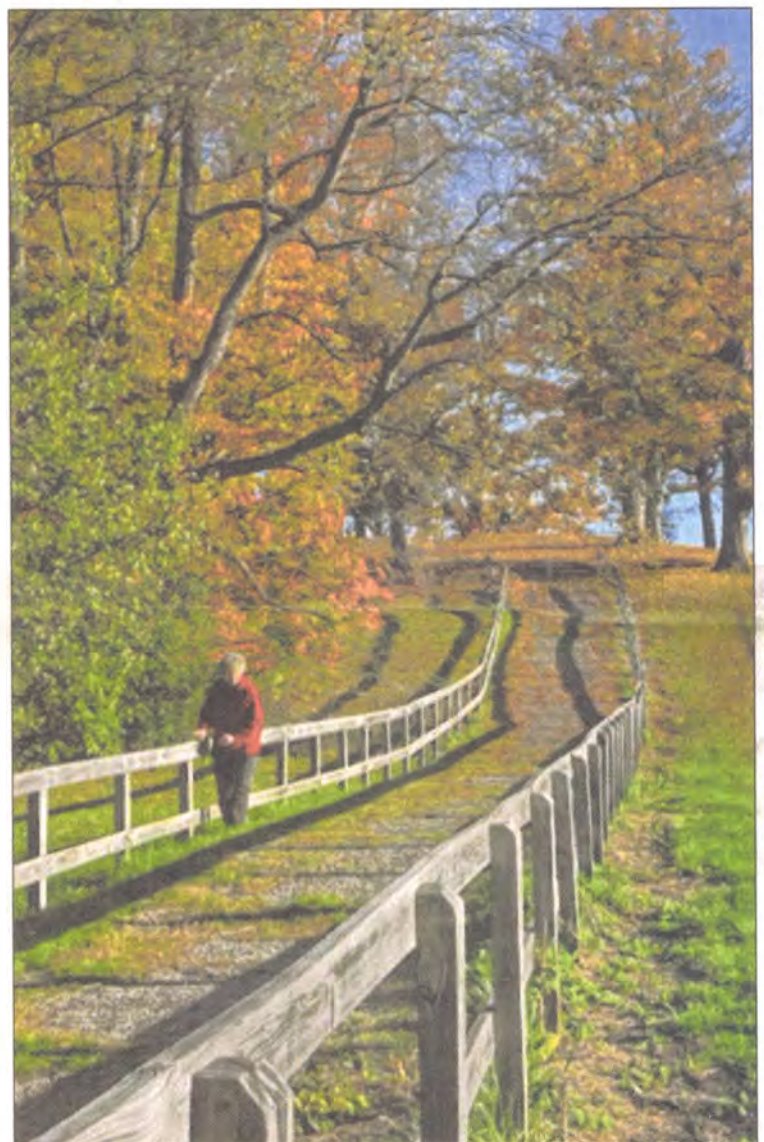
At 11.1 miles is the most elaborate of 20 Comfort Stations along Hines: Newburgh Pointe on the lake, built in 1935. Several other stations on Hines were designed to simulate train stations, as was Ford's wish. A canoe livery recently reopened here.

After passing under the M-14 expressway, we enter Plymouth (est. 1825, pop. 9,000) and come to the newest attraction on Hines at Haggerty Road: Wayne County's First Responders Memorial. It includes the names of more than 400 police, fire, and EMS personnel since 1867 who gave their lives in the line of duty.

Next is the site of Gunsolly Mill, a wool carding mill from 1851 which Ford moved to Greenfield Village in 1929. Then, it's up a hilly stretch to Wilcox Mill and Dam and the entrance to Plymouth's "Little Village." Here earlier was the Hardenbergh Grist Mill, built in 1850. The miller's 1840 house is around the corner in the village.

Ford rebuilt the mill, the fourth of his village industry mills, and by 1923 it was making cutouts and taps for Ford cars. In 1933, he rebuilt the mill pond dam into a much larger dam, creating Wilcox Lake. During World War II, it produced bomber plane parts. The building is now used for storage.

Next up the road at Five Mile is Phoenix Mill, a grist mill 1840-1905, named after Phoenix village, 1837-1880. It



Fall is the prettiest time of year to take a drive, bike ride or Segway (rentable at Nankin Mills) on Hines Drive.

became Ford's third village industry mill in 1922. The former mill also was a distillery, briefly.

The Phoenix Mill made voltage regulators and switches and employed mostly women, 70 of them. They were paid like the men: \$5 a day. In World War II, the plant made ID badges and wiring for M-7 guns. Across Five Mile is Phoenix Lake, which had a beach in the 1920s. The mill buildings are used for park maintenance.

Hines continues northwest on Five Mile and Northville roads. The next of Ford's mills is just off Hines. Go north on Northville Road and right turn onto Mill Street to Waterford Mill in the former town of Waterford (1837-1880). Ford's sixth village industry mill, it opened 1925 and produced precision gauges until 1958. It is now used by a durable castings firm.

## Bell Foundry

Continuing back on Hines and around a bend brings us near the remains of Mead's Mill, an 1850s bell foundry that closed after a fire in the 1880s. Michigan's largest grist mill was next door. The foundry collapsed while being relocated to a small dam nearby. It's barely viewable from the roadway and a difficult walk. Mindless vandals continue to deface the mill's stonework.

Hines then goes into Northville (pop. 6,000), founded 1825 and a city since 1955, and up a hillside past Bennett Arboretum, planted here in 1936 by

Jesse Bennett, first County parks superintendent, and the Cass-Benton recreation area, named after road commissioner Cassius Benton.

Along this final stretch of Hines is another favorite winter sledding run and, in and out of the nearby woods, a fairly new disc golf course, unfortunately also subject to frequent vandalism.

This brings us to the end of Hines Drive at Seven Mile Road. However, there is one more mill a few blocks north on Northville Road that is worth a look. It's the Northville Mill, opened in 1920 and the last of Ford's village mills to close in the 1980s. An 1827 grist mill and a later sawmill were once here.

Now commercial offices, the Northville Mill still has an operating waterwheel (just wait a few minutes and you'll see).

There's reason in every season to take a drive, bike ride or Segway (rentable at Nankin Mills) on Hines, with fall the best time. Mile for mile, it's as pretty as the 384-mile Blue Ridge Parkway from Virginia to the Smokies and conveniently close to home.

Gene Scott has been a Livonia Historical Society member for about 12 years. He is a retired editor and teacher who has published four books on the histories of Michigan towns. The most recent is "Michigan Shadow Towns." He and his wife Barb have lived in Livonia for 23 years.



## Fourth of July drunken driving crackdown kicks off

To celebrate freedom this Fourth of July holiday, police officials said motorists need to designate a sober driver or risk ending up behind bars. A statewide Night Patrol impaired driving enforcement crackdown kicked off Tuesday with nearly 150 law enforcement agencies in 26 counties participating.

In 2013, 354 people died in Michigan as a result of alcohol and/or drug-involved traffic crashes, a 3.5-percent increase from 2012. To help prevent these avoidable tragedies, law enforcement agencies from local police departments, sheriff offices and Michigan State Police posts across the state will conduct extra drunken driving patrols throughout this popular summer holiday period.

The effort runs through July 13 and is paid for with federal funds administered by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

"Alcohol-involved fatalities have increased during the last few years, resulting in more families mourning the preventable loss of a loved one," stated Michael L. Prince, OHSP director. "The officers are taking part to encourage drivers to make smart decisions and plan ahead to ensure a safe way home. Make no mistake, if you drive drunk, you will be arrested."

During the 2013 Fourth of July holiday period, 19 people died on Michigan roads. Six of the fatal crashes were alcohol-related.

In Michigan, it is illegal to drive with a blood-alcohol content of 0.08 or greater, although motorists can be arrested at any BAC level if an officer feels they are impaired. Under the state's high BAC law, motorists face enhanced penalties if a first-time arrest is for a 0.17 BAC or higher.

## Make plans for retirement now

**H**appy Fourth of July! All you have to do is take a look at the rest of the world to realize how lucky we are to live in the United States.

What makes America unique and great is the spirit of its people. Despite our current difficulties, the U.S. remains the one irreplaceable country in the world.

American technology and ingenuity continues to lead the world. On this, our 238th birthday, we should all take a moment and pat ourselves on the back for a job well done. Our country is always a work in process; however, there's nothing wrong about boasting about what we have accomplished.

We all know how complicated life can be, and what makes it even more complex is when you don't plan for the future. A recent survey stated that more than half of Americans only guess when it comes to their retirement needs. People spend more time planning their vacation than their retirement.



**Rick Bloom**

MONEY MATTERS

I find the survey results scary. At a minimum, everyone needs to know what their magic number (your investable assets) is. That number is uniquely yours and it is important to spend some time determining it.

The Internet is full of free retirement calculators that can help determine your "magic number." Many of these calculators allow a variety of assumptions such as inflation or life expectancy. These calculators can be as simple or sophisticated as you choose. Whether you use a calculator or do it the old-fashioned way, it is important to calculate your retirement number.

A simple formula that I use to help analyze someone's situation is to start with what

it costs them to live for one month today. The general assumption is that when you retire, your cost of living does not go down. In fact, in many situations it actually goes up. From the yearly expense number, subtract items such as Social Security and pensions. The net number is the annual shortfall.

For example, if it costs \$50,000 a year to live and if I was getting \$20,000 from Social Security my annual shortfall (\$50,000 - \$20,000) is \$30,000.

For someone who is retiring in their mid- to late 60s I recommend taking the annual shortfall and multiply it by 25 to 30 times. For example, if the annual shortfall was \$20,000 I want to have at a minimum one-half million dollars (25 x \$20,000) set aside for retirement. Of course, I would feel more comfortable with \$600,000 (30 x \$20,000).

I recognize this is a large number for most people. However, it is what it is. You have to plan on being retired for 25

or more years. It is also important to recognize that your cost of living will go up. Therefore, you need a rising income the rest of your life.

If you have 25 to 30 times your annual shortfall you generally will be in good shape when it comes to retirement.

There's no question that retiring is part of the American Dream. Unfortunately, too many people are finding that retirement is a nightmare rather than a dream.

The earlier you start planning and the more you know about your retirement needs, the better it will be for you.

Have a great holiday and remember how proud we should be to live in the greatest, freest country in the history of the world.

Good luck.

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## Crider files campaign finance complaint against Cox

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Another campaign finance violation complaint has been filed against a state House candidate in Livonia. This time, it's one candidate filing it against the other.

Documents from the Secretary of State show Republican state House candidate Ken Crider filed a complaint with the department last month, alleging his primary challenger and current Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox violated state campaign finance law by not properly disclosing who paid for ads in a brochure for an event at St. Edith's Catholic Church and a fundraising dinner in May.

The complaint letter, sent to Cox by the state agency, states Crider believes she violated campaign finance law by not including information as to who paid for the ad in a brochure.



**Crider**

chore during a St. Edith Parent Association program.

"Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox clearly paid for an ad which clearly shows a letterhead with her 'For State Representative' logo and then states 'candidate for the 19th District' and ends with 'www.lauracox.com' but blatantly disregards MCL 169.247 (1), R169.36(2) and doesn't (have) the required 'Paid for by' information," Crider's letter to the Secretary of State reads.

Cox, in her rebuttal letter sent to the state agency, said she and her campaign were well within the spirit of the rule, which she said is to dis-



**Cox**

close the source of the funding for the political advertisement.

She said her staff and she were unaware of the rule indicating a mailing address be used instead of a website address, and said it was clear who paid for the ad.

"Given my campaign's mailing address is listed on the home page of www.electlauracox.com, I believe the campaign also complied with R 136.36(2). But, if you disagree, it is clear that my campaign has clearly complied with the motivation for the rule - that an interested party be able to determine who is paying for a political advertisement," her letter states. "I expect this administrative rule pre-dates the Internet and common usage of URL addresses, and does not include the 'committee website address' only because it is easier to update the statement of organization form than administrative

rule." The Secretary of State has 60 days after both Cox and Crider have a chance to respond, which will end after the Aug. 5 primary election, to conclude its investigation. Crider and Cox are the only two candidates running on the Republican ticket.

Crider is also facing a campaign finance violation: a Walled Lake resident filed a complaint in May alleging Crider began campaigning before officially filing his committee's Statement of Organization, failing to disclose in-kind contributions made by his campaign to local Republican Party fundraisers and not providing disclosure on certain campaign materials.

He has denied wrongdoing with much of the complaint filed against him. That case is also in the 60-day investigative period, which will end after the primary election.



Be sure to take advantage of all the great events we have planned for the month of July. Join in for fun, informative, and entertaining activities throughout the entire month!

<p>Events At: <b>Independence Village of Plymouth</b> 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 734-453-2600</p>	<p><b>Sunday Brunch &amp; Open House</b></p>	<p>Events At: <b>Independence Village of White Lake</b> 935 Union Lake Road, White Lake, MI 48386 248-360-7235</p>
<p><b>Fourth of July Celebration</b> Wednesday, July 2   1:30 pm</p> <p>Join your own Village Joy Singers as they help Independence Village celebrate Independence Day. Our thirty-voice choir will present a program of all your patriotic favorites. Light refreshments will be served.</p>	<p><b>Sunday Brunch</b> Sunday, July 20</p> <p>Bring your family and friends and join us for a delicious chef-prepared brunch buffet. In addition to the delicious breakfast and lunch food, be sure not to miss the fantastic desserts our chef has prepared especially for this event.</p> <p>Cost \$17.00 adults, \$13.00 ages 6-12, ages 4 and under are free.</p>	<p><b>Ice Cream Social</b> Wednesday, July 9 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm</p> <p>Two of our favorite things come together for this fun event—ice cream and being social. Create your own ice cream with a variety of flavors and toppings, then sit down with your friends and swap stories like you used to do at the local soda fountain.</p>
<p><b>Art in the Park</b> July 11 - 13 Friday, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm Saturday, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Sunday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm</p> <p>Be sure to stop by our booth during Michigan's second largest art fair. Located in downtown Plymouth, it's a great weekend of art, food and fun you won't want to miss.</p>	<p><b>Summer Celebration Open House</b> Saturday, July 26</p> <p>Join us for the July Open House and enjoy an old fashioned picnic with everything but the ants! It's a chance for us to get together as a community, tell a few stories, and share a laugh and a meal.</p>	<p><b>Time to get Jazzy</b> Thursday, July 31   6:00 pm</p> <p>What could be better than some cool jazz and an ice-cold martini? Independence Village of White Lake proudly presents an evening of jazz with vocalist Sheila Landos. Enjoy exquisite appetizers and be part of the scene.</p>
<p><b>America the Beautiful Patriotic Presentation</b> Monday, July 30   1:30 pm</p> <p>Celebrate America through song and story. "Suzanne and Jim" will inspire your patriotic pride with this star-spangled show.</p>	<p><b>Please Call for Details</b></p>	

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## Co-Op Services' free movie attracts crowd at Westland mall

Dozens of families enjoyed a free film Saturday evening with the screening of *The LEGO Movie* at Westland Shopping Center.

The event was hosted by Co-op Services Credit Union.

"We had a great turnout of more than 300 people who came with blankets, pillows and pajamas," said Jeremy Cybulski, Co-op Services' youth and community development coordinator. "Our Rock Star mascot also made a special appearance to greet families before the movie started."

The credit union provided free popcorn, water and lots of giveaways, including Rock Star cups, Rock Star LEGO coloring sheets and Fun with Money booklets. Moviegoers also were able to enter contests to guess how

many LEGO bricks were in a jar and "Name the LEGO Movie characters," giving one lucky person the chance to win a \$150 mall gift card.

"The mall is a great community/business partner," Cybulski said. "When we ran short of popcorn and water, they purchased extra and even helped serve it."

Cybulski said more special events are planned in partnership with Westland Shopping Center in the weeks ahead.

Headquartered in Livonia, Co-op Services Credit Union has more than 51,000 members and maintains eight full-service branch offices in metro Detroit. For more information about Co-op Services, visit the credit union website at [www.cscu.org](http://www.cscu.org) or call 800-321-8570.



Co-op Services Credit Union's Rock Star mascot greets visitors to the free viewing of "The LEGO Movie" at Westland Shopping Center on Saturday evening.

## NEWS-MAKERS

### Insurance certification

The designation of Certified Insurance Counselor has been conferred upon Lynn Swain Bannister of Garden City following her successful completion of a rigorous insurance education program sponsored by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors.



Bannister

The announcement was made by Dr. William T. Hold, president of the Society of CIC. An official pinning ceremony will be held in Lansing.

The Society of CIC is a key member of The National Alliance for Insurance Education and Research, the nation's pre-eminent provider of insurance and risk management education. Currently, only 70,000 agents and insurance professionals throughout the country have received the CIC designation in the program's 45-year history.

Bannister has demonstrated her professional competence through the successful completion of the five CIC institutes and comprehensive written examinations focusing on all major fields of insurance, insurance management and agency operations.

### Mercury recycling

EQ - The Environmental Quality Company has partnered with the State of Michigan to facilitate the collection of mercury through The Great Lakes Mercury Collection Program. Any Michigan resident or business can contact EQ for a free collection bucket/box and instruction kit by calling 877-960-2025, going on their Facebook page or by emailing [mercurybucket@eqonline.com](mailto:mercurybucket@eqonline.com).

The container is delivered to the residence or business with a return UPS label. Mercury devices, such as thermostats, thermometers, gauges, barometers, switches, relays, sensors, dental amalgam and much more can be placed in the bucket or box and returned to EQ for proper disposal using the UPS label. EQ will ensure proper recycling methods, which will reduce the amount of mercury from entering the earth's environment.

The program is available for a limited time. It does not accept fluorescent light bulbs.

### DTE Boot Camp

DTE Energy is starting a new Boot Camp to train people to become Customer Care Representatives in the company's Contact Center in Detroit.

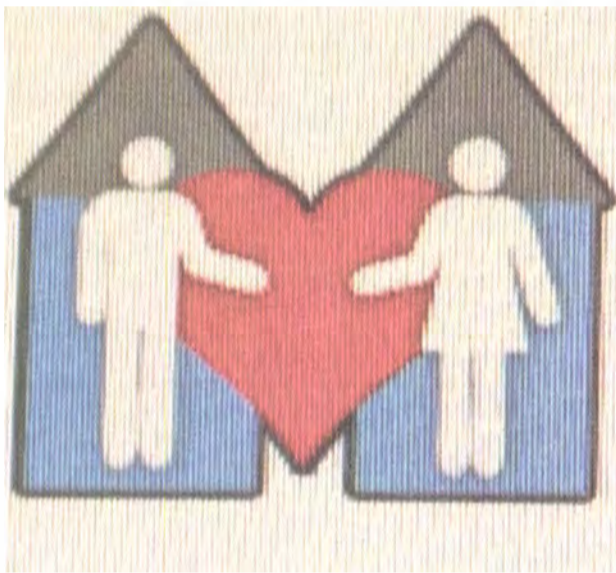
The Contact Center Boot Camp will run from Aug. 4-29 at MIAT College of Technology in Canton. There are 30 available seats for training with a potential for employment upon the training's completion. While there is no guarantee of employment, Boot Camp students who successfully complete the training will receive a Certificate of Completion from MIAT.

The coursework will cover DTE Energy's pre-employment occupational specific training for the entry level customer care representative.

Those interested should have at least a high school diploma and one year of customer call center experience in a high-volume environment. Candidates must have professional oral and written communication skills with a good speaking voice.

Interested candidates should send resumes by June 27 to SEMCA Michigan Works! at [energyjobs@semca.org](mailto:energyjobs@semca.org).

## MyHelpersList connects entrepreneurs and clients



MyHelpersList.com is a new website designed to help entrepreneurs who offer service work to connect with potential clients.

People interested in offering a service can create an ad under several different categories, including adult care, child care, lawn maintenance, tutoring, music lessons, volunteer work and driving services.

Those who need help can search the website by category or zip code or post a request for a specific service, if they don't find what they were specifically looking for. Once

connected, the users can decide on payment options or choose to barter.

The site is designed as a community service and is completely free for users. Those offering services can post photos of themselves, referrals from past employers, letters of recommendation and any other relevant materials.

MyHelpersList was created by Dr. Charlene Babcock, an emergency doctor in the Metro Detroit area, and her sister Jennifer Goodhue. They started the site earlier this year after struggling to find someone to assist their father who was recovering from an illness. They wanted to find a neighbor of his or a friend of a friend; someone they knew they could trust to look in on their father.

"We didn't want just anyone coming to my father's house, it needed to be someone we trusted and knew would take the same care and consideration that we would," Babcock said.

After that experience, Babcock realized that there was no simple way to help neighbors needing help to find neighbors willing to help. In fact, MyHelpersList's motto is "Neighbors helping Neighbors."

There are five things that make MyHelpersList.com unique. First, it's based on zip code, which allows anyone to search around your local area/neighbor-

hood. You may find out that that you already know your helper.

Second, it allows for the option of bartering for services. How does bartering factor in? Imagine a retired music teacher who needs household help but has a limited budget. She can barter in exchange for teaching piano lessons (a parent helps with house hold chores while she teaches the daughter piano).

Third, you can upload pictures or documents. You may want to post a picture of your work or upload a letter of recommendation or CV.

Next it has a volunteer category. If you need volunteer help for a project, you may find a neighborhood Boy Scout troop that wants to help you. Eagle scouts, honor students, church groups looking for volunteer ideas can find them here.

Finally, it's offered totally free. There is no charge for anything.

Babcock hopes MyHelpersList.com will not only help people who need help find neighbors and friends who want to help, but also many people wishing to start a small business on their own can get their first big break on MyHelpersList.com.

To sign up, go to MyHelpersList.com and choose whether you want to be a helper or if you need help. Then create a login and fill out the form detailing your services. Also go to the website for more information.

## Life isn't meant to be lived online

I came across a mug inscribed with: "A life ... where can I download one of those?"

It was welcomed comic relief and a not-so-subtle reminder that life isn't meant to be lived online. Computers are incredible tools, and the internet offers virtually limitless access to information and entertainment.

However, to fully engage with life we have to get outside, connect with people face to face and experience the infinite world beyond our computers.

So instead of trying to "download a life" let's make plans to enjoy this weekend with friends and family — and have a Sunny weekend!

Clarity P.S. "Just living is not enough ... one must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower."



Clarity Patton Newhouse

A SUNNY NOTE

Hans Christian Anderson P.P.S. Thank you for sharing Sunny Notes with others. New readers can visit [www.JoinSunnyNotes.com](http://www.JoinSunnyNotes.com) to add an email address to receive Sunny Notes directly by email each week.

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# Walsh bill signed to expedite rape kit evidence results



Gov. Rick Snyder signed a bill this week sponsored by state Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, to set up an appropriate process and timeline for the analysis of rape kits after a tour of the Michigan State Police Forensic Science Laboratory led to the discovery of more than 11,000 unprocessed evidence kits in Wayne County. Walsh said rape victims should never suffer prolonged investigations and deserve proper research and communication from law enforcement. From left: Herb R. Tanner, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan; Mary Morrow, Wayne County Prosecutor's Sexual Assault Kit Project Director; state Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia; and Gov. Rick Snyder.

## SEMCOG's interactive map shows commuting patterns for communities

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, has a new interactive map that shows commuting patterns for communities in the seven-county southeast Michigan region — Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

The new map answers the following questions for each community:

- » How many residents work in the community in which they live?
- » Where are additional workers commuting from?
- » What communities are residents commuting to?

Using data from the Census Transportation Planning Package, Commuting Patterns in Southeast Michigan, SEMCOG developed an interactive mapping tool that shows where people in southeast Michigan commute to and from. Just click on a community and explore by selecting "Inflows" or "Outflows."

Results will show the number of workers who live and work in the selected community, as well as the number of workers who commute to the selected community. Detailed statistics of the communities that residents commute to or from is displayed in a bar chart. The map also colors in the relational communities.

Travel to work — showing the connections between the business and labor markets — is one of the defining factors of a regional economy.

Travel-to-work data in southeast Michigan suggests that the SEMCOG region is connected by commuting flows that tie housing markets and job centers across the region into one very strong, cohesive interdependent region.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the *Observer* as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Please include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Mail, fax or email information to: *Observer*, Community Calendar, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Fax: 313-223-4650. Email address is: ksmith@hometownlife.com.

**SWEET HEALTHY SNACKS TO BURN FAT**  
**Time/date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 9

**Location:** TLC Holistic Wellness, 31580 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia

**Details:** Learn how to make natural snacks that reduce sugar cravings and help burn fat. Come taste delicious healthy snacks that are easy to make. Free recipes provided by Dr. Linda Solomon, D.C., CCWFN, Natural Foods Chef. This free workshop is limited to 10 guests. Reservations required.  
**Contact:** 734-756-6904.

**MID-SUMMER'S NIGHT TEA AT THE HILL HOUSE GARDENS**  
**Time/date:** 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 10

**Location:** South lawn of the Hill House, Greenmead Historical Park, Livonia

**Details:** Stroll the grounds and enjoy the beauty of the many surrounding flower gardens. Celebrate summer as you nibble on tea sandwiches, scones and desserts under an outdoor tent. Choice of hot or iced tea. A guest speaker will delight and inform guests. Tickets are \$25 each, available for purchase in advance only. All proceeds benefit Greenmead Historical Park.  
**Contact:** 248-477-7375

**TIMOTHY LUTHERAN ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/dates:** 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 16

**Location:** Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia

**Details:** Donations accepted June 30 to July 12. There will be

a Scrap Metal Collection July 14-18 — bring any thing you have. A bag sale will be held 1-5 p.m. on July 16, the final day of the sale.  
**Contact:** 734-427-2290

**MICHIGAN KOI AND POND CLUB TOUR**

**Time/date:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 19

**Location:** Eight homes and water gardens in Livonia. Starting point is 32525 Six Mile Road, between Merriman and Farmington roads

**Details:** The Michigan Koi and Pond Club's 5th Annual Pond Tour is self-guided. Tickets, Pond Tour booklet and maps provided at starting point. An MKPC member will be available at each home to provide any assistance. Talk with homeowners and MKPC members and gain insight into this growing hobby. Tickets are \$5 per child and \$10 per adult.  
**Contact:** Raymond Alexander at 734-846-8588 or bearraya@aol.com; www.mkpc-se.com

**FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOPS**

**Time/date:** 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 19

**Location:** Holy Cross Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Michigan State University Extension will offer a food preservation class on pressure canning carrots from 10 a.m. to noon and one on jams and jellies from 1-3 p.m. in which participants will make strawberry jam. Cost is \$20 each.  
**Contact:** www.msue.msu.edu; 1-888-MSUE4MI

**SPOKE FOLK**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. July 25

**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne

**Details:** Spoke Folk, a contemporary musical ministry tour for 15-20 years old participants and adult counselors, bikes during the day and share an evening concert/worship service with each host congregation they stay with each night. Spoke Folk is a very passionate ministry that shares and lives the Gospel through biking, music and community.  
**Contact:** For more information about Spoke Folk, go online to spokefolk.org.

**LIVING ON**

**Time/Date:** 2-2:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month

**Location:** Conference Room 2 on the second level, Oakwood Hospital-Wayne, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne (use West entrance)

**Details:** Hospice of Michigan's Living On grief support groups offer information on the basic needs of mourning. The group allows for safe and supportive discussions on personal experiences with grief.  
**Contact:** For more information, contact Margie Martin, Grief Support Services Manager, at 734-769-5821 or visit the website at www.hom.org.

**BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m./ Monday-Thursday, July 28-30

**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne

**Contact:** Call the church office at 734-728-1950.

**GOLF OUTING**

**Time/Date:** 7:15 a.m. Aug. 9

**Location:** Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier, Plymouth

**Details:** The Lyman Foundation is accepting registrations for its 35th Annual Golf Outing benefiting Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City. There will be starts at 7:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.  
**Contact:** Register now at www.lymanfoundation.org.

**MOM 2 MOM SALE**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2

**Location:** Ss. Simon and Jude Parish, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland

**Details:** Table space is available for the Mom 2 Mom sale. Cost is \$15 for an 8-foot table and \$5 for a card table. Food, drink, and baked goods will be available. A 9-10 a.m. early bird admission is \$2, and \$1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Strollers welcome.  
**Contact:** For more information or to purchase a table, Carolyn G. at 734-728-1559 or cgregones@yahoo.com or Sandy K. at 734-721-4867 or skopcak@comcast.net.

**TUITION-FREE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

**Time/date:** Monday through Thursday, morning or after-

noon sessions

**Location:** 26141 Schoolcraft, Redford

**Details:** The South Redford School District is offering a tuition-free preschool program, with the exception of a one-time only material fee of \$75, to all children who reside in south Redford for the 2014-15 school year. Children must be 4 by Sept. 1, 2014. The children attend three-hour classes, Monday through Thursday, morning or afternoon sessions. The preschoolers participate in activities that are designed to encourage the development of readiness skills necessary for a successful kindergarten experience. Parents interested in more information may contact the Preschool Program teachers at (313) 535-4000, ext. 1036.

**ONGOING**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 32 CAR SHOWS**

**Time/dates:** 5-8 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 4 (except July 3)

**Location:** American legion

Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia

**Details:** Besides burgers, brats and hot dogs served outside on the grill for a small fee, a sit-down home-cooked meal will be offered inside the post for \$8 per person. There is also a bake sale put on by the American Legion Riders of Post 32. All proceeds go to helping veterans. Music, 50-50 drawings, prizes awarded to the best cars. Motorcycle riders invited as well.  
**Contact:** 734-427-5630

**LIVONIA CAMERA CLUB**

**Time/date:** 8-9:30 p.m. the first two Thursdays September through May

**Location:** McKinley School, 9100 Hillcrest, Livonia

**Details:** A group of photographic enthusiasts dedicated to promotion of photography through displays, competitions, critiques and education.  
**Contact:** Dennis Gelarden, president, 734-591-2589; livoniacameraclub.com

### CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

**Petition #2809 - R. Wright - 38520 Nellie Ln.**  
 Req. for an 8' rear yd. setback variance from Ord. 248 to construct a 10' x 22' porch enclosure addition to the rear of the home that would be located 27' from the rear of the home; whereas Sec. 7:4.2 requires a minimum rear yd. setback of 35' for residential homes.

**Petition #2810 - M. Nagy - 1425 Elias**  
 Req. for a 1'3" side yd. setback variance and a 3'7" separation variance from Ord. 248 to construct an attached 14' x 20' garage addition to the north side of the home that would result in the sum of the two yds. equaling 13'7"; whereas Sec. 7:4.2 requires a minimum 15' side yd. setback and would result in an 11'5" separation between homes at the north side of the lot; whereas Sec. 7:4.2(a) requires a minimum of 15' between homes.

**Petition #2811 - Allied Signs/Taco Bell - 6925 N. Wayne Rd.**  
 Req. for an 83.27 sq. ft. sign area variance from Ord. 248 to install 137.1 sq. ft. of wall-mounted signage at the site; whereas Sec. 15:6.2(a) allows the building a maximum of 54 sq. ft. of wall-mounted signage.

**Petition #2812 - Allied Signs/Taco Bell - 6925 N. Wayne Rd.**  
 Req. for an 83.27 sq. ft. sign area variance from Ord. 248 to install 137.1 sq. ft. of wall-mounted signage at the site; whereas Sec. 15:6.2(a) allows the building a maximum of 54 sq. ft. of wall-mounted signage.

**Petition #2813 - G. Marzion - 8599 Sanford**  
 Req. for a 1'6" side yd. fence hgt. variance from Art. X of the City Code to install a 6' high privacy fence in the street side yd.; whereas Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.  
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## OUR VIEWS

# Put safety first this Fourth of July holiday

## Follow local laws in use of fireworks

In January 2012, it became legal for Michigan residents to buy consumer fireworks, such as Roman candles, bottle rockets and other items that leave the ground.

Now the landscape is peppered with an assortment of stores and tentst peddle the pyrotechnics to the public, who wholeheartedly embraced having their own fireworks displays long before state lawmakers made it legal, by buying fireworks in Indiana and Ohio.

But the new found residential banging and booming comes with some rules that some people chose to ignore. For them, celebrating the Fourth of July holiday can start as early as several weeks before the holiday and runs well past. But lawmakers tweaked the law last summer, giving communities the power to restrict the use of aerial fireworks from midnight to 8 a.m. on nine holidays and the days immediately before and after. On New Year's, fireworks are restricted from 1-8 a.m. For the rest of the days of the year, municipalities can restrict fireworks use as they see fit. Violators can face a fine of up to \$500.

But beyond the noise factor, care is needed in handling fireworks. Every year, injuries from consumer fireworks send thousands to the emergency room. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has found that a majority of fireworks-related injuries happen around the Fourth of July holiday. Its data shows that there were more injuries last year than there has been since 2000. There were an estimated 11,400 injuries in 2013, up from 8,700 in 2012 and 9,600 in 2011.

According to the report, children younger than 15 years of age accounted for approximately 30 percent of the estimated injuries. And of the total overall injuries, 12 percent, or 600, were to the eyes. Burns were the most common injury to all parts of the body, except the eyes, where contusions, lacerations and foreign bodies in the eyes occurred more frequently.

Groups like the public health-based organization Prevent Blindness continue to support development and enforcement of bans on the importation, sale and use of all fireworks and sparklers, except for authorized public displays by competent licensed operators. The group believes such bans are the only effective means of eliminating the social and economic impact of fireworks-related trauma and damage.

But such bans may be an uphill battle. The American Pyrotechnics Association reported a record \$662 million in personal-use fireworks revenue for last year, compared with \$328 million for display fireworks, such as those used at public shows. In Michigan, more than 880 certificates were issued for vendors to sell fireworks this year, up from 727 in 2013 and 704 in 2012, according to the Michigan State Fire Marshal's Office.

So those planning to use fireworks on, before and after the Fourth of July, follow the rules. Find out what the times are for fireworks in your community and follow them. And, do it safely. The Consumer Product Safety Commission offers these safety tips when using fireworks:

- » Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
  - » Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and that they could pose a danger to consumers.
  - » Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals. They can cause severe skin burns or ignite clothing.
  - » Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
  - » Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
  - » Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
  - » Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or another mishap.
  - » Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
  - » Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
  - » After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding to prevent a fire.
- Put safety first this Fourth of July. Enjoy the parades and picnics, and if you must shoot off fireworks, do it with the utmost care. Fireworks can and do injure, maim and kill, if not handled properly.

## GUEST COLUMNIST

# Bio-based manufacturing: Creating Michigan jobs

Michigan farmers are known for the tremendous diversity of crops our state grows — cherries, apples, blueberries, soybeans, corn and sugar beets, to name just a few. But here's a crop you might not think about: Michigan farmers are growing manufacturing jobs every single day.

Agriculture and manufacturing are at the heart of our economy and are the foundation for our middle class. It's simple: When we make things here and grow things here, we create jobs here. And when we make things here with the things we grow here, it's even better.

Bio-based manufacturing, using home-grown agricultural crops instead of petroleum-based chemicals to make products, is an industry poised to grow and create jobs right here in America.

At the same time our bio-based manufacturers are creating jobs, they are helping the environment and reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

This is truly a win-win-win for Michigan. That's why we strengthened support for bio-based manufacturing in the bipartisan Farm Bill that passed earlier this year.

## Long history

In fact, bio-based manufacturing has a long history in Michigan and helped in our first manufacturing revolution in the early 20th century. Henry Ford was one of the first to recognize the potential of using plant materials in manufacturing. Having grown up on a farm, Ford experimented with ways that soy-based products could be used in automobiles.

By the 1940s, there were two bushels of soybeans in every single Ford car that came off the



By **Debbie Stabenow**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

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line. Soybeans were used for everything from the paint on the outside of the car to the plastic buttons inside.

Today, Ford is continuing the legacy of its founder, and in every single new Ford car and truck built in North America, you're sitting on seats made of soybeans.

But Ford is not alone. Chrysler is using coconut fibers to produce seat back cushions and seat bottoms, while GM is using wood fiber to make flooring and flax to make door panel inserts.

Other Michigan companies are helping to lead the way in this 21st century manufacturing revolution and some of them were highlighted at my Grow It Here, Make It Here showcase at the U.S. Senate last week.

KTM Industries of Lansing is creating foam packaging made of cornstarch. Instead of taking up space in your trash can like regular Styrofoam, you can compost it in your backyard or run it under water in the sink and it

melts away down the drain. It's safe for the environment, it protects your packages during transport and it doesn't take up space in the landfill. Even better, it creates jobs here in Michigan. In fact, KTM has doubled its number of employees in the last 12 months.

## Foam made of soy

Lear Corp. in Southfield is using a foam material made of soy to create cushioning for car seats. It uses renewable soy oil as an environmentally friendly replacement for petroleum, reducing the carbon footprint and improving product price stability, while still meeting strict automotive performance standards.

And Fabri-Kal from Kalamazoo uses a 100-percent plant-based material to make renewable cups, lids, portion containers and on-the-go boxes. Fabri-Kal is a family-owned business and makes its renewable serving products right here in Michigan.

This is a win-win-win for Michigan: Farmers sell more of their crops, businesses create jobs and it is good for the environment.

Bio-based manufacturing is the next jobs revolution in our country and one that Michigan is ready to lead. It brings together Michigan's top two industries — manufacturing and agriculture — and it creates new opportunities for companies and farmers to partner to continue growing an essential crop right here at home: manufacturing jobs.

*U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, is chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry and authored the bipartisan 2014 Farm Bill that was signed into law by President Obama at Michigan State University earlier this year.*

## LETTERS

### Another fine mess

I sure hope our state senators, state representatives, governor and firework lobbyists live in subdivisions like I do where the "bombs bursting in air" go on all hours of every summer day and night. I hope their front lawns, driveways and streets are full of empty bottle rockets and cherry bomb wrappers.

I hope they are happy with the chaos they created when they relaxed the restrictions on firework sales we had in Michigan that allowed us peaceful summer nights.

Like Oliver Hardy once said, "Here's another fine mess you've got us into."

Skip Wehrle  
Garden City

### Wild for County exec

With summer here at long last, the landscape keeps changing. We see community vegetable gardens, flowers, children's happy voices filling our parks and neighborhoods, barbecues, kids' outdoor sports events, picnics, etc., ... and, yes, political signs.

Indeed, it is not too early to become involved in our upcoming primary election on Aug. 5. Now is the opportune time to learn all about this upcoming election. Rather than think and say "ugh," look at this election as a golden opportunity to express our right to vote; actually, our responsibility is to get involved, our way of proudly selecting the next Wayne County executive.

Some of you will be voting very soon, if you choose to vote by using the absentee ballot. Please make sure that your request is in for the upcoming primary election on Aug. 5. Some of us will go to the polls to select our next leader of Wayne County. This primary election is crucial because actually whoever wins the Democratic primary election becomes the next Wayne County executive.

Unfortunately, too many voters neglect to vote in the primary election. Too many do not realize the utmost importance of a primary election. This Aug. 5 is key to electing our next leader of Wayne County.

So it is important to make certain that you are registered for the primary election. It is essential that you know your precinct. Some precincts will be changed for this Aug. 5 primary because some school locations

will not be available. This will confuse some voters.

If you are not sure of your precinct for this Aug. 5, please call your City Clerk's office now to verify your precinct. In Westland, we believe that notices were sent to voters who will be affected by this change. If you are not sure, Westland residents should call the City Clerk's office at 734-462-3185. Please become a responsible citizen and make sure that you will vote in the primary election.

We are asking you to vote for Bill Wild for Wayne County executive. There are several candidates vying for this position. Westland residents and many residents of western Wayne County are aware of the strengths of Bill Wild. There are countless reasons for electing Bill Wild as our next county executive. Briefly, as mayor, he has created a surplus budget in tough times without raising taxes or cutting jobs. He has brought new businesses to our region, found bold solutions and brought leadership to the community.

Bill Wild is a proven leader who will look out for everyone's best interests. As the new Wayne County executive, Bill Wild is the candidate with a plan to create jobs, improve our neighborhoods, ensure our safety and move Wayne County forward.

It's time to bring real change, trust and accountability back to the county executive's office. Bill Wild is the candidate to do just that. Please join many of us in voting for Bill Wild as our next Wayne County executive on Aug. 5.

Jim and Mary Murphy  
Westland

### Inspect your car before vacation

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» Check filters and fluids including engine oil, power steering and brake, and transmission, as well as windshield washer solvent and antifreeze/coolant.

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» Check the brakes and battery to be sure the battery connection is clean, tight and corrosion-free and that the brakes are functioning properly.

The Car Care Council also recommends that motorists restock their emergency kit, consider a pre-trip tune-up to help the engine deliver the best balance of power and fuel economy, and order a free copy of the Car Care Council's popular Car Care Guide for the glove box at [car-care.org/car-care-guide](http://car-care.org/car-care-guide).

Rich White  
Executive Director  
Car Care Council

### Don't support M-1

I have contacted the US Department of Transportation, asking them to STOP and no longer support the Detroit M-1 Light Railway System, that is a 3.3-mile, 13-stop boondoggle already over budget and underfunded.

It is a fanciful Disneyland ride in a city that is in bankruptcy, with retirees robbed of their pensions, tax dollars that should be helping Detroit are labeled Detroit Downtown Development Authority "captured dollars" (not tax dollars).

Detroit does not have a dependable bus system. Detroit residents do not even have bus shelters to protect them from wind, rain or snow. Detroit and its suburbs need a coordinated bus system that will provide economic aid to the region.

If you wish to support and end to the M-1 Light Rail System, go to the US Department of Transportation website and submit your email of support.

David L. Malhalab  
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## Wish you were here



The Michigan Synchro Masters performed at the 2014 Meijer State Games of Michigan in Kentwood on June 22. Meijer SGOM is a multi-sport, Olympic-style event taking place at several venues in the Grand Rapids area. The sport of synchronized swimming was invited to participate in the SGOM for the first time this year. Pictured are Michigan Synchro Masters members (front row, left to right) Maureen Kelly, Beverly Hills; Sandy Allen, Westland, holding the Observer; Scotti Nichols, Livonia; (back row, left to right) Beth Borland, Bloomfield Hills; Diane Burgermeister, Plymouth; Doreen Durandetto, Walled Lake; Barb Hayes, Northville; Fran Saenz, Livonia; and Marie Lamberg, Livonia.

## Surveys show progress in restoring watershed

Two reports recently released by the Friends of the Rouge highlight progress being made in restoring the Rouge River and issues that need to be addressed.

The reports summarize what was found by volunteer monitoring during the April 12 Spring Bug Hunt and the March 31 through May 15 Frog and Toad Survey.

The bug report is part of FOTR's long-term Benthic Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Program. "Bugs" or benthic macroinvertebrates are aquatic insects, clams and snails that live in the streambed. The types and number found are used as indicators of stream health.

According to the report, improvements were found in Johnson Creek, a cold water Rouge tributary in Northville, Plymouth and Salem Townships, and the upper portion of the Middle branch. Improvements are no longer being seen in the lower portion of the Middle branch and the Main branch.

There also were an unusually high number of poor scores in the Main branch and Upper and downstream ends of the Lower and Middle Rouge.

The Frog and Toad Survey Report documents what frog and toad species are calling in quarter square mile block sections. The presence of calling amphibians is used as an indicator of wetland health because amphibians are sensitive to pollution. Healthy wetlands are critical to the health of the Rouge River as they filter water, prevent flooding and provide critical wildlife habitat.

According to that report, frogs started calling unusually late this spring due to the long cold winter. The Lower 1 subwatershed - Canton, Superior and Van Buren Townships - had the largest average diversity of species at four per block, followed closely by the Middle 1 - Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township and Novi.

The data collected by the programs is used in several ways to improve the watershed. The State of Michigan uses the data to screen for problems and pinpoint cleanup areas. The federal government uses the data to assess the success of restoration projects, such as the recent removal of 21 abandoned boats from the Fordson Island and the removal of two dams. Local governments use the data to assess restoration projects and identify areas in need.

Additionally, volun-

teers act as eyes and ears for the watershed and are able to alert officials to problems. Over the past 22 years, the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project was a significant source of funding for these and other FOTR programs.

For more information

visit [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org) or call 313-792-9621. Friends of the Rouge is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving

the quality of life for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed.

The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 48 communities in the metropolitan Detroit area. Friends of the Rouge receives funding from grants, donations and membership support.

## Thrift stores celebrate Fourth of July with sale

Join The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center family thrift stores as they celebrate the summer during the nonprofit's annual Fourth of July Sale. All 34 metro Detroit thrift stores will keep their doors open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, July 4.

In addition to 50 percent savings on clothing, shoppers will have opportunities to pick up great deals on accessories, home goods and other items during bonus sales announced each hour. Whether it's stars and stripes or shorts and kites, The Salvation Army is the place to save on summer attire and gear.

"The Fourth of July brings people together each year to celebrate our community," said Merle Miller, administrator of The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center. "We're pleased to celebrate the bonds of community during our Fourth of July sale by offering great savings for those that need it and ensuring all proceeds benefit the ARC rehabilitation program."

Proceeds from all stores benefit The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center, an independently funded, 180-day residential rehabilitation program for adults.

Local thrift stores are at:

- » 403 Joy, Canton, 734-416-1925.
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- All thrift store merchandise is donated by community members. Help the ARC continue its work by dropping off gently used clothing, accessories, housewares, furniture and toys to the nearest Salvation Army thrift store donation center. For specific hours of a Salvation Army thrift store and donation center near you, visit [www.salarmythrift.com](http://www.salarmythrift.com).

Founded by William Booth in London, England, in 1865, The Salvation Army is a faith-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to serving people in need without discrimination.

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## NHL's Hurricanes snag Nedeljkovic

Plymouth netminder taken 37th overall, one of five Whalers drafted



Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (second from left) and family members anticipate hearing his name called during the NHL draft at Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Mike Vellucci saw goalie Alex Nedeljkovic play enough with his old team — the Plymouth Whalers — to make sure he gets to see him in the future with his new one, the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes.

Vellucci, the longtime coach and general manager of the Whalers from Farmington Hills who recently was hired as assistant GM and director of hockey operations by the Hurricanes, undoubtedly was a catalyst behind the team selecting Nedeljkovic early in

Saturday's second round (37th overall) at the NHL Entry Draft in Philadelphia.

"It's very surreal right now," said the 18-year-old Nedeljkovic during a Saturday afternoon telephone call. "You grow up, you dream of getting drafted and getting an opportunity to play on an NHL team."

"It's still kicking in right now that my dreams are just starting to become reality." Nedeljkovic added that it



Alex Nedeljkovic

was thrilling to pull a red Hurricanes jersey over his head and "amazing and incredible that Coach Mike thinks so highly of me that he tried to push as much as he did to get me drafted by Carolina."

The native of Parma, Ohio, heard his name called at Wells Fargo Center one pick after the Vancouver Canucks selected netminder Thatcher Demko of Boston College.

Both Nedeljkovic and Demko are clients of Stan Matwijiw, who is goaltending coach for the Ontario Hockey

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Aaron Scheidies (left) and guide Colin Riley won the PATCO Paratriathlon championship June 1 in Dallas, beginning the Road to Rio 2016. CDIFFERENT WITH AARON

## Scheidies going for THE GOLD

World champion triathlete overcomes disability, pursues medal at 2016 Paralympics in Brazil

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

Aaron Scheidies has never allowed his disability to discourage him or stop him from achieving what he wanted to do in athletics.

Despite being nearly blind, the 32-year-old former Farmington resident has become a world champion triathlete and an inspiration to people worldwide.

Scheidies, who now lives in

Seattle, is training and hoping to qualify for the 2016 Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

It will be the first time the triathlon is included in the competition, which will follow the Olympics Games in early September.

Scheidies competed recently in the Dallas and Chicago triathlons for impaired athletes, both of which afforded him major points toward his qualify-

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Aaron Scheidies

## Clarenceville hires new hoops coach

Kelsey Irwin is former three-point specialist for Calvin College

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

Kelsey Irwin was accustomed to winning as a basketball player, and she plans to continue that tradition in her new role as a coach.

The Fraser resident and former Calvin College standout was hired recently to lead

the Livonia Clarenceville varsity girls team.

"I played on some great teams," Irwin said. "I had some great coaches along the way. That definitely helped prepare me."

"I'm very competitive; I like to win, which I've done my whole life, and I'm hoping I can bring that to Clarenceville."

The 23-year-old Irwin was a four-year varsity player at Fraser High School and Calvin.



Irwin

She played guard and specialized in shooting the three-point shot.

Irwin helped the Ramblers win four straight district championships, and she was a sophomore starter in the Class A final against Detroit King in December, 2006.

During her college career, the Calvin Knights compiled a 100-16 record and qualified for the NCAA Division III tournament all four years.

Irwin finished her playing career in 2013 and was a varsity assistant at Fraser last sea-

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Kelsey Irwin advances the ball for the Calvin Knights as a college player. CALVIN.EDU

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# Hurricanes rain runs on Rams

Jerrid Terrill pitched a two-hit, complete game Friday as the Michigan Hurricanes dominated the first-place Michigan Rams in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game, 9-1.

Terrill, who walked six and struck out two, had an 8-0 lead following a four-run fourth inning by the Hurricanes at Ford Field. Alex Oleszkowicz went 2-for-2 and drove in three runs; Ben Matigian had two RBI. Dan Cameron and Jose Salinas had two hits and scored two runs apiece.

Jake Weshalek and Jake Makowski added one RBI each as the Hur-

ricanes mustered nine hits and improved to 7-9-1. Kyle Jusik and Nick Harris had the only hits for the Rams (14-3). Randy Kuzdak scored their lone run in the top of the fifth inning; Johnny Slater had an RBI.

Jake Semak pitched four innings and took the loss. Jeff Sorenson threw two innings of one-hit relief.

**RAMS 2, LIGHTNING 0:** Pitchers Jacob Gardner and Hunter VanMaele combined on the June 25 shutout as the Michigan Rams edged the Southfield Lightning, 2-0, in collegiate action at Ford Field.

Gardner, the starter and winner, allowed just three hits with a wild pitch and two walks over the first four innings, while VanMaele gave up three hits and walked three. The pair combined for seven strikeouts as the Rams improved to 14-2 in the LCBL.

Offensively, Mark Weist went 2-for-3 with a solo homer. Randy Kuzdak also chipped in two hits for the Rams, who scored one in the second and one in the fourth.

Jack Doyle went 2-for-2 with a double for the Lightning, which slipped to 2-14.

Starter Brent Marzion, who lasted three innings, gave up both runs on six hits, two walks and a hit batter. He struck out four before Kevin Reck and Christian Bilkovic finished up while combining for three scoreless innings.

**HURRICANES 8, BULLS 6:** Jake Weshalek went 2-for-4 with four RBI as the Michigan Hurricanes (8-6-1) rallied for three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning June 25 to beat the Michigan Bulls (6-9-1) in Collegiate action.

Weshalek's two-run double broke a 6-6 deadlock after Jake Makowski, who also went 2-for-4 and scored twice, tied it with an RBI single scoring Christian Holder. Kevin Conway went 2-for-4 and Todd Wright knocked in three runs for the Bulls. Kyle Roberts, who pitched the final two innings in relief of starter Josh Lockwood, got the victory.

Losing pitcher Dalton Boslooper went all seven for the Bulls, allowing five earned runs on eight hits. He walked five and struck out two.

# Bash champions



The Livonia City Thunder, an under-13 travel baseball team, captured its third summer tourney by winning the End of June Bash at Eastern Michigan University. Beginning Friday, the Thunder, ranked in the top 20, is headed to Louisville, Ky., for the Youth Nationals World Series. Team members include (front row, from left): Andrew Lack, Brian Wendt, Marco Genrich, Joe Hardenbergh, Cole Bushart, Tommy Wells, Brandon Unger, Allen Woodward, Ethan Sandusky, Nick Rood; (back row, from left) assistant coach Joe Lack, head co-coaches Greg Wendt and Dennis Bushart. (Not pictured is Evan Yokie, Justin Reynolds and assistant coach Rick Genrich.)

# SCHIEDIES

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ing goal.

He also had taken to doing marathons. He has run the Boston and California marathons the last three years and could possibly qualify in that event for the Paralympics.

Scheidies will do five more triathlons this year and the New York City Marathon in November as part of his two-year "Road to Rio" effort.

In addition to winning a gold medal in 2016, Scheidies' other great ambition is to win an ESPY Award. He came close in 2011 when he was a finalist.

"An ESPY is like the academy award of sport," he said. "Anybody can be nominated. I was up for Best Male Athlete with a Disability. It's a world type of thing."

"It was pretty much the experience of a lifetime. I went to the ceremony in Los Angeles. I'd like to win it next time."

Scheidies, who graduated from Farmington High School in 2000, earned an undergraduate degree from Michigan State and then a doctorate in physical therapy from the University of Washington in 2008.

## Broadens horizons

While he still works in that field with geriatric patients, his success as an impaired triathlete has spawned another career in public speaking.

With the help of a manager, Scheidies has traveled the country to give inspirational talks, including appearances at NASA and with the Young Presidents, an organization of young entrepreneurs.

"I talk about how I live my life and have gotten to where I am, about having a good attitude," he said. "It filters to being an inspirational and motivational type speech."

"I get a lot of emails from people who found out they were losing their vision, or they're a blind, impaired individual who wants to get into athletics and they reach out to me because I've had a lot of success."

"It's nice to be able to impact people and help them figure out ways to get through it and not look at it as a death sentence or something negative but find the good things in it."

"It's one of the things I like most about being an athlete, being a role model for people and inspiring people."

## He's a writer, too

Scheidies also is active in social media. He maintains a website (cdifferentwithaaron.com) and writes a blog that was picked up by the Huffington Post and can be accessed via his web page (throughmyeyes).

"My website is my movement to change society's perception of the blind and impaired community - what they can do and how they live their lives," he said. "I've substantially



Aaron Scheidies (right) and guide Colin Riley compete in the Dallas bike competition. (DIFFERENT WITH AARON)

increased what I do. I'm moving toward writing a book here at some point when I can get some time.

"The subject will be about living life as a blind person and finding ways to succeed and be resilient. I haven't outlined it yet; I've just thought about it in my head."

When his vision was last classified, it was 20/600, but it has gotten worse, Scheidies said, adding he sees mostly blurry blocks. He can see the 'E' on an eye chart from a foot away.

When he does triathlons or runs marathons, Scheidies does so with the help of a guide, as do the other visually impaired athletes.

He and the guide are tethered at the waist for the swimming and running portions, and the guide takes the front seat on a tandem bicycle for the biking competition. Ben Collins was his guide in the Chicago triathlon.

"He's pretty much like my eyes on the course," Scheidies said. "He swims the course like he's swimming on his own. I feel a tug on the bungee-chord tether to nudge me to go the other way."

## Changes in the sport

The sports is evolving, however, and Scheidies is trying to keep up with the changes and increased competition.

A handicap system was introduced this year. Partially but legally blind athletes start 3 minutes and 43 seconds after completely blind individuals.

"The Paralympics are becoming a more elite level type of competition around the world," Scheidies said. "They're trying to make it as fair as possible."

"It's not exactly accurate. Three-forty-three is way too much. It's not a good statistic. They'll change it before the Paralympics."

"The sport is really growing and they want it to be a headline event in the Paralympics. They see a lot of promise in triathlon as a spotlight event, and they want people to watch it."

Consequently, the length of a race has been cut in half. Swimming is now 750 meters; the biking and running elements are 20 and five kilometers, respectively.

Scheidies, who began doing triathlons in 2000 and was president of the triathlon club at MSU, has won four world championships. Four were won at the short-course distance, four at the half-ironman dis-

ance.

"They've made it a sprint event," he said. "It's more spectator friendly. It's real close competition, that type of stuff. It's all about what the media and TV want."

"It's going to a shorter, faster race and I'm getting older. I'm really having to get back to training my anaerobic system more than (was necessary for) the longer stuff I was doing."

## Big accomplishment

Scheidies achieved a major career objective in 2008 when he became the first para-triathlete to break two hours in an Olympic distance race.

"That was a cool experience," he said. "It was special because it was breaking down barriers and showing even someone with vision impairment could compete on an elite level."

His best time at that distance is 1:57:24. That was double the distance he does now. His times on the shorter course are around one hour.

"I have broken an hour in the sprint distance triathlon," he said. "It depends how long the transitions are, how far I have to run from the water to the transition area."

Swimming is still the favorite and best event for Scheidies, who was a swimmer and runner in high school. Running is his strongest event.

"I'm still better than the average triathlete at swimming," he said. "Triathletes tend not to be good swimmers. That's what makes me a pretty good triathlete. I'm pretty well rounded in all three."

## Tries to stay on top

Scheidies said he continued to get faster until a couple years ago, but age and injuries have made it difficult to continue performing at the same level.

"I've done pretty well because I was already at a really high level with respect to the competition," he said, adding the biggest challenge nowadays is the recovery time between races and not getting injured.

"They're easier because I've done so many of them. They're not easier because I'm still pushing myself to the limit."

"A lot of times it can be a challenge finding a guide, finding people to train with and ride a tandem with, because I can't just go out and ride on my own."

In the big scheme of things, Scheidies has done very well on his own, however.

# Gabe Award winner



Livonia Blue gymnast and diver Alexandria Zukowski (middle) is the 2014 scholarship recipient of Stevenson High's annual Gabe Award, dedicated to the memory of the late Stevenson basketball player Steve Gabrian, who died in 2003 after his fight with brain cancer. On hand recently to present the \$250 award was Gabe committee member Colleen Pobur (left) along with Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman. Zukowski, a senior gymnastics captain, was also an MHSAA Scholar-Athlete nominee.

# SPORTS ROUNDUP

## First hole-in-one

Linda Adams of Farmington Hills recorded her first hole-in-one after "many years" of playing golf June 10 at Farmington Hills Golf Club.

Adams, 66, used a 9-wood to ace the 97-yard 13th hole. Her feat was witnessed by Carol Horr, Sue Gore and Sharon Jenkins.

## Franklin grid outing

The Livonia Franklin football benefit golf outing will be Saturday, July 26, at Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

There will be a shotgun start for the four-person scramble at 8 a.m. The cost is \$65 (includes prizes, contests, dinner and afterglow at the 1 Under Bar & Grill).

Checks should payable to Franklin football and mailed to: 9623 Westmore, Livonia, MI 48150.

For more information, call Chuck Roth at 734-637-6719 or Dan Cline at 734-748-5283. You can also email chuckrothcarpentry@gmail.com or dan.cline@trw.com.

## Coaches wanted

» Livonia Churchill is seeking a boys swim head coach. Livonia Red (Churchill and Franklin) needs an assistant gymnastics coach.

Contact Churchill athletic director Marc Hage at 734-744-2650, ext. 46117, or fax resume and letter of interest to 734-744-2824.

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## WHALERS

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League's Whalers as well as founder and director of Bandits Goalie School.

"I'm having a wonderful day," Matwijiw said. "I had back-to-back, 36 and 37. Thatcher Demko is also one of my guys, so it was a pretty special day for me, pretty emotional."

"I can't even put it into words how proud I am of Ned and of Thatcher and all the hard work they put in over the years toward their game. To see them get called this early is extremely, extremely special and I can't even begin to tell you how proud I am of both of them."

Both Matwijiw and new Plymouth GM Mark Craig praised Vellucci's hockey acumen and noted that Vellucci's influence from watching Nedeljkovic with the Whalers had a definite impact on the choice.

"I'm sure Mike had influence," said Craig, who also attended the draft. "But certainly, Ned in the second round, we pretty much knew that if he was available in the second, we were pretty sure that Carolina was going to grab him. I mean, that's really a good pick. That's a great pick."

"Especially after Thatcher Demko went, it didn't surprise me at all. I'm sure Mike had influence, but he (Nedeljkovic) is just such a great kid. He's just got everything. That's the nice part."

### No doubt

Chiming in about Nedeljkovic going to Vellucci's new team was Matwijiw. The Hurricanes and Whalers both are owned by Peter Karmanos.

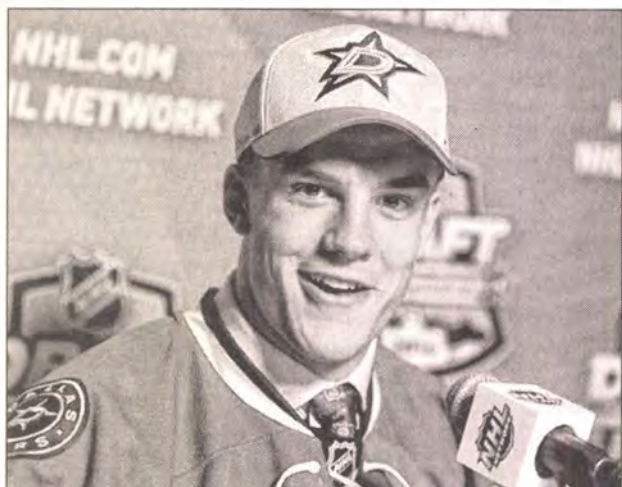
"Look, Mike is a very smart hockey man," Matwijiw said. "Obviously, he was the one that played Ned the 65 games this year (2013-14) and gave him that workload. He knew that boy could play."

"And I think there was no choice that if Alex was around at 37 that they weren't going to draft him."

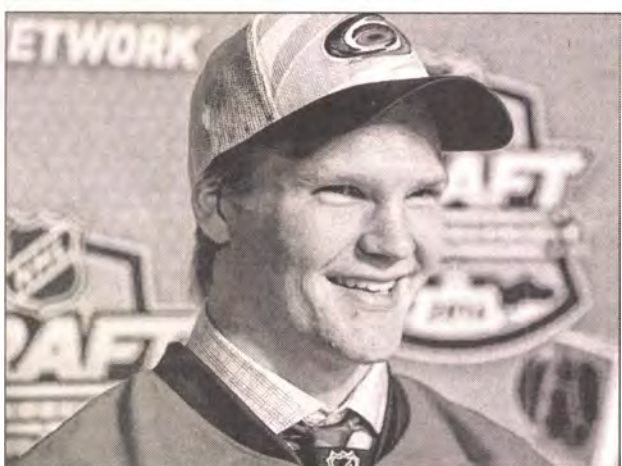
The first goalie picked in the seven-



Whalers forward Connor Chatham was picked by the New Jersey Devils. PHOTOS BY RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS



The Dallas Stars drafted Plymouth blueliner Alex Peters in the third round.



Also drafted by Carolina was Whalers defenseman Josh Wesley.

round draft was Mason McDonald by the Calgary Flames, with the 34th selection. Then came Demko and Nedeljkovic in rapid fashion.

But Matwijiw said the goalie nicknamed "Ned" definitely would still have been picked by Vellucci and new Carolina GM Ron Francis even if the other two goalies were still available.

"Hats off to Mike, he's already starting to make his mark with the Carolina Hurricanes, and what a mark it is," Matwijiw said. "Because he (Nedeljkovic) is a very, very, very, very

special talent.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Alex Nedeljkovic will be an NHL goalie."

Nedeljkovic, the 2013 Ontario Hockey League Goaltender of the Year and the fourth-rated goalie overall by NHL Central Scouting entering the draft, has two full seasons left with the Whalers.

That means Whalers fans will still have the chance to go to Computware Arena to catch a glimpse of Nedeljkovic's netminding brilliance.

He stopped over 2,000 shots last season, post-

ing a 2.88 goals-against average and .925 save percentage while almost single-handedly leading the Whalers into the playoffs for a league-record 23rd consecutive year.

"We'd better get the fans out there watching him, for sure," Matwijiw said. "Otherwise, they're going to be missing out on a whole lot of special talent that we've got coming back to the Whalers this year, for sure."

### Four others picked

The Nedeljkovic pick wasn't the only good news to come out of Wells Fargo Center for the Whalers.

Also drafted by Vellucci's Hurricanes was Plymouth Whalers defenseman Josh Wesley (fourth round, 96th overall).

Taken in the third round were Whalers right wing Connor Chatham (71st overall, New Jersey) and defenseman Alex Peters (75th overall, Dallas).

A fifth Whalers player selected was left wing Matt Misteale, taken by the Los Angeles Kings with the 180th pick overall (last pick of the sixth round). Plymouth defenseman Yannick Rathgeb was not drafted.

Wesley's dad is Glen Wesley, a former NHL star for the Hurricanes who is that team's director of defenseman development.

"On Wesley, I think the improvement he made last year really showed through," Craig said. "... You know what, you really got to credit Mike Vellucci on his development of those kids and what he's done over all those years he was here. Pretty impressive."

"Yeah, it's a good day for all the Whalers. Connor Chatham really brings size and strength. They all developed well, it's a pretty neat day."

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## Canton's McDougall 2nd at Junior State Amateur golf event

Elle Nichols of Okemos shook off the struggles of the first nine holes and finally shook off Kelsey McDougall of Canton to win the 36th Michigan Girls Junior State Amateur on Friday at Forest Akers in East Lansing.

"We both struggled early, and I realized when we got to the back nine that we were running out of holes to struggle on and I had better do something," Nichols said.

A recent graduate of Okemos High School who will play golf for Oakland University, Nichols won holes 13 and 14 on the East course with pars to go 2-up in the match.

She matched birdies with McDougall at No. 15 and made pars the rest of the way to win the match 2 and 1 and take home the Mina L. Wright Memorial Trophy.

The championship match was moved to the East course Friday because a day of play on the West course was lost to heavy rain and lightning earlier in the week.

That didn't bother Nichols, who has won three state high school individual titles on the East course.

"The high school championships were very exciting, but this is a tournament I knew had golfers from all of the divisions in high school," she said. "I think this is my biggest win. It's really exciting."

McDougall, who is headed to Butler University in Indianapolis in the fall, said she couldn't make a birdie.

"I hit it above the hole

a few times and three-putted too many times," she said. "It was just a struggle all day. I couldn't get anything going, and I was never in the lead."

Nichols beat Pader Her of Holt 2 and 1 in a Friday afternoon semifinal to get to the championship match.

McDougall topped Anna Kramer of Spring Lake 4 and 2 in the other semifinal. Kramer was the golfer who earlier knocked out qualifying medalist Sarah White of Kentwood in match play.

McDougall said the runner-up finish is a highlight of her young golf career.

"I really had a great week, so I'm pleased overall," she said. "It gives me confidence going ahead."

Nichols, who has twice made it to the "Sweet 16" in the Michigan Women's Amateur Championship, said she had picked out this event as one she had a great chance to win.

"This was going to be the last one of these I could play in, so I really wanted to make the most of it," she said.

"This will be great for my confidence. This is the kind of competition I will have to face in college golf, so this is great for me."

A champion was also crowned in a 15-and-under age tournament bracket. Abbey Pierce of Bloomfield Hills topped Jordan Michalak of Birmingham 4 and 2 in the title match Thursday at the West course.

For more information, visit [www.gam.org](http://www.gam.org) and follow the Golf Association of Michigan on Facebook and Twitter.



McDougall

## IRWIN

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son on the staff of her former high school coach, Dave Kuppe.

"I've been playing basketball since I can walk, and it's probably the thing I know best in life," Irwin said. "Having gotten it done in college and been a varsity assistant, I felt I was ready to take that next step."

Irwin owns the Fraser High, Macomb County and Calvin College records for career three-pointers. She made 183 in high school and 187 in college.

Shooting the three won't necessarily be a dominant tactic in her approach to coaching the Trojans, however.

"I have to see what talent I have to work with and what our strengths are going to be," Irwin said. "We'll work around what our strengths are. I'm not looking to force anything."

Irwin added she is comfortable with a lot of different playing styles and will do what is best for the team.

"In AAU, we always played a pressing style, up in your face," she said. "In high school, we played a lot of zone and, basically, we played man to man in college."

"I've had a lot of experience with a lot of different styles."

Irwin, who was hired two weeks ago and replaces Brady Gustafson, has had an opportunity to meet the team.

Clarenceville was 9-11 last season, including a



Kelsey Irwin helps cut down the net after Calvin won the MIAA championship.

7-5 finish in the Red Division of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

"We've had a couple open gyms so far and an introductory meeting," she said. "I'm just starting to get to know everybody. We're still in the very early stage of assessing talent."

"We had a pretty good turnout at a meeting for girls who want to play next year. The girls seem excited. Hopefully, we're going to have a good year."

Between 25 and 30 girls attended the combined meeting for jayvee and varsity players, according to Irwin, who is trying to find a school job as a social worker.

She earned degrees in social work and business

while at Calvin, and she has a master's degree in social work from Michigan State.

Irwin spotted the Clarenceville job opening online and was sold on it during her interview with athletic director Kevin Murphy.

"He's a great guy, and you can tell he really cares about his job and his programs," Irwin said. "It seems like a great school environment and caring community."

She was unable to get the Trojans into a team camp or summer league, but they will have open gyms and skill development sessions, she said.

"I'm excited for the opportunity and to see what we can do this year," Irwin said.

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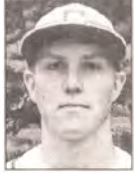


# Area's baseball talent has banner year in 2014

## FIRST TEAM

**Brent Mattson, Canton:** After missing most of his junior year due to a knee injury, the lanky right-hander bounced back with a 6-1 record and 1.13 ERA, recording 75 strikeouts in just under 50 innings of work.

Mattson touched the lower 90s with his fastball, encouraging his future coaches at D-I Eastern Michigan University.



Brent Mattson

He collected all-KLAA and all-district honors for his outstanding senior season, his third as a Canton starting pitcher.

"Brent has worked very hard along the way to improve his craft on the mound and still hasn't reached his full potential," coach Mark Blomshield said.

"This will happen over the next few seasons at the collegiate level and possibly the professional level. The sky is the limit for Brent."

**Tyler Brooks, Salem:** The hard-throwing Brooks was dominant as any pitcher in the conference, posting a 9-1 record (including two shutouts) and 0.63 earned run average while striking out 33 batters and only walking seven in 67 innings.



Tyler Brooks Salem

Opponents managed a paltry .145 batting average against the righthander, who was Salem's Pitcher of the Year while garnering all-KLAA and all-district honors.

"Tyler Brooks plain and simple is a strike-throwing machine," said coach Dale Rumberger, who retired following the season. "Only seven walks in 67 innings is unheard of."

"If Brooksie stays healthy and continues to develop he will be pitching at the next (collegiate) level."

**Patrick Wierimaa, Redford Union:** The senior right-hander pitcher led the Panthers to their first division title since 1999. Wierimaa finished with a 4-2 record after striking out 73 batters in 37 innings.



Patrick Wierimaa

He allowed just two earned runs and finished with an earned run average of 0.37. Offensively, the Madonna University-bound standout hit .340 with 12 RBI.

"Patrick gave us a chance to win every time he stepped on the mound," coach Bob Miller said. "He's really improved his off-speed stuff over the off-season to go with a great fastball, and he's an outstanding competitor who hates to lose."

**Daniel Jipping, Ply. Christian:** Major League scouts kept close tabs on the power-hitting PCA catcher, and with good reason.

Jipping tallied four homers, 18 runs, 13 RBI and 25 stolen bases while batting .500 with a .970 slugging percentage. Opposing pitchers didn't give him much to hit all season, either, walking him 16 times (about one-third of all plate appearances).



Daniel Jipping

The fourth-year standout, who will play Division I baseball next year at Central Michigan University, will take part in the Michigan High School Coaches All-Star Game July 10 at Comerica Park.

He earned all-state first-team honors as well as being named an all-state scholar-athlete.

"I've never coached a player that works as hard as Daniel, and he has been a pleasure to coach for the last four

years," coach Joe Bottorff said. "His growth as a leader has been remarkable, and he sets a tremendous example for his younger teammates."

"The Chippewas are getting a fantastic player and an even better person."

**Brooks Reno, N. Farmington:** Reno was a four-year varsity player and a three-year starter at catcher and sometimes designated hitter.

As the cleanup hitter, he helped the Raiders win a second straight OAA White Division title, batting .344 with 33 RBI.

Reno had 16 doubles and a home run among his 33 hits. His on-base and slugging percentages were .511 and .542, respectively. He was disciplined at the plate, drawing 31 walks.

"He's the hardest working player I've ever known," coach Mike O'Connell said. "He spends his offseason at a training facility — three days a week, three hours a day."

"His ability to call a game is just fantastic. He's aware of what the batter did in the previous at-bat and how to pitch him. He was great at blocking the ball and holding runners in place."

"He's a power hitter with the ability to get the timely hit. He had just as many doubles as he did singles. In the last half of the season, he always seemed to have the key hit at the key moment."

**Nick Hazergian, Canton:** An all-around standout throughout his Canton career, Hazergian won team MVP honors for the second time in his four years with the Chiefs.

Hazergian earned those honors thanks to a .367 average with six doubles and 25 RBI at the plate and going 5-4 with 70 strikeouts in 47 innings and a 2.30 earned run average on the mound.

The lefty accumulated 15 wins and 200 strikeouts during his career while being a consistent offensive performer with 135 career hits along with seven homers and 85 RBI.

He was named to the all-KLAA and all-district teams and will play in the Michigan High School Senior All-Star Game July 10 at Comerica Park.

Next year he will begin his baseball career at Saginaw Valley State University.

"Nick is a very hard worker and was the backbone of much of our team's success the past four seasons," Blomshield said.

**David Lett, N. Farmington:** The senior shortstop was a four-year starter and is one of the school's all-time best players. He will play July 10 in the Coaches All-Star Game at Comerica Park.

Lett batted .433 from the leadoff position this year and .420 for his career. He had 11 walks, was hit by a pitch 11 times, was 37-of-40 stealing bases and scored 49 runs. He also had eight doubles, 11 RBI and an on-base percentage of .521.

"David was the best player on the team for at least three years," O'Connell said. "He has all the tools. His baseball IQ is like 180; he's Mensa in baseball. He's the best base runner I've coached and ever seen on any team."

"He scored from second on a ground ball to first base last year. The first baseman had to field the ball and run back to the bag. By the time he did that, David was crossing the plate."

"His awareness during the game of the offense and the defense is just incredible. I've been coaching 20-plus years and never had a kid be that

name, age and grade when registering.

**Stevenson hockey**  
The Livonia Stevenson summer boys hockey camp begins Monday, July 7. For dates, times, application forms and other information, email coach David Mitchell at dmitchel@livoniapublicschools.org.

## ALL-OBSERVER BASEBALL FIRST TEAM

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David Lett, Sr. SS, N. Farmington  
Jack Driscoll, Sr. SS, Salem  
Bryan Widmer, Sr. SS, Garden City  
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Mike Carty, Sr. 3B, Farmington  
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Franklin: Ryan Prohaska; Stevenson: Billy Bonanno, Chris Tandens; Rodney Bees; John Glenn: Brandon Smeltzer, Clark Boston, Jacob Dairman; Wayne: Tyler Hanson; Clarenceville: Ryan Mentefee, Mitch Kubiak; Huron Valley Lutheran: Jordan Rundstadler; Lutheran Westland: Mark Mita, P.J. Gusé, Jordan Williams; Canton: Jake Boucher, Nick Schnur; Plymouth: Seth Hubbard, Kevin Anthony, Patrick Downing, Cameron Jones; Salem: Nick Minichello, Mike Vernon, Brendan Bird, Colin Pietron; Justin Sydlowski; Plymouth Christian: John Lauch, Michael Slater, Jared Cobb; Farmington: Dan Carty, Dan Harris, Alex Manasa, Ravi Mahanti; Harrison: Jared Char, Dan Sanders, Nico Janigian, Patrick Williams; N. Farmington: Rob Chapekis, Brett Kramer, Joe Gignac, Garrett Center; Thurston: Jake Paulisin, Bobby Snell; Redford Union: Brendan McGurk, Alex Shimmans, Vince Diaz, Jacob Gagnon; Garden City: Jon Evans, Zak Maszatics, Chad Ford.

attune to what was going on and take advantage of every miscue by the other team."

**Jack Driscoll, Salem:** The smooth-as-silk senior shortstop did everything and more that was asked of him in sparking the Rocks to a stellar 28-10 record.

Driscoll earned Salem team MVP honors while also capturing defensive and offensive player of the year awards. He batted .415 with 41 runs, 30 RBIs and 54 hits — the latter tying the Rocks' team record held by

Sam Ott.

He was named to the all-KLAA, all-district and all-region teams for his consistently stellar efforts.

"Jack has developed into one of the top three shortstops in Salem history," Rumberger said. "He is an outstanding player and leader and an even better young man."

"Salem Baseball will miss Jack a lot more next season than they will miss me."

**Bryan Widmer, Garden City:** On the mound, the senior right-hander went 7-1 with a 2.06 earned run average. He yielded just six walks in 47.6 innings and struck out 30 batters.

Widmer hit .370 with a sterling .500 on-base percentage. He scored 22 runs in 21 games and had 12 RBI. Widmer was all-WWAC and a top-five selection on the all-district squad.

"Bryan was our rock this year," coach Steve Herman said. "When he was on the mound, our team was supremely confident that we were going to win."

"He pitched very well for us for the last two years and was a tremendous asset offensively as well. He had a great year and will be sorely missed next season."

**Steven Marowski, Harrison:** Marowski was a four-year starter at third base. He hit .380, had 22 RBI and set a single-season school record with 14 doubles.

He also hit one home run and scored 15 runs. His slugging percentage was .565, and

he made just two errors in the field.

Marowski pitched 45 innings and was 3-5 in nine games with a 1.24 ERA. He struck out 32 and only walked two all season.



Steven Marowski

"Steven had a great year for us in all phases of the game," coach Pete Lamerato said. "He led us offensively, defensively and on the mound. He is one of my all-time favorite players."

"Steven was always the first to arrive and last to leave the field. He's a tireless worker who is a throwback kind of player. He does just about everything well."

"He pitched in every big game we played and gave us a chance to win. He's a player every coach would love to have."

**Mike Carty, Farmington:** Carty was a four-year varsity player, capping his prep career with an outstanding senior season.



Mike Carty

The third baseman and pitcher batted .396 and registered a .604 slugging percentage. Carty's 40 hits included a dozen doubles, three triples and a home run.

He also drove in 19 runs and scored 16. His on-base percentage was .500. Carty, who will attend the University of Michigan, led the team in innings pitched with 49. He struck out 31 and walked 13.

"Mike has been a very strong player for us for four years," coach Pete Finn said. "He exhibits a professionalism that is not seen very often in young players."

"His senior year was his best year in all categories. He will be sorely missed in our program."

**Weston Price, Canton:** The third-year starter always was in the middle of things on offense and defense for the Chiefs, batting .370 with three homers, 19 RBIs and 22 stolen bases and capturing team co-MVP and all-conference honors.



Weston Price

Meanwhile, there were few if any fly balls that Price could not chase down in center field.

"Weston racked up over 75 stolen bases in his career and is one of the most athletic players I've ever had the pleasure of coaching," Blomshield said.

"Weston has the knack of making things that are difficult to do on the baseball field look easy."

Price, also a standout varsity football player, is set to continue his baseball career at Muscatine (Iowa) Community College.

**Cameron Stella, Plymouth:** The sophomore did it all for the Wildcats, whether at the plate, on the mound or in center field.



Cameron Stella

Stella batted .362 and stole 16 bases, providing an offensive spark all season long. In the pitching department, he chipped in with a 6-2 record, three saves and 1.24 ERA, striking out 59 batters in 56 innings.

"Cameron Stella was key to our team this past season," coach Jason Crain said. "He played a stellar center field, tracking down balls all over the outfield. He mainly batted third, getting many clutch hits."

He was named the team MVP and also was an all-KLAA and all-district selection.

**Chris Scheffer, John Glenn:** The senior outfielder, bound for St. Clair County Community College, batted .402, in-

cluding six doubles, en route to all-district and all-KLAA honors.

Scheffer, who was Glenn's starting quarterback for two seasons, also went 2-2 on the mound.

"Chris was a great leader and a hard worker on-and-off the field," said coach Lawrence Scheffer, who also happens to be Chris' uncle. "He was the captain of the team and led us in batting. He was also a great relief pitcher."

**Nick Flanery, Lutheran Westland:** The senior center fielder batted .508, including seven doubles, five triples and 18 RBI, while drawing 19 walks.

Defensively, Flanery played flawless, handling all 33 chances for a .1000 fielding percentage while earning all-district and all-Michigan Independent Athletic Conference honors.

"Nick was a four-year starter and was invaluable," coach Kevin Wade said. "He never played the outfield until this year and did an outstanding job as our lead-off batter."

"He only struck out six teams all year. He was more than willing to go the extra mile and was a true team leader. He'll be missed."

**Jared Merandi, Plymouth:** A key cog in Plymouth's offense, Merandi batted .425 from the No. 2 hole with a OPS of 1.022. He also was a strong outfielder, playing flawlessly.

Named the team's offensive MVP, the junior earned all-conference and all-district honors while also being recognized as a KLAA scholar-athlete.

"Jared rarely struck out and always put the bat on the ball in key situations," Crain said. "Jared played a great left field, committing only one error the whole season."

"Jared is an intelligent player who understands many intricacies that are key to continued success. I am excited to have Jared back next year so he can build on what he started this season."

**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
**Mike O'Connell, N. Farmington:** Despite losing some top talent last year, O'Connell led the Raiders to a second straight OAA White Division championship and another winning season (25-8).

North nearly repeated as district champion, too, defeating Catholic Central and losing to Novi in 11 innings in the final game, 3-2.

Following the best season in school history (30-9), this year's team probably over-achieved, he said.

"I think we got more out of less this year than last year," he said. "I have to give the kids a lot of credit. We weren't as offensively blessed or even as good pitching."

"The (team) batting average went down almost a hundred points and we still won 25 games. That's a tribute to the boys working hard, getting key hits and making contributions."

"I thought they did a great job of coming together as a team and playing hard and never giving up."

The Raiders are 55-17 the last two years and 75-29 the last three.

"To me the gold standard in high school baseball is winning more than 20 games," O'Connell said. "If you can do that, you have a successful program."

## SPORTS CAMPS

### Franklin girls hoop

The Livonia Franklin girls summer basketball camp (grades 5-8 as of this fall) will be held from 4-7 p.m. July 29-31 at Franklin High School.

The camp is free to all. To register, email coach James Milican at jmilican@livonia-publicschools.org. Please give

name, age and grade when registering.

### Stevenson hockey

The Livonia Stevenson summer boys hockey camp begins Monday, July 7. For dates, times, application forms and other information, email coach David Mitchell at dmitchel@livoniapublicschools.org.

### Churchill hockey

The Livonia Churchill summer hockey camp will be held from 10-11:20 a.m. Monday through Friday, July 7-11 and July 14-18, at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia.

The cost is \$175 (checks should be made payable to Churchill H.S.).

For more information, email Churchill coach Jason Reynolds at Jayrey48152@gmail.com or call 734-788-0447.

### Madonna volleyball

Madonna University will have a series of volleyball camps for middle and high school players.

The remaining camps are: hitters (session II), from 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, July 7-10; and defenders, from 1:45-3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 7-10.

The cost for each camp is \$135. For more information, call MU coach Jerry Abraham at 734-432-5612 or email jabraham@madonna.edu.





## WHERE THERE'S SMOKE...

### Smoke alarm use focus of fire prevention effort

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) June 9 announced "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2014, Oct. 5-11. As the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years, NFPA announced the theme at its 2014 Conference and Expo in Las Vegas.

"Smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a fire, but they need to be working," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "Unfortunately, many home fire deaths result from fires where a smoke alarm is present but does not operate. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme focuses on motivating people to test their smoke alarms each month to make sure they're working properly."

According to NFPA statistics:

- » Having a working smoke alarm in the home cuts the risk of dying in a fire in half.
- » On average each year, three out of five home fire deaths result in fires where there are either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

*"Smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a fire, but they need to be working."*

**LORRAINE CARLI**  
National Fire Protection Association's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy

» In one-quarter (23 percent) of the home fire deaths, smoke alarms were present but did not sound.

"Nearly 3,000 people continue to die in fires each year, with most of those deaths occurring in homes," said Carli. "The vast majority of home fire deaths are preventable, and working smoke alarms play a big role in helping reduce those numbers."

NFPA recommends:

- » Installing smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- » Testing all smoke alarms every month by using the test button.
- » Replacing all smoke alarms every

10 years or sooner if they don't respond properly when tested.

Fire Prevention Week occurs annually in October during the week in which Oct. 9 falls, commemorating the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Each year, NFPA works in coordination with partnering companies, organizations and fire departments to promote Fire Prevention Week and its fire safety messages throughout North America.

For more information on Fire Prevention Week and this year's campaign theme, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!", visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org).

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

## Tax or real estate lawyer can explain exemption changes

**Q: I have heard that Michigan has amended its general property tax as it relates to additional exemptions. Do you have any information?**

A: Yes, the amendments discontinue a short-term exemption from school operating taxes for new construction on development property, replacing it with an exemption for both the underlying real property and the structure. They exempt from school operating taxes the development property on which a formerly exempt new construction was located, for limited periods, to the same extent as provided for a principal residence under other state statutes. "Development" property means real property on which rests a residential dwelling, condominium, or other residential structure that has never been occupied, has never been available for sale, has never been leased, and has never been used for any business or commercial purpose (except as an onsite office in a specified development). You are best advised to consult with your tax or real estate lawyer in connection with this new legislation.



Robert Meisner

**Q: I am selling my condo for a substantial gain, but I have concerns about the taxes I will have to pay. The association has made substantial improvements to the condominium since I have owned my unit. Is there any way to incorporate those improvements to reduce my tax liability?**

A: Yes. As a condominium owner, you have a percentage ownership interest in the entire condominium. Correspondingly, you have a percentage interest in the capital improvements to the condominium. The dollar amount of that percentage interest can be added to the tax basis of the unit when calculating the gains attributable to the sale of the unit, reducing your tax liability.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95, plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-law.com](http://bmeisner@meisner-law.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email [june.quantum@gmail.com](mailto:june.quantum@gmail.com) for your reservation or additional information.

### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

### Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations. RSVP for Georgia at [addedvaluerealty.com](http://addedvaluerealty.com) or visit [FreeForeclosureTour.com](http://FreeForeclosureTour.com).

### Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email [Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com](mailto:Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com) or visit [FreeForeclosureTour.com](http://FreeForeclosureTour.com).

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 18-21, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>BEVERLY HILLS</b>					
22880 Shagbark Dr	\$465,000				
31125 Sheridan Dr	\$160,000				
19489 Waltham Rd	\$330,000				
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>					
1772 Dorchester Rd	\$499,000				
1230 Holland St	\$495,000				
582 Townsend St	\$935,000				
448 Willits St	\$616,000				
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>					
5180 Woodlands Trl	\$270,000				
2007 E Hammond Lake Dr	\$285,000				

4025 Telegraph Rd	\$400,000				
801 W Long Lake Rd # B6	\$44,000				
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>					
6975 Cathedral Dr	\$375,000				
6600 Valley Spring Dr	\$545,000				
6681 Woodbank Dr	\$250,000				
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>					
234 Arabelle St	\$76,000				
6166 Borowy Dr	\$117,000				
4151 Mcalpine Dr	\$153,000				
5585 Paradise St	\$192,000				
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>					
27784 Cheswick Dr	\$904,000				
30947 Hunters Whip Ln	\$265,000				
32487 Olde Franklin Dr	\$228,000				
33215 Raphael Rd	\$160,000				

<b>MILFORD</b>					
768 Forestberry Ct	\$220,000				
737 Panorama Dr	\$145,000				
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>					
41733 Broquet Dr	\$120,000				
21129 Westfarm Ct	\$280,000				
<b>NOVI</b>					
23084 Balcombe	\$295,000				
27649 Cromwell Rd	\$292,000				
26276 Fieldstone Dr	\$350,000				
24446 Jamestowne Rd	\$226,000				
51219 Luke Ln	\$275,000				
26545 Mandalay Cir	\$549,000				
23534 Stonehenge Blvd	\$86,000				
25877 Terra Del Mar Dr	\$625,000				
<b>SOUTH LYON</b>					
817 Deerfield Ct	\$180,000				
23030 Fremont Dr N	\$425,000				
873 Hearthside St	\$145,000				
23874 Maple Ct	\$401,000				

1142 Paddock Dr	\$254,000				
24656 Padstone Dr	\$72,000				
455 Wellington Dr	\$193,000				
605 Woodland Dr	\$214,000				
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>					
17191 Edwards Ave	\$153,000				
29670 Everett St	\$32,000				
29135 Evergreen Rd # 9	\$56,000				
18559 Jeanette St	\$152,000				
19710 Jeanette St	\$115,000				
18501 Mount Vernon St # 3-1	\$30,000				
20065 N Greenway St	\$164,000				
19637 W 12 Mile Rd # 104	\$50,000				
<b>WHITE LAKE</b>					
10105 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$135,000				

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 10-14, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>CANTON</b>					
46501 Bartlett Dr	\$230,000				
7925 Charrington Ct	\$175,000				
46058 Gainsborough Dr	\$193,000				
46023 Graystone Ln	\$171,000				
624 McKinley Cir	\$386,000				
44114 Somerset Sq	\$191,000				
1269 W Crystal Cir	\$210,000				
48557 Woodson Way	\$307,000				
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>					
698 Arcola St	\$70,000				
920 Douglas St	\$98,000				

5937 Inkster Rd	\$49,000				
29635 Rosslyn Ave	\$150,000				
<b>LIVONIA</b>					
36026 Ann Arbor Trl	\$50,000				
9900 Blackburn St	\$191,000				
35639 Elmira St	\$165,000				
8940 Georgia St	\$131,000				
29136 Grandon St	\$125,000				
9758 Houghton St	\$145,000				
15042 Houghton St	\$130,000				
11799 Hunters Park Ct	\$285,000				
9901 Ingram St	\$133,000				
27702 Long St	\$131,000				
37908 N Laurel Park Dr	\$155,000				
9073 Newport Way	\$130,000				
29675 Nottingham Cir	\$111,000				
11075 Sunset St	\$120,000				
18635 Susanna Dr	\$250,000				
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>					

16005 Pine Valley Dr	\$665,000				
42914 Pond Ct	\$111,000				
18098 Wildflower Dr	\$620,000				
41342 Windsor Ct	\$110,000				
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>					
9294 Ball St	\$219,000				
41102 Greenbrook Ln	\$170,000				
157 Hamilton Ave	\$267,000				
44870 Joy Rd	\$150,000				
9194 Manton Ave	\$170,000				
48487 Meadow Ct	\$369,000				
45138 Pinetree Dr	\$325,000				
11146 Terry St	\$210,000				
45293 Woodleigh Way	\$225,000				
<b>REDFORD</b>					
9129 Appleton	\$45,000				
9592 Arnold	\$60,000				
17301 Brady	\$22,000				
17629 Five Points St	\$22,000				

18239 Gaylord	\$36,000				
11348 Lenore	\$80,000				
13532 Lenore	\$45,000				
19955 Negaunee	\$14,000				
19997 Negaunee	\$22,000				
20044 Poinciana	\$33,000				
9995 San Jose	\$90,000				
11302 Seminole	\$57,000				
13120 Sioux	\$86,000				
19941 Woodworth	\$23,000				
<b>WAYNE</b>					
4420 Adams Cir	\$65,000				
33947 Winslow St	\$36,000				
<b>WESTLAND</b>					
6610 Central City Pkwy	\$95,000				
32607 Hiveley St	\$98,000				
5633 N Newburgh Rd	\$210,000				
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[caitie.demski@morellolawgroup.com](mailto:caitie.demski@morellolawgroup.com)

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### Help Wanted - Medical

**Medical Assistant, FT**  
W. Bloomfield internal medical office. Benefits. Resume: [dman@millenniummedicalgroup.com](mailto:dman@millenniummedicalgroup.com) Or fax: 248-855-1323

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36618 Dowling, Newburgh & Ann Arbor Tr. Northville: Garage Estate: Vintage fun, linens, lamps, industrial games, toys, glass, art. 114 West Street, July 2-5 9am - 4 pm

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Sudoku grid with numbers: 1 2 8 9 6 3, 3 7 6, 4 7, 6 1, 9 5 8, 8 2 9 5, 9 8 3 7, 1 4 2 6, 6 2 1 9

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RELIGION CALENDAR

JULY

CAR WASH

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Saturday, July 12

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City  
Contact: 734-427-3660

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Branches Band will perform sacred and secular music

Contact: 734-968-3523 or 313-532-8655

CROONING IN THE COURTYARD

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. July 9 and 31

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

Details: Sing-along and karaoke event; bring your own chair, instruments

Contact: 734-427-3660

DVD SERIES

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, began July 2

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

Details: View a 36-part series, "Holy Land Revealed" on biblical archeology by Jodi Magness, a professor in the Department of Religious Studies at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Free

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931 or email nancykellen879@att.net

FILM

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 9 and 16

Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Free movies are *The NeverEnding Story*, on July 9 and *Gravity* on July 16. Refreshments provided and a brief discussion will follow the screenings.

Contact: RSVP to 734-425-5950

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 26

Location: Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, Redford

Details: Free festival with Christian music performances by This Fire Within, The Repeat Offenders, Bekah Greenman, Aaron Lucas and Co., Connor Roy, Heavenly Embers and more. Crafters and vendors will be on site 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact: 313-937-2424; www.HosannaTabor.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 16

Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia

Details: Bag sale, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday; scrap metal collection runs July 14-18

Contact: 734-427-2290

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 15-17

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

Details: An ice cream social will be held in conjunction with the sale on July 16. Cost for ice cream is a goodwill offering

Contact: 734-427-3660

SERMON SERIES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday through summer

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Sermon series on The Lord's Prayer

Contact: 734-968-3523 or 313-532-8655

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, July 7-11

Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: The "Workshop of Wonders" is open for potty-trained 3-year-olds through students entering sixth grade. Includes songs, crafts, snacks, science, recreation and interactive Bible stories. Cost is \$10 per child; \$30 for families of 4 or more.

Contact: 734-422-6038

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**AVERY, KEITH W.**  
Born December 6, 1934 passed away on June 27, 2014 in Cebu the Philippines. He leaves behind a brother, Lyle (Jenni) of South Lyon and a sister Carol (Bill), of Cleveland, Georgia. Keith graduated from Plymouth High School, also attended Northville High School. He loved the Philippines and had been living there for the past twenty five years.



**KASSEL, GLEN**  
(nee LEONARD KOZLOWSKI)

Died Sunday, June 29, 2014 at John Dingell Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Detroit. He was 89. Glen was born in Hamtramck and raised in Detroit. He married Winifred Fern Sherman in 1949. They settled in the Wayne-Westland area where they raised seven children: Cheryl (Tom) Tervo of Pelkie, Michigan, Alexander (Ursula) of Grand Rapids MI, Glen "Joe" Kassel (Debbie) of Marquette MI, Anthony Kassel of Hilo, Hawaii, Michael (Michele) Kassel of Benton, Arkansas, Kevin Kassel of Adelanto, California and Tom (Geertje Daaelman) Kassel of Ghent, Belgium. Descendants include 10 grandchildren (Joey, Krista, Nicki, Matt, Bart, Courtney, Jessica, Stephanie, Jasper and Maude) and their families including three great-grandchildren (Braxton, Brantley and Brennan). Preceding Glen in death is his wife of 51 years, Winifred Fern (Sherman), who died in 2000. Also preceding him in death: parents Alexander and Sophia (Dorau) Kozlowski and siblings Joseph Kozlowski, Sophie Cargas Antonov, Genevieve Burnett, Ted Kassel and a special sister Mary who died as a child before Glen was born. Surviving relatives include "baby brother" Richard (Maryann) Kassel of Arizona, sister-in-law Burdena Lorraine (Clyde) Straub of California, Lisa Boustead of MI, as well as nieces, nephews, cousins and their families. As a young teenager, Glen sold newspapers on the corner of 32nd Street and Michigan Ave. He later served as an MP in the US Army and later worked as a draftsman for Chrysler Corporation. In the 1950s, he started his own business. Glen owned/operated Sims Real Estate Agency in Wayne for over 50 years. Throughout his life, he participated in community activities including Boy Scouts of America (as a child and as an adult) and the American Legion (former Commander of Post 251 in Westland). Glen had a passion for politics and encouraging people to do their best in life. He is remembered for his super smile and those sparkling blue eyes that would light up a room and touch your heart. A Memorial Service at SS Simon and Jude Church (32500 Palmer Road, Westland) will be held Tuesday, July 29 at 10 a.m. Friends and family will meet/gather in the greeting room at 9 a.m. Food and fellowship will follow. Private burial beside Winifred will occur on a later date at the Glenwood Cemetery. In lieu of gifts, please donate funds to American Legion Post 251 c/o Post Commander Bill Acton (734-326-2607) or Adjutant Ron Nickels (734-455-3415).

**MOORE, AUDREY A.**

Passed peacefully on June 28, 2014. She was predeceased by her husband, Henry E. Moore, and is survived by sister Patricia Martin, brother-in-law David Moore and sister-in-law Nancy Moore, and nieces Djana Martin, Sara Moore, and Lauren Steele. Born in Detroit to parents Reinhold and Anne Frickel, she attended Cooley High School in Detroit and completed a degree in mathematics at Michigan State University in 1958. She married Henry E. Moore in May, 1958. After several positions in the manufacturing industry, she began a 26-year career with International Business Machines as administrative specialist and budget analyst, retiring with honors in 1993. She was a life-long lover of books, gardening, and cats. She enjoyed airplane excursions over Michigan and the U.S. with her private pilot husband. She loved volunteering at the Canton Public Library as well as card playing and outings with her friends. Her ashes will be interred in her grandparents' plot in Hastings, Nebraska. A Memorial Service will be held at Griffin Funeral Home on Ford Road on August 2, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. with visitation beginning at 12:00 p.m.

**NICKAMIN, BUNNY**

May 7, 1942 - May 18, 2014, Scottsdale, Arizona. Born to "Smiling" Sammy and Ann Woolf of Detroit, Michigan, Bunny, was the youngest of three. Bunny's spirit lives on through her sister Margo "Sissy" Cohen-Feinberg, brother Roy and sister-in-law Jackie Woolf, children David, Angie, Aaron, Adam, Anne and Andy, and grandchildren Emma Rose, Simon, Graham, Hayden, Eli, Bella and Milo. Bunny joins husband Alan and daughter Leah, who both passed in 2003. Throughout her life Bunny touched so many people with her kindness, integrity, beautiful smile and positive attitude. She had a love and talent for modern dance which found expression with The Festival Dancers of the Jewish Community Center. As a beautician for 50 years she offered quick witted humor and therapy to thousands who sat in her chair. When she wasn't cutting hair, she enjoyed endless hikes in nature, her place of solace and connection. Love is the legacy that Bunny leaves behind, for there was nothing more important to her than her family and friends. In May, following her courageous battle with Leukemia, there was a beautiful Memorial Service in Scottsdale, AZ where she lived for 30 years. In July there will be two gatherings in Charlevoix, MI, a place Bunny loved so very much: Meet and greet, July 12, 4-8 p.m. at 205 E. Dixon, and on July 19, a Ceremony offering her ashes into Lake Michigan. Please gather 4 p.m. at stairs, west end of Dixon, just north of the Charlevoix bridge. There is no better way to honor the passing of a loved one than to reflect upon our own lives. Do we accept and forgive to those closest to us? Have we made amends for and learned from our mistakes? Are we cultivating our gifts, living our passions and sharing our love? The family asks that charitable donations in honor of Bunny be sent to The Sierra Club and The Bear Hug Foundation (Camp Tanuga). Please contact Angie (nickamin22@gmail.com) for information about the Michigan events.

**OBERTI, SHIRLEY F.**

Age 84, June 29, 2014. Beloved wife of Lawrence of 64 years. Loving mother of Lawrence, Jr. (Anna), Rebecca (Mike Schmidt) Million and Rehne (Steven) Myers. Dear grandmother of Claudia, Marco, Thomas, Donald, James, Nicole and Nathan. Great grandmother of 13. Sister of Joyce (George) Morary. No service planned at this time. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Heart Association. Please share a memory by signing Shirley's guestbook at www.rgrgharris.com.



**PERRY, HARVEY W.**

Age 90, passed away Tuesday, June 24th, 2014, at Emerald Meadows Assisted Living Community, Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Barbara Anne (Welly), and his eldest son, Michael. Surviving and lovingly remembering him are sons, Timothy (Jacqueline), Thomas (Mary), daughter, Patrice (Dennis Knapp), daughter-in-law Maril, twelve grandchildren, and three great-grandsons. Harvey was born May 21, 1924 in Pittsburgh, PA and was adopted by Marie and Roy G. Perry. He was a mechanical engineer by trade and earned his degree at Case Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio. He later lived and worked in Pittsburgh, PA; Ballwin, MO; and the Detroit, MI area. Harvey was blessed with the wonderful ability to play the organ and piano by ear, and especially enjoyed theatre organ music. He was also a model train enthusiast and Civil War buff. Affectionately known as "The Cap'n," he was a big fan of boating as well. In commemoration and celebration of Harvey's life, a memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, July 19, at 9:00 a.m., Calvary Church, 707 East Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI. Following the service, family and friends are invited to cross the state for a graveside service and interment at 1:00 p.m., White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery, 621 West Long Lake Road, Troy, MI. The Perry family requests in lieu of flowers that any memorial donations be made on behalf of Hospice and Palliative Care Association of Michigan. www.mihospice.org. Memorial service details at www.mkdfuneralhome.com

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May the memory of your loved one...  
...bring you peace.

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# Oh, baby! Artist keeps children's feet warm, dry and trendy

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

The first time Annie Boyer used a sewing machine she broke it.

And when she and her seamstress sister started making baby shoes in 2005, Boyer only knew how to sew in a straight line. She left the detail work for her sibling.

"I was a nervous wreck," said Boyer, a Redford resident, recalling her initial experience sewing for their business, Mini-Mocs. Her skill with needle and thread steadily improved over the following year and when her sister retired from the business in 2007, Boyer was designing and sewing on her own.

"It's come a long way since then. I can say my shoes are where I want them to be. I sew every pair myself," she said. "I've designed one-of-a-kind clothing and a small toy line, but I mainly focus on Mini-Mocs. I love my shoes."

She'll bring 200 pairs of her handmade baby and toddler shoes to Plymouth's Art in the Park, Friday-Sunday, July 11-13, held around Kellogg Park and surrounding streets in downtown Plymouth. Boyer is among 15 artists who will sell wearable, useable art made specifically for children at the festival, which draws thousands of visitors and more than 400 artists who exhibit jewelry, sculpture, painting, artisan foods, wood-working, fiber art, paper creations, metal items, furniture, wearable art, garden art, candles, glass, pottery, pet items, bath and body products and photography. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. July 11, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 12 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 13. Shuttle buses are available at ACH, 14425 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Or call 734-453-1234 for automated directions.

Art designed for children will include soft-sculpture toys, doll clothing, kids' clothing, hair ornaments, personalized music, woodworking, personalized signs, edible sand art, frames, lamps and shelving for kids' rooms, along with Boyer's baby shoes.

## Returning artist

Boyer was a vendor at the show last year for the first time. It was so successful for her, she decided to return this summer and added several other shows to her schedule. Upcoming festivals include Millford Memories and Northville's Buy Michigan Now, both in August.

"It was wonderful. The people who organize (Art in the Park) and the people who attend the show are so kind. I'm looking forward to it," she said. "Shows are one of the most rewarding parts of what I do. I get instant feedback. It



Annie Boyer says she couldn't attend art festivals, like Art in the Park, without the help and support of her husband, Tony. Her brother, Paul Rochon, also helps with setup.



Annie Boyer makes Mini-Moc baby shoes in all colors and motifs, including sports-themed pairs.

validates what I'm doing, in a way. When I see babies try on the shoes, it's the cherry on top for me."

Although Boyer and her husband, Tony, aren't parents, together they have 32 nieces and nephews. Boyer started Mini-Mocs because a few of those youngsters needed shoes.

"My sister has six kids and could not find the soft moccasins, which she loves because



Mini-Mocs are constructed of suede and leather, with fanciful fabric accents.

they are so good for a baby's foot development and health. She couldn't even find any from overseas," Boyer said. "I said, let's make something. We made a pair of shoes for her youngest daughter and started getting compliments."

They formed a business, began designing and sewing, and then sold their shoes at baby goods shows. In addition to exhibiting at art festivals, like Art in the Park, Boyer now also sells online and at a maternity gift shop at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

## Artistic family

Business know-how and artistic ability are in her blood. Her late father, Richard Rochon, was an architectural illustrator who also painted

for pleasure. Boyer worked for her father for 30 years, helping with accounts and eventually managing the gallery that he opened, in 2000. The gallery closed when he retired in 2008 and Boyer took on the Mini-Mocs business alone, full time, after her sister retired from it.

Mini-Mocs come in four sizes, have soft suede soles and leather uppers. Boyer said she buys leather, suede and other materials from U.S. suppliers that have met or exceeded safety standards. The soft shoes are machine washable and "pediatrician recommended."

"For a long period of time, hard soles and stiff ankles was the best offered for babies' feet. But as time has gone by, they've learned and the experts out there say the more flexibility and movement a baby has at infancy, the better it is for development of bones, muscle and tendons."

Mini-Mocs cost \$28 per pair; with embroidery or other custom work, they're \$32. Visit Boyer's website at [mymini-mocs.com](http://mymini-mocs.com)

For more about Art in the Park, visit [artinthepark.com](http://artinthepark.com).

## Music, theater, live art demos enhance festival

Take a break from browsing Art in the Park's more than 400 artist booths to enjoy the entertainment it offers.

Music this year includes a returning favorite, One Love Reggae Band, which will perform Friday-Sunday, at Ann Arbor Trail and Forest Avenue in downtown Plymouth. John Melhado, known as Jon Mel-O, is new to the art festival but has played his vibraphone throughout metro Detroit, including at Bakers Keyboard Lounge, Eastern Market and Bert's Place. The Jamaica native, now living in Southfield, will perform throughout the weekend.

Local artist Erin Dillenbeck and D & M Art Studio, will create a chalk masterpiece at the intersection of Main and Penniman. The street art demonstration will be sketched with chalk onto the pavement and will be a work in progress all weekend.

Kristen Dillenbeck-Anderson of New York City, formerly of Canton, will create a living art mural by combining canvas, paint and live human figures, at Main and Ann Arbor Trail.

George Tait will portray a living statue from noon to 4 p.m. each day and My Adventure Theater will keep youngsters entertained with shows at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. July 12 and noon, 2 p.m. 3 p.m. July 13. During the theater's interactive show, characters are chosen from the audience and costumed on the spot.

Princess Caroline will be on hand during the festival to share stories and songs with youngsters. Kids and adults alike can try their hand at making art. Children can leave their mark on an interactive canvas mural that will be donated to Providence Park Hospital in Novi and adults can learn to make their own masterpiece at Wine and Canvas' mobile painting class, near Main and Ann Arbor Trail.

For more information, visit [artinthepark.com](http://artinthepark.com)



Vibraphonist Jon Mel-O will perform at Plymouth's Art in the Park.

## Bring your dancing shoes to Blues@The Elks July 8

Doug Deming & the Jewell Tones perform Tuesday, July 8, at the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge, #325.

This concert marks a rare return to the Detroit area for Deming, who is a Detroit native, now living on Florida's Gulf Coast. He has garnered widespread attention for his deft guitar work and memorable songwriting. While playing the local Detroit scene in the early 1990s, major players began to take notice, and Deming spent much of the following years backing many of the day's top touring blues artists, including Fabulous Thunderbirds front man Kim Wilson, legendary Louisiana swamp bluesman Lazy Lester, Gary Primich, Chicago greats Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones and A.C. Reed, as well as Detroit's own Queen of the Blues, Alberta Adams.

The concert, part of the Jazz @ The Elks series, runs 7-10 p.m. and includes pizza and a cash bar and room for dancing. Admission is \$5 at the door. The lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.



Doug Deming plays guitar while Jewell Tones member Dennis Gruenling belts it out on harmonica.

Call 734-453-1780 for more information.

The concert is a joint production of the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge and the non-profit Detroit Blues Society.

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day, with closing time at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in July and August

**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

**Details:** Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking.

**Wild Summer Nights:** Concerts run 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, through Aug. 27, in the Main Picnic Grove and are free with zoo admission, which is reduced to \$6 after 6 p.m. on concert nights. Performers are The Sun Messengers, Motown, R&B, July 9; Mr. Seley and the Troublemakers, children's, July 16; The Verve Pipe, children's, July 23

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### ARTS AND CRAFTS CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, through July 18

**Location:** The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Clay and bronze sculptures by Bernadette Marcos

**Contact:** 248-473-1859

### JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

**Time/Date:** Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10

a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 17 through Sept. 11

**Location:** Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** "Daily Gratitude: Art, Sport and Cupcakes," features the work of Jessica Kovan. Also opening July 17 are exhibits by glass artists and Teresa Petersen

**Contact:** 248-432-5448

### AUDITIONS EMERGENT ARTS

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. July 8-9

**Location:** The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

**Details:** Auditions for the drama *Adopt A Sailor* by Charles Evered, will be by cold reading from the script, which is online at [http://www.broadwayplaypubl.com/ADOPT\\_A\\_SAILOR.pdf](http://www.broadwayplaypubl.com/ADOPT_A_SAILOR.pdf).

**Contact:** 734-408-1592

### COMEDY EMERGENT ARTS

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti

**Details:** Comedian Chili Challis coaches new and experienced standup comics at weekly workshops. An open mic show follows the class

**Contact:** [info@emergentarts.com](mailto:info@emergentarts.com); [www.chilichallis.com](http://www.chilichallis.com)

### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Thursday, July 3

**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Red, White & Blue show features Darnell Anderson, Bill Bushart, Rick Lane, Esther Navarez, Justin Sullivan, with Brad Rambo as host.

**Contact:** [joeyscomeclub.net](http://joeyscomeclub.net); 734-261-0555

### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Thursday, July 3

**Location:** Fourth and Troy Streets in downtown Royal Oak

**Details:** Open mic; tickets are \$3

**Contact:** 248-542-9900; [info@ComedyCastle.com](mailto:info@ComedyCastle.com)

### FILM

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 5-6

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** Rio 2, admission \$3

**Coming up:** *Million Dollar Arm*, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 10, 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 11-12, and 4:20 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 13; *The Amazing Spider-Man 2*, 7 p.m. Friday, July 18 and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 19-20; *Belle*, 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 25-26, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 27

**Contact:** 734-453-0870; [www.penn-theatre.com](http://www.penn-theatre.com)



# SHRIMP FOR DINNER

Introduce a protein your family will love

The easiest way to get the family together for a meal is with a delicious, homemade dish with tasty ingredients, such as protein-packed shrimp.

There are many scrumptious reasons for including shrimp into your family's diet. The American Heart Association and other experts recommend eating seafood at least twice a week, and the FDA recently announced that pregnant women should consume between 8-12 ounces of seafood that is lower in mercury — which includes shrimp — each week to aid fetal development. It's easy to work toward this dietary goal by introducing Gulf shrimp into your diet. This versatile protein is easy to prepare, has a wonderfully salty and fresh flavor from the nutrient-rich environment in which it is caught, and is also widely available fresh and frozen at your local grocery.

#### Better-for-you benefits

Flavorful Gulf shrimp contains high-quality protein and a variety of essential nutrients, such as vitamins B-6 and B-12. It's also a natural source of vitamin D, low in saturated fat and offers healthy omega-3 fatty acids that have been shown to help reduce the risk of heart disease.

#### Simple substitutions

Add flair and flavor to your family's meal routine (and keep the kids happy) with these easy meal ideas that incorporate Gulf shrimp:

» Breakfast: Dice it up and add to omelets with fresh vegetables, such as sautéed spinach and tomatoes.

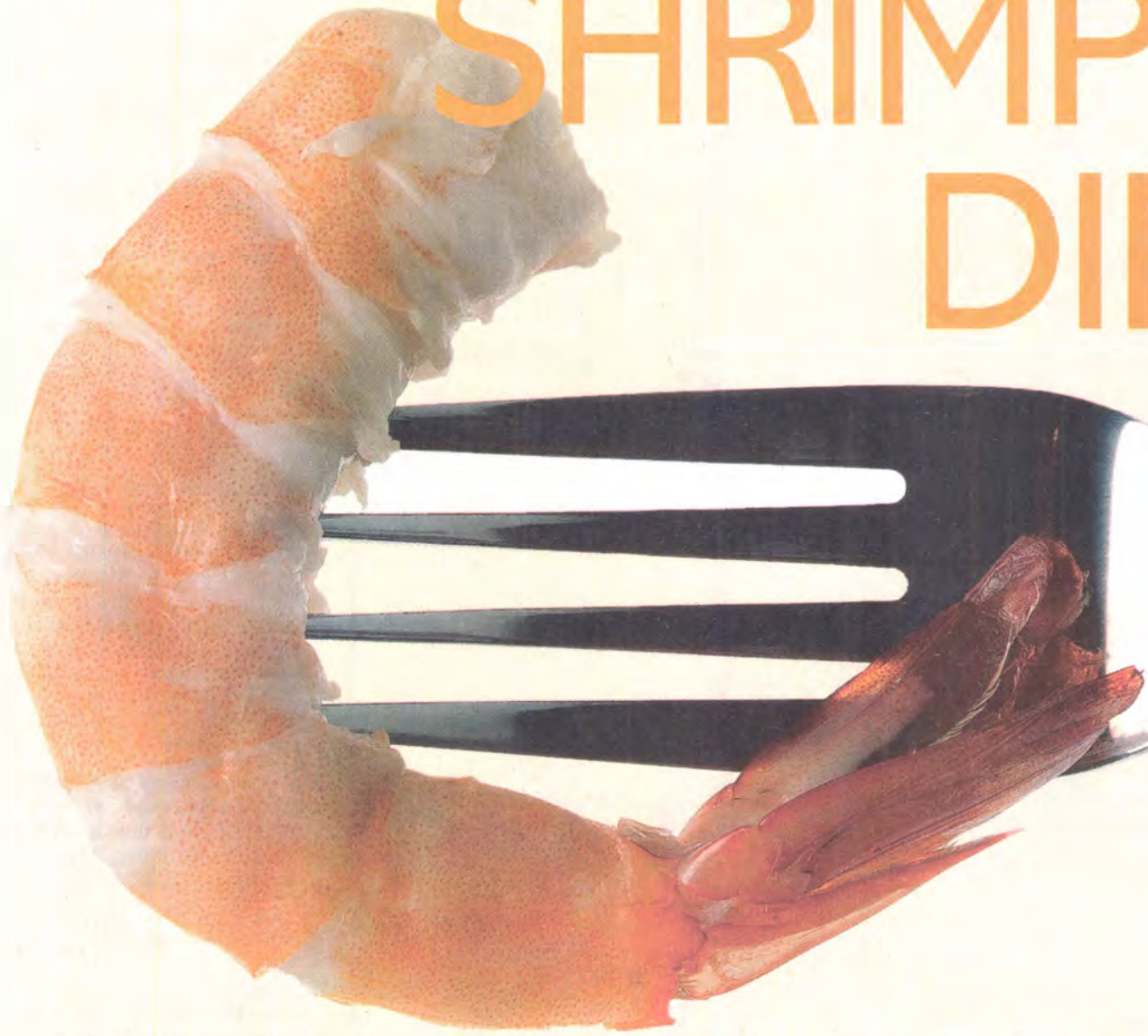
» Lunch: Perk up your mid-day meal by adding it to salads and tortilla soups.

» Appetizer or snack: Serve with simple cocktail sauce for a no-fuss crowd pleaser, or a light stick-with-you snack.

» Dinner: Mix it into spaghetti sauce and serve on a bed of whole wheat pasta.

For more great Gulf shrimp recipe ideas, visit [www.eatgulfseafood.com](http://www.eatgulfseafood.com).

Courtesy of Family Features



#### GULF SHRIMP SPRING ROLLS

Recipe from Fresh from Florida Gulf Seafood

**1 pound Gulf shrimp medium, peeled and deveined**  
**14 teaspoons cornstarch**  
**8 tablespoons soy sauce**  
**8 tablespoons canola oil**  
**1 cup green onion, chopped**  
**½ cup carrot, grated**  
**3 cup cabbage, chopped**  
**Sprouts, chopped**  
**2 teaspoons fresh ginger root, grated**  
**12 egg roll wrappers**  
**Sweet and sour sauce (optional)**

Cut raw shrimp into small pieces. In a medium bowl, combine cornstarch and 4 tablespoons soy sauce; then add shrimp. Mix well and set aside.

In a wok or large sauté pan, heat 4 tablespoons oil over high heat; stir-fry the shrimp, bean sprouts, cabbage, onion and carrot in oil until crisp-tender; and cool slightly. Transfer mixture to colander or pan to drain and cool.

When cooled, spoon ¼ cup of shrimp mixture on the bottom third of each wrapper. Fold bottom edge over filling; fold sides over filling toward center overlapping slightly. Moisten top edge with water; roll up tightly to seal. Repeat with the remaining wrappers and filling. Deep fry in 3 inches of 375°F oil until golden brown; drain on paper towels. Serve with sweet and sour sauce.



#### BEER-BATTERED ROCK SHRIMP WITH HONEY MUSTARD

Recipe from Fresh from Florida Gulf Seafood

**6 tablespoons honey**  
**¼ cup Dijon mustard**  
**¼ teaspoon hot pepper sauce**  
**1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour**  
**2 teaspoons cayenne**  
**2 teaspoons salt**  
**½ teaspoons baking powder**  
**8 ounces beer, room temperature**  
**1 ½ pounds rock shrimp (or pink shrimp, brown shrimp, white shrimp) peeled and deveined**  
**Canola oil for frying**  
**Lemon wedges for garnish**

Combine honey, mustard and pepper sauce in a small bowl and set aside. Stir together flour, cayenne, salt, baking powder and sugar in a medium bowl. Add beer and whisk until smooth.

Set aside to rest uncovered for an hour. Heat oil in a deep fryer to 350 degrees F. Dust shrimp with flour then dip shrimp in batter thoroughly coating shrimp. Fry 2 to 3 minutes until crisp and golden. Remove shrimp with a slotted spoon and drain on paper towels. Serve immediately with lemon wedges and honey mustard sauce.



#### BAKED SHRIMP SCAMPI

Recipe from Fresh from Florida Gulf Seafood

**½ cup butter**  
**1 clove garlic, finely chopped**  
**1 tablespoon shallots, chopped**  
**1 tablespoon capers**  
**1 tablespoon lemon rind, grated**  
**½ teaspoon parsley, chopped**  
**1 dash hot pepper sauce**  
**1 dash Worcestershire sauce**  
**¼ teaspoon salt**  
**½ teaspoon white pepper**  
**1 pound shrimp medium sized, peeled and deveined**  
**½ cup panko bread crumbs**  
**Lemon wedges**

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat until foaming. Add the next nine ingredients and sauté over medium heat 1 to 2 minutes. Set aside and keep warm. Place shrimp in a single layer in a greased baking dish; spoon butter mixture over all and top with a light layer of bread crumbs. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until shrimp are opaque and cooked through. Serve with lemon wedges.

#### QUICK-AND-EASY CHEESY GULF SHRIMP NACHOS

Recipe by chef Justin Timineri of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, for Gulf Seafood Marketing Coalition

Total time: 10 minutes  
Servings: 2-4

**½ pound tortilla chips**  
**1 cup low-sodium black beans, cooked, rinsed and drained**  
**1 ½ cup shredded low-fat cheese**  
**½ pounds small fresh or frozen Gulf shrimp (or large shrimp cut into bite-sized pieces), boiled and peeled**  
**1 large tomato, finely diced**  
**¼ cup scallions, diced**  
**Low-fat or fat-free sour cream (optional)**  
**Salsa (optional)**  
**Fresh guacamole (optional)**

Preheat oven to broil. In large, oven-proof platter, place tortilla chips in single layer. Sprinkle black beans and half of cheese on top of chips, then evenly distribute shrimp on top. Add diced tomato as next layer, then cover with remaining cheese.

Cook under broiler for roughly 2 minutes or until cheese is melted. Remove from oven and let cool slightly. Garnish nachos with sliced scallions, and top with sour cream, salsa and guacamole.

#### GULF SHRIMP AND SWEET PEPPER STIR FRY WITH HONEY-CITRUS GLAZE

Recipe from Fresh from Florida Gulf Seafood

**1 pound shrimp, peeled and deveined**  
**3 bell peppers in assorted colors, sliced**  
**1 large onion, sliced**  
**1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds**  
**1 tablespoon honey**  
**1 cup orange juice**  
**¼ cup cornstarch**  
**¼ cup low sodium soy sauce**  
**Oil for cooking**  
**Sea salt to taste**  
**Ground pepper to taste**

Lightly coat the shrimp with the cornstarch. Preheat a large sauté pan over medium high heat. Add 1 tablespoon of olive oil to the preheated sauté pan. Carefully add the coated shrimp to the sauté pan and cook until almost done, about 3 minutes.

Remove the shrimp from the pan and add the peppers and onions. Cook the peppers for 4 minutes. Add the honey, orange juice and soy sauce to the pan. Turn the heat up slightly. Bring the liquid ingredients up to a boil.

Turn the heat back down to medium high and add the shrimp back to the sauté pan. The sauce should thicken and the shrimp will be cooked after three minutes. Serve over brown rice. Garnish with sesame seeds.

#### GULF SHRIMP NEWBURG

Recipe from Fresh from Florida Gulf Seafood

**4 tablespoons butter**  
**4 tablespoons shallots diced**  
**½ pound fresh mushrooms, sliced (optional)**  
**10 ounces cream of shrimp soup**  
**1 cup half & half**  
**½ cup dry sherry**  
**1 teaspoon dry mustard**  
**4 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated**  
**Salt and pepper to taste**  
**1 ½ pounds Gulf shrimp cooked, peeled and deveined**  
**4 puff pastry shells, baked**

Melt butter in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add shallots and mushrooms (optional); sauté for 3 minutes until soft. Stir in soup, half & half, sherry, mustard, Parmesan cheese and salt and pepper to taste. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes to blend flavors.

Add shrimp and simmer over low heat for 5 minutes, stirring often. To serve, spoon shrimp and sauce into pastry shells.