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# New trash days begin in Westland on Monday

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Staff Writer

Some Westland residents will have a new trash day beginning next week — the first of several changes to the city's solid waste program.

Packets outlining the changes were mailed to homes last month, including maps with the route changes. Residents can also check their new trash, compost and recycling collection day at [mynewbin.cityofwestland.com](http://mynewbin.cityofwestland.com).

Council voted Monday to approve financing for 27,750 new wheeled trash containers along with fees for collecting extra trash, large item pickups and other trash related

services.

The council was offered two financing alternatives for the nearly \$1.6 million tab for the trash carts. Council approved using the Capital Improvement Fund with a 10-year repayment from the Sanitation Fund at 2.5 percent interest.

The alternative was private financing for seven years at 3.2 percent, which would have cost about \$10,000 more than the internal financing.

The wheeled carts, which are picked up by trucks with automated arms, are being assembled at the Department of Public Services for delivery this month.

The 96-gallon trash cans are similar to the carts used for

recycling collection. Residents will no longer be able to use their existing containers for trash collection — the city suggests using those containers for compost.

Residents who wish for a smaller trash container can request a 64-gallon cart for trash.

The fee schedule approved by council, effective Sept. 1 when the cart collection begins, includes \$60 annual leases for a second 96-gallon container for larger households.

Other fees include \$10 for one to three bulks items that do not fit into a can or \$25 for



Colin Hill with Midwest Sanitation helps assemble the new wheeled carts at the Department of Public Services yard on Marquette. SUE MASON

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# Evans wins over Wild, is ready to 'move county forward'

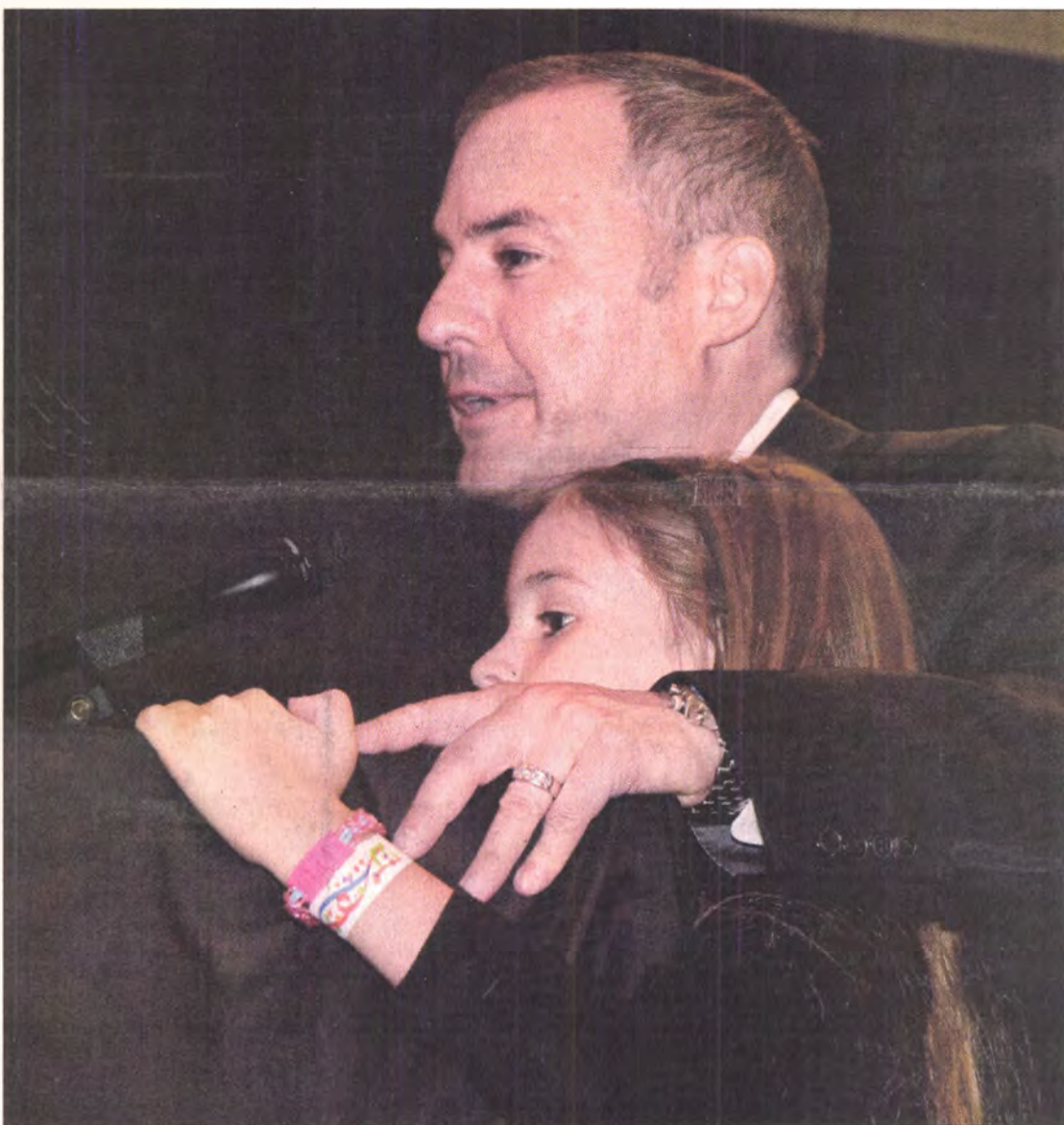
Westland mayor received 24 percent of votes

By Kurt Kuban  
 Staff Writer

Warren Evans took his share of shots from political opponents the last couple of weeks, but he never lost his focus on winning Tuesday's primary election to become the next Wayne County executive. Evans, who overcame plenty of mudslinging and two lawsuits that attempted to get him removed from the ballot, cruised to victory, earning about 46 percent of the vote — and beating his nearest opponent by about 20 percentage points.

It is a dominating victory for Evans, a longtime law enforcement official who has previously served as Wayne County sheriff and Detroit's police chief. While he still has to win November's general election against Livonia's John Dalton, who won the Republican primary Tuesday, it would be a monumental upset if he were to lose in the heavily Democratic-leaning county.

At his election night party held in Detroit, Evans thanked his many supporters and told them he is ready to move the county forward. He spoke of all the talented people in Wayne County and of



William Wild speaks to supporters with daughter Payton at his side. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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# Haidous elected to county commission

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Staff Writer

With no Republican candidate in the race, Democratic primary winner Al Haidous has effectively been elected 11th District Wayne County Commissioner.

Haidous carried 44 percent of the vote, or 3,497 votes, in the district, which includes Wayne, a portion of Westland, Belleville, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Huron Township and Romulus.

Jeremy Cady, a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy, received 3,109 votes for 39 percent. In third place was 19th District Court officer William Collop of Wayne with 1,347 votes for 17 percent of the total.

"I ran a good clean campaign. I focus on what I offer and why I am running. I am proud of that," Haidous said.

Elected Wayne mayor in 2001 after two terms as a councilman, Haidous is the only person to serve as mayor after the charter was amended to have the mayor directly elected by voters. Previously, the part-time position was filled with council appointing one of their members.

"It was a little different campaigning in seven cities. I enjoyed it," Haidous said. "I discussed a lot of issues. There are a lot of similarities. It was quite an enjoyable experience."

As he waited for election results Tuesday night at the Wayne Community Center, Haidous said he wanted to thank his family and friends for their support. Haidous and

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# Schoof, Cicirelli to be honored by Westland Lions Club

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Staff Writer

Two Westland women are being honored with the Pure American Award presented by the Westland Lions Club at their annual golf outing Monday, Aug. 11.

Eighteenth District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli and Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof are the 2014 recipients of the award, which recognizes unwavering sup-



Cicirelli



Schoof

port and dedication to the community.

"This is the fourth or fifth year for the award," said Lion George Marvaso. Previous recipients of the award in-

clude State Sen. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland), Westland Mayor William Wild, Westland Councilman Bill Johnson and community activist Mack Mayfield.

A former Westland councilwoman and Westland's first woman mayor, Cicirelli is the only person to have served in all three branches of city government — legislative, executive and judicial.

Prior to being elected Westland City Clerk, Schoof served

as state representative.

"We have had the golf outing for 30 years. It's our biggest fundraiser," Lion Ken Sharp said.

Held at the Polo Fields Golf and Country Club in Ann Arbor, the golf outing is expected to generate more than \$11,000 for the Lions Club charities.

Forty-year Lions members George and Sandy Cooley will

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## 11TH COMMISSION DISTRICT

Unofficial results for Wayne, winner is in black:

Jeremy Cady	298
William Collop	256
<b>Al Haidous</b>	<b>754</b>



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# Pole barn destroyed by fire; house saved

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A pole barn containing a motor home was destroyed and an apartment was damaged as Wayne-Westland firefighters responded to separate blazes within just over 15 minutes Saturday morning.

Located at 7566 N. Hix in Westland, the property loss for the 44-foot pole barn, which included an office, kitchen and work bench, was set at \$400,000.

"It was really an extension of the house. The motor home was worth \$250,000 by itself," Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Kelly Eggers said. "The fire appears to

have been an accident. The cause is still undetermined."

The fire was reported at 11:30 a.m. after a worker mowing the lawn at the home spotted smoke.

"The homeowner had been doing monthly maintenance on the motor home and had pulled it out of the pole barn," Eggers said.

"He had been running it. He had just pulled it back into the barn and attached a triple charger to it. The fire was reported about 10 minutes later."

The homeowner was inside the house and getting ready to take his dog for a walk, Eggers said, when the fire was spotted in the pole barn.

There was a breezeway that attached the pole barn to the home.

When firefighters arrived five minutes later, Eggers said the roof on the pole barn was completely gone.

"Our crews on the scene did a fantastic job preventing the fire from reaching the house," Eggers said.

"It was directly attached to the house with a breezeway and connected to the attic. Our crews made a trench cut in the roof of the breezeway to stop the fire from moving to the house."

After some investigation, Eggers said it doesn't appear the motor home sparked the fire.

"We believe there was a cause other than the

motor home. Our hypothesis is the natural gas line," Eggers said. "At this time, the cause is undetermined."

The second fire had been reported at 11:12 a.m. in a first-floor unit at the Birch Hill Apartments, 116 S. Hubbard, also in Westland.

The two residents of the apartment were not home, Eggers said, but smoke detectors alerted neighbors to the fire.

The cause of the fire hasn't yet been determined but it was contained within the kitchen of that particular apartment, Eggers said.

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This pole barn was destroyed by fire Saturday, but Wayne-Westland firefighters were able to keep the attached home from being damaged.

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more than three bulk items. For a home move out or clean out, there is a minimum \$50 fee.

The bulk item fee schedule, which also includes charges for appliances and carpet bundles, was criticized by resident Connie Hierta.

"I believe very strongly in a compassionate and green city. Westland is a lower middle class city," she said. "There are a lot more rentals who won't pay for an extra pick-up. It will end up in commercial dumpsters, in Hines Park and out of sight behind the garage."

Adding she wasn't slamming all renters, Hierta laid out a scenar-

io of a hoarder being convinced to get rid of some stuff but then not being able to afford the bulk pick-up fee.

"You need to come up with a waiver for low-income people or re-study the whole program," she said.

The city will be providing a list on its website, Deputy Mayor Jade Smith said, providing organizations that will take furniture and other household items. He noted DTE Energy will pay \$40 and remove working refrigerators while other electronics can be recycled at the DPS yard.

"Call DPS if there are special circumstances. We are working with people," Smith said.

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## LIONS

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also be recognized for a lifetime of service to the Westland Lions.

Chartered in 1976, the Westland Lions Club follows the motto "We Serve." Part of the international Lions organization, Marvaso said the local efforts are only a small part of the worldwide charitable service of the Lions.

In particular, the Lions are known for their support of programs serving the blind and visually impaired. The club also supports groups serving the hearing impaired, provides glasses and hearing aids

to the needy and other needs of Westland residents.

"We are hoping for growth. The Lions are worldwide, we are a little piece on the tree," Marvaso said. "We do local good. We have great people trying to help people."

The golf outing offers a number of sponsorships and opportunities to golf, including \$125 per golfer. For non-golfers, the dinner banquet is available for \$30 per person.

For more information, contact Marvaso at 313-801-5321 or Sharp at 734-595-8305.

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## EXECUTIVE

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his desire to improve the county's image and county government's performance.

"Now we're in a position to move the needle forward, just as the city of Detroit is moving the needle forward," Evans said. "We're going to move Wayne County forward and to a much better place."

Evans' victory may very well bring incumbent Robert Ficano's political career to an end. Ficano, who has served as county executive since 2003, finished a distant fifth in the voting, garnering only about 6 percent of the vote.

Westland Mayor Bill Wild was second with about 24 percent of the vote. His election night party took place at Westland's Wayne-Ford Civic League and broke up around 1 a.m. Wednesday. At that point, Wild still hadn't conceded the race, but did so shortly afterward when more of the numbers came in showing Evans with a com-



Warren Evans speaks to the press at his election night party in Detroit. KURT KUBAN

manding lead.

Wild felt he ran a good, organized campaign and that his message resonated with voters, especially in out-county areas where he did well. He said he couldn't overcome the support Evans received from the city of Detroit, however. While Wild was disappointed with the results, he enjoyed the campaign. He said it's too soon to think about running for such a position again.

"At this point, I'm going to focus on the city of Westland and all the good work we're doing

there," Wild said. "We've got a lot of really great projects going on. I'm especially excited about the possibility of redeveloping the Ford Road property (where the current city hall is located)."

Finishing third was state Rep. Phil Cavanagh of Redford Township, who ended up with about 10 percent of the vote. Cavanagh's lawsuit to get Evans removed from the ballot was one of two to be shot down by the courts last week. Now that the campaign is over, Cavanagh had kind words for Evans and felt

## WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Unofficial results for Tuesday's primary (with 91 percent of the precincts reporting). Bold indicates winner.

DEMOCRAT	
Adam Salam Adamski	.....559
Phil Cavanagh	.....13,436
Cindy Darrah	.....2,499
<b>Warren C. Evans</b>	<b>.....63,834</b>
Robert A. Ficano	.....8,168
Russell George Leviska	.....255
Kevin M. McNamara	.....9,049
Bettie Cook Scott	.....4,428
Sigmunt John Szczepkowski	.....689
William R. Wild	.....34,036
Christopher Wojtowicz	.....2,236

REPUBLICAN	
Fred A. Bolden	.....8,572
<b>John Dalton</b>	<b>.....13,083</b>
Daniel K. Wenderlich	.....7,846

he would do well. Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara finished fourth with about 7 percent of the vote. He said he wasn't going away and that "Wayne County is in my DNA."

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## HAIDOUS

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his wife Mary, who have five children and 10 grandchildren, were celebrating their 47th wedding anniversary on election day.

Haidous will replace Kevin McNamara, D-Belleville, as county commissioner. McNamara unsuccessfully ran for Wayne County Executive.

The commissioners take office in January.

How Haidous will be replaced as Wayne mayor is unclear at this



Wayne Mayor Al Haidous watches election results with family members and supporters at the Wayne Community Center on election night. PHOTO BY LEANNE ROGERS

point, Wayne City Clerk Matt Miller said. The city charter has

provisions for filling a vacancy but also has the Netter Amendment,

which has the mayor elected by popular vote but doesn't address filling a vacancy.

Miller said he was going to schedule a meeting with the city attorney and city manager to discuss how to handle the mayoral vacancy.

It's expected that Mayor Pro Tem James Hawley will serve as mayor during the interim between Haidous taking office and a new mayor being in place.

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## AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

### Fall arts and crafts show

St. Damian is looking for crafters for its annual arts and crafts show, set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, in the Community Room and Gym of the parish, located at 30055 Joy, west of Middlebelt, Westland.

Tables are \$25 each or \$40 for two tables. There are 70 tables available

for the event. Call the parish center office at 734-421-6130 weekdays or download an application at [www.stdamian.com/](http://www.stdamian.com/) under events, then craft show.

### Game night

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly game night at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at the center, 36745 Marquette, east of New-

burgh. The center remains closed on Fridays through Aug. 8. For more information, call 734-419-2020.

### Annual golf outing

Glenn Wrestling will hold its 17th annual Golf Outing Fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 13, at Hilltop Golf Course. Cost is \$100 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and

dinner after golf.

Contact Judy at [jgwrestling-mom@gmail.com](mailto:jgwrestling-mom@gmail.com) or 734-634-4595 if you have questions, need more information or want to make reservations. You can also obtain more information at [glennwrestling.com](http://glennwrestling.com). Hole sponsorship and raffle donations are also being accepted. All donations are welcome.

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Livonia Treasurer Dennis Wright, out passing literature with Laura Cox at Riley Upper Elementary School, shields voter Robert Dethloff and 3-year-old daughter Chloe from a steady rain. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Proposals, key races draw voters to polls

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Livonia residents Linda and Gary Meldrum had to make a little detour before casting their votes Tuesday.

The couple, who usually vote at Rosedale School, went to the elementary school before realizing their precinct had been temporarily moved to Churchill High School because of renovations taking place.

They wanted to make sure they got to the polls to vote in support of the Livonia Public School millages, something they feel strongly about.

"We need to support the schools," Gary Meldrum said. Both proposals passed.

The Meldrums were two of many people hitting the polls around Livonia on Tuesday for the state primary. Several precinct officials said they expected the turnout to be a bit higher than usual for a primary, which included Anne Dwyer, a co-chair for precinct 31A that was at Churchill this election.

About 200 voters had cast ballots as of about 5 p.m. at that precinct, she

said. "It's been steady today," she said. "It's actually a little higher than we anticipated."

Adam Whalen, a co-chair at precinct 2A at Clarenceville High School, said the way voters were streaming in, he expected to see between 200 and 250 come through the doors.

"We're definitely higher than we usually would be at," he said at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Several voters said they cast ballots in each election, but some races and issues got their interest more than others this time.

Greg Honer, who cast his ballot at Clarenceville Middle School, said he was curious to see what happened in the Wayne County executive race.

He said he cast his ballot for Warren Evans in the primary, but said there's one candidate he truly does not want to occupy that seat for the next four years: Robert Ficano.

He said he was fed up with how the county was being run, especially with the Wayne County Jail problems that have occurred in downtown De-

troit. "I can't believe Ficano is still running commercials," he said. "I can't believe he has the gall."

Ron Kulczycki, who voted at Webster School, said he hopes to see a wave of new Republican leadership both at the state and national levels. That includes Terri Lynn Land winning in November over Gary Peters, both of whom ran uncontested, and Dave Trott, who campaigned against U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio in the Republican primary.

He said he believes Trott has the values to align with current leadership across the state.

"I think it's what we need," Kulczycki said.

Lorraine Jankowiak cast her ballot at Clarenceville Middle School. Though she declined to say who had her support in the ballot box, she did say it was time for some changes to be made in the political spectrum.

"I just think this country's going to hell in a hand basket, and I'd like to see it change," she said.

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## Reward offered in death of bicyclist

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A cash reward is being offered for anyone who can provide information regarding the fatal accident of a Plymouth man riding his bicycle in Livonia earlier this year.

Ryan Crime Stoppers of Michigan is offering up to a \$2,500 reward for anyone who can provide information regarding the suspect or suspects wanted in connection with the hit-and-run accident involving 64-year-old Plymouth resident Dennis Ryan. Ryan was visiting his son in Livonia on May 19. He was riding his bicycle home that evening to the Five Mile and Haggerty area,

heading northbound on Newburgh near Schoolcraft, when he was hit by a vehicle.

The Newburgh bridge over I-96 at the time was reduced to one lane in each direction because of repairs being done as a part of the freeway reconstruction through Livonia. Police were unsure in May if the lane closures played a role in the fatal accident.

Since the incident, police have asked for any help from the public who may have seen the accident that day. As of Tuesday morning, no arrests had been made, according to Livonia police. The accident remains under investigation.

Shirley Schuler, communications manager for Crime Stoppers of Michigan, said when a reward is offered through the agency, tips

typically begin to increase.

"I think sometimes people are more apt to call us to see if there's a reward," she said. "I think people wait to see that advertised to see that reward."

The agency, which offers rewards to anonymous tipsters for crimes all over southeast Michigan, has received more than 6,200 tips that led to more than 280 arrests and doled out more than \$54,000 in reward money the last 12 months, according to its website.

Anyone wishing to remain anonymous with information can contact Crime Stoppers of Michigan at 800-SPEAK-UP, send a text message at 274637 or write in a tip on its website at 1800speakup.org. Those with information can also contact the Livonia Police Department at 734-466-2680.

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## Westland welcomes new police officer, K-9 officer Hemi

The City of Westland Police Department has a new police officer, Adam Tardif, who was sworn in July 21.

Tardif has served the past 12 years as a patrol sergeant with the Hamtramck Police Department where he began his career. He graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy in 1995. He was also assigned as a Task Force Agent with Detroit DEA Group 3 for four years.

"I want to welcome Officer Tardif to the Westland Community and thank him for his past service with other communities," Mayor William Wild said. "I am confident that with

his experience, Officer Tardif will hit the ground running and serve our city well."

The department also has a new K-9 officer — Hemi — following the retirement of veteran K-9 Officer Friday in April.

Hemi was born in Gerbisbach, Germany, in March 2012 and came to the United States in April 2014. The Westland Police Department picked him up May 15 and he is currently training in narcotic detection, tracking, handler protection, evidence searches and building searches.

As he continues his training, he has begun patrolling

Westland streets with his handler, Officer Michael Little.

The purchase of Hemi and his training is completely funded from forfeiture funds seized by the Westland Police Department from illegal narcotic dealers.

"We are very fortunate to continue providing this service in our community," Wild said. "Hemi will be a valuable addition to our police department and the residents of Westland."



Hemi



Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik (left) and Mayor William Wild (right) welcome new police officer Adam Tardif to the city.

### GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

#### Resisting arrest

Garden City police reportedly had difficulty with a 36-year-old Detroit driver about 3 a.m. July 30 after they arrested him for driving on a suspended license in the area of Craig and Pardo.

He was stopped for speeding — driving 50 mph in a 40 mph zone — on westbound Ford near the Gordon Chevrolet dealership, police said.

The driver also had an improper license plate which expired in August 2013, police said.

The officers asked the driver if he wanted to call somebody to come and get the dog that was inside his car but he swore again and said that he didn't care what happened to the dog and wasn't going to call anyone, police said. The police made arrangements to take the dog to the Romulus Animal Shelter.

When the man was placed in the back of the squad car, he hit the protective cage in anger

but did not cause damage, police said. He continued to be uncooperative at the police station, refusing to sit on the bench or to be fingerprinted and urinated on the floor, police said.

Although the officer told him that his misconduct would result in another charge, the man didn't care and was escorted to the cell by two officers, police said.

The man was cited for an improper plate, speeding, no proof of insurance and resisting a police officer.

#### Theft

A 51-year-old resident in the 31000 block of Beechwood reportedly blames his 46-year-old sister for stealing money and candy from his room while he is at work.

He doesn't know how she gets into his locked room. He added that he has noticed the losses on two or three consecutive Wednesdays when she comes over to care for their mother, police said.

By Sue Buck

### WESTLAND COP CALLS

#### Larceny

A resident in the 200 block of Larchmont told police Aug. 3 that someone had stolen her black, red and white Schwinn mountain bike from her garage Aug. 3.

The bike was in her garage when she left home, the resident said, but gone when she returned less than 30 minutes later. She also found a bike, a 10-speed with two flat tires, in the road near her home.

#### Vandalism

A Westland woman told police that she found the door of her 2014 Ford Fusion dented when she came out of Kroger, 36430 Ford, Aug. 1. The officer said it appeared the car had been hit by a grocery cart or another car door.

#### Fraud

A Westland man told police Aug. 1 that someone had been using his debit card without authorization in Brooklyn, N.Y. The charges were made July 9-11 and to-

taled over \$85.

» Also on Aug. 1, a Westland man told police that he was disputing 20 charges, totaling nearly \$685, made on his account without authorization. The charges were made July 28-Aug. 1 at various locations in Detroit.

The resident said he became aware of the charges after being alerted about suspicious activity by his credit union.

» On Aug. 1, a Westland man told police he attempted to buy a cell phone at Best Buy but found that a fraudulent account had been opened in his name. There were three lines with a \$333 account balance.

» A Westland woman told police that on July 30 she discovered someone had fraudulently opened a two-line account in her name when she attempted to buy a Verizon phone at Best Buy. The outstanding balance was \$237.

By LeAnne Rogers

### WAYNE COP CALLS

#### Larceny from a vehicle

The manager of Wayne Auto Center, 32995 Glenwood, told police July 30 that he arrived for work and found a Chrysler 300 missing four rims and tires. He said the vehicle, parked in the storage lot, had been left on jacks. The rims and tires were valued at \$1,600.

#### Stolen vehicles

A Belleville man told police Aug. 1 that someone had stolen his 1996 Ford F350 while he was working at the Ford Stamping Plant, 37625 W. Michigan Ave.

The truck was described as having a three-inch lift, aluminum push bar, a steel grate covering the rear window and a decal reading "REDNECK" on the tailgate. The truck was valued at \$8,000.

Surveillance video showed a man at truck's driver side door, gain entry and drive away.

» On July 30, a Detroit man said he was

visiting his girlfriend who lives at the Park Hill Apartments, 32925 Park Hill, and accidentally left his keys in the apartment door lock. He said he was inside the apartment for approximately 10 minutes when he realized he didn't have his keys.

Checking the door, he said the keys were gone and so was his 2011 Chevrolet Impala.

#### Larceny

On Aug. 4, a resident in the 33000 block of Annapolis told police someone had stolen two bicycles from his backyard. One was described as a green Mongoose bicycle, the other a gray mountain bike.

#### Vandalism

An officer doing a periodic check at the city parking structure, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Aug. 4 reported finding a 12-inch by three-inch window pane in the stairwell with a large hole and cracked from top to bottom.

By LeAnne Rogers



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# Proposal 1 to repeal state tax on equipment approved by voters

By Paul Egan  
Gannett Michigan

LANSING — A state-wide proposal to phase out the personal property tax on manufacturing equipment was approved by voters Tuesday, despite voter confusion and unhappiness about the complex proposal.

Proposal 1 phases out the PPT on industrial and some commercial equipment between 2016 and 2023.

It's an unpopular tax among manufacturers. Gov. Rick Snyder and most members of the Legislature from both parties say eliminating it will help Michigan's competitiveness as a place companies want to locate.

Most of the revenue from the PPT goes to local governments and the proposal replaces that lost revenue by shifting money from the state's 6-percent use tax — charged on items such as Internet and mail-order purchases, telephone service and hotel accommodations.

"What it really means for us is stability," said Samantha Harkins, director of state affairs for the Michigan Municipal League.

Count Roger Runyan among business leaders who believe elimination of the personal property tax is a huge leap forward in promoting a

business environment where growth can happen. Runyan, chief financial officer at Fraza Forklifts in Plymouth Township, said the money his company will save without the tax would be enough to hire two additional employees.

According to Runyan, Fraza employees spent 160 man-hours just managing personal property tax obligations, including the paperwork. The company, he said, had to file 110 personal property tax returns and pays \$105,000 annual in PPT.

"We are so excited about this," Runyan said of the passage of Proposal 1. "This is so critical for our business."

Leslie dePietro of Ann Arbor, a part-time editor, said she sympathizes with businesses that have to pay tax on the same equipment year after year, "but I also do not trust the government to replenish the coffers of towns and cities and townships."

But Harkins said the greater concern is the Legislature repealing the PPT without replacement revenue if the proposal had failed. Then, "I'm terrified what could happen in lame duck," she said.

The proposal sets up a new Local Community Stabilization Authority to distribute the use tax money to local govern-



Despite the rain and low voter turnout, campaign volunteers Stephanie Nimene of Berkley, left, and Marquis Craighead of Southfield brave the rain and wait for voters to approach during the primary election at the precinct at Word of Power Ministry at 17400 Manderson in Detroit. REGINA H. BOONE/GANNETT MICHIGAN

ments and an Essential Services Assessment — which would be paid by some manufacturers in place of the much more costly PPT — as a partial revenue replacement.

According to the Senate Fiscal Agency, the change could leave a \$500 million hole in the state general fund once it is fully phased in. But Snyder and other officials say they expect that money to be offset as tax credits issued under the old Michigan Business Tax expire.

The Michigan Municipal League supported the proposal, as did Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer, the conservative Michigan Chamber of Commerce and the left-leaning Michigan League for Public Policy.

Backers of the proposal were expected to spend more than \$7 million, most of it on TV ads.

Gannett Michigan contributed to this story.

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# Livonia Public Schools voters hold the line on school tax rate

Wayne and Garden City voters also reject requests

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland, Garden City and Livonia Public Schools residents should see no increase in their school tax rate with the defeat a Wayne County Regional Educational Service proposal for a 2-mill tax increase for schools throughout the county for six years.

Wayne voters rejected the millage request with 967 no votes to 829 votes with Garden City residents rejecting the request, 1,617 no to 1,339 yes. Livonia voters rejected the proposal with 9,120 no votes to 6,330 yes votes. Only Westland residents showed support for the millage, voting 4,033 yes to 3,974 no. Countywide, it was narrowly defeated with 99,477 no votes to 96,792 yes votes in unofficial results.

Property owners across Wayne County would have paid an extra \$200 each year for every \$100,000 of taxable property value, had it passed.

The proposal would have provided millage would brought in \$4.63 million on revenue for Wayne-Westland and \$1.72 million for Garden City. LPS would have received \$5.7 million a year in additional operating revenue.

"We're greatly disappointed with the millage loss," Garden City School Superintendent Michelle Cline said. "The funds from the millage could have delayed and possibly kept GCPS from going into a deficit. The voters in Garden City had an opportunity to help their public schools by supporting a millage that brought more funds than their taxes would have raised. This type of opportunity does not present itself often, and I am saddened we did not get the support we so badly needed."

In LPS, the sinking fund

and non-homestead property tax renewals are for both five years and will not contribute to the rise in the tax rate.

"We are very grateful that our community continues to show their value for education," Superintendent Randy Liepa said. "Thank you to our voters for their ongoing support of our local schools. We will continue to work to spend their tax dollars in the best interest of the children."

The 1.12-mill sinking fund tax funds ongoing repairs. It was approved by LPS voters with 12,923 yes votes to 5,588 no votes, passing in both the Livonia and Westland portions of the district.

The sinking fund tax is levied against all properties in the district, including residential properties, while the non-homestead tax is levied against businesses, and commercial and industrial properties.

The sinking fund tax, which would have expired this year,

brings in about \$4.6 million annually district-wide. The owner of a home in the district with a market value of \$132,000 pays about \$74 per year for the sinking fund.

The 18.4568-mill nonhomestead tax is for operations. It was approved with 12,096 yes votes to 5,385 no votes, also passing in both the Livonia and Westland portions of the district.

The nonhomestead operating property tax, which would have expired in 2015, has been levied since 1994 when Proposal A reformed how schools are funded. It brings in about \$22 million in revenue to Livonia Public Schools.

The state assumes local districts will receive 18 mills from nonhomestead properties when they look at the overall funding package for schools.

Sue Mason contributed to this story.

## LPS SINKING FUND

Unofficial results for how Livonia voted in Tuesday's primary. Bold indicates winner.

Yes .....11,081  
No .....4,697

## LPS NON-HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX

Unofficial results for how Livonia voted in Tuesday's primary. Bold indicates winner.

Yes .....11,900  
No .....4,498

## WAYNE RESA PROPERTY TAX

Unofficial results for Livonia:

Yes .....6,330  
No .....9,120

Unofficial results for Westland:

Yes .....4,033  
No .....3,974

Unofficial results for Wayne:

Yes .....829  
No .....967

Unofficial results for Garden City:

Yes .....1,339  
No .....1,617

## 10 reasons women should welcome return of football

As I write this, all 32 NFL teams are in the throes of training camp, the Hall of Fame enshrinement ceremony and game is taking place this weekend, and fans are already assembling their fantasy leagues.

This all means one thing: Football season has officially begun.

I know, I know. I can see your eyes rolling from here. But I, in fact, welcome this time of year with open arms and have a bevy of pizza delivery menus on standby.

Here's why you should, too:

» Your man is home — Bars. Casinos. God-knows-what. There's no shortage of vices your man could be dabbling in. So when you consider that he's sitting in front of the TV with a bag of cheese puffs, it's all good.

» Less cooking — Even the man who delights in eating Thanksgiving dinner year-round won't balk at eating pizza and wings on game day, which means no one has to slave away in front of a hot stove. Got a cell phone? Then you've got dinner.

» Football season coincides with back-to-school — I've heard these stories, and I'm guessing most of them are true. They are tales of mothers who literally rejoice at the arrival of back-to-school time because when the kids schlep off to school, we have more time for ourselves. (These stories had better be true because I'll be devastated if, come to find out, this is all an urban mommy myth.)

» You get eye candy ... and you get eye candy... and you get eye candy! (Note: This is best read in the likeness of Oprah à la her famous car giveaway episode.) What physical attributes do you find attractive in a man? Washboard abs? Then wide receivers will tickle your fancy. Tall, lean, and chiseled? Quarterback. Like 'em on the meatier side? Ogle a lineman. The game of football presents a visual smorgasbord for us all.

» Football gives way to a second game: Let's Make a Deal, The Honey-Do List Edition — That wobbly banister leading to the basement needs fixing. The faucet in the kids' bathroom has been leaking far too long. And you have absolutely no intention of climbing a ladder to change the light bulb in the garage. Of course, you'll let him watch football, provided he performs a few key upgrades first. It's called a two-way street, fellas.

» He's not bothering you — Manicures. A trip to the mall. Retreating in solitude to your mom cave. Think of all the glorious things you could be doing if you had time — time that instantly becomes available when your man is watch-



Courtney Conover

GUEST COLUMNIST

ing football. And not nagging you.

» Less laundry — NFL football plays on Sunday, Monday and Thursday. Here's the deal: I'd venture to say your man and/or son(s) are wearing their favorite football jerseys on one, if not all three of those days. OK, yes, said jersey will reek like a barnyard by the end of the week, but that's beside the point. Look at the bright side: They've just shaved several pounds off the dirty clothes hamper.

» You might actually enjoy it — "I don't understand it," I've heard women say. "Football is so complicated," is another refrain. Football, complicated? Nah. I'll show you complicated. Complicated is potty training your toddler son with a newborn underfoot. Complicated is trying to navigate the perils of having an unfeeling boss while juggling equally taxing demands at home. If we can accomplish all of the above, we can comprehend the game of football. And we may actually grow to like it, too.

» It's a ready-made family-friendly party — I'm in awe of those Martha Stewart-meets-MacGyver types I see on Pinterest. I'm missing the DIY gene. But a tailgate party is easy: the team colors are predetermined, the most pedestrian food and snacks will suffice, and the main event is on TV. So long as you can keep the male attendees from cursing like sailors at every bad play, you're covered.

» You get to cheer ... for your kid(s) — So your child plays youth football. And maybe — as much as you hate to admit it — he's horrible. Or, on the other hand, he might be the team's MVP. It really doesn't matter. Regardless, you've just been given an opportunity to root for him and boost his self-esteem in the process. I'll bet you dollars to donuts that, years down the line, he won't remember the outcome of the season's third away game, but he will remember the look on your face when you said that he rocked and that you are proud of him.

So are you ready for some football? Yes, ladies. We are.

Wayne resident Courtney Conover is a mom of two little ones and wife of former Detroit Lions offensive lineman Scott Conover. She has more LEGOs and NFL memorabilia lying around her home than she knows what to do with. Visit her online at [thebrowngirlwithlonghair.com](http://thebrowngirlwithlonghair.com).

## Shop for bargains at Dorsey Center

Stop by the Dorsey Center on Saturday, Aug. 9, for some bargains and help out the Norway Community Citizens Council.

Scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., proceeds of the rummage sale will benefit the Norway Community Citizens Council, which is hosting the event with the Norway Community Watch and the Wayne Met-

ropolitan Community Action Agency Regional Advisory Council III.

The rummage sale will feature \$1-per-paper-grocery-bag sales. Larger items that can't fit into the bag are \$2 each.

Free community resource information will be provided during the rummage sale. Free backpacks with school supplies, sponsored by Warm

Hearts, will be available while supplies last.

Along with the rummage sale, there will be a craft table sponsored by Wayne Metro and a bake sale provided by Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The Dorsey Center is located at 32715 Dorsey, Westland.

## WISH YOU WERE HERE



Enjoying a week's vacation in Kennebunkport, Maine, were Spencer Kovacs (top row, from left) of Livonia, Max Messner of Garden City, James Falk, Bryce Falk, Mitchell Falk, all of Garden City, Sage Kovacs (bottom row, from left) of Livonia, Lucas Falk of Garden City and Tate Kovacs of Livonia. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com). Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

## Patrons can download free movies, TV shows and songs at Westland library

Thousands of movies, television shows, music albums and audiobooks are all available for mobile and online access through a new partnership between the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland and Hoopla digital.

Westland library card holders can now download the free Hoopla digital mobile app on their Android or iOS device or visit [hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com) to begin enjoying thousands of titles — from major Hollywood studios, record companies and publishers — available to borrow for instant streaming or temporary downloading to their smart phones, tablets, computers and Apple TV. Patrons can also find a link for Hoopla digital on the li-

brary's website, [www.westlandlibrary.org](http://www.westlandlibrary.org).

"We are committed to offering various media, in addition to our physical items, to meet the needs of our patrons in this 24/7 world," said Andy Schuck, head of library's Youth Services. "We pride ourselves on being accessible and with Hoopla digital, our patrons only need their library card to stay connected."

Patrons will be able to access great content on the Hoopla app or website free of charge.

"The service is also digital, so there is no waiting period for popular titles and Hoopla's automatic return means no late fees," Schuck said.

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Library of Westland is the eighth library system in the state of Michigan to partner with Hoopla digital. Current partners include Jackson District Library, Kent District Library, Kalamazoo Public Library, Cromaine District Library and East Lansing Public Library.

"With Hoopla digital, it is our mission to help public libraries meet the needs of the mobile generation," said Jeff Jankowski founder and owner of Hoopla digital. "We've worked for years to create a best-in-breed service that is fun, fast and reliable. And we continue to expand our content deals to secure the offering of movies, TV shows, music and audiobooks."



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Improvements at CLS in Wayne have included landscaping the courtyard and parking lot island and adding awnings and new doors.

## Community Living Services wins beautification award

For the second consecutive year, the City of Wayne Beautification Committee has presented Community Living Services the "Keep Wayne Beautiful"

Award. The recognition is given to homes and businesses that have been nominated by a neighbor or another Wayne resident or business.

"CLS is honored to be a recipient of this award," said Marge Werabelski, building and property manager at CLS. "We take great pride in our building and

landscaping, and we're pleased that other Wayne residents think so too."

CLS has spent more than \$1 million in the last five years to resurface the parking lot, landscape the courtyard and parking lot island, upgrade the lighting and add awnings and new doors.

"We planned and discussed these changes for a few years, then did each project individually over a period of time," Werabelski said.

According to the Wayne Beautification guidelines, nominated homes and businesses are evaluated in the areas of property maintenance, landscape design and overall appearance. Honorees show a real commitment to neighborhood beautification, with attention to detail. CLS has been part of the Wayne community since 1993 and is the second largest employer in the city.

Community Living Services Inc., is a non-profit organization providing supports and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in Wayne County. CLS is funded through the Detroit-Wayne Mental Health Authority.

For more information, contact CLS at 734-467-7600 or visit [www.com-livserv.com](http://www.com-livserv.com).

### BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

#### Medical practices honored

Several western Wayne County practices have been designated patient-centered medical homes for the 2014 program year by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. The designation means the practices have particular qualities and processes that help improve health care quality and lower costs through a coordinated, team focus on their patients' health and wellness.

Through patient-centered medical homes, primary care physicians lead care teams that work with patients to keep them healthy and monitor their care on an ongoing basis. Care is based on each patient's personal health goals, and often extends into non-clinical factors that may influence a person's health status, such as emotional, behavioral and social needs.

"In a patient-centered medical home, patients have a team of professionals who track and guide their care, focusing on keeping them healthy and managing illness," said Dr. David Share, BCBSM senior vice president. "PCMH patients are being admitted to the hospital or going to the ER less than patients at non-PCMH practices, which leads to lower costs because there is less need for testing and hospital care."

In fact, last year, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan announced certified savings of \$155 million in prevented ER and hospital claims from the first three years of the PCMH designation program.

Blue-designated PCMH practices also had an 8.7 percent lower rate of adult high-tech radiology use, and a 9.9 percent lower rate of adult ER visits over non-PCMH doctors. Pediatric patients had a 14.9 percent lower rate of ER visits overall, and a 21.3 percent lower rate of ER visits expressly due to them receiving appropriate and timely in-office care.

In total, 4,022 physicians in 1,422 practices were designated across Michigan this year. To search online for a Blue Cross PCMH-designated physician, go to [bcbsm.com](http://bcbsm.com) and click on "Find a Doctor." Then, click on "Dental, Vision and other Directories" toward the bottom of the page, for a list of PCMH-designated physicians.

Among those receiving the PCMH designation were Oakwood Healthcare Center - Garden City, Oakwood Healthcare Center - Westland, Garden City Hospital Center for Family Medicine - Garden City and Westland, Garden City Hospital Center for Internal Medicine - Garden City and Westland and West-



Spirit Airlines will be launching new routes to Atlanta and New Orleans out of Detroit Metro Airport in November.

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#### Spirit adds new routes

Whether it's Peachtree Street in Atlanta or on New Orleans' famed Bourbon Street, the South has a charm all of its own. Beginning in November, Spirit Airlines will begin non-stop service from Detroit to Atlanta and New Orleans so people from the Detroit area can enjoy ultra-low fares and some southern hospitality.

"Detroit is making a great comeback," said Mark Kopczak, vice-president of Network Planning for Spirit Airlines. "We're thrilled to bring more flights to more cities from Detroit, now including Atlanta and New Orleans, where our low Bare Fares provide more affordable air travel options to our loyal Detroit-area customers."

Spirit's new service from Detroit to Atlanta will begin Nov. 2. The service from Detroit to New Orleans will begin Nov. 6.

With the addition of these new routes, Spirit operates service non-stop to 17, cities including Atlantic City, Cancun, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Houston, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Myrtle Beach, New York, Orlando and Tampa. Spirit also offers connecting service to an additional 28 cities from Detroit.

Customers can check out the fares and vacation packages available to all the destinations Spirit flies at [www.spirit.com](http://www.spirit.com) and also sign up to receive alerts on Spirit's email deals and offers.

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## Avoid trouble by exploring potential issue

Today Mark Twain was on my mind with a quote that's one of my colleague's favorites: "It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so."

It's a great reminder that we put ourselves at risk when we get too attached to a particular perspective on the world. Things change and not everything we believe to be true is actually true, even if it was at one time in the past.

Instead, we're often better off assuming we



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don't know something, because then we're more likely to explore it and gain valuable new insight.

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# Challenger Trott defeats Bentivolio, ends tenure of 'accidental congressman'

It's over — for now, at least — for Michigan's so-called "accidental congressman."

Birmingham businessman and lawyer Dave Trott, with widespread backing from establishment Republicans and an aggressive, well-financed campaign, sent U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford, down in defeat Tuesday in the GOP primary for the state's 11th Congressional District.

With 87% of the precincts reporting, Trott held a 66%-34% lead over Bentivolio, a margin which hadn't changed throughout the night as results came in. The *Detroit Free Press* called the race for the challenger shortly after 9:30 p.m. and Bentivolio conceded a short time later.

"I know that we are all disappointed with the outcome — and I assure you, I am, too," Bentivolio told supporters. "But we must remember that this is only the beginning battle to take back our country and take back our party from crony capitalists. ... The status quo in the Republican Party is going to have to change whether they like it or not."

Trott's campaign wasn't immediately available for comment.

"Kerry was clearly outspent financially. He was an accidental candidate to begin with. Trott is kind of the quintessential representative for that area. He ran a good campaign from day one," former state Republican Party Chairman Saul Anuzis said.

Bentivolio had gone into the Republican primary with grave doubts hanging over his political future, and only one potentially significant ad-



11th District congressional primary winner David Trott, 53, and wife Kappy Trott, 51, of Birmingham laugh at campaign headquarters in Commerce Township on Tuesday. KATHLEEN GALLIGAN | GANNETT MICHIGAN

vantage: his incumbency. From the beginning, it looked like that might not be enough for him to beat Trott, however.

Trott, who has been running for the state's 11th Congressional District seat for most of the last year, has a long list of impressive endorsements, a significant financial advantage and a sizable margin in what public polls have been taken in his race against Bentivolio. Meanwhile, the incumbent had run a largely invisible campaign.

"Bentivolio was nowhere to be found. He didn't run a campaign and Trott ran the perfect campaign. That usually ends up in a lopsided victory," Lansing consultant John Truscott said.

Trott will now have a considerable advantage

over the Democratic nominee, given how the state Legislature redrew the district before the last election. With 76% of precincts reporting, however, it was unclear who the Democratic nominee would be — Bobby McKenzie had 33.4%, Dr. Anil Kumar had 32.5%, Nancy Skinner had 27% and Bill Roberts had 7%.

It was rare that a challenger such as Trott would enjoy such advantages over an incumbent. But Bentivolio, a former educator, National Guardsman and reindeer rancher who was 2012's so-called "accidental congressman" has always presented an unusual case.

He was thrust into the sea when former U.S. Rep. Thad McCotter abruptly resigned amid a scandal involving fraudu-

of TV ads and direct mail, while Bentivolio failed to air a single TV ad.

Trott spent more than \$2.4 million — the same amount he's given or lent his own campaign, and more than four times as much as Bentivolio. A *Free Press* poll on the race last month done by EPIC-MRA of Lansing showed Trott with a 22-percentage-point lead on the incumbent. It included an edge among tea party supporters — who would have otherwise been expected to form the base of Bentivolio's support.

And yet, even at the end, few seemed to have entirely written off Bentivolio's chances, even though he spent a recent weekend on a congressional visit to Central America rather than drumming up votes in the district and kept a relatively low profile — at least in terms of mass media or mailings — back in Michigan.

Instead, he relied on messages — often delivered by e-mail from his campaign — or the efforts of outside supporters to point out that Trott's law practice has specialized in foreclosure services, and that the U.S. Chamber of Commerce — which supports Trott — has supported immigration reform which includes a path for undocumented immigrants to be in the U.S. lawfully.

On the Democratic side of the ticket, four candidates — Kumar, former State Department employee McKenzie, radio host Skinner and Roberts — were vying for the nomination.

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U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford, greets voters Sunday at the Troy Classic Car Show. KATHLEEN GRAY | GANNETT MICHIGAN

lent signatures on re-election petitions after the filing deadline. And Bentivolio, a newcomer, was the only other Republican on the ballot. A last-minute move by establishment Republicans to run a write-in candidate of their choosing fell far short of winning.

This time, though, was

different: Trott's got the backing of numerous mayors and local officials, including Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. Former GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney, who grew up in the district, also endorsed him. And Trott has spent months introducing himself to voters via a flood

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DeWulf Farms is a regular vendor at the Westland Farmers Market. FILE PHOTO

# Farmers markets hook up suburbs with fresh food, produce

On any given day of the week, somewhere, someplace in the Metro Detroit area, a farmers market is taking place. The markets are a way of bringing the roadside farm stands to suburban communities. The stalls are filled with the farmers' fresh produce, baked goods, honey, home-canned foods, flowers and crafts.

This week has been declared National Farmers Market Week, a time to celebrate all the good things that happen at those weekly gatherings. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack calls farmers markets "an important public face for agriculture and a critical part of our nation's food system. They provide benefits not only to the farmers looking for important income opportunities, but also help fill a growing consumer demand for fresh, healthy foods."

"Farmers markets play a key role in developing local and regional food systems that support family farms, and help grow rural economies," he said. "They bring communities together, connecting cities with the farms that support them and provide Americans across the country with fresh, healthy food."

The number of farmers markets in Michigan has grown from around 90 in 2001 to more than 300 today. In fact, Michigan ranks fourth in the country for having the most farmers markets. California tops the list with 759 markets, followed by New York with 637, Illinois with 336, and Michigan with 331.

Farmers markets offer consumers fresh, affordable, convenient and healthful products sold directly from the farm. They also offer additional market opportunities for local producers, especially smaller or newer operations. Communities like Westland, Wayne, Livonia, Canton and Plymouth have markets happening every week. Some like Livonia and Plymouth have been around for years, while those in Wayne and Westland are building in popularity after starting a few years ago.

The beauty of farmers markets is that they bring communities together and often act as a centerpiece of community vitality. They have become popular social events for families. Kids Days, concerts and activities are now as much a part of area markets as the fresh fruits, vegetables and food being sold. Dollars spent locally also circulate locally, supporting your community's economy and local businesses.

Locally, this is the fifth year Westland has had a farmers market. Managed by the Westland Chamber of Commerce, it's held from 3-7 p.m. Thursdays. It has been held in parking lots at the Westland Shopping Center and Westland City Hall, but as of today, it is making its long-awaited move to the new market pavilion in Central City Park on Carlson south of Ford Road.

To get people who are not otherwise able to take advantage of the market, Westland offers free rides to and from the market from Adams Senior Village, the Dorsey Center, Greenwood Villa, Holliday Park Townhouses and Presbyterian Village of Westland.

Wayne started its farmers market about the same time as Westland, and after a few years being located in the parking lot by the State Wayne Theater it found a permanent home in Goudy Park behind the Wayne City Hall. The market is open from 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays and has grown tremendously in the number of vendors and visitors. Adding to its popularity are 7:30 p.m. family concerts that kicked off this week.

U.S.D.A. Agricultural Marketing Service Administrator Anne Alonzo is correct in her observation that farmers markets "continue to be popular social events for families and communities."

The growing season is in full swing, and it's not too late to check out a farmers market this week. A full list of markets can be found on the Michigan Farmers Market Association website at [www.mifma.org](http://www.mifma.org).

## GUEST COLUMN

# An overall look at the 13 Metroparks



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host of special outdoor programs and events are available within a short drive to southeast Michigan residents.

Extensive paved hike/bike trails and scenic golf courses make the Metroparks easily distinguishable from other parks. More than 55 miles of paved hike/bike trails course through the Metroparks and some of these trails connect with many more miles of trails outside the Metroparks, and the system operates eight regulation golf courses and two par-3 courses.

With a strong commitment to environmental education and preservation, the Metroparks operates nine full-service interpretive centers — nature, farm and historical — that pro-

vide a variety of programs both on site and off site, for almost 1.75 million people annually.

A 10th interpretive center, the "Mobile Learning Center," is a fully stocked vehicle filled with exhibits and hands-on activities that visits schools, community centers, fairs and other locations in southeast Michigan to conduct nature, farm and history programs to groups that may not have the means or opportunities to visit a Metropark.

The Metroparks are funded principally by a property tax levy, limited to one-quarter of one mill, and by revenues from vehicle entry fees and other user fees for various facilities such as golf courses. A vehicle entry permit is required to enter any Metropark and is \$30 annually for regular admission, \$20 annually for seniors or \$7 daily.

So next time instead of asking the question, "what is a Metropark?" head to the closest one and find out for yourself all of the amazing things it has to offer. You'll quickly realize that "what isn't a Metropark" is a much shorter answer.

For more information and for a list of amenities and attractions that each Metropark has to offer, visit our website at [www.metroparks.com](http://www.metroparks.com).

John P. McCulloch is the Metroparks director.

## LETTERS

### Adverse effect on health care

In an earlier article, you were informed Garden City Public Schools is facing yet another round of financial difficulties. The district was able to pull itself out of a deficit in 2010, thanks to many financial sacrifices made by the employees and programming sacrifices made by the students.

There are several unfortunate circumstances that will leave the district with a projected balance deficit at the close of the 2014-15 school-year. Since 2008, the district, like most districts in Michigan, has received more than a \$600 per student loss of state funding. Combined with a significant reduction in student enrollment, rising retirement costs, increases in health care costs and multiple unfunded mandates from Lansing, this has produced a projected fund balance deficit.

This past school year, the board and executive administration were faced with an unexpected loss of students, 64 more than the projected and budgeted loss of 180 students. This additional loss of students created a reduction in state funding totaling almost \$500,000. In order to attempt to avoid ending the 2013-2014 school-year with a deficit, the district made adjustments to employee health care benefits that both saved money for the district and the vast majority of employees, while also providing employees additional health care choices. The GCISS (Secretaries and Paraprofessionals) and the GCAA (Non-executive administrators) agreed to the adjustments.

However, after demanding that the district move to a more expensive health care plan sponsored by the Michigan Education Association — a demand which the district declined — the Garden City Education Association (GCEA) filed a grievance challenging the district's decision to offer bargaining unit members the additional health care choices. The GCEA filed a lawsuit and an unfair labor practice protesting the changes as well.

The GCEA pursued the grievance to an arbitration hearing, which has culminated in an award which will result in increased costs to the district and which will raise employee premium contributions for almost all GCEA members. The parties met to discuss options other than those required by the award, but the GCEA continued to insist that the district move to the more expensive MEA-sponsored health care plan.

The impact of the arbitration award is that at this time, the district may not provide GCEA members any other health care options than the one that was in place prior to the district's move to provide the options the GCEA

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so vehemently opposed. We regret any adverse effects this may have on bargaining unit members of the GCEA. Our intent was to provide options which would lessen employee health insurance costs and help the district avoid a financial deficit.

**Executive Administration**  
Garden City Public Schools

### Issues with RecycleBank

Going through the RecycleBank website, it is easy to see why only 3 percent of the residents of Westland used the site. I remember back when the program was first launched and if you wanted a coupon for say a restaurant, you'd have to search the site, find a restaurant that you were interested in and then request the coupon, which took 3-7 days via snail mail.

Today, I went in to see what they offered and every time I clicked on a particular reward and decided against it, I had to hit the back arrow on the browser which took me all the way back to the beginning of the search list. When I did select a reward and then found out I had ordered a "digital" subscription instead of a mailed subscription, there was no way to cancel the digital version.

Seems to me the site is designed this way, to discourage use while still collecting a hefty fee for the company while stiffing the city taxpayers. This is bad business. I would have felt better to have not been offered a program than to have one that is so incredibly user unfriendly.

**Phil Solarz**  
Westland

### Problems in Westland

How do you spell dysfunction? W-E-S-T-L-A-N-D.

Why must residents be subject seeing the arguments and back biting at every city council meeting because the children cannot get along and play well together? I think council member (Kevin) Coleman is doing a fine job, and the other members of council should stand up and take note instead of being a "rubber stamp" and constantly berate him.

If there is a disagreement, it should not be displayed for the residents and businesses to see in public. It is the residents and businesses who elect public officials. In public, a unified front should be displayed. This is how you gain respect and credibility. I am embarrassed to say I live in Westland. This dissension is being discussed by other cities and it is in other newspapers as well.

Instead of wasting energy on arguing, how about doing something productive like the following:

» Amending the fireworks ordinance to make it stronger and enforce it like they do in the city of Warren. In the city of Livonia, the mayor is calling on residents to contact our state representatives to have something done and their city council is working on a solution as well. What was our mayor doing — putting out misleading campaign materials, and our city council has yet to do much to help remedy the issue either because they are busy berating a fellow council member.

» Doing something about the speeding up and down my street at all hours of the day and night that I have complained about several times before and nothing was done, unless you call a patrol car out there one time on the street for five minutes and leaving doing something about it. A lot of money could be made for the city issuing tickets on my street.

» Many residents have complained about the noise coming from Ashley's. The only person from council who tried to address this was Councilman Coleman. What have the other council members done to address this matter?

» And this business with the trash pickup? Doesn't it cost more money to purchase trash cans than to have residents continue to use their own trash bags? And what is someone to do that lives in a condominium or a home with no garage or a one-car garage. I know they should leave the cans outside so it can detract from the beauty of their property and neighborhood so property values can continue to plummet instead of going up. And to top that off, they have employees of the DPW taking phone calls from residents who want the smaller trash can instead of them being utilized for more productive value-added tasks. It would have been better to send all residents a post card or something that can be scanned and tracked to eliminate the calls and then order what you need.

When I moved to Westland, I really thought I was moving to an up-and-coming city. Now, I cannot wait to move out. It is a real shame.

**P. Fenech**  
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Jordyn Shepler of Livonia shot 77 at Whispering Willows Golf Course to win the O&E women's tournament. MADONNA UNIVERSITY

## Shepler claims O&E women's title

Livonia golfer shoots 3-under-par on front nine at Whispering Willows, wins championship flight

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

It was only the second O&E tournament appearance for Shepler, who turned 20 last week and was third a year ago with an 83.

"Over the course of the last year, I've really been working on hitting greens and that's really helped," Shepler said.

"That made it easier to birdie and par. I started out with a birdie, so that sent me out in a good mood for the day."

### Highlight of the day

Shepler finished the front nine with an eagle on the par-4 ninth hole. Her second shot from 140 yards and the left rough went in the cup.

"There's a creek in front of the green, so most people lay up," she said, adding she did that and pushed the ball down a little to the left. "I was about 15 yards into a valley; I was behind a willow and had to punch it out."

"When I was walking up to the green, I couldn't find the ball. Somebody came running

down off the practice green and said: 'It's in the hole; it's in the hole.'

"I didn't even see it go in the hole. It was just kind of a luck shot. I just happened to hit it in the right spot to make it go in."

Shepler shot 44 on the back nine for the second straight year, but that was more than offset by her good play on the front side.

The eagle on No. 9 "just got me too amped up, too excited," she said. "I just kinda lost it. It added up to a good score, so I can't be mad about it."

Overall, it was a pretty solid day, according to Shepler, who

was an all-area player for Whispering Willows pro Paul Worley at Churchill High School.

"I was hitting the driver just perfect off the tee, which made it easier to hit approach shots to the green," Shepler said. "My putting on the front was pretty much on point."

### Top competition

Shepler was paired with Jacobs, 58, for a second year, so she knew where she stood at all times in regard to the competition and the lead.

"After the front nine, I had a lot of confidence going into the back, knowing I had a pretty solid front nine. I was pretty sure not many shot 3-under,"



Shepler

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# AREA SKIPPER GUIDES BOAT TO ANOTHER MACKINAC WIN



The members of the Limerick crew at the awards ceremony are (from left) Lee Sullivan, Steven Van Hoof, Brian Sullivan, Kerri Pearce, Dan Holley, Jacquie Pethick, Bob Pethick, Kevin Pearce, Darrell Cope and MacKenzie Pearce.

Plymouth's Darrell Cope, crew sail Limerick to Cruising B Class victory on Lake Huron

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

Darrell Cope and the veteran crew of the sailboat Limerick successfully dealt with high winds and rough seas to win going away last month in the annual Belle's Bayview Mackinac Race.

It was the second victory in three years for Cope, a Plymouth resident and co-owner of the boat with Kevin Pearce of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Limerick easily won the Cruising B Class and finished third overall in Division 3 Shore Course Cruising, receiving a flag for each one.

It marks the sixth straight year the boat has received a flag, which is the sailing equivalent of a trophy.

"You're always paying close attention to the weather and how it's going to

change," Cope said. "We did a good job at doing that. We worked the boat real hard, and everybody was committed to trying to win."

"We had a lot of changing weather this year. We had some storms come through. We had a lot of wind and then no wind. We worked hard to keep the boat where we thought it should be and it really paid off."

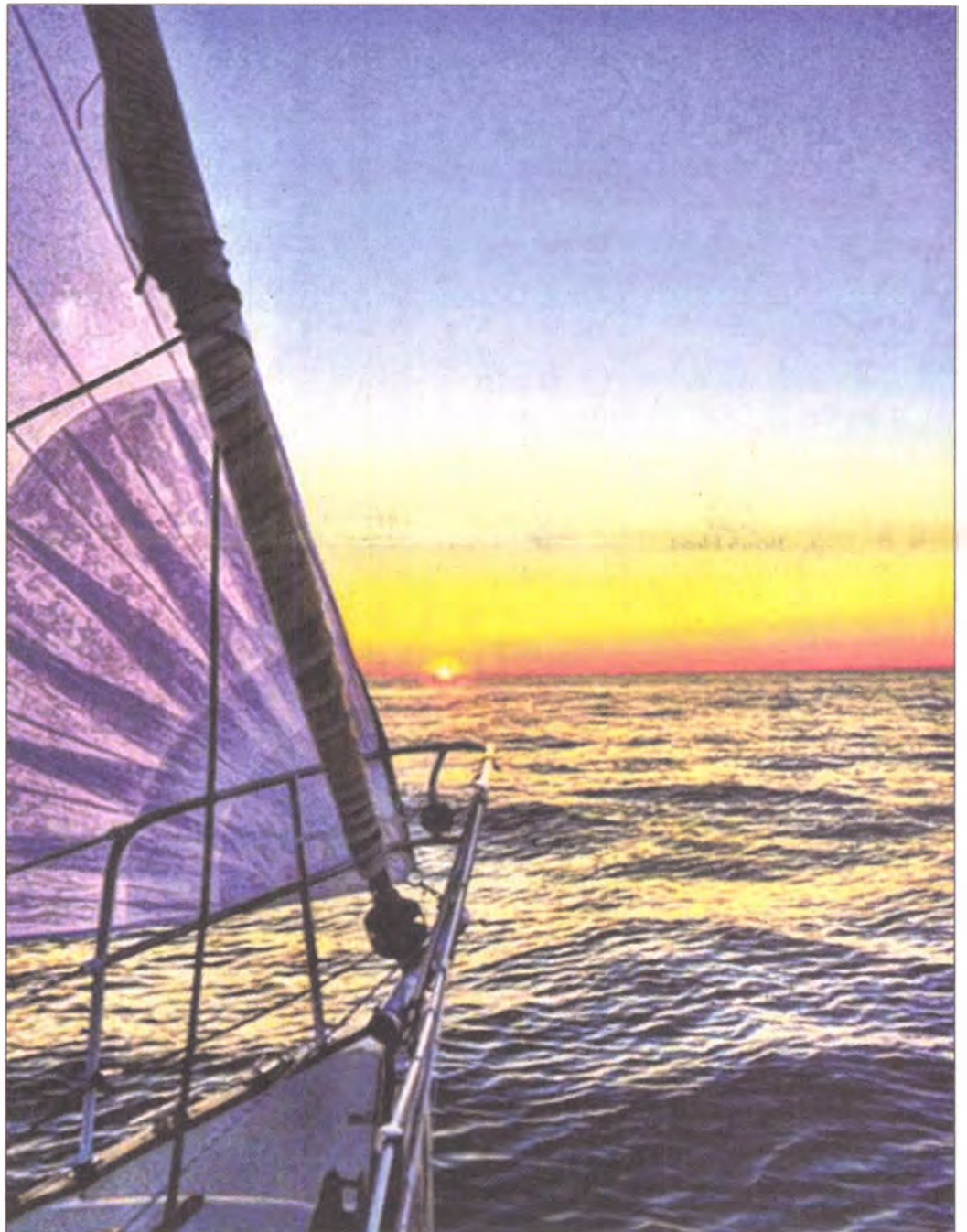
### 'A fast race'

Unlike two years ago when the Limerick won by a mere 19 seconds after accounting for handicap and corrected time, Cope and crew enjoyed a larger margin of victory.

They finished more than two hours ahead of the next boat in their class. Following the July 12 start in Port Huron, the Limerick reached Mackinac Island at 4:49 a.m. Monday; Knot Yours Too finished at 6:58 a.m.

The Phoenix, owned by John

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A member of the Limerick crew captures a sunrise over Lake Huron during the annual Port Huron to Mackinac sailboat race.

# Bucks hoist second PDL championship cup

U-M keeper Adam Grinwis has stellar performance in 1-0 win over Kitsap Pumas

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

A day after a U.S. record soccer crowd of 109,000 showed up to see two of Europe's premier club teams square off in Ann Arbor, University of Michigan goalkeeper Adam Grinwis made Sunday's Premier Development League championship match his own personal "Big House."

The fifth-year senior made four critical saves to post a shutout and lead the Michigan Bucks to their second PDL title in franchise history with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over the Kitsap (Wash.) Pumas at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

It may have not been quite as big as Real Madrid and



The Michigan Bucks celebrate Sunday at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas after winning the Premier Development League Cup. DAVE MCCAULEY

Manchester United, but the Grand Rapids Forest Hills High product from Ada got plenty of satisfaction afterward. The tournament MVP helped the Bucks become the third club in PDL history to register its second title since

the United Soccer Leagues launched the top 64-team developmental league in North America.

"Yesterday was a fantastic experience, those 100,000 fans with those two amazing clubs to support that," Grinwis said.



Michigan Bucks owner Dan Duggan (left) and assistant coach Nick O'Shea, both Livonia natives, hold the coveted Premier Development League Cup. BRAD EMONS

"But it's always good to be on the pitch for a win."

Tom Owens, who played at Notre Dame (Ohio) College, did not tally a goal during the Bucks' regular season, but became the unlikely hero offensively. The England native

deposited the game-winner past Pumas goalkeeper Matthew Grossey (Nebraska) in the 58th minute after a slight touch from Drexel (Pa.) University's Ken Tribbett.

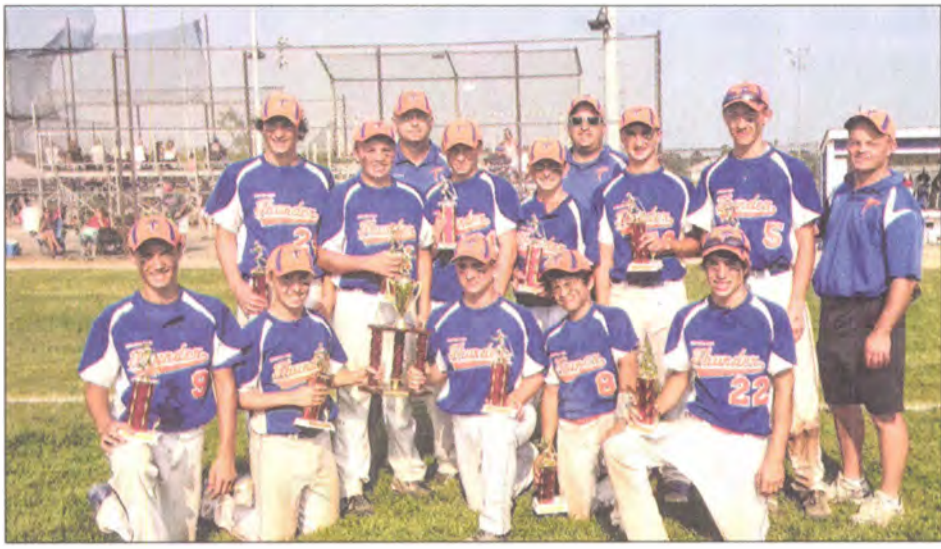
"I'm not one to be scoring many goals and, when it went in, emotions took over," Owens said. "Very, very happy in the moment. I can't remember what I did, to be honest, so I'll have to watch on the tape ... just a very, very good day and very grateful to be a part of such a great group."

On two different occasions, Grinwis showed off his acrobatic skills in denying Kitsap's top goal scorer Miguel Gonzalez, the first on a sprawling save during the 39th minute, followed by a one-handed stab against Gonzalez again in the 75th minute.

Bucks defender Mo Kaba (University of South Carolina) also came up with a timely clear-out against Gonzalez in

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## Thunder heard loud and clear



The 14-and-under Livonia City Thunder concluded its tournament season by winning the End of Summer Slam held Aug. 2-3 in Monroe. The Thunder went 5-0, defeating the Huron Rams in the championship game, 7-1. The team members are (kneeling, from left) Jake Beaune, Craig Jakacki, Brendan Olepa, Carlos Beltran, Joe Kubeshesky, (standing, from left) Connor Beck, Carl Clapp, coach Joe Chops, Parker Graham, Connor Jakacki, coach Dave Kubeshesky, Spencer Weber, Zack Chops and coach Joe Jakacki.

## Blue Bombers fly high in finale



The 8-and-under South Farmington Blue Bombers concluded their tournament season by winning the Berkley Brawl July 26-27 at Community Field in Berkley. The Blue Bombers went 4-0 and won the championship with an 11-6 victory over the Orion Chargers. The team finished the tournament season with a 12-1 record. The Blue Bombers are (kneeling, from left) Josh Brenner, Ben Kazan, Andrew Van Akin, Joe Young, (standing, from left) Noah Cahill, T.J. Calleja, Cameron Pettaway, Rece Linn, Josh Young, Owen Matteson and Dylan Dinkins. The coaches are (back row, from left) Tom Brenner, Kurt Linn, Joe Gjebic and Rob Young. Not pictured are coach Rich Hanks and Ryan Hanks.

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## Madonna University adds to baseball recruiting class

Crusaders sign six more players to help in the 2015 season

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger announced the addition of five recruits to his 2014 class with the signings of Zack Byron (Dexter), Mitch Hudvagner (Cottam, Ontario Essex), Todd Jones (Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central), Kohl Roberts (Napoleon) and Jacob Rogers (Sterling Heights Stevenson).

Also in the fold is Redford Union's Pat Wierimaa, who committed earlier this spring to the Crusaders.

The six join the pitching duo of Cliff Landess and Jack Zimmerman, who also signed earlier this spring.

Bryon is a speedy outfielder who hit .357 with a .458 on-base percentage for Macomb Community College,

where he earned team MVP and all-MCCAA honors.

"Zack was a very impactful switch hitting outfielder this season for Macomb," Haeger said. "He's great on the base paths and defensively. Offensively, Zack is a keep the ball in play type of guy."

Hudvagner, a teammate of Zimmerman, enters MU after a tremendous summer season with the Windsor Selects where he hit .415 with five homers and 60 RBI.

"Mitch is a left-handed hitting catcher who has the opportunity to play a multitude of positions," Haeger said. "From a swing potential, he has a college swing right now. Hopefully, he can continue to expand that."

Jones, a 6-foot-4 right-handed pitcher, earned All-Huron League honors on the mound as a senior while all-district, all-region and all-county

honors for St. Mary CC.

"Todd is in the mold of a lot of the pitchers we have signed here, another big bodied kid," Haeger said. "He spent most of his time in high school golfing, and baseball is kind of new."

"He came in for a workout and we liked the way he threw because the potential is there with his size."

Roberts took Senior Athlete of the Year honors at Napoleon, capping his baseball career with All-Cascades Conference honors for the second straight season.

"Kohl one of the two new catchers we have added this year and is kind of in the mold of a catcher we had in the past, Drew Adamiec, a tall, lanky kid who receives the ball very well," Haeger said.

"He has a little swing work to do, but he had a very successful high school career, and guys that have had success in

one venue have a desire to reach that success at the next venue."

Rogers comes to MU following success as both a position player and a pitcher.

He helped the Titans to the Macomb Area Conference Red, Division 1 district and regional titles as a junior, making second-team all-MAC.

"On the mound, Jacob is a mid-80s type of guy," Haeger said. "At the plate, the potential is there to be another guy who can stretch the field with some power."

Weirimaa, a three-sport athlete at RU, earned team MVP and all-Western Wayne Athletic Conference honors as a junior and senior twice in baseball.

The 6-1 right-hander, Weirimaa went 10-2 on the mound as a junior and 4-1 as a senior in leading the Panthers to the program's first league crown in 15 years.

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Draft pick Nicholas Caamano, formerly of the Hamilton Jr. Bulldogs, will be with the Whalers when preseason camp starts. BRIAN WATTS | OHL IMAGES

## Whalers' second-round selection will join team

Plymouth Whalers general manager Mark Craig announced the commitment of 15-year-old right wing Nicholas Caamano, who was drafted in the second round (27th overall) of the 2014 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection.

Caamano, who hails from Ancaster, Ontario, will turn 16 on Sept. 7. He will attend school at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Caamano scored 22 goals with 22 assists for 44 points in 40 games last season for the Hamilton Jr. Bulldogs minor midgets.

He also scored a goal in five games in the 2014 OHL Cup tournament last spring and added an assist in two games last weekend in the Hockey Canada U-17 Development Camp in Calgary.

"We're very excited to have Nicholas in Plymouth," Whalers head coach Don Elland said. "He has good size and an excellent overall skill set. Given time, we look forward to seeing Nicholas develop into a top-six forward."

Central Scouting has this assessment of Caamano: "Nicholas has made huge strides forward this season in all aspects of his game. He is playing with a lot more confidence with the puck and is trying to do more things than he did at the beginning of the season."

"He is carrying the puck more, attacking with speed and being more creative. Nicholas has a nice, long fluid stride, and he plays the game at a high tempo with the ability to make plays at full speed. He is not afraid to take on a defender one-on-one."

Earlier this off-season, the Whalers announced the commitment of first-round choice Will Bitten, a skilled center taken seventh overall from Ottawa.

Caamano and Bitten join a young and improving Whalers team that made the OHL Playoffs last season for the 23rd consecutive year – a league record.

Plymouth brings back six National Hockey League draft choices in 2014-15, including goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic and defenseman Josh Wesley (both with Carolina), defenseman Alex Peters (Dallas), right wing Connor Chatham (New Jersey), left wing Matt Mistele (Los Angeles) and center Victor Crus Rydberg (New York Islanders).

Alumni game: Plymouth's fourth alumni game is set for 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Compuware Arena.

Thirty-one alumni have committed, including current NHL players Tyler Seguin (Dallas), David Legwand (Ottawa), Brett Bellemore (Carolina) and Matt Hackett (Buffalo).

The Whalers alumni will meet the fans in an autograph session before the game from 2-3:30 pm.

Billed "Whalers Alumni Give a Miracle on Ice," proceeds of the game – in the form of a \$10 donation – will go to the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

Tickets for the game can be purchased online at [www.plymouthwhalers.com](http://www.plymouthwhalers.com) or at the Compuware Arena box office. Please call the box office at (734) 453-8400.

### Generals softball

The Michigan Generals will have softball tryouts from 6-8 p.m. at North Farmington High School, according to the following schedule:

16U: Tuesday, Aug. 12, and Tuesday, Aug. 19; 14U: Wednesday, Aug. 13, and Wednesday, Aug. 20; 12U: Thursday, Aug. 14; and Thursday, Aug. 21.

Pitchers and catchers should plan on staying a little longer. Registration begins at 5 p.m. each night.

Visit [michigangenerals.com](http://michigangenerals.com) for a registration form and more information.

## SPORTS TRYOUTS

### Unified girls golf team

Tryouts for the North Farmington-Harrison girls golf team will be 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Farmington Hills Golf Range.

For more information, contact coach Bruce Sutton at [indy-500@earthlink.net](mailto:indy-500@earthlink.net).

### Riversharks baseball

The Motor City Riversharks 2015 14U travel baseball team will hold tryouts Saturday and Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Players must be willing to

commit to 40-50 games, which include league play and weekend tournaments, from April through July.

For questions or to pre-register, email [motorcityriversharks@gmail.com](mailto:motorcityriversharks@gmail.com).

### Redford Union soccer

Redford Union boys soccer tryouts will be held Aug. 13-15 from 5-7 p.m. at MacGowan Elementary. Players must bring cleats, water and a completed physical. For more information, contact coach Jim Gibbs at 313-995-4234.

Physicals for students can be done at RU on Aug. 7 for \$10.

## SHEPLER

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she said.

"With that in mind, maybe I eased up on the back nine. Playing with (Jacobs), I knew what I had to shoot to beat her. I think that helped to keep me calm and focused."

Shepler was not intimidated by the older and more experienced golfer either.

"I'm used to playing with a lot of competitive people," she said. "Janina was great competition because she doesn't play bad. It was nice to play with someone like that. She's a great golfer, too."

Shepler also works at Whispering Willows and knows the course well. That was her home course during her high school years.

"I'm sure I had a huge advantage because the course can be difficult if you don't know where to hit it," she said. "That definitely helped."

### Fall season nears

Shepler began practicing with her Madonna teammates for the fall season Tuesday. She will play in the Michigan Amateur next week at the University of Michigan.

Madonna's first tournament will be the Crusader Invitational at the end of the month. Shepler shot a school-record 69 in that event last year.

"That set the standard extremely high for the season, which I didn't quite fulfill," she said. "That's why I took time this summer and focused on my game and approach shots."

"I'm striking the ball a lot better and hoping to come closer to the record and beat it. We really want to make it to nationals, because last year we missed by a few shots, which was a real disappointment."

Livonia's Alethea VanGorp won the first flight championship, defeating Royal Oak's Ann Mikek in a playoff. Both shot 86 in regulation play.

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O&E golf champion Jordyn Shepler follows through on a tee shot Saturday at Whispering Willows Golf Course.



Kathy Stellema of Wayne won low-net and closest-to-the-pin honors in the O&E championship flight.

**CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT**  
1. Jordyn Shepler, Livonia, 77; 2. Janina Jacobs, St. Clair, 82; 3. Kathy Stellema, Wayne, 86 (first low net, 71, and closest to the pin); 4. Deb Horning, Livonia, 91; 5. Cindy Hill, Ypsilanti, 93; 6. Ellen Howell, 94.

**FIRST FLIGHT RESULTS**  
1. Alethea VanGorp, Livonia, 86 (first low gross, playoff winner); 2. Ann Mikek, Royal Oak, 86 (second low gross); 3. Yvette Gagnon, Bloomfield

Hills, 88 (second low net, 71); 4. Kathy Konkel, Northville, 89; 5. Arezell Brown, Detroit, 90; 6. Mary Warnick, Sterling Heights, 92; 7. Judy Petre, Canton, 94; 8. Rosalyn LeFlore, Burton, 97; 9. Donna Haapala, Hartland, 98; 10. Cynthia Pinkard, Southfield, 104; 11. Patty Moran, Rochester Hills, 104 (closest to the pin); 12. Gail Cooper, Farmington Hills, 104; 13. Monica Oliver, Farmington, 107; 14. Denise Buechel, Walled Lake, 107 (first low net, 68).

## LIMERICK

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Gabriel of Farmington Hills, was third and the Pirate, which came so close to winning two years ago, was fifth.

The Limerick was on Lake Huron for 40:39.19; Knot Yours Too had an elapsed time of 42:48.32. Even on corrected time, the Limerick still won by more than two hours.

"It was a fast race," Cope said. "We had a lot of work with the spinnaker (large sail). We had a lot of wind toward the end. We had some big waves and winds of 20-22 knots. I thought we did pretty well with it."

"When those storms come through, it's all about how you handle it. We were able to get the spinnaker down in time and get the smaller sail up. It paid off for us."

### Anxious moments

While it appears there was less anxiety in this year's race due to the margin of victory, there were difficult times for Limerick, however.

"When the storms came through, we had some challenges just like everybody else," Cope said. "The spinnaker was in the water at one point. I was up there pulling it in hand over hand."

"When the weather gets rough, everything you do is a challenge. (The sail in the water) can cause problems; it can drag the whole boat back. We were able to get it out of the water and get back on our feet, luckily."

"It reminds you how little



The sailboat Limerick, co-skipped by Darrell Cope of Plymouth, makes its way up Lake Huron under ideal sailing conditions.

you are and how big Lake Huron is. Lake Huron will humble you. I'm glad nobody got hurt and nothing got broken. We had a really fun race."

That was due to a lot of good sailing by the 10-person crew, Cope added. Two teams of four crewmen changed shifts every four hours, and two crew members were designated members, available to go on deck at any time.

### Race veterans

The crew included four young females — three of whom (Kerri and McKenzie Pearce and Mary Elizabeth Sullivan) were veterans of previous Mackinac races.

Jacquie Pethick and her father, Bob Pethick, of Bloomfield Hills joined the crew this year. Steve Van Hoof of Plymouth, Dan Holley and Brian Sullivan had sailed on the Limerick previously.

"We did a good job of sticking to the routine," Cope said. "Everybody got along so well and that's what was so nice. Everybody jelled well and had a great attitude, and we went out there and kicked some butt."

"We probably could have used a little more weight on the rail, but it all worked out. I was really proud of the girls."

"They put their foul-weather gear on and sailed up on the rail in pouring rain. We had a lot of challenging conditions, but everybody stepped up and did his or her job."

### Right calls made

Cope and his team made a couple good tactical decisions that benefited them greatly, choosing to stay near shore around Thunder Bay and to sail in open water as they neared the Straits of Mackinac.

"Boats think they're going to get the shore breeze," Cope said, regarding the latter. "When the new wind came in, it was stronger in the middle of the straits. That was a decision we consciously made."

"We saw boats going toward shore. We all discussed the pros and cons. When the wind filled in, we were in the right spot and set sail straight for the island."

"We finished with some big boats that we don't normally finish with. We finished with the big boys. We knew we had toasted anybody that went toward shore."

Though it ended up being an easy win, you never really know where you stand until the race is over due to the handicap rating system, according to Cope.

"You just have to keep pushing the boat hard and working hard to keep it out in front when you think you are," he said. "We had a solid crew and good tactics."

"It proved out that we got a pretty fare rating. We owed time, which means we should be the first boat across the line. We showed we sailed the boat fast and went about it the right way."

### Natural beauty

After a rough first night, the Limerick crew experienced the thrill and splendor of being on the lake in good weather the next night.

"The first night was real cloudy, pretty rainy and nasty cold," Cope said. "The second night was beautiful. We had a super moon. Sunday night coming into the island was just gorgeous."

"You smell the pine from the island. It's just a whole other experience when you're up past Thunder Bay coming around the corner to the straits."

"That moon just lit the whole course up. It was so bright you didn't even need a light."

This year's victory, which was the fourth in 30 years for the Limerick, had additional significance for Cope.

His father, Art, who bought the boat in 1983, was a race regular ever since and sold it to his son and Pearce 20 years ago, died in December.

"Up on the podium (at the awards ceremony on the island), the whole crew made a cheer to Art," Cope said. "It was really special. He would have been so proud of us."

SPORTS  
ROUNDUP

## Field hockey sign-up

Registration for the Farmington United high school field hockey team is under way through the Costick Center (activity 110541) in Farmington Hills.

No field hockey experience is necessary. Practice begins Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Costick Center. The practice time will be 4:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Farmington United is a combined team of eighth-through 12th-grade players in Farmington Public Schools.

For more information, contact farmingtonunitedfieldhockey@gmail.com.

## Keen wins Junior Amateur

Oakland University incoming freshman Jake Kneen made a 30-foot putt to maintain a 2-up lead and went on to defeat 15-year-old James Piot of Canton 1-up to capture the 36th Michigan Junior Amateur Championship at Battle Creek Country Club Aug. 31.

Kneen, a native of White Lake and graduate of Lakeland High School, led for 17 holes and shot 145 (72-73) during stroke play to advance to match play competition.

He defeated Alex Scott of Traverse City 3-and-2 in a semifinal match, and he beat defending champion Donnie Trosper of Canton in 19 holes in the quarterfinals on Wednesday to earn his spot in the title match.

## National baseball champ

The Farmington-based Warriors Baseball Club of Michigan's Midwest Elite team won the 18-and-under Perfect Game BCS tournament last month in Fort Meyers, Fla.

Competing against 87 of the best teams in the United States, Midwest Elite defeated Next Level Upperclass from Tallahassee, in the final game, 5-2, for their third tournament championship in a row and second consecutive Perfect Game national title.

The team's Randy Righter was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, and Karl Kauffmann was named the Most Valuable Pitcher.

## Softball players needed

The 18-and-over Michigan Diamonds women's fastpitch softball team is looking for two players to join the roster. The team needs a pitcher and a utility player.

The team is composed of college players and will compete in four tournaments during the 2015 summer season.

If interested or for more information, contact Jeff Combs at jtcombs@netscape.com or 810-417-1192.

## Bucks rally to reach PDL final, 2-1

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The Michigan Bucks advanced to the Premier Development League championship game with a come-from-behind, 2-1 semifinal victory Friday over Eastern Conference and Mid-Atlantic Division champion Jersey Express.

The Bucks, who last played for the PDL title match in 2007 after winning it all in 2006, defeated the Kitsap Pumas, based in Bremerton, Wash., in the final Sunday at air-conditioned Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Butler University's Zach Steinberger tallied the game-winning goal in the 78th minute for the Bucks, the PDL's Central Conference and Great Lakes Division champs.

"I believe it was David Goldsmith who played me through," Steinberger said of the England native and Butler teammate. "It was a great ball, on the outside of his

foot. "He found me right in my path. I just took a touch, pulled the goalkeeper (Matthew Turner) out and put it past him in the far corner."

Things, however, didn't go as well during the first 45 minutes as the Express, who are based in Newark, N.J., got an unassisted goal from Kene Eze (Rutgers) in the 38th minute to take a 1-0 halftime advantage.

"It's apparent why they're the No. 1 scoring team in the nation," Steinberger said. "They've got so much speed and talent going forward. Fortunately, our back line was up to the challenge today and we snuck two past them."

The Bucks tied it in the 54th minute when Ken Tribbett (Drexel University) perfectly time a header off a feed from Thomas Owens (Notre Dame College).

That seemed to awaken the Bucks after a sluggish first half.

"I think it was just a matter of us feeling a little more

comfortable," Bucks coach Demir Muftari said. "The guys want this so bad. They work so hard for it. And we were a little cautious early."

"We were working hard, but we were a little tentative. We needed a little bit more. We needed a little encouragement to see, 'Hey, we're good; we deserve to be here and we're good enough to win this game.'"

Muftari said there were no real adjustments made at intermission.

"It was unfortunate that we gave up that goal late in half. But what a great response. That's all we talked about at halftime is that, 'Hey, you're playing against a fantastic team, but there's no reason why you can't go out there and do what we train about every single day of the year. And if we're going to lose to a really good team, that's OK, but let's give them our best effort.'"

And the Bucks heeded Muftari's call.

"At halftime there was only one thing that needed to

be said," Steinberger said. "We just needed to bring more energy. There's 45 minutes left in our season and we weren't ready to be done, so we turned it around in the second half."

The Express did put the clamps on Bucks striker Dzenan Catic, the PDL's scoring champion (35 points) and Golden Boot winner (16 goals in 14 regular season matches).

Express coach George Vichniakoff thought his team was more effective in the second half despite giving up the tying and winning goals.

"I thought we actually dominated a little more in the second half and then got killed off a set piece early on," he said.

"I was really happy with the boys bouncing back, creating chances and not giving up much. Michigan's efficiency was great. They had a couple of chances down there and — bang, bang — they take care of you."

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## Despite cool temps, MHSAA offers help to schools to deal with heat

EAST LANSING — Despite unseasonably cool temperatures this summer in Michigan, high school athletes should prepare for the heat that usually accompanies August and the beginning of fall practices next week.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association provides information to its member schools each year to help them prepare for hot weather practice and game conditions in the late summer and early fall.

Football practice can begin at MHSAA schools on Monday, Aug. 11, followed by first practices for all other fall sports Aug. 13.

The topic of heat-related injuries receives a lot of attention at this time of year when deaths at the professional, collegiate and inter-scholastic levels occur, especially since they are preventable in most cases with the proper precautions.

In football, data from the National Federation of State High School Associations shows 41 high school players died nationwide from heat stroke between 1995 and 2013.

Many MHSAA schools this

fall are expected to again follow the MHSAA's Model Policy for Managing Heat & Humidity that directs schools to monitor heat index prior to and during activity and recommends actions based on those readings.

For the first time, the MHSAA is requiring all assistant and sub-varsity coaches at the high school level to complete the same rules and risk minimization meeting requirement as varsity head coaches. An alternative is one of several online courses designated for this purpose on mhsaa.com.

"It's not an accident that causes severe heat illness and death," Jack Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA, said. "It's a lack of attention to what should have been taking place, a lack of preparation."

"We're trying to communicate to our constituents, if we make the precautions that we should and plan as we should, we will have none of these tragedies in school sports."

The MHSAA Representative Council adopted in 2013 the Model Policy for Managing Heat & Humidity that,

while not mandated for member schools, has been adopted by many at the local level.

The plan directs schools to begin monitoring the heat index at the activity site once the air temperature reaches 80 degrees and provides recommendations when the heat index reaches certain points, including ceasing activities when it rises above 104 degrees.

The model policy is outlined in a number of places, including the publication Heat Ways, which is available for download from the MHSAA website.

Heat Ways not only provides the model policy but addresses the need for proper acclimatization in hot weather.

Heat, hydration and acclimatization also are again focuses of the MHSAA's required preseason rules meetings for coaches and officials.

The online presentation discusses the need for good hydration in sports, regardless of the activity or time of year.

The Health & Safety Resources page of the MHSAA website has a number of links

to different publications and information and a free online presentation from the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Visit mhsaa.com, click on "Schools" and then on "Health & Safety Resources" to find the information. The direct link is www.mhsaa.com/Schools/HealthSafetyResources.aspx.

Roberts said the first days of formal practices in hot weather should be more for heat acclimatization than the conditioning of athletes. Practices in such conditions need planning to become longer and more strenuous over a gradual progression of time.

He added schools also must consider moving practices to different times of day, different locations or change practice plans to include different activities depending on the conditions.

"I think all schools need to prepare themselves in these ways," Roberts said. "They need to educate participants, parents and coaches about proper hydration and the dangers of practicing and competing when the heat and humidity are too high."

## BUCKS

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the 86th minute as the Pumas desperately tried to push up and score the equalizer.

"I think the defense did a really good job, the back line helped me out a lot," said the 6-foot-2, 195-pound Grinwis, who was a second team all-Big Ten selection in 2012. "They didn't have a lot of opportunities. And they (the defense) have done that this whole season. They've made my job very easy and I give a lot of credit ... to them."

The Pumas, who captured the PDL title in 2011 and made it to the semifinals this season as the Western Conference champs, featured two Michigan players: three-year Bucks player Tommy Catalano and lead defender Cory Kreitz.

"It was a well-played match, worthy of two champions," Pumas coach Andrew Chapman said. "When you have a 1-0 game, that means it's close and you have the right two people here. We were just making some foolish mistakes that would have been nice to not have made."

Nobody was more pleased with the outcome than second-year Bucks coach Demir Muftari.

"This is a big as it gets," he said. "The whole reason we started putting this team together last fall and getting all the guys together. We got a great selection process from the top down, with Dan Duggan (the owner) and Gary Parsons (the general manager), trying to identify players that we think are quality players with this goal in mind. The Bucks are a fantastic organization — 20 years, we've never had a losing season. And this is



Premier Development League president Tim Holt hands the MVP award to Bucks goaltender Adam Grinwis.

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what it's about for us.

"What a goal Tom Owens comes up with. It's a special group of guys. We talk about this every day. There's been lots of really good Bucks teams, but there's only been a couple of special ones, and that's what we wanted to be. And the guys bought in. They set their goals and they wanted to separate themselves from other Bucks teams."

And it didn't hurt to have Grinwis as the last line of defense.

"This is his fifth year with us," Muftari said. "We know what we can expect out of Adam. He is a talented, driven, determined guy. We all are very confident that we're going to be watching Adam on TV someday pretty soon. He's just a leader. He works hard, he works hard on his craft. He

works hard to be part of the team. He's a big part of it and the guys look to him being a part of this organization so long. He gets it, he gets the mentality and he gets the focus that has to go in to be a part of something like this."

Several substitutions were made on both sides during the final 25 minutes. The Bucks were looking for fresh legs and the Pumas were looking for a goal.

Kitsap directed even more pressure at Grinwis during the waning moments, which included four minutes of stoppage time.

"It was intense; you live for those moments," the U-M keeper said. "It was very exciting. They were just trying to throw everything they had toward the goal. And credit to the back line and credit to our

team for standing strong."

Chapman went with a different alignment down the stretch.

"We went to a 3-4-5, changed some things up and put some players in there to give us some pace up front to keep the pressure up," he said. "We got some guys out that had some tired legs. We made those changes to do all we could do."

"Their goalkeeper did well. He made some great saves there to keep them going. Hats off to him, for sure."

Meanwhile, longtime Bucks owner Dan Duggan, a Livonia native, was pleased to win the championship in front of the home fans.

"We had a long road trip to Des Moines (Iowa) last weekend," Duggan said. "We were with the boys 13 hours on the bus and they said, 'Is there any

chance we can host?' Just the look on their faces when I came to practice Tuesday when I said, 'Guys, we're hosting.' These guys jumped through the gym. They literally were so excited that a fire was lit under them. Sometimes you don't know if it's that much of an advantage, but in here, it really was."

And despite taking a financial hit to host the PDL's final four, Duggan said it was worth the cost.

"We got to the spot where we deserved to be," he said. "Nineteen years we've been doing this. We've gotten to the final four six times. We won it only once, so this makes two. When you play a team like Kitsap, you got to get a little lucky, but you've got to work hard. These guys deserve it."

"We expect to be back next year in the final four. The guys come from all over the world to play for this team and expect to be in a championship. That's why they're here. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. But this is a special team and this year I think they deserved it."

The Bucks' longtime formula for success this summer was never more evident, according to Owens.

"It's huge for any program to win the PDL," he said. "It's such a condensed season and I think one thing that stood out about our team this season is we had a lot of depth. We could have put anyone out there and gotten the job done."

"Throughout the season we had knocks and injuries, but we've been lucky enough to put people in from the bench and they've come through. They're hard-working players, a great coaching staff and just a great recipe for success."

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## Include fire safety planning in off-to-college schedule

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Keith Bo, fire inspector with the Livonia Fire Department, is dad to two young adult children commuting to the University of Michigan-Dearborn. They live at home, so he hasn't had to discuss college fire safety with them much.

"They get to hear it enough," said Bo, a 25-year fire service veteran with 20 years in Livonia.

College fire safety is a serious subject worthy of attention of students off to school this fall and their parents, however. "A lot of them are cooking," Bo said of fires following use of hot plates or toaster ovens. "You have to check the regulations on the college dorms."

Some cooking equipment is banned. You should check right away your escape plans from the dorm room, with fire drills usually held by college/university officials to remind students. "Make sure you know the fire escape route," Bo said.

"Most colleges, the dorms are smoke-free," he said. For those in off-campus housing who smoke, it's important never to smoke in bed and to use a deep ashtray, making sure cigarettes and cigars are

fully extinguished.

Fire extinguishers are usually mounted on dorm walls, Bo said, and that's the route he recommends, as those extinguishers are inspected. For off-campus housing, a fire extinguisher is a good idea – and students need to know how to use it.

You should watch open flames like candles and space heater use, even the deeper-bottom Yankee brand candles, he said. "It's still an open flame. Something could fall on them. Any open flame you want to be careful."

Curtains can fall on open flames, causing a fire that can spread quickly.

Bo recommends families contact the college or university on fire safety concerns and regulations, which can also be done if you have a deaf student or other disabled student in the family.

Off-campus housing isn't as well

inspected in many cases, but parents can look it over, Bo said. A barbecue on a balcony is a bad idea, he said, as it can cause a fire.

As with any home, working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are vital. "A fire extinguisher in there wouldn't hurt either," Bo said of off-campus dwellers.

Again, those in off-campus housing should know their escape routes.

Bo agreed use of alarms, detectors and early notification have made college students safer. "There's quite a few more safety regulations for the schools now," he said.

Retrofitting of dorms with sprinkler systems and fire alarms has improved campus fire safety.

As with any fire, once you're out you should stay out. The door may lock you out when you're safely out, but should never lock you indoors.

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## Ladder fall liability has its limits legally

**Q: Our homeowner association board is being threatened to be sued by a person who was contracted by our contractor who fell off a ladder in one of our buildings. He is claiming that the association was negligent in failing to provide him with a safe means to access the areas that he was painting, and in refusing to allow him to tie his ladder to the building. Do you think we have any responsibility?**



Robert Meisner

**A:** There are two possible theories under which the association could be liable to your contractor. The first is under a premises liability theory that a property owner may be liable for physical harm caused to his guests by the condition on the land. The second possible approach is based on employer liability. As a general rule, one who employs an independent contractor is not liable for the contractor's acts or omissions. A recognized exception to this rule is the retained control exception which provides that one who hires an independent contractor, but retains control of the work is liable for injuries to others. However, the employer must retain some degree of control over how the work is done for the retained control exception to apply. If your association had no control over this gentleman's work, you may not have any liability.

**Q: We live in a community that is restricted to single family residential use and prohibits industrial or commercial use. Certain residents have rented their homes on a short-term basis for decades without controversy, however, a number of homes have become available for short term rental and the association is concerned about members doing vacation rentals. The association voted to amend the documents to stop rentals for less than one month or 30 consecutive days. Do you think that is enforceable?**

**A:** It is, obviously, fact-intensive; however, that well may be enforceable and it may be that you are not able to rent those units on a short term basis. Again, it depends upon the overall review of the documents. You are best to consult with a community association attorney who can talk to you about the various cases involving these issues in various states, and the difficulty of defining "transient" tenants or enforcing 30-day limitations.

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ision of Canton, MI. Retail  
Sales exp. preferred. Routing &  
Customer Service exp. helpful.  
We offer very few weekends &  
regular shift hrs. Estimated first  
year salary of \$45K.  
Please call from 2-7 daily.  
734-387-0353

### SALES & CUSTOMER SERVICE REP

For Ann Arbor book manufac-  
turer. Experience preferred, but  
not necessary. Full-time 8am -  
5pm, Mon-Fri. Benefit package  
included. Please apply in per-  
son at 1350 North Main Street,  
Ann Arbor or email resume to:  
ljbarton@cushing-malloy.com  
All applications must be  
received by August 8, 2014

### Help Wanted - Office Clerical

**BOOKKEEPER**  
immediate opening.  
Full-Time "full charge"  
bookkeeper for management  
office in Plymouth  
Must know QuicK Books &  
Excel. Send resume &  
salary requirements:  
kellieo-premier@yahoo.com

### Human Resource Assistant

Candidate will perform all basic  
administrative assistant  
duties as well as assist with  
payroll records, orientations,  
processing associate docu-  
ments and maintaining HR da-  
tabases. Candidates interest-  
ed in this position should  
have Administrative Assistant  
exp. have an intermediate  
proficiency in MS Office pro-  
grams & strong written/ver-  
bal communication skills.  
Part-Time, 25 hrs/wk & an  
exc. opportunity with a grow-  
ing organization. Resume to:

### Help Wanted - Dental

**FRONT DESK**  
Needed for our busy dental  
office in Canton. Checking  
insurance, answering  
phones, scheduling appts &  
filing. Dental or medical  
background a plus.  
Please send resume to:  
janice@cantondentists.com

### Help Wanted - Medical

**Histotechnologist**  
Mchs surgeon seeks Histo  
Tech with frozen section ex-  
perience to process fresh tis-  
sue with Mchs frozen sec-  
tion techniques in his ex-  
panding, private practice.  
Background in histology,  
cryostat preparation and  
maintenance, and histo-  
chemical staining is essen-  
tial. Full or part time, excel-  
lent pay and benefits.  
Ann Arbor area.  
Email or Fax Resume to:  
a2dem@aol.com  
(734) 996-8767

### Garage/Moving Sales

**Canton: Rummage Sale**  
1843 Morrison Blvd  
Thurs 8/7-Sat 8/9 10-4pm. Sat  
8/9 2pm-4pm \$2 Bag. Sale  
Toys, Furniture, Household  
Items, Crafts, Etc. All pro-  
ceeds for non-profit organiza-  
tion Howie's Angels

### DEARBORN HEIGHTS - 8255 Kinmore

Ann Arbor Trail, Joy  
Rd, 2 bks E of Beech Daly  
Rd, 7-9, 9-5pm. Fabric, fur-  
niture, holiday craft & supplies,  
clothing, household & misc.

### DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE!

Aug 9, 9-4 pm  
Call 313-791-3600 for info!!  
150 Vendors & Free Parking!!  
1801 N. Beech Daly Rd

### FARMINGTON HILLS: Community Yard Sale!

Farmington Brook subdivision  
in Farmington Hills located off  
Haggerty Road between 12  
and 13 Mile Road, Friday,  
August 8 through Sunday,  
August 10th. Times: 9am-4pm

### Farmington Hills: Subdivision Garage Sale - Independence Hills

11 Mile and Drake  
August 14-16, 9:00-4:00

### FARMINGTON Thurs, Fri 9a-9p, Sat 9a-1p

Located on Violet Street,  
one block east of Orchard  
Lake, three blocks north of  
Grand River. Furniture, canoes,  
household.

### GARDEN CITY - Aug 8 & 9, 10am-6pm

6701 Henry Huff Rd,  
btwn Meridian & Middlebelt,  
N. of Ford. Something for every  
one in the house. Furniture,  
adult & kids clothing (from tiny  
to super big!), bikes, books,  
toys & lots more!

### LIVONIA COMMUNITY YARD SALE! T.O.P.S. FUNDRAISER

Aug 7-9, 9am-5pm.  
36814 Angeline Circle,  
Newburgh & Ann Arbor Trl.

### LIVONIA - Large family garage sale

items to be sold: tools,  
Longaberger baskets, kitchen  
utensils, tupperware, glass-  
ware, books, misc. coins &  
comics. Thurs-Sat, 9a-4p.  
14679 PARK ST.  
S/5 Mile, E/ Levan corner of  
Park and Meadowbrook

### Livonia: MOVING SALE

3 piece bedroom set, kitchen  
set and hutch, patio set, enter-  
tainment center, misc. home  
goods. No clothes. August 14,  
15 and 16, 9 am - 4 pm.  
18502 Gill Road, Livonia

### Milford: 3 FAMILY SALE

AUGUST 7, 8 & 9 9:00-4:00  
784 Manor Drive, Milford  
W/GE Garage Sale! Furniture,  
Wii Game Console & Games,  
HP Printer, Chest Freezer, Ex-  
ercise Bike, Kitchenware and  
Dishes, Tools, Clothes, Toys,  
more!

### Milford: FRIDAY ONLY 9-4

Moving & downsizing house-  
hold items galore, John Deere  
tractor, Jet table saw, books,  
bedding & bath, kitchen, glass-  
ware, furniture. (248)705-  
4072 1772 Hidden Valley Drive  
jeanmohm@comcast.net

### MILFORD - Misc. household craft items, collectibles & clothes.

Thurs - Sat, Aug 7th-  
9th, 9a-5p. 1950 S. Hill Rd.

# BUY & SELL

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### Absolutely Free

**Free 33" Sony Trinitron TV**  
(KV-32V35) Works great. Oper-  
ating instructions incl. South  
Lyon area. First caller can  
have it! (586)994-8664

### HOWELL - Headboard for two beds

Medium wood, single,  
dark wood double/queen. Good  
condition. 517-548-7494

### RUGS - 8x12 Biege rug 2 Rug

Pads 6x9 5 and 8x12. All like  
new. Call 248-477-2333

### WARREN - Free Kittens - 6 kittens

approx. 6 wks old.  
Needs shots and safe home.  
Call: 313-753-2990

### Antiques & Collectibles

**Antique & Collectible Dolls**  
3' and smaller.  
248-224-8299

### BEANIE BABIES - OVER 170

in large glass cabinet. \$200.  
for all. 941-626-3736

### Arts & Crafts

**STAIN GLASS SUPPLIES**  
with grinders and lots of glass &  
tools \$50. 941-626-3736

### Rummage Sales & Flea Markets

**CHURCH RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE**  
Aug 7, 8, 9, 9-4pm.  
Lighthouse Worship Center,  
19827 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia

### Estates Sales

**BIRMINGHAM - August 8 & 9, 8am-4pm**  
1130 Washington Blvd.,  
S. of Lincoln, W. of  
Woodward. Beds, sofas, tables,  
chairs, stools, art.

### CANTON - 46394 Bartlett

Sat, 9-4 & Sun 11-3 - Leather  
sofa, Office desk & supplies,  
Vintage to antique golf clubs,  
Tools, Vintage games, Comic  
book collection, Clothing, Jew-  
elry, Waterford, Lenox dish set,  
Curio cabinet, and more!  
For photos and details  
please visit:  
suchalindestateliqaudation.com

### WESTLAND ESTATE SALE

Everything must be sold! Appli-  
furniture, household items  
Fri, Aug 8, 8am-2pm Sat, Aug  
9, 8am-noon. 35245 Barton,  
btwn Cherry Hill &  
Marquette off Wayne Rd.

### Garage/Moving Sales

**WESTLAND - 37137 Palmer**  
Near Newburgh &  
Palmer, E. of New-  
burgh, South side of Palmer  
(Wayne Masonic Tem-  
ple), Aug. 7-8th, 9-5pm,  
Aug. 9th, 9-1pm. Tools,  
children/baby & adults  
clothes, toys/games, house-  
hold items, kitchenware,  
electronics, seasonal decora-  
tions & lots more!

### WESTLAND - Multi family home

Sale. Huge, huge, huge!  
586 Covington, Thurs-Sat,  
Aug 7-9 9-5pm. Something  
for everybody!

### WESTLAND BLOOMFIELD - 5754

Pulham Dr. Aug 7-9, 12-7pm.  
20 yrs of accumulation! We are  
selling furniture, antiques,  
sports equipment, games,  
toys, clothing & accessories.  
All kinds of stuff that are in  
great shape! Some stuff was  
purchased but never taken out  
of the box. 248-821-0990

### SOUTH LYON: Multi family

Sale. Huge, huge, huge!  
586 Covington, Thurs-Sat,  
Aug 7-9 9-5pm. Something  
for everybody!

### YORKIE T-Cup - Absolutely gorgeous

male & female, 13  
weeks old, \$4,995.  
Aug 7-9 9-5pm. Potty  
trained, shots up to date,  
AKC reg., papers.  
(517) 962-2703.  
jlovepets@yahoo.com

### SHIH TZU PUPS, AKC, Vet.

Checked, shots, highly social-  
ized, home raised, Cute,  
READY TO GO! (734)699-9525

### SHIMTZU PUPS - AKC, Vet.

CHK'D, SHOTS, HOME RAISED,  
READY 2 GO! \$450 FEMALES  
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### FORD ESCAPE LIMITED 2005

4x4 Other fully loaded \$7,599  
**BOB JEANNOTTE**  
BUICK, GMC  
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### FORD ESCAPE LIMITED 2005

4x4, Moon Roof, Leather In-  
terior, 6 Disc CD. \$7,599  
**BOB JEANNOTTE**  
BUICK, GMC  
734-453-2500

### FORD EXPLORER SLT 2003

4x4, Black with Graphite cloth  
interior, \$4,995.  
**BOB JEANNOTTE**  
BUICK, GMC  
734-453-2500

### GMC ENVOY 2007

Moon Roof, Cloth Interior,  
2WD, Power Options.  
\$9,995  
**BOB JEANNOTTE**  
BUICK, GMC  
734-453-2500

### GMC ENVOY SLT 4X4 2002

1 Owner, Manager's Special  
This Week Only! \$6,995  
**BOB JEANNOTTE**  
BUICK, GMC  
734-453-2500

### GMC TERRAIN SLE-1 2003

Silver with Black Interior,  
Certified, Low Miles. \$17,995  
**BOB JEANNOTTE**  
BUICK, GMC  
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### JEEP PATRIOT 2007

FWD, Low Miles, All Power  
Save Thousands! \$9,488  
**NORTH BROS.**  
855-667-9860

### MERCURY MOUNTAINEER PREMIER 2008

2 Tone Leather, 4x4, Moon  
Roof, Navigation, \$9,995  
**BOB JEANNOTTE**  
BUICK, GMC  
734-453-2500

### SPORTS & IMPORTED

**FIAT 2012 500 LOUNGE**  
low mi, all options, \$15,000  
810-955-4478

### Antique & Classic Collector

**1970 Buick Electra convert.**  
red/white, 2nd top. Red leath-  
er. Original paint/hubcaps. All  
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2nd owner. Rebuilt fuel  
system/brakes 2011. ~70K  
mi. \$15K (616)897-5713  
rmg@wmis.net

### CHEVY CAMARO '83 z28

305 H.O. with 5 speed trans.  
Custom midnight blue paint  
with white rally stripes.  
Leak free T-Tops and like new  
interior. Solid car with no rust!  
\$9,500. 0.0.0. (734) 674-5403

### LACROSSE 2012

FWD, Touring, Silver, 1 owner,  
certified, 28,000 miles. \$27,995  
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### LACROSSE CX 2006

Only 72,000 miles. Burgundy.  
Cloth Interior, Automatic.  
\$8,995  
**BOB JEANNOTTE**  
BUICK, GMC  
734-453-2500

### LESABRE LIMITED 2000

1 Owner, 117,000 Miles, Clean  
Condition! Only \$5,995  
**BOB JEANNOTTE**  
BUICK, GMC  
734-453-2500

### CADILLAC SRX 2011

Low Miles, 1 Owner, Blue  
Metallic, Fully Loaded, \$22,995.  
**BOB JEANNOTTE**  
BUICK, GMC  
734-453-2500

### Chevrolet

**CAMARO Z-28 1998**  
CONVERTIBLE  
ONLY 12,000 MILES!  
White! Clean! \$13,995  
**BOB JEANNOTTE**  
BUICK, GMC  
734-453-2500

### COBALT 2008

2 Door LT, Blue, Low Miles,  
price to sell! \$9,995  
**BOB JEANNOTTE**  
BUICK, GMC  
734-453-2500

### FORD RANGER 2011

4x4, XL, Super Cab,  
19,000 Miles, \$23,988  
**NORTH BROS.**  
855-667-9860

### RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

### Garage/Moving Sales

**MILFORD VILLAGE - Large**  
multi family garage sale, lots of  
items, incl. antiques, kids,  
household. Something for ev-  
eryone. **NO EARLY BIRDS.**  
Wed-Fri, 8-4pm 331 Franklin

### NORTHVILLE - Estate Sale

Furniture, gourmet kitchen-  
ware, pewter, numbered local  
art, antiques, Mustang items,  
50's serving sets, tools, music  
books, dining set, king iron bed  
and set, wood book cases,  
milk glass, dishes, glassware,  
20930 E. Chigwidden Fri-Sun,  
Aug. 8-1, 9AM-4PM.

### Northville: Garage Sale,

17350 Rolling Woods Cr. 9-4  
August 7 & 9-1 Aug. 8th  
Furniture, Clothing, Shoes, Child  
Purses and wallets. Named  
Brands include: Coach, Donald  
Pliner, Hawland Gold Leaf 6  
pc set, Playmobil and Fossil.  
(248)880-8367  
esergj@abcglobal.net

### NORTHVILLE - Great prices for everyone!

Aug. 8th, 8-6pm & Aug. 9th,  
9-3pm. 16899 Abby Cr.  
Rd. Designer clothing, jewelry,  
home decor & so much more!

### Plymouth: Multi-Family

Garage Sale at 1 location!  
Fri. & Sat. 9-4 pm  
762 Blunk St. Household  
items, furniture, clothes. Large  
variety of infant, toddler toys,  
clothes. Srgresj@yahoo.com

### Plymouth: WE'RE BACK,

again! 9275 McClumpah Rd.  
Plymouth, Wednesday, August  
6 and Thursday, August 7 -  
opening at 9am. Lots of men's  
clothing, women's clothing,  
and household items for those  
college-bound kids. Come see!

### ROYAL OAK - FULL HOME</



# Church seeks crafters for fall show

St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its fall craft show.

Seventy tables are available at a cost of \$25 each. Call Mary at 734-425-4421, voice mail 10,

for table rental. The fall show will run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at St. Theodore

Parish Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

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Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

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**Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. for Thursday papers**  
Holiday deadlines are subject to change.



**BRENNAN, THOMAS CHARLES**

Died on July 30, 2014, at the age of 86 in Livonia, Michigan. Born in Detroit, Michigan on July 18, 1928 to Margaret and Michael Brennan, he graduated from Holy Rosary High School in 1947 and served in the United States Marine Corp. from 1950-1951. He was a journeyman newspaper pressman by trade. Tom began working as a flyboy at the Detroit Times in 1949. He also worked at the Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, and the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers throughout his career. As a pressman, he quickly became active in union politics and was a proud union man all his life. In 1967 he was elected president of the Detroit Newspaper Pressmen's Union, Local 13-N, a position he held for most of his career, and during which local 13 became part of the Graphic Communications International Union. He retired in 1992. He was an international executive board member for the North American Newspaper Conference and a member of the Metropolitan Council of Newspaper Unions. He was respected in the newspaper trade as fair, honest, and a staunch fighter for the rights of working men and women. Above all, Tom was a family man. He was known for his fun loving sense of humor, his quick wit, his wisdom, and his unconditional love. He shared all of these generously, and in addition to his own children, he was a father figure to many nieces, nephews, and neighborhood kids throughout his life. He is survived by his wife, Jacquelyn Brennan of Canton, Michigan; as well as his sister, Maureen Delaney and sister, Nancy (Patrick) Delaney. He is also survived by three children from his first marriage, Michael Brennan, Margaret (Tony) Koblinski, and Maura (Daniel O'Neil) Brennan; his two step-children, Katie (Mark Jenzen) McKernan and Justin (Leighann) McKernan; his grandchildren, Mary O'Neil, Connor Koblinski, John O'Neil, Spencer Koblinski, Riley O'Neil, Syd McKernan, and Kolsen Jenzen; as well as many nieces, nephews, and grandnieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Margaret (McGrath) Brennan and Michael Brennan, and his brother-in-law, Gerald Delaney. A celebration of Tom's life will take place on Friday, August 8, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. at the Universalist Unitarian Fellowship of Farmington, 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan. A dinner and wake will follow at John Cowley and Sons Irish Pub at 33338 Grand River, Farmington, Michigan. Friends and family are encouraged to come prepared to share their memories of Tom. Memories may also be shared on his memorial website which can be found at [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bread for the World at 425 3rd Street SW, Suite 1200 Washington, D.C. 20024. More information can be found at: [www.Bread.org/giftoflife](http://www.Bread.org/giftoflife)



**ELDER, MARILYN**

Age 86. Wife of the late Robert. Beloved mother of Robert (Bess), Richard (Laura), Ronald (Sue), Randal (Betsy) and Roy (Samantha). Loving grandmother of Katie, Joe, Kara, Jackie, Stephanie, Theresa, Rob, Maggie and Jenny. Dear sister of Joseph Eckhoff and Vi (Sr. Imelda O.P.) and the late Evelyn Hitchingham and Carole Russell. Daughter of the late Joseph and Viola Eckhoff. Marilyn was a long time member of Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church and was active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society and many other organizations. Visiting Wednesday 2-8 p.m. at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (btwn. 6-7 Mile). In state Thursday 10:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Mass, Our Lady of Loretto Church (6 Mile at Beech Daly). Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Donations to the Adrian Dominican Sisters appreciated. Condolences to: [charlesstepfuneralhome.com](http://charlesstepfuneralhome.com)

**KISH, BARBARA ANN (Nee MILLER)**

Age 79. August 4, 2014 of Cadillac (Formerly of Livonia). Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Judith (Patrick) Kennedy, John Albert (Elaine) Kish, Jr., Henry William (Laura) Kish and Cheri (Paul) Strauch. Dear grandmother of Sean and Alexa Rae Kennedy; and Joel, Kyle and John Kish. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. (in state at 12 noon) at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Interment in Great Lakes National Cemetery. Donations to Michigan Humane Society or American Cancer Society. Please share a memory at [rgharris.com](http://rgharris.com)



**AUGUST BACKPACK GIVEAWAY**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 16  
**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Backpacks with basic school supplies will be given to anyone in need  
**Contact:** 734-522-6830; [christoursavior.org](http://christoursavior.org)

**CLOTHING GIVEAWAY**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 9  
**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City  
**Details:** School clothing  
**Contact:** 734-427-3660

**MOVIE ON THE LAWN**

**Time/Date:** 8:30 p.m. Aug. 30  
**Location:** Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merri-man, Livonia  
**Details:** Bring a lawn chair or blanket to watch *God's not Dead*. Movie starts at sunset. Admission, popcorn and ices are free. Movie will be shown indoors in inclement weather  
**Contact:** Steve Morgan at 313-377-0832

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Sunday, through Aug. 24  
**Location:** Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton  
**Details:** Bring your own lawn chair for this service with members of St. Michael Lutheran Church. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8  
**Location:** The Salvation Army Plymouth, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** Rent a table or space and sell your own stuff. Rental fee is \$20, with proceeds supporting Older N Wiser senior group  
**Contact:** 734-453-5464, ext. 24

**SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19  
**Location:** St. Paul's, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Daycare, preschool, Young Fives programs, and grades K-8  
**Contact:** 248-767-4806

**ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY**

**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491  
**Our Lady of Loretto**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** 313-534-9000  
**St. Michael the Archangel**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.

**RELIGION CALENDAR**

**Location:** School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org)

**Ward Presbyterian**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays  
**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township  
**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held  
**Contact:** 248-374-5920

**FAMILY MEAL**

**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Free meal  
**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

**MOMS**

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners  
**Contact:** Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.  
**Contact:** Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

**PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE**

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.  
**Contact:** 313-563-0162

**PRAYER**

**Nardin Park United Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday  
**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.  
**Contact:** 248-476-8860

**St. Edith Church**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.  
**Details:** Music, singing, prayer  
**Contact:** Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

**St. Michael Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday  
**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

**SINGLES**

**Detroit World Outreach**

**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304  
**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.  
**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; [lef@dwo.org](mailto:lef@dwo.org)

**First Presbyterian Church**

**Time/Date:** 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.  
**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5  
**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org)

**Steve's Family Restaurant**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.  
**Contact:** 313-534-0399

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township  
**Details:** Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.  
**Contact:** 248-374-5920

**SONG CIRCLE**

**Congregation Beth Ahm**  
**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat  
**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.  
**Contact:** 248-737-1931 or email [nancyellen879@att.net](mailto:nancyellen879@att.net).

**SUPPORT**

**Apostolic Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily  
**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia  
**Details:** Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.  
**Contact:** 734-261-9000; [www.woodhaven-retirement.com](http://www.woodhaven-retirement.com)

**Detroit World Outreach**

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202  
**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.  
**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

**Farmington Hills Baptist Church**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August  
**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

**Merriman Road Baptist Church**

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Metro Bromyalgia support group meets; donations [www.metrofibrogroup.com](http://www.metrofibrogroup.com); or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

**Fireside Church of God**

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday  
**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Fireside Adult Day Ministry offers an activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center  
**Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; [www.firesidechog.org](http://www.firesidechog.org); or email to [adm@firesidechog.org](mailto:adm@firesidechog.org)

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday  
**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available  
**Contact:** 734-421-8451

**St. John Neumann**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Location:** 44800 Warren Road, Canton  
**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous meets  
**Contact:** Mary at 734-634-7154 or Jennifer at 734-812-6077 for additional information

**St. Thomas a' Becket Church**

**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good.  
**Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-0322 for additional information

**Unity of Livonia**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia  
**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous  
**Contact:** 248-559-7722; [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org) for additional information

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.  
**Contact:** Child care, 248-374-7400; [www.celebraterecovery.com](http://www.celebraterecovery.com) and [www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org)/celebrate

**THRIFT STORE**

**St. James Presbyterian**  
**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Contact:** 313-534-7730 for additional information

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# Take a seat on stage for one-act play showcase

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Every ticket-holder will get the best seat in the house at the Random Acts of Theatre show this month in Dearborn. The audience will sit on the stage for the showcase of one-act plays and songs.

"You are on stage with the actors/musicians, so it's a more intimate experience. You get to see the action of the performance better. You get to see the actors' expressions better," said Cory Chambless, a Plymouth resident who is assistant directing. "It's also a bare bones production, so you get to see what's going on behind the scenes as well. The patrons become part of the show."

Dearborn Area Theatre Association created Random Acts of Theatre last year as a scholarship fundraiser for high school seniors active in school and community theater. Shows start at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 15-16, at the Michael A. Guido Theatre in the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for seniors and students. To order tickets, visit or call the theater box office at 313-943-2354.

"There will be five one-act plays this year along with some great music by some awesome vocalists. I was at a rehearsal two weeks ago with the vocalists and was getting chills. They are wonderful," said Chambless, who is assisting with the production of *Promenade, All*. "I am not working on any original works, but we have two directors this year who are directing one-act plays they wrote. Collette Cullen (of Dearborn) wrote and is directing *Between the Thorns* and Brian Trippel (of Romulus) wrote and is directing *The Shape of Her Curves*. Their works are wonderful. Their passion for their work is inspiring."

Other directors are Marc Walentowicz of Garden City, Dianne Bernick of Armada and Stan Guarnelo of Dearborn. The casts also feature several local actors including Carissa Madley of Redford, Brian Plater, from Plymouth, Kori Bielaniec of from West-



"Promenade All!" features Michele Devins (left) of Southgate, Richard Bulleri of Dearborn and Chris Washburn of Garden City. Cory Chambless of Plymouth is assistant directing the play for Random Acts of Theatre, Aug. 15-16 in Dearborn.



Kori Bielaniec (left) from Westland and Chris Boudreau of Dearborn work on a scene from "Post Its: Notes on a Marriage."

land and Chris Washburn of Garden City.

#### Acting, directing

Chambless, co-secretary of the Dearborn Area Theatre Association Board, played

Broderick Williams in *The Ballad of 423 & 424* last year during for the first Random Acts of Theatre show.

"I enjoyed the experience last year, so I was more than happy to be a part of the pro-



Carissa Madley of Redford will perform in "Between the Thorns," a one-act play staged Aug. 15-16 during the Random Acts of Theatre show in Dearborn.



Brian Plater of Plymouth rehearses in "The Shape of Her Curves" with Monica Moline from Dearborn Heights.

for *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*.

"I always wanted to perform, but was afraid to do so," Chambless said. "I was a nervous wreck, but I made it through the auditions and was offered the role of Schroeder."

"Most of what I have done in theater has actually been on stage. I am enjoying working behind the scenes. I have a lot to learn and I think it makes you appreciate everything everyone does to make a play/musical happen."

For more information about Random Acts of Theatre visit [freewebs.com/dearbornareatheatreassociation](http://freewebs.com/dearbornareatheatreassociation).

## 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 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 Ragbirds, folk rock, Aug. 13; Candy Band, children's, Aug. 20; and Joe Reilly and the Community Gardeners, children's, Aug. 27

**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 Aug. 14

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

**Details:** "Kids Gone Creative" exhibits artwork from Farmington Hills' summer art camps

**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. 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 on exhibit are works by glass artists and Teresa Petersen, who creates art from thrift store and hardware shop finds

**Contact:** 248-432-5448

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Aug. 23

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

**Details:** "DongFeng" solo show by WanChuan Kesler

**Contact:** 248-344-0497



"Bird Girls" Cara Bertucci (left), Samantha Cannon, Catherine Dickow and Katherine Gearn surround Nick Serafa, who plays Horton the elephant in the Farmington Hills Youth Theatre's production of *Seussical*.

### AUDITIONS

#### BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Aug. 18-19

**Location:** 240 N. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** There are roles for five women and two men in the Victorian thriller, *The Lights Are Warm and Coloured*.

Prepare a dramatic monologue no longer than two minutes and be prepared to read from the script. Craig Hane will direct the show, which will run Oct. 17-26

**Contact:** 734-276-9075

### COMEDY

#### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 8-9

**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Dave Landau; tickets are \$12 show only, \$22 with dinner on Thursday, \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday

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

#### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

**Time/Date:** 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8 and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9

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

**Details:** Nathan Trimmel performs; tickets \$18

**Coming up:** Phil Johnson performs stand-up comedy and music, 8 p.m.

Thursday, July 31; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2; tickets are \$10 for Thursday and \$18 for Friday-Saturday

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

### DANCE

#### MOTOR CITY TAP FEST

**Time/Date:** Aug. 13-16

**Location:** Old Main Building on the Wayne State University campus in Detroit

**Details:** Four days of tap classes and tap jam sessions. Teachers include Cloe Arnold, of *So You Think You Can Dance*, and Michigan native, Eric Gutman, who performed on Broadway. The Motor City Soles show caps the festival, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. It will include performances by faculty and leading tap dancers

**Contact:** 917-687-4811 for the festival and 313-576-5111 for Motor City Soles

### FILM

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 9-10

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** *Earth to Echo*, admission \$3  
**Summer Cinema Series:** All shows at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday; seats \$3.  
*Back to the Future III*, Aug. 7; *The Nutty*



Thornetta Davis will perform Aug. 17 at The Elks Blues Summer Festival in Plymouth.

*Professor*, Aug. 14; *Abbott & Costello in Buck Privates*, Aug. 21; *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, Aug. 28

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

### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Aug. 8 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 9

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

**Details:** *Some Like it Hot*, \$5

**Contact:** 313-898-1481

### FUNDRAISER

#### FASH BASH 2014

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14

**Location:** Detroit Institute of Art (DIA), 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit

**Details:** Includes an outdoor cocktail party, the Neiman Marcus "Art of Fashion" runway show in the DIA's Great Hall, followed by the Audi After Party. Tickets are \$500 for front row seating at the fashion show and a \$100 gift card with purchase of two tickets; \$250 includes priority reserved seating in the second row of the fashion show; \$175 per ticket includes priority reserved seating in the third row for the fashion show; and \$85 provides access to the Audi After Party on the steps of the DIA. Proceeds benefit the museum's operating endowment

#### BREAKING THE CHAINS

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9

**Location:** Nafas Fitness, 811 N. Main, Royal Oak

**Details:** The fitness studio will offer a "Booty Bunz" class, 6-6:30 p.m. and Zumba class, 6:30-7 p.m. followed by refreshments and sharing stories. Donations will be accepted for Breaking the Chains, (BTC) an organization focused on raising awareness of eating



Cloe Arnold, who was featured on *So You Think You Can Dance*, will teach at the 7th Annual Motor City Tap Festival, Aug. 13-16 in Detroit.

disorders. BTC is raising money to create a music video starring its spokeswoman, Jillian Rose Reed, former Northville resident and MTV's *Awkward* star

**Contact:** 248-677-0723

### HISTORY

#### COLONIAL KENSINGTON

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10

**Location:** Kensington Metropark, 2240 W. Buno, Milford

**Details:** More than 200 American Indian, French, British and American reenactors, dressed in costume, will show what life was like in the 1700s. Demonstrations include carpentry, cooking, blacksmithing, woodcarving and more

**Contact:** 810-227-8917

#### KELSEY MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Sept. 7

**Location:** 434 State St., Ann Arbor

**Details:** The exhibit, "Ancient/Modern: The Design of Everyday Things," examines how inhabitants of the ancient Mediterranean and Near East both resembled and differed from contemporary Americans

**Contact:** 734-764-9304

#### PLYMOUTH MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

**Location:** 155 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** *Wheels of Summer*, an exhibit of toys with wheels, runs through Nov. 2. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

**Contact:** 734-455-8940

# Peanut butter stars in regional recipes

In kitchens, cafeterias and restaurants nationwide, our local food preferences may be unique, and our culinary traditions may be diverse, but we all share a common bond: a love for peanut butter.

"Affordable, nutritious and of course delicious, peanut butter is a staple found in most American homes," said Leslie Wagner, executive director of Southern Peanut Growers. "While some parts of the country

prefer their foods hot and spicy, others prefer savory or sweet. But no matter where you go, families love making peanuts or peanut butter a key ingredient in their favorite recipes."

To celebrate the unique flavors from coast to coast, and to find the best hometown peanut butter recipes, Southern Peanut Growers conducted its first "PB My Way" regional recipe contest.

Peanut butter lovers nationwide submitted their recipes, from spicy stuffed peppers inspired by the Southwest to decadent chocolate bars in the Northeast. These are the top regional peanut butter-powered recipes in our "United States of Peanut Butter."

For more recipes, visit [www.peanutbutterlovers.com](http://www.peanutbutterlovers.com).

— Courtesy of Family Features



## EASY PB & J BREAKFAST TARTS

Recipe contributed from West region  
Servings: 8 tarts

2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling  
½ cup whole wheat pastry flour  
6 tablespoons sugar  
1 teaspoon sea salt  
½ cup shortening  
6 tablespoons peanut butter plus 4 heaping teaspoons for filling (½ teaspoon per tart)  
½ cup cold water  
5 tablespoons jam (strawberry works well)  
Drizzle option 1:  
½ cup powdered sugar  
1 tablespoon jam  
1 tablespoon milk  
Drizzle option 2:  
½ cup powdered sugar  
¼ teaspoon strawberry extract, optional  
1 tablespoon milk

Preheat oven to 350°F. In medium bowl mix together flours, sugar and sea salt.

Using pastry cutter, cut-in shortening and peanut butter, until mixture resembles small peas. Drizzle mixture with cold water until mixture is moist and holds together. Roll out on floured surface to at least ⅛ of an inch thickness.

Using 3-by-5-inch index (recipe) card for template, cut into 16 3-by-5-inch shapes. Re-rolling works fine. In middle of eight shapes, smear ½ heaping teaspoon peanut butter and heaping teaspoon of jam on top. Be careful not to go to edges. Using fingers, wet edges with water and place another piece of pastry on top. Press all sides well, and using fork press all edges to secure. Using fork, gently poke tops in four places so steam can escape.

Place inch apart on parchment lined baking sheet. Bake for 13–14 minutes until starting to brown around edges. Cool on rack.

Whisk together drizzle of choice in small bowl. Drizzle over cooled tarts.

Note: This pastry is very user-friendly and delicate. Freeze tarts up to one month and defrost at room temperature before serving.



## CAROLINA DREAMING APPETIZER MEATBALLS

Recipe contributed from the Southeast region  
Servings: 24 meatballs

½ cup peanut butter  
¼ cup fig preserves  
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce  
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
1 tablespoon minced or grated fresh ginger  
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
¼ teaspoon ground red pepper  
1 ½ pounds ground turkey  
4 green onions, finely chopped (including green tops)  
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley  
1 large egg  
1 teaspoon salt  
Diced green onion tops or chopped parsley (optional)

Preheat oven to 425°F. Whisk together peanut butter, preserves, Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice until well blended. Add ginger, black and red pepper, mixing well. Reserve.

Place approximately half peanut butter mixture into mixing bowl (reserve remainder for later). Add turkey, green onions, parsley, egg and salt to mixing bowl and mix lightly but thoroughly.

Roll mixture into 1-inch balls and place 1 inch apart on lightly greased, rimmed baking sheet.

Place into oven and bake for 15 minutes. Remove pan from oven and brush tops of meatballs with remaining peanut butter mixture.

Return pan to oven and bake for about 5–8 minutes more, or until nicely browned.

Remove from oven. Arrange on serving plate and sprinkle with diced green onion tops or parsley, if desired.

Note: Use with decorative toothpicks placed in each meatball for easy consumption.



## PENNSYLVANIA PB & C BARS

Recipe contributed from the Northeast region  
Servings: 12 bars

**Crust:**  
1 cup melted butter  
2 cups peanut butter  
¼ cup brown sugar  
2 ½ cups granulated sugar  
½ teaspoon salt  
5 eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
3 cups flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
½ cup chopped peanuts  
**Topping:**  
1 ½ tubs chocolate frosting  
1 cup peanut butter, melted  
1 cup salted peanuts, chopped

Preheat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, mix butter, peanut butter, sugars, salt, eggs and vanilla until well mixed. Add flour and baking powder and mix thoroughly. Spread on a 10-by-15-by-2-inch ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 12–15 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool. Spread frosting over crust. Drizzle melted peanut butter over chocolate. Sprinkle chopped peanuts on top of peanut butter and chocolate. Let set until topping is firm.

You can refrigerate cookie sheet to speed firming process, if desired. Cut into desired size bars.



## AFTER SCHOOL PEANUT BUTTER APPLE PIE

Recipe contributed from Midwest region  
Servings: 8 pieces

Prepared pie crust  
Chopped peanuts (optional)  
**Filling:**  
7 apples, peeled cored and sliced  
½ cup sugar  
3 tablespoons flour

1 teaspoon lemon juice  
**Crumble:**  
¾ cup rolled oats  
¼ cup butter  
¼ cup peanut butter  
½ cup brown sugar  
½ cup flour

Place crust in 9-inch pie pan and crimp edges. Use dried beans to weigh down bottom. Bake crust for 10–15 minutes, or until crust is lightly browned. Mix all filling ingredients together and put in crust. Using hands, mix crumble ingredients until in pea-sized pieces. Top apples with crumble. Don't worry if sky high, apples will cook down and pie will be perfectly proportioned. Bake at 350°F for 40–50 minutes. Keep edges covered with foil until last 15 minutes. Garnish with chopped peanuts.



## NUTTY JALAPENO-CHICKEN STUFFED PEPPERS

Recipe contributed from the Southwest region  
Servings: 12 peppers

12 large jalapeno peppers, split open (not all the way through) and seeded  
½ cup peanut butter  
1 cup shredded cooked chicken  
1 3-ounce package cooked bacon pieces  
½ cup shredded cheddar cheese  
¼ cup mayonnaise  
1 cup crushed cornflakes

Preheat oven to 350°F. Place peppers in medium bowl and cover with boiling water 2 minutes. Drain and pat dry.

In medium bowl, mix together peanut butter, chicken, bacon and cheese. Fill each jalapeno with mixture. Smear each pepper with a little mayonnaise and roll in cornflakes in shallow dish to cover.

Place jalapeno on non-stick baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven until golden, about 15–20 minutes.