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## AROUND TOWN

### Distinguished

Westland resident Jeanette Schumacher has been named Distinguished Alumna of the Year by the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Schumacher earned her degree from UM-D in 1969, and began her service to the university as a volunteer member of the campus's Alumni Society board of governors. She was appointed to serve in a volunteer capacity as the first full-time alumni relations director by Chancellor William Jenkins and Robert Forman, executive director of the U-M Alumni Association.

In 1987, Schumacher was hired as the permanent alumni relations director, serving in that role until her retirement in January of this year.

Her accomplishments include becoming the first female president of the U-M Club of Greater Detroit, the university's oldest alumni club. She also received the club's Distinguished Service Award in 2008.

Schumacher has served as vice president and treasurer of the Michigan Advancement Council, is a member of the Exchange Club of Dearborn, the Westland Jaycees and the Michigan Jaycees.

### Safety time

Come enjoy the rides, food and fun at the Westland Firefighter's Public Awareness Committee's Children's Public Safety Carnival, taking place now through Saturday, Aug. 1, at the site of the former Quo Vadis Theater at 7420 N. Wayne Road

Hours are 4-11 p.m. through Friday and noon to 11 p.m. Saturday. In addition to carnival rides, a midway and food, firefighters will be on hand to let guests get a look at vehicles and equipment and get fire safety information. The Michigan Humane Society will be hold an adopt a pet program.

Proceeds will help purchase a mobile children's fire training unit to educate youngsters on how to get out of a smoke-filled house.

### Have a picnic

The Adams Senior Village is joining with Family Home Health Services in sponsoring a picnic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, to raise money for research to find a cure for Alzheimer's.

Enjoy a summer picnic filled with events for the whole family. There will be games, raffle prizes, music and resident garden walk. The Westland Fire Department will have a fire truck on hand for youngsters to check out. For more information, call Anne Dann of Family Home Health Services at (734) 756-6840 or Jane Hilyer at Adams Senior Village at (734) 595-3748.

Adams Senior Village is on Palmer just west of Venoy in Westland.

## Relative remembers youth as 'fun loving'

### 3 teens killed in Romulus car crash

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The day after three teens — two of whom had attended Wayne-Westland Schools — were killed after their speeding car crashed in Romulus on Tuesday, mean-spirited responses to media accounts were appearing on Web sites.

"My daughter was upset at the blogs and posting responses. Josh was a fun-loving kid — a typical teenager. He liked to hang out with his fam-

ily and friends," said a relative of Joshua Siebenrock, a passenger in the vehicle, who asked not to be identified. "People aren't focusing on what his family is going through. The driver was going extremely fast. A bad decision turned into a tragic decision."

Siebenrock, 17, driver Gary "Danny" Gains, 19, both of Westland, and Brianna Bennett, 19, were killed when the 1996 Mercury Cougar in which they were riding clipped a riding lawn mower and slammed into a brick wall in a Romulus golf club and subdivision.

Romulus police estimated the vehicle was traveling 70-80 miles per hour as it traveled south on Venoy through the intersection with Van Born and into the Fairways at

Gateway subdivision.

The vehicle, which was traveling on the wrong side of the entrance median, went out of control and became airborne before crashing into the brick welcome sign for the Gateway Golf Club. The golf club employee riding the lawn mower suffered minor injuries.

Wayne-Westland School officials said Bennett, mother of a two-year old daughter, had been a student until 2007 when she left school. Siebenrock was slated to start his senior year at John Glenn High School in the fall. Gains was reported to have been employed at a Westland Kroger store.

"Josh was kind of hanging out over the summer. He went fishing last

weekend with his dad and was planning to go again this weekend," said the relative, adding that like lot of teens he hadn't really made plans past high school graduation.

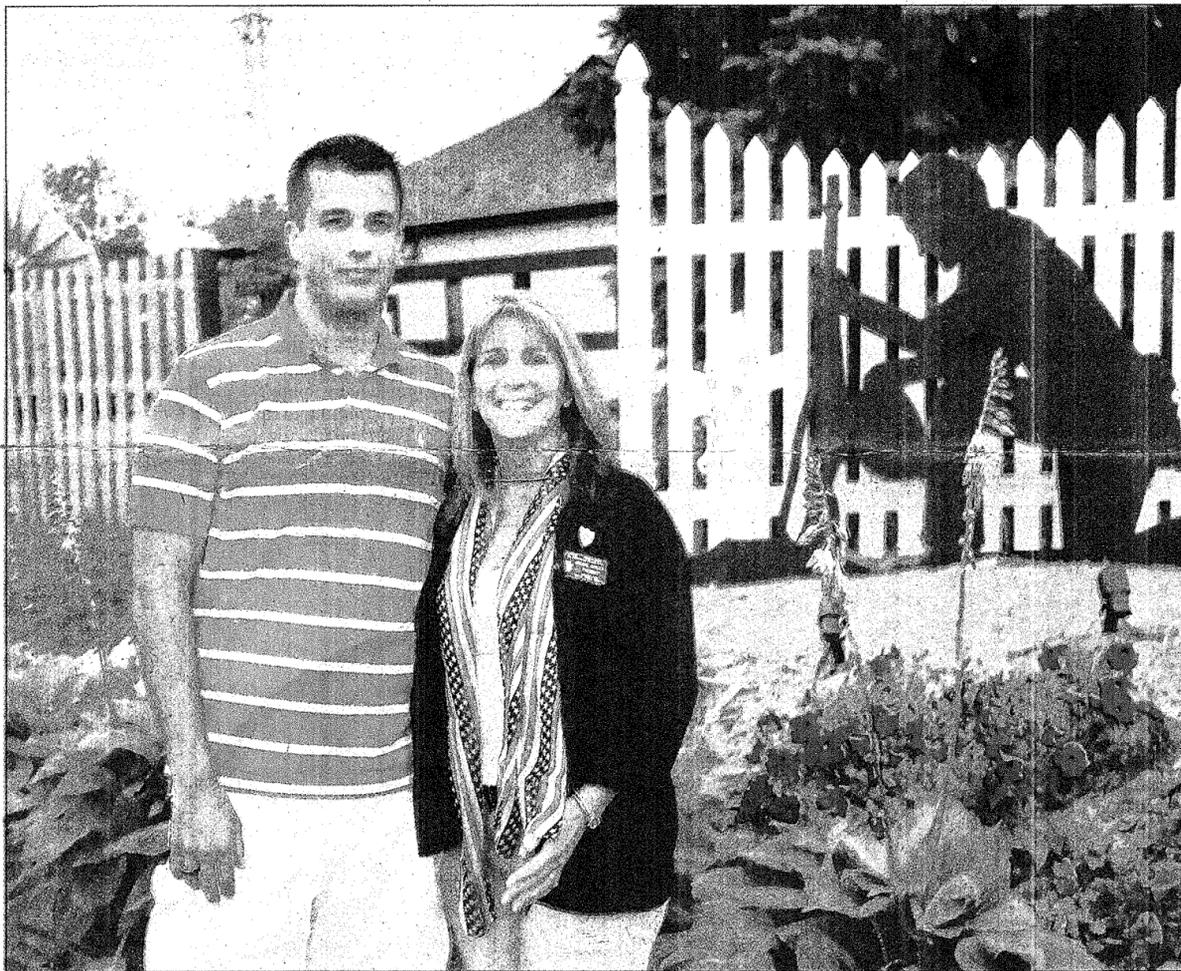
A lot of people responding to the deaths noted Siebenrock was on probation for a misdemeanor violation.

"They don't mention that his Myspace page says his mother was his hero. She beat breast cancer and now has brain cancer," said the family member. "He was a 17-year-old having a hard time with that. He was the youngest — the baby — and was very close to his mother."

Funeral arrangements were pending for all three as of Wednesday.

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## A SOLDIER'S DELIGHT



Army SSG. Jason Marcellus joins Connie Kincer, Bova VFW Post Ladies Auxiliary president, at a welcome home reception. Marcellus recently returned from 10 months service in Afghanistan during which time he was adopted by the auxiliary.

## VFW Auxiliary care packages were 'a taste of home'

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

During his 10 months serving in Afghanistan, Jason Marcellus wasn't lacking for creature comforts.

"I was fortunate that I was on a large post. There was nothing I

couldn't get — we had Pizza Hut delivery," said Marcellus, an Army staff sergeant. "Guys like to have a taste of home."

One of those tastes for Marcellus was Starbucks Coffee which was one of the perks he received after being adopted by the Ladies Auxiliary of

Bova VFW Post 9885 in Westland. There were also cards from the Junior Auxiliary, girls 5-15 years old.

"You can get coffee all day, but the Starbucks was great. The big thing was the kids writing us," said Marcellus, a member of the 783th Military Police Battalion based in

Inkster. "The cards were great. It was something they did because they wanted to. Everyone enjoyed the cards. We were all laughing — the girls would tell stories of what they did that day."

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### CANDIDATE PROFILES

These are the final profiles of the nine candidates for city council in the



Tuesday, Aug. 4, primary election. Voters will decide which

eight will advance to the November general election, when four terms — three four-year and one two-year — will be filled. Vying for a spot are Christine Cicirelli Bryant, Hal Dunn, Sam Durante, Janet Frederick-Wilson, Adam Hammons, Meriem Kadi, Kenneth Mehl, Dewey Reeves and Mark Rodriguez.

### Rodriguez: Objective voice on council

Why are you seeking a position on Westland City Council?

I have been going to city council meetings for the last four years. Over that period of time, the respective city councils have, in my opinion, not voted in the best interest of the citizens of Westland



Rodriguez

many times. Westland needs a new, objective voice on the city council. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the council, if elected?

I am objective and I do my homework! Two key issues I have participated in are: I am the one who was responsible for Westland to CORRECTLY appoint the

Please see **RODRIGUEZ, A2**

### Frederick-Wilson: New ideas for city

Why are you seeking a position on Westland City Council?

I feel women and minorities in our community are underrepresented by our council. We need someone with a fresh, new perspective as to



Frederick-Wilson

rebuilding our city and carrying it through these hard economic times. I have been involved with our community since 1988. I believe that I can bring many new ideas and a positive change to the city of Westland. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the

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**SOLDIER**

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In civilian life, he's head of security at Motor City Casino, but in Afghanistan, Marcellus' unit ran a detention facility.

"It housed anyone involved in crimes against coalition forces anywhere in the theater," he said.

A 33-year-old Taylor resident, Marcellus was a totally random choice for adoption by the Bova auxiliary.

"We were looking to adopt a soldier. I'm a district officer. I literally pointed to his name on a list," said Connie Kincer, Bova auxiliary president.

"We sent Jason care packages and e-mails for a year or 18 months. I met Jason when he came home on leave."

Marcellus is a big coffee drinker, so Kincer approached Starbucks about what she called Java for Jason. A store located in Dearborn responded and to date more than 300 pounds of coffee have been sent to troops in Afghanistan.

"I was absolutely drinking coffee over there," said Marcellus, adding he will occasionally switch to an iced coffee during hot weather.

Whenever he received anything from home, Marcellus said he tried to write a note thanking the person. His mother Linda is active in the VFW and he asked if she knew Kincer, a Livonia resident.

Friends now, the two women hadn't met until they attended the same banquet — Marcellus' 13-year-old



Members of Westland's Bova VFW Post 9885 Ladies Auxiliary hosted Staff Sgt. Jason Marcellus at a welcome home reception. The auxiliary adopted Marcellus during his 10 months serving in Afghanistan. Joining the celebration was Jan Luttrell (far right) who chairs the auxiliary's District Four.

son Zakary had written an essay entered in the Patriots Pen contest sponsored by the VFW.

After Marcellus returned from Afghanistan on July 2, the auxiliary hosted a reception in his honor and a picnic to welcome him home.

Having served on active duty 1994-97, Marcellus was a reservist until 2004 and after the break joined the reserves again in 2006.

"I originally got out to save my marriage but that didn't work. I have custody of my son. I wanted to go back on my terms," Marcellus said. "I'm very patriotic and had an opportunity to serve. I felt, if not me, then who?"

Motor City Casino has been very supportive and had held his job while he has been on active duty, Marcellus said.

"My experience and ability to lead young troops allowed us to return 100 percent with

no casualties or injuries."

In September, Marcellus will be going to Wisconsin to be an instructor preparing soldiers who will be headed to Afghanistan. Under the military's year of stability program, Marcellus can't be deployed for combat involuntarily for a year. After that he could be headed back to Afghanistan.

The Bova auxiliary has adopted another soldier overseas — Marcellus' friend Army Capt. Travis Gilbert.

Kincer is looking for names and addresses of other soldiers serving abroad who would like a care package. She's also looking to expand membership in the auxiliary — mothers, wives, daughters and granddaughters of veterans.

"We have different fundraisers in our auxiliary for our costs. We've been responsible for the program," Kincer said. "People don't donate as much when times are tough."

For more information about the auxiliary, contact Kincer at (734) 422-4819 or by e-mail at [Conniekincer@hotmail.com](mailto:Conniekincer@hotmail.com).

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**RODRIGUEZ**

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mayor and council positions in January 2007 and I suggested Recyclebank as the type of recycling for Westland.

**What do you see as the issues facing the city at this time?**

- Maintaining essential services with fewer resources.
- Remediation of Central City Park along with increasing and improving the park and recreational facilities.
- Promoting Westland to encourage families to move into our city which will then help to support current businesses and new business developments.

**How would you address those**

**issues?**

• Contracts are going to have to be renegotiated and perks for administrators reduced so that we can operate within budget.

• By restoring Central City Park and improving our recreational facilities we will be able to better compete with other communities for those who are looking for a great place to raise a family.

**What do you want voters to know about you?**

I have attended a majority of the city council meetings over the last four years. I have asked questions and supplied information many times.

**FREDERICK-WILSON**

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**council, if elected?**

I have owned and managed a very successful law firm since 1996. Being an attorney, I am not afraid to tackle the hard issues and to advocate for my clients' rights. As a council member, I will be committed to advocating my constituents' rights and bring about positive change to our community. **What do you see as the issues facing the city at this time?**

Westland is facing very difficult economic times. I believe the city of Westland needs a comprehensive plan comprising of lowering single-home and business property taxes to true market value and to offer tax abatements and incentive packages to new homeowners and new businesses.

The second issue is reducing wasteful spending. In tough

economic times, everyone must trim and reduce unnecessary spending. This may include eliminating or combining positions, but at the same time maintaining necessary positions and services within the police and fire departments.

**What do you want voters to know about you?**

I have been a resident of Westland since 1993. My children attended school in Westland since 1988. I have been involved with the community since 1988. I am very dedicated to Westland, this is my home and I care very deeply about the issues affecting our community.

Hard work and dedication are the cornerstone to my success as an attorney. I will bring the same hard work ethics and dedication to my City Council position, if I am elected. I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work!

**MARK RODRIGUEZ**

Age: 52

Employment: Kitchen Design Specialist at Home Depot

Family: Married Lisa for 30 years; children Robin, 27, Mark Jr., 23, and Alison, 21

Education: Livonia Franklin High School graduate

Community Involvement: Westland Youth Athletic Association board member for 13 years, elected president five consecutive years 2000-2004; WYAA Girls Volleyball president 13 years, 1996-2008

Sometimes it has affected a decision, sometimes I was ignored. As a member of the city council, I can have a louder voice.

**JANET M. FREDERICK-WILSON**

Age: 49

Family: Married to Danny A.

Wilson, mother of seven children and grandmother of six.

Education: Belleville High School and Big Bend Community College; Eastern Michigan University, bachelor of science degree in public law and government; Wayne State University Law School, juris doctorate, graduated 1994.

Employment: Self-employed attorney in trial and family law.

Community involvement: Former volunteer at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran School and Wayne Memorial High School; volunteer helping citizens with landlord-tenant issues; Parents for Children clothing and household goods bank and free legal services to parents facing child protective services issues; worked for reform of the Indian Child Welfare Act and for strict adherence to ICWA in the courts and the Department of Human Services.

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## Sexton tapped as GC Rotary president

The Rotary Club of Garden City has inducted Peggy Sexton as the new president for the 2009-2010 Rotary year.

Sexton, one of 33,000 Rotarians worldwide serving as Rotary president this year, will coordinate the activities and projects of the Garden City club which has more than 32 members. The group meets at 12:15 p.m. Thursdays at Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road east of Venoy.

"Rotary's motto is service above self," Sexton said. "As local leaders and volunteers, Rotarians are committed to improving their local and global communities through this year's theme, 'The Future of Rotary is in your Hands.' Rotarians pride themselves on their ability to find community solutions to local and international needs."

Sexton said her goals for the coming year include membership and continued support of local charities.

In addition, Rotary District 6400 has a new governor, Neil McBeth, a member of the Rotary Club of Essex, Ontario. A Rotary member since 1985, he was installed at a special ceremony in Harrow, Ontario.

McBeth, a retired educator who still continues to work his century old farm, has a distinguished

record of Rotary service. As governor, McBeth is responsible for 51 Rotary Clubs in the district which encompasses Essex County in Ontario and Wayne, Monroe and Lenawee counties in Michigan.

During the installation ceremony, he said his main goals for the coming year are to continue efforts on water and sanitation, health and hunger and literacy initiatives. That includes a continued focus on Basic Needs Projects in Rotary's home communities and internationally. Major emphasis will be placed on Africa to help eliminate polio.

His goals also include recruit new members and increasing Rotary's image through effective public relations. "We are involved in so many wonderful, interesting projects and it's important to let the public know who we are," said McBeth.

He also plans to encourage fellowship which is the basis of Rotary.

"It is my ultimate goal that we as Rotarians 'enjoy Rotary,'" he said.

Rotary is one of the largest and most influential international humanitarian service organizations in the world. It has 1.2 million members worldwide who belong to more than 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. As volunteers, Rotarians build goodwill and peace, provide humanitarian service and encourage high ethical standards in all vocations.



Sexton

## Program offers help to avoid foreclosure

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

### New law offers time to rework loan

If you think you might start having a problem making a mortgage payment, Jamele Hage wants to hear from you immediately.

"We're trying to get people in the process sooner. If someone hasn't missed a mortgage payment but is laid off, they should come in," said Hage, acting director of Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program. "The closer they are to foreclosure, the harder it is for us."

The non-profit program funded by Wayne County in response to the epidemic of foreclosures isn't going to help pay the mortgage but does offer assistance ranging from a Web site budget program to negotiating with lenders on behalf of homeowners.

At [www.fightmortgageforeclosure.com](http://www.fightmortgageforeclosure.com), there is an online debt ratio program homeowners can use as a tool to pare down their discretionary spending, like monthly bills for cable or entertainment. About 18,000 people have visited the Web site.

"Most people have a hard time doing it on their own. We'll call them in and educate them," said Hage. "We help with an emergency budget to save the home. We will contact the lender and help draft a hardship letter."

A new law gives Michigan homeowners facing foreclosure a 90-day window to stay in their house and potentially work out a resolution with their lender.

Effective July 5, state law lets homeowners delay foreclosure proceedings for 90 days after getting a notice of foreclosure, if they meet with a housing counselor and the bank. Lenders refusing to rework loans for those qualified homeowners would have to go to court to finish the foreclosure. Only homeowners meeting certain financial standards could qualify for modified mortgage payments.

"If you're one day late paying your mortgage, you are

in delinquency. If you miss three payments, on day 91 you are in foreclosure and the bank can foreclose," said Jamele Hage, acting director of Wayne County's Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program. "Under Michigan law, you can be in foreclosure by advertisement, if the homeowner doesn't contact a housing counselor or the mortgage holder."

Counselors are available at no cost through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. More information about the Wayne County program is available online at [www.fightmortgageforeclosure.com](http://www.fightmortgageforeclosure.com).

Along with taking no action, the worst thing a homeowner can do is simply washing their hands of their financial problem.

"You should never, ever just walk away," Hage said. "There will always be a deferring judgment following them for six years and it can be renewed. You can never walk away from the debt."

Nationally, about 29 percent of foreclosed homes can be

rescued, Hage said, but that number is 39 percent in Wayne County.

"That's how good this program is - Michigan has the highest unemployment rate and in 2007, Wayne County was the top county in the nation for foreclosures," said Hage, adding another 60,000-80,000 foreclosures are projected this year.

Since starting in October, MFPP has assisted about 1,500 families and currently has about 700 active cases. People looking for some type of financial bailout will be disappointed.

"We're negotiating with the lender. There is no incentive to give them (homeowners) money. The lender gave them money for the house," said Hage. "There is no program to give people money to bail them out."

Part of the challenge for MFPP is getting the word out about their services.

"From April to May alone, we attended 38 outreach events at union halls, Employee Assistance Programs, churches, at the Westland Library - wherever we can get to the public," said Hage. "We will go anywhere we are invited. We want to get as much exposure as we can."

For more information, visit the Web site at [www.fightmortgageforeclosure.com](http://www.fightmortgageforeclosure.com).

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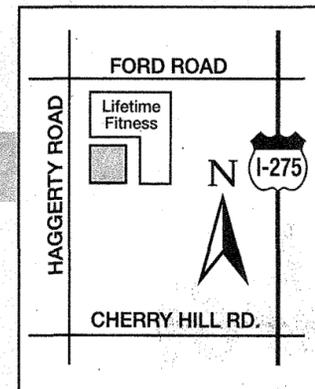
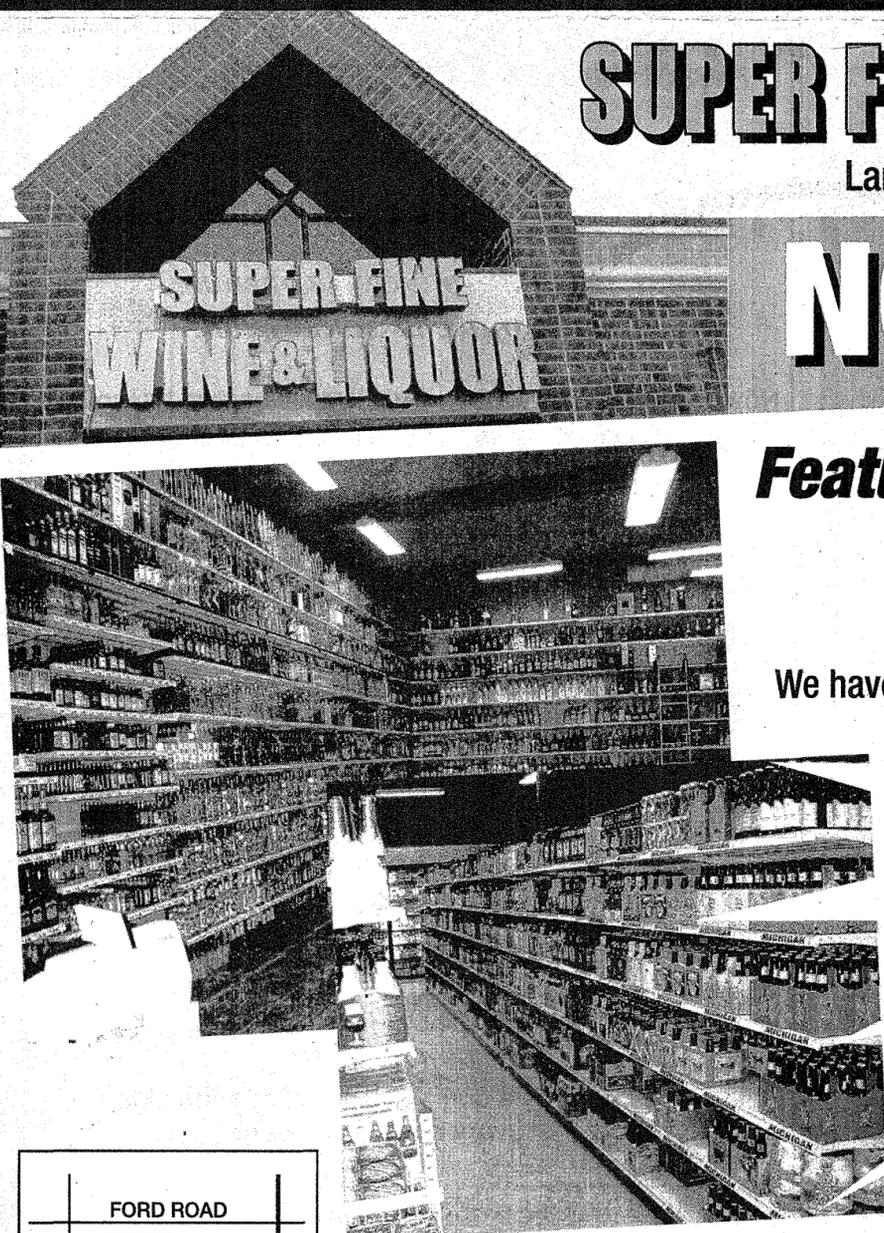
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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## 4 arrested in market break-in

**Break in**  
The police arrested four people at 1 a.m. July 26 in connection to a break-in at the B & M Market, 31405 Ford.

A witness assisted them with information that there was a burglary in progress.

The witness reported that he saw the suspects throw a rock through the front window and saw them all reach into the door, but they didn't steal anything, according to the police report.

The men fled with the police following them as their car traveled 75 mph on Dawson from Dillon in a 25 mph zone.

The suspects' car struck a garage in the 30200 block of Dawson. The driver's side door of their 2000 Pontiac Grand Am was up against the garage, so the suspects fled on foot through other car doors to get away from the police.

Another witness told police that one of the men was hiding behind her barbecue.

All four were arrested. The men were from Dearborn Heights and Detroit.

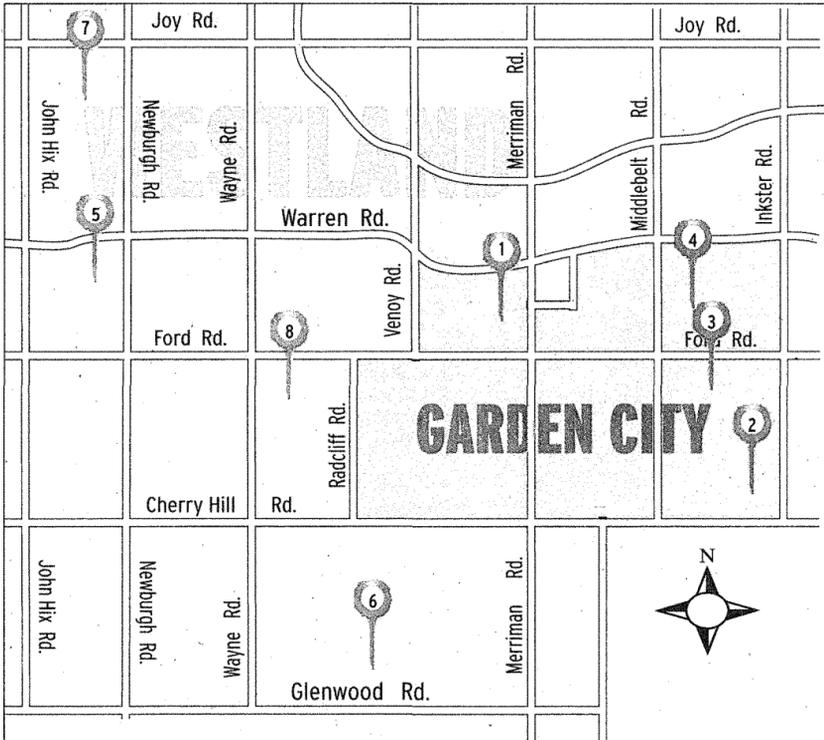
### Attempted stolen car

**2** A resident in the 600 block of Arcola said that someone tried to steal his vehicle about 10 p.m. July 23 which was parked and locked in his driveway. The truck is hooked up to a trailer containing lawn maintenance equipment.

The owner found a damaged ignition and steering column. Nothing was taken.

### Stolen property

**3** The man who stole a central air conditioning unit about 7:35 p.m. July 27 in the 5600 block of Lathers and cut the wires decided to return the unit when the police arrived.



A neighbor, who saw the 53-year-old man in the act, yelled out, "Hey, isn't that stealing?" the report said.

### Stolen purse

**4** When a customer carried a box cutter that was left out at the Kroger Supermarket located at 5866 Middlebelt about 1:10 p.m. July 25 because she was afraid that someone would get hurt, she returned to her shopping cart to find her purse and its contents gone. The store caught part of the theft on tape.

The victim was a 45-year-old Garden City woman.

The police are looking for the suspect who is described as white female in her 20s who has dark hair worn in a pony tail. She has a bad complexion. She wore an orange bikini top, khaki slacks and flip-flop shoes.

### Property damage

• A window was broken by

unknown means at Advanced Auto Service, 29904 Ford, sometime between 6 p.m. July 24 and 8 a.m. July 25.

• A side entry door was broken in the 28600 block of Bock before July 25. The owner filed a delayed police report and mentioned that five window screens and frames were also taken.

• A homeowner in the 6100 block of Brandt said that someone threw a large landscape brick through her three-by-four-foot bay window about 3 a.m. July 25.

• A resident in the 30400 block of Marquette said that the passenger side window on his 1997 Oldsmobile was damaged by unknown means sometime between midnight July 25 to 7:30 a.m. July 25.

### Suspended license

The police arrested a 42-year-old Garden City man about 11:15 p.m. July 27 at North Venoy and Maplewood for driving without

a license, no proof of insurance and for having a half full bottle of vodka in his vehicle.

### Attempt robbery

A young male, with no age given in the police report, told police that he was "rushed" (jumped) when he standing in the 32900 block of Bock, while talking on his cell phone, about 3 a.m. July 28.

The two white males in a white Ford 150 stopped and asked him if he had any marijuana. When he said that he didn't, he heard them plotting to rob him. One of the men held him in a headlock, while the other patted him down looking for things that they could steal it. He thought ahead and tossed his wallet to the ground.

The victim said that he recognized the two from school.

The police arrested a 20-year-old Garden City man. The victim had a red, swollen eye and ear.

- By Sue Buck

## Police looking for owner of cash found in Lowe's parking lot

### Cash found

**5** A man whose hometown wasn't listed told police that he found a large sum of cash in the parking lot as he left Lowe's, 6555 N. Newburgh, July 24 at 2:40 p.m. Police were not releasing the exact amount of cash found and how it was wrapped to assist in getting the cash identified by the owner.

### Break-in

**6** A resident in the 2800 block of Batavia Court told police July 23 that someone had broken into her home. The resident said she had gone out of town July 16 and her daughter was coming over daily to care for her pets. On July 19, the resident said her daughter contacted her after finding a window and the door wall open. Nothing appeared to be missing except the dog, the woman said.

The dog was later located at the Michigan Humane Society where it had been taken after being picked up as a stray.

The officer noted it appeared someone had started searching the homeowner's dresser - a drawer was found open - but was apparently frightened away by the dog.

### Stolen vehicle

**7** Police were called to Bumpers Bar & Grill, 8631 N. Newburgh, late July 21 after an Westland man found his vehicle had been stolen from the parking lot. The man said he had driven a friend to the business several hours earlier and found the vehicle was gone when they exited. The vehicle, a 2000 Dodge Grand Caravan, belongs to the man's son.

The man still had the keys to the vehicle but reported his wallet had been left in the van. He said there

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was no money or credit cards in the wallet.

### Stolen purse

**8** An employee at Thrifty Florist, 835363 Ford, told police that someone had stolen her purse while she was working. The purse had been left in a back room near a door which was open, she said.

The woman said the purse contained \$300 in cash, the keys to her vehicle, credit cards and assorted identification.

### Hit and run

On July 23, a Westland man told police that someone backed out of a driveway and hit his vehicle while it was parked on the street in the 500 block of North Hanlon. The driver's door and front quarter panel were reported damaged.

### Break-in

A resident in the 31000 block of Glen told police July 21 that someone had broken into his garage and stolen his 2002 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic, valued at \$25,000. He said his girlfriend noticed the motorcycle missing when she went into the garage. The side door was locked and the overhead door had been closed. The resident told police he found the garage door opener had been disengaged.

A neighbor told police she noticed the side door to the garage was open about 4 a.m. when she was outside with her dogs but didn't want to disturb the homeowner.

- By LeAnne Rogers

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## Understand the document you're signing

I have read many articles about the federal stimulus plan passed a number of months ago. I'll leave it to others to determine if it is working. However, there is one item regarding the stimulus package I would like to address. It appears that many of our elected representatives never read the legislation and are confused as to what is in the plan. I raise the issue not to criticize lawmakers but to remind everyone that when you sign a document you must take responsibility.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

In our society, it seems we are always signing a host of documents. Whether it's picking up prescription medication, visiting the doctor or meeting with a financial adviser, there's always documents to sign.

Unfortunately, most people have no idea what is in these documents. They assume the document is standard and that others have reviewed it. People sign up for charge card deals or deferred payment plan gimmicks from retailers without reading the fine print. They assume that there is some type of government regulation protecting them. Many

people who obtained mortgages failed to understand what they were signing and we can see how much government regulations protected them.

I recognize that many of these documents are difficult to understand. It seems that they are written by lawyers for lawyers.

What is the answer? Just sign something and hope for the best or try to understand what is involved? Obviously, certain documents have more serious ramifications than others. For example, the largest purchase or debt most of us will ever make is a home/mortgage. I highly recommend before signing these documents — which have a major financial impact on your life — that you understand it completely. If that means, and in most cases it does, that you seek professional help, so be it.

However, it is not practical to have every document that you sign reviewed by a professional. But you should read the document and if you don't understand it, ask questions.

Whenever you sign what looks like a standard document — often blank spaces or boxes to check based upon your individual situation — review all items for accuracy.

There may be times when you disagree with the document that you are signing but believe you

have no other alternative. Don't be afraid to ask if you can make a change in the document to suit your needs or see if there is another option.

If you find yourself between a rock and a proverbial hard place, you obviously have to make a tough decision. However, in today's world you may be surprised that you have more options than you thought.

It would be nice if in running the country's business our legislators took the time to read and understand everything that they are signing. Maybe it's impractical. I don't know. What I do know is that when it comes to running our family business, we have to take the responsibility to understand the consequences of each and every document we sign.

This is a complex and ever-changing world we live in and the government does not have the resources to protect us. Yes, the government does provide some protection, but it's not enough. We must be involved in the process and take time to read a document before signing it. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

## Tail Wagger's hosts low cost clinic

Pet owners can take get their pets caught up on their yearly shots at a low cost vaccination clinic, hosted by Tail Wagger's USA.

The clinic is scheduled for 12:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15 at A-Quality Care Vet Hospital, 11655 Farmington Road, north of Plymouth Road in Livonia.

Distemper, rabies or bordetella (for those that frequent dog parks or are boarded) will be offered for only \$12 each. If all three vaccines are needed, a rate of \$30 will be charged. Owners wishing to have their pet micro-chipped and registered can do so for \$35 per pet.

Puppy and kitten distemper along with de-worming will be provided for \$19. Litters of puppies or kittens with three or more will be given discounted services of \$15 per animal to encourage vaccinating the entire litter.

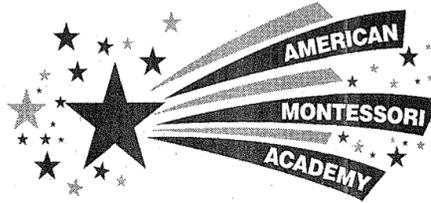
"With the tough economic situation that we are all in, it is with high hopes that people will take advantage of this low cost vaccination clinic and get their pets properly vaccinated to avoid further health issues," said Tail Wagger's founder Laura Zain. "A-Quality Care doctors are supporting this clinic by donating their services and a portion of the vaccinations which show that

they care about the pets in our community."

Tail Wagger's USA also will be accepting pet food donations to supplement their Pet Food Assistance Program. For community members that have fallen on tough times, Tail Wagger's USA offers support to people in feeding their pet until they are able to do so on their own. People wishing to contribute pet food for those in need are invited to stop by the clinic.

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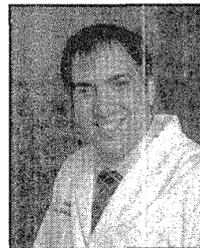
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OUR VIEWS

# Our pick for council in primary election

Hats off to the Westland Monitors who organized a Meet the Candidates forum, held earlier this month at Joy Baptist Church. And kudos to residents who took the time to attend and listen to the candidates' views on a variety of topics during the two-hour program.

The primary election is on the horizon, and if City Clerk Eileen DeHart's prediction holds true, roughly 13 percent of the city's 60,000 registered voters will take the time to vote on Aug. 4. There is no race for mayor - incumbent William Wild is running unopposed. However, voters need to decide which eight of the nine candidates for council should advance to the November general election.

This year's election will bring about a change on the council. Dewey Reeves is the only incumbent campaigning for re-election; Robert Stottlemeyer, Charles Pickering and Cheryl Graunstadt are stepping down. Joining Reeves on the August ballot are Christine Cicirelli Bryant, Harold Dunn, Sam Durante, Janet Frederick-Wilson, Adam Hammons, Meriem Kadi, Kenneth Mehl and Mark Rodriguez.

All of the candidates deserve consideration. They each bring an interest in serving to the table and are committed to helping the city in these troubling economic times. Some have previous experience like Mehl, others are newbies or are making a second bid for a council seat.

In looking at the candidates and what their campaign issues are, we believe that **Christine Cicirelli Bryant, Sam Durante, Janet Frederick-Wilson, Adam Hammons, Meriem Kadi, Kenneth Mehl, Mark Rodriguez and Dewey Reeves** have the right stuff to advance to the November general election. They have proven to be knowledgeable about issues facing the city and appear ready to make the tough decisions.

We urge residents to take the time to get to know the candidates and then either vote by absentee ballot or go to the polls on Aug. 4. It would be nice to see more than 13 percent of registered voters decide who should advance to the general election.

# Michigan Jazz festival is event worth saving

The Michigan Jazz Festival recently marked its 15th anniversary with performances at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

From groups like the Schoolcraft College Big Jazz Band and Wayne State University Big Jazz Band, to seasoned pros like the George Benson Quartet and Johnny Trudell Big Band, there was something for everyone.

The free event is a perennial summer favorite, but it's also in jeopardy. Generous support from the automotive community, the recording industry's Music Performance Fund and the Cohen family has been curtailed for economic reasons. Organizers now must raise almost \$30,000 from new sources to continue with the six stages and some 200 musicians.

The Friends of Michigan Jazz Festival is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and is accepting tax-deductible donations. They were collected at the need is great. The event teaches much about music in an enjoyable atmosphere, and it would be a shame for the music to stop.

That's why we ask that you give what you can to keep the musicians performing. Donations payable to the Michigan Jazz Festival can be sent to 20457 Maplewood Ave., Livonia, MI 48152.

Help let the bands play on.

COMMUNITY VOICE

## If you could change one thing about your life, what would it be?

We asked this question at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.



**"I don't think I'd want to change anything."**

Barbara Bridges  
Garden City



**"I'd like to have my children live here in the state. I have five and four live out of state."**

Rosemary Charron  
Canton



**"I'd replace material things with friends. It takes too much time to take care of the clutter."**

Regina Iwata  
Livonia



**"I'd like to go back about 40 years."**

Joan Cussin  
Garden City

## LETTERS

### Against national health care

I'm totally against National Health Care. It's immoral because it's based on altruism, a morality of sacrifice and force, and financed by the redistribution of wealth by government force.

Government interference in the economy and its lack of enforcement of our unalienable rights is the cause of our economic and social problems.

Paul Gruchala  
Westland

### Saving taxpayer money

It has been a pleasure to represent the people of Westland, Inkster and Livonia at the county level for the past seven months. I would like to personally thank all of my constituents who have called or e-mailed me in order to compliment me on my first newsletter. Remarkably each newsletter only costs \$.058 each. Volunteers, my staff and I are still hand-delivering as many of them as I possibly can in order to save the taxpayer's dollars.

The reception that we are receiving at the door is warm and welcoming. People cannot believe that I am going door to door on an "off year" - when there is not even an election for this position. I do it because I want to know what you are thinking and how I can help you or your family. Please remember to e-mail me your personal e-mail address so that I can electronically send you an update, which will save even more money. Our address is District12@co.wayne.mi.us

As for the coffee coupons, please continue to show them at the restaurant counters during my office hour. The owners use them to count how many people received free coffee, tea or soft drink. I personally pay the bill out of my own pocket as a personal gesture. You can rest assured that taxpayer's money is not paying this bill, as other elected officials may do.

Again, if there is anything that I can do for you, even if it is to respond to your ideas or concerns, please do not hesitate to e-mail me or call my office at (313) 224-0902.

Joan Gebhardt  
Wayne County Commissioner  
Livonia

### Recycling is real

We arrived! Westland finally has curbside recycling! We are now in the 21st century. Thanks to many people, but especially to our Mayor William Wild. Can't thank you enough.

It was such a great feeling to roll out our blue bins, in our case, to the roadside. We wanted to ring all the church bells in celebration of this great event. For the first time in decades, we, along with many others, no longer have to haul our recyclables to the center. This is our reward.

Driving along and seeing a sea of blue bins, one couldn't but be grateful for what was really going on in our city. The contents of those blue bins were going to be recycled, they no longer are going to be trashing Mother Earth by going into landfills! Our mayor, council members and all who have worked so very hard to reach this goal should be very proud. Job well done!

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

Because we don't live in a perfect world, of course there were some glitches in such a mammoth undertaking. We, all of us, have to put on our "be patient" hats, take a deep breath and clear up any glitches that may have affected some of us.

We activated our rewards system by calling into a designated telephone number. Apparently some ran into a problem. Fine tuning of this huge project will take a while. We all need to be patient. Give them a chance to make the adjustments.

Also, we read in the Observer about the disappointment of residents who will be incorporated into the recycling when phase II is activated. Hang in there, it will come. We waited all these years and it only can be done in phases. In the meantime, if you're willing and able, take your recyclables to the center. We did that for decades.

If you as yet did not get into the program, for whatever reason, please do so. It is so easy. There is really nothing to do except to put your recyclables into the bin and roll it out every two weeks on your designated garbage pickup day. In between the two-week cycle, set up your own system that will work for you.

Most of us have a container for our garbage in our home, so, now you have a container for recyclables. If for convenience you need to add a smaller container in your home for recyclables and then just when convenient, dump them into the recyclable bin which may be outdoors, do so. You'll figure something out.

Because all of us, when we empty any container, we have it in our hands, now the decision is where do I want to dump this "pickle jar," for example? Into the garbage or into the recyclable bin? That's how simple it is. It is all up to our decision, isn't it?

So again, those who experienced any glitch, hang in there, we all have to be patient. Give it a chance, and please, join in this great city of Westland's long overdue, achievable goal of recycling curbside. Join all of us in this effort, won't you? Again, thank you!

James and Mary Murphy  
Westland

### Likes Dillon's health plan

Michigan Speaker of the House Andy Dillon suggested a plan to reduce health care costs by \$900 million a year and I like the way it looks. All Michigan State employees, retirees and administration workers would have the same choices so that the school bus driver would have the access to the same plan as the governor.

I think he's on to something here as a few other states have already adopted this idea. I'd like to add my 2 cents to the mix and

suggest the following:

Any insurance company that wants to participate in this plan cannot refuse coverage to anyone because of prior health conditions. This will make competition work for us and put all the companies on an even playing field. They will have to keep their operating costs down in order to compete and this will lead to lower costs for all, including doctors that have to have so many on staff do deal with all the different insurance companies.

The committees to oversee, collect funds, negotiate plans and costs should be an independent public company whose officers should be elected by popular vote every two years. The first term can be "appointed" by a state legislative vote

Funds collected for the medical plans should not be part of any government general or other fund where politicians can use the money for other projects. I'd suggest having a reputable firm oversee the funds and have them checked periodically by a number of independent accounting firms selected at random to audit the fund.

And if the federal government decides to follow suit, I'd also suggest that they:

- Lift all restrictions off of medical savings accounts.
- All premiums should remain tax free.
- All expenses paid towards medical care (co-pays, prescriptions, lab tests and hospital charges) should be tax deductible with no set limitation.

This is a plan that makes sense; don't screw it up with further restrictions, recommendations and guidelines. Do not give in to the unions on this one; this will be a good move for Michigan and politically for all.

Phil Solarz  
Westland

### Washington's loose cannons

Our representatives in Congress are supposed to be representing U.S. citizens and working toward the best interests of the vast majority of us. If bills like Cap and Trade and Health Care were clearly in the best interest of the country as a whole, Congress would not have to pass them in a rush.

They would devote the time necessary to garner the solid information to make informed decisions; not decisions based on the arrogance of assuming they know what's best for the country without ever listening to what the informed citizenry actually think about a particular matter.

Their staffs and special interest groups add addendums that cannot be read and understood by the legislators themselves or the public prior to voting. The ramifications of their actions have not been thought out in the light of day. Our representatives seem to take pride in the fact that they can ram something so important through before the opposition can mount a counter offensive or shine a light on the long lasting affects of their actions. If a bill is indeed important enough to warrant their consideration, it should also be worthy of a viewing in the light of day with due diligence. I am ashamed that they feel the need to work in shadows using gorilla warfare and playing "gotcha politics" at our expense. We are experiencing firsthand the negative effects of an "unbalanced" Congress!

Lewis Cantor  
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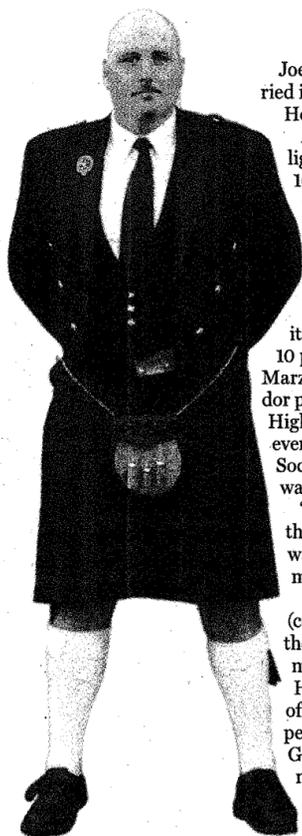
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# Look fashionable at Highland Games with a kilt

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER



Joe Marzka of Redford married in a kilt.

He golfs in one occasionally. And he plans to don a lightweight version for the 160th Annual Highland Games, Thursday-Saturday, July 30-Aug in Livonia.

"There are formal and not-so-formal kilts. Mine is formal because it cost \$1,000. It's about 10 pounds of wool," said Marzka, who chairs the vendor portion of this weekend's Highland Games, an annual event of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. "You don't want to wear it when it's hot. It's hand-stitched and is the highest quality wool. It was made in Scotland. It's my tuxedo."

Marzka wears the tartan (colors and plaid design) of the Murray clan, from his mother's side of the family. He'll be among hundreds of spectators, athletes and performers at the Highland Games dressed in the signature Scottish garment. "When I first started wearing it I wondered

how do women sit in skirts? Now it's second nature. It's very comfortable," said Marzka, who also wears a kilt pin and family crest with his outfit.

Marzka was fitted for his formal kilt at Highland Fling, in Olde World Canterbury Village, in Lake Orion, where owner Gordon Hyslop is the unofficial kilt supplier to the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit.

He sells and rents authentic kilts, kilted skirts for women, jackets, belts and other attire.

"A proper kilt is almost always wool. A genuine kilt is at least eight yards of fabric, which is why it weighs as much as it does and costs as much as it does," Hyslop said.

Hand-stitched and constructed according to each customer's measurements, they cost approximately \$600.

"You can get them in cotton and polyester. But it's not authentic," Hyslop noted. "We sometimes do the polyester for the younger guys on a budget. It comes in at about two-thirds of the price of wool."

He cautions against buying a ready-made kilt in cotton, because the fabric doesn't hang properly. Price also depends on the

individual's size because it determines how much fabric, beyond the traditional eight yards, is needed.

### ADDED COSTS

Then there are other accessories to complete the look. A sporran is a pouch that takes the place of pockets and hangs over the front of the kilt. It can cost anywhere from \$60-\$200.

"A kilt pin is for show. The other thing is the kilt belt. And the kilt hose or socks," Hyslop said. "An occasion like the Highland Games doesn't require a dress jacket."

The head-to-toe look, complete with jacket, kilt, hose and accessories runs about \$1,500.

"People call not realizing the cost. They about fall over when I tell them," he said.

Hyslop said some less expensive "sport kilts," which wrap with Velcro, are available to consumers as a ready-made garment.

"They try to look like a kilt but they're not. There are people out there who sell lookalike kilts or cheap kilts. But you get what you pay for."

Although some women, especially those in pipe and drum bands, wear authentic

kilts, many don kilted skirts for occasions such as the Highland Games.

Hyslop, who sells them, said they're made of a lighter wool and often worn with a sash that drapes over the shoulders.

Julie Zvoch, chair of the Highland Games, owns a traditional kilt — "It takes two hangars to hang because it's so heavy" — but will wear a mini kilt to the event.

"It's considered mini because it's above the knee," she explained. "It's lighter weight."

### STATE TARTAN

Marzka suggests that those without clan affiliation choose a Scottish national tartan — rather than one associated with a family name — for their kilts. He said the Society hopes to convince state lawmakers to approve a state tartan in the colors brown, blue and green. The hues represent dunes, lake and forest.

Hyslop isn't big on rules when it comes to dressing informally in a kilt.

"Anyone can wear anything they want. You can wear your own (family) tartan or one that isn't specific to a clan," he said, adding that individuals also wear tartans from other clans.

"Sometimes you've got to look beyond that. If there's a kilt available in your size no one will bother if you don't belong to their clan. They'd probably be glad if you wanted to wear a kilt."

Some men pair the traditional garment with funky T-shirts or boots. Or they might skip the traditional socks and wear boat shoes or sandals on a hot day.

What to wear under the kilt?

"It's up to what the individual wants to do," Hyslop said. "Some go 'commando' and some wear boxer shorts."

The Highland Fling is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday. Canterbury Village is located on Joslyn Road, north of I-75. (248) 391-5819

Joe Marzka, a Redford resident and a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, wears a hand-stitched, wool kilt. He'll wear a lighter-weight variety this weekend to the Highland Games in Livonia.

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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

### At Maniac's Cafe, customers are treated just like family

Maniac's Café and Sweets in Livonia celebrated its second anniversary in June. The eatery specializes in quality, healthy menu items, many of which are homemade. Sandy Maniac of Livonia, who owns the business with her husband, Mario, answered the following questions:

**Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.**

We offer everything from coffee to dessert, fresh-fruit smoothies, ice cream, soups, salads, sandwiches. Lots of homemade items; we promote quality, healthy products. We recently added breakfast to the menu and may try out a few dinner options in the near future. We hand-select almost every product that comes into the store. Quality is so important; we make as much from scratch as possible, buy the best produce (even some is organic), the ice cream is low fat, and the list goes on. We never have to question the quality or freshness of anything that leaves our store. We only offer to our customers what we would eat — if it isn't good enough for our family, it isn't good enough for our customers. Period.

**What makes your business unique?**

For one we are privately owned and operated. We are a part of the community so we have a personal investment in our customers because we are actually neighbors. I (Sandy) am in my store seven days a week to ensure the quality of our products and service. My store is truly an extension of my home and the same hospitality



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sandy Maniac and McKenzie McDonald present a turkey club sandwich on a Parmesan bagel with homemade vinaigrette slaw and a perfect cup of espresso.

I would offer there. Every single person who walks into my door is important, and I make every effort to establish a relationship with every person every time — and it really is my pleasure to do this. I genuinely love what I do and have been so fortunate with my customers. I feel like they have all reciprocated the loyalty and friendship I offer. We really have a lot of support from the folks who know about us and frequent us. We just need more of you.

**How did you first decide to open your own business?**

We first decided to open our business after we moved to the neighborhood in 2004. We thought it would be a great addition to the area. The neighborhood is family-oriented as is our store. We started our family here and plan to be a part of this community for a

long time to come. We have had only positive experiences here since we moved here. Everyone is great.

**How did you decide to locate here?**

The location is perfect because we live in the sub just west of it — which is why I can't help but be here every single day. I can't stay away!

**Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?**

I can't even begin to answer this question. Every day something cute, funny or heart-warming happens at my place. You just have to come in and be the next experience for me.

Maniac's Café and Sweets is at 37587 Five Mile. Hours vary seasonally. For more information, call (734) 462-688 or e-mail maniacscafeandsweets@yahoo.com.

## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Now open

You'll find everything from office supplies to sunglasses at Office & More, now open next to the Petco store in the West Ridge Shopping Center on Warren Road west of Wayne Road. The store is open currently from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Health & Business Expo

Westland Shopping Center and the Westland Chamber of Commerce have teamed up to bring shoppers the most comprehensive Health & Business Expo of 2009. Stop by from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22 as more than 40 health and business experts converge in the East Court of the shopping center to show you what they have to offer. Westland Shopping Center is at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

#### Beer class

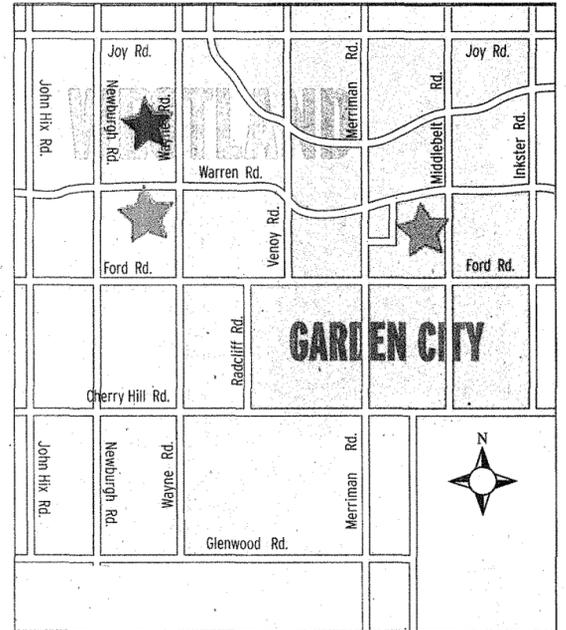
Ashley's Beer and Grill in Westland is offering a beer class on Trappist and Abby ales at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11. Rex Halfpenny, editor of the Michigan Beer Guide, will be the guest speaker for the beer class and tasting. Tickets are \$30 each or two for \$50 and are available online at [www.ashleys.com/beerclass](http://www.ashleys.com/beerclass). Ashley's is at 7525 Wayne Road just north of Warren Road. For more information, call (734) 525-1667.

#### Trivia Time

The Sports Venue Bar and Grill in Garden City offers Live Trivia at 7 p.m. every Saturday. It's free, fun and you can win prizes. My Trivia Live is an interactive "team style" trivia game hosted by a T.J. (Trivia Jockey) who asks a question and the team has one song to come up with the answer. You'll find Sports Venue at 6327 Middlebelt north of Ford, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 525-3134.

#### Show your big D

You'll find all the newest Detroit Tigers Baseball merchandise for Magglio Ordonez, Justin Verlander, Curtis Granderson or any other Tiger player or manager at Fanatic U, 30409 Ford, Garden City. There's also All Star items and, least we forget, the store is stocked with Detroit Red Wings,



Pistons and Lions merchandise as well as stuff for Michigan and Michigan State. For more information, call (734) 762-0893.

#### Dollar Desserts

Do you have a sweet tooth that never seems to be satisfied without putting a dent in your wallet? At Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, you never have to worry about that again. The Bakery is now offering a dollar dessert menu featuring many of its customer favorites — cupcakes, fun-size bars, cinnamon crumb cakes, yesterday's fresh muffins, gourmet coffee, cookies (three for \$1), and a dessert called cake butts. The dollar dessert menu enables you to take control of your sweet tooth and your wallet. Visit the cake shop at 8036 N. Wayne Road, north of Cowna, Westland. For more information, call (734) 261-3680.

#### Health fair

Garden City Hospital is once again hosting the annual Diabetes Community Health Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the Westland Specialty Center, 35600 Central City Parkway, in Westland. The fair aims to educate individuals with diabetes and pre-diabetes, as well as those interested in living healthy. Guests with diabetes or pre-diabetes will be able to participate in the American Diabetes

Association's Annual Foot Screening Day with screenings provided by podiatrists. Diabetes educators will be on-site to discuss foot care information.

To schedule an appointment for a foot screening, call (734) 458-4330. Appointments are recommended for foot screening only. Other screenings available include ankle brachial index for PAD, balance, fall prevention, blood pressure, bone density, fasting blood glucose and cholesterol. There also will be demonstrations, glucose meter information, low cost sports physicals, Sleep Center tours and home screening and massages. For more information, call Garden City Hospital Diabetes Education at (734) 458-4330.

#### SEND IT

Get in on the Strictly Business Page of the Westland and Garden City Observer by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones. It's simple. Just e-mail all of the details to Sue Mason, editor, at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com) and she'll take care of the rest. Our local business page runs each Thursday in your Westland and Garden City Observer. We welcome comments and suggestions, too. We look forward to hearing from you.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### It's a Miracle Day

On Thursday, Aug. 13, Dairy Queen® will host the fourth Annual North American "Miracle Treat Day," when \$1 or more from every Blizzard® sold on that day will be donated to Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children's hospitals.

Last year on Miracle Treat Day, Dairy Queen raised more than \$4.5 million for 170 Children's Miracle Network hospitals. A cause partner since 1984, Dairy Queen has raised more than \$77 million and is one of the top five contributors to Children's Miracle Network.

"There are many inspiring people from all walks of life, but none more than young, hospitalized children who face incredible odds every day," said Michael Keller, chief brand officer for International Dairy Queen, Inc. "It's the courage of these children that makes Miracle Treat Day so meaningful and important to all of us in the Dairy Queen family and we thank everyone who comes out in support of this

cause and helps to make Miracle Treat Day such a success."

Dairy Queen will bring back the Girl Scouts Thin Mint Cookie Blizzard as the featured Blizzard of the Month for August, just in time to celebrate Miracle Treat Day. Girl Scouts Thin Mint Cookie is the most popular limited-time-offer Blizzard ever, since the first one was served upside down with a spoon in 1985. The Thin Mint Cookie Blizzard is made with creamy DQ vanilla soft serve blended with Girl Scouts Thin Mint Cookie pieces and a Crème de Menthe topping.

For more information about Miracle Treat Day or Dairy Queen, visit [MiracleTreatDay.com](http://MiracleTreatDay.com) or [DairyQueen.com](http://DairyQueen.com).

#### Unique fund-raising

Local non-profit organizations are invited to participate in a unique fund-raising opportunity. Parisian has announced that it will continue its successful Community Day event, planned for Saturday, Nov. 14.

The event provides an opportunity for local organizations to gather the donations needed to support their missions, especially

at a time when many non-profits have limited resources and more requests than they can accommodate.

Beginning Aug. 2, participating nonprofit groups will be selling \$5 Parisian discount savings booklets to support their organization. Each booklet contains coupons and offers for a savings of over \$60. Non-profit groups selling the booklets keep 100 percent of the \$5 booklet price.

"This is the 10th consecutive year our company has brought this fund-raising event to local non-profit groups," said Bud Bergren, president and chief executive officer of The Bon-Ton Stores Inc. "We know how important it is to give back to the community, especially when many groups and community organizations need our help more than ever."

Organizations can sign up to participate in Community Day by logging onto [www.communitydayevent.com](http://www.communitydayevent.com) and submitting a registration form. The website provides details of the event. Qualifying Community Day organizations include local 501C-3 nonprofit organizations, churches and schools.

## CHAMBER CHAT

### GARDEN CITY CHAMBER

The chamber is inviting resident and local officials to gather at Plato's Place on Ford west of Middlebelt Friday, Aug. 3, for our third Downtown for Breakfast.

Come at 8:15 a.m. and join your fellow business owners, residents and local, state and county representatives to discuss current events, developing legislature, local economic issues and casual questions. No reservations needed.

And don't miss the monthly Garden City Farmers Market seminar at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12. The market seminar will be presented by our very own Amantea's

Restaurant. Grilling fresh produce and adding it to pasta will be the topic. Bring your chair, bring your fork and enjoy Amantea's in our open air farmers market.

And while you're at it, circle Tuesday, Sept. 15 for the fifth annual Dine and Dash, sponsored by Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury. Don't wait to purchase tickets, they're on sale now at the chamber office.

Dine and Dash will be 6-10 p.m. Participating restaurants include Albert's on the Alley, Sports Venue Bar & Grill, McDonald's, Rogala's Bar & Grill, and Amantea's.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for kids

under 10 years of age and a party of four for \$75. All tickets include the ever famous souvenir T-shirt that's worn the night of the event. The shirt is your ticket. Transportation again this year will be provided by Garden City Public Schools (the big yellow bus).

A portion of this year's sales will go to the Garden City Rotary Club.

This event is traditional a sold out event, so please get your reservations in early. Remember to include your shirt size when ordering your ticket. Call the chamber at (734) 422-4448.

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## MSU-bound Krug's meteoric rise icing on the cake

### SIDELINES

#### MU adds Stoney

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger announced last week that Canton High catcher Daniel Stoney has signed an NAIA letter of intent.

Stoney becomes the ninth student-athlete to sign with the Crusaders joining Tom Atkinson, Alex Charles, Brett Gossett, Donny Holland, Brad Lineberry (Plymouth), Steve Pelletier (Farmington Hills Harrison), Aaron Saarela and Tyler Schofield.

Stoney helped lead the Chiefs to a pair of Division 1 district titles during his two years on the varsity squad while earning three letters each in basketball and football.

As a senior, Stoney hit .414 with six homers and 36 RBI en route to All-KLAA Kensington Conference honors.

"The staff is very excited to be able to sign Daniel this late in the recruiting process," said Haeger, who guided the Crusaders to their third Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title in four years and first-ever berth in the NAIA National Tournament. "We think that the upside with him is huge as far as being a good power hitter and we think he adds another big piece to what is already an outstanding class we have coming in this fall."

#### MU softball signee

Madonna University softball coach Al White added a late signee Monday with the addition of Monroe catcher and infielder Amber Rafko, who batted .431 as a senior and helped the Trojans reach the Division 1 state semifinals.

Rafko becomes the sixth player to sign an NAIA letter-of-intent for the 2010 season joining infielders Arielle Cox (Newport), Katelyn Hamann (Westland), Erica Landess (Carleton Airport), outfielder Ali Robinson (Farmington) and right-handed pitcher Natalie Sanborn (Livonia Franklin).

"Amber can come in and play a number of positions for us," White said. "We are very pleased to be able to sign her this late into the summer and happy that she has chosen to be part of the Crusader family."

Rafko earned four letters for Monroe coach Vince Rossi and was named Academic All-State as a senior. She is also a two-time first-team All-Mega Conference Red Division and All-Region honoree.

MU captured both the 2009 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season and tournament titles advancing to the NAIA National Championship for the second time in program history while posting a school-record 53 wins.



ROBERT J. MEYER | USHL PHOTO

Livonia native Torey Krug made a meteoric rise in one year as a defenseman and will play next season for Michigan State.

Please see **KRUG, B2**

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last summer Torey Krug wondered aloud if he could measure up on skates. The 5-foot-9, 180-pound defenseman from Livonia was in the transition phase of his hockey career, moving out of Computware's Midget Major program and into the juniors ranks just hoping for a tryout in the U.S. Hockey League.

After some interest from Cedar Rapids (Ia.) of the USHL, the 18-year-old Krug eventually landed in Indianapolis (Ind.) with the Ice of the same league and has parlayed it in less than 12 months into signing an NCAA letter-of-intent last April with Michigan State.

"It's been a 360-degree spin," said Krug, who helped lead the Ice to the USHL Clark Cup Tier I junior postseason playoff title. "I was in Midget Major hockey and my dad (Kyle) came down

hard on me. It all worked out at the end and he knew what he was doing."

Simply put, Krug had to rearrange his priorities.

"I had to rethink things over, get more serious about what I was doing," said Krug. "I was enjoying the youth phase of my life. I was watching a lot of guys play in the NHL and leave home. It was scary, and I was not ready to go into that. I had to look at my options and I buckled down. All my life I've faced adversity because I was not tall and not big enough to go to that next level."

Indianapolis Ice coach Jeff Blashill, a former assistant at Miami of Ohio, became a convert after watching Krug perform a set of drills during last summer's USA Hockey's Select Festival held at St. Cloud State (Minn.).

"He (Blashill) said Torey did it better than any player he had at Miami," Kyle Krug said. "It got him a spot in a tryout

camp."

Ironically, Blashill wasn't always in Torey's corner.

"When he was scouting at Miami he told me he never liked me as a player," Krug said. "But from there everything skyrocketed and he took a chance on me."

Krug thrived in Indianapolis, helping the Ice to a 39-19-2 regular season record and a third-place finish in the East Division. He was named to USHL's All-Rookie team after scoring 10 goals and adding 37 assists (second among defensemen).

He attended Cathedral High School in Indianapolis and maintained a near perfect grade-point average despite missing 50 days of classes while traveling with the Ice, who average 4,000 fans per game at the Pepsi Coliseum.

College offers, meanwhile, poured in

## Foreign aid

### Soccer taught the English way has youngsters kicking up their heels

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They may not be on their way to playing for Manchester United just yet, but nearly three dozen area youngsters certainly got the jump on future soccer competition with their involvement this week in the Challenger British Soccer Camps.

Staking out territory at United Christian School in Garden City since Monday, a trio of young and energetic soccer coaches from across the pond and representing British Soccer Camps, offered youngsters the rare opportunity to receive top-notch soccer instruction from experts deeply involved with the game.

"I'm having tons of fun," exclaimed Ethan Englehart, 9, of Westland, just hours into his week-long involvement in the fifth annual event hosted by United Christian School. "What's fun is we're all having good teamwork, there's a bunch of great coaches, everyone's being nice and playing fair."

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Jack Walsh (center), a coach with the Challenger British Soccer Camp, offers up instructions to youngsters participating in the week-long camp held at United Christian School in Garden City. Nearly three dozen participants enjoyed the rare opportunity to receive high-level coaching from international players.



JOHN DORTON | ISI PHOTOS

Livonia Stevenson High boys varsity soccer coach Lars Richters gets doused by his Derby County Wolves players after capturing the U-16 US Soccer Development Academy championship recently in Carson, Calif.

## Richters puts Wolves on U.S. Soccer's map

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As one of the most successful high school boys soccer coaches in this state, Livonia Stevenson High's Lars Richters is no stranger to winning.

Richters also proved he can thrive on the national stage after guiding the Under-15 and -16 Derby County Wolves to the 2009 U.S. Soccer Development Academy Championship with a 1-0 victory over California Odyssey in the finals held recently at The Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif.

East Kentwood's Dzenan Catic tallied the game-winning goal in the sixth minute off an assist from Stefan Gigorakis (Belle River, Ontario), and goalkeeper Adam Grinwis (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central) posted the shutout.

The Livonia-based Wolves, sponsored by an English Premier League soccer club, feature several area players including defenders Eric Weberman (North Farmington), Vinh Nguyen (Plymouth) and Zachary Cooney (Stevenson).

Derby County came in as the top seed among eight

group stage winners from across the country after capturing a qualifier last month in Greensboro, N.C. with a 2-0-1 record. The Wolves posted identical 3-0 wins over Texas Rush AHFCAS Monaco and New York City BW Gottsche (N.Y.), along with a 0-0 tie with the Columbus (Ohio) Crew.

The Wolves then defeated FC Dallas (3-1) and the Chicago Magic AC Monaco (1-0) to automatically qualify for the Academy Playoff finals. Their only loss of the tournament, which started July 11, came against New York Red Bulls (0-2).

"We're thrilled to win the championship, but it's been a long journey that has been beneficial for the players and that's the most important aspect," said Richters, who was named U-15/16 Development Academy Coach of the Year. "The competition has been far superior to what we had been accustomed to, so that has been a great tool to help our development."

"One of the things that U.S. Soccer was so good about that week was educating the kids about what

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# Plymouth boy in world's largest motocross race

Plymouth youngster Colin Deems will spend the next week fulfilling a dream. The 6 year-old dirt bike racer has qualified for the largest amateur motocross race in the world — the 28th annual Air Nautiques/AMA Amateur National Motocross Championships at Loretta Lynn's Ranch. The event runs from Saturday through Aug. 8.



Plymouth's Colin Deems is just 6 years old. But he's already making a name for himself, qualifying for the world's largest motocross race.

Colin has earned one of just 1,386 qualifying positions. "The Amateur Nationals at Loretta Lynn's is the event every motocross racer in the country wants to compete in," says Event Director Tim Cotter. "A win at the Amateur Nationals can serve as a springboard to a lucrative professional motocross career."

Most of America's top professional motocrossers, including James Stewart, Ricky Carmichael, Travis Pastrana and Jeremy McGrath have won AMA Amateur National Championships at Loretta Lynn's.

The race is so prestigious that last year teenaged stars such as New York's Justin Barcia, South Carolina's PJ Larsen, Pennsylvania's Darryn Durhman and Texas' Blake

Colin will make the long journey to Tennessee along with his mom, dad and brothers, Ben and Drew.

He is just one of the over 20,000 who spent the last four months qualifying for the event. The top finishers in area and regional qualifiers earn a birth into the national championship race at Loretta Lynn's.

Racers may enter a wide variety of classes, from mini-cycle classes for children as young as four, all the way up to a Senior division for riders over 50. There are also classes for women, and classes for both stock and modified bikes.

The track is built on a section of Loretta Lynn's Ranch and Campground in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee. The course contains a variety of jumps, corners and other obstacles designed to test the skills and stamina of the racers.

Most riders attend the event with the help of their families. In fact, many groups consider the event their family's summer vacation. Besides races, the ranch provides family-friendly facilities including a game room, swimming pools, arts and crafts activities, and a fashion and talent show.

Wharton were awarded pro contracts after the race.

Colin, who attends Allen Elementary School in Plymouth, has been riding since he was 2 years old.

Sponsors such as O'Neal MX and Scott USA help pay his way to the races. He has won over 30 races in the last 2 years, and competes nearly every weekend at tracks in Michigan and Ohio.

## CAMP

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What makes this soccer camp unique from the rest is the opportunity for participants to receive training of an international flavor as coaches provide cutting edge instruction of the No. 1 game in England. The Challenger camp is often regarded as the most popular soccer camp in North America as some 2,000 communities have been privy to innovative ways of receiving high-level coaching through an equal and educational format.

"We're here to improve their skills and make it fun," said Jack Walsh, 19, of Birmingham, England. "Participation is very important as Challenger's principals include respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and leadership. Mainly, we want everyone to have fun and promote their skills so they can take it to their high school teams, or whatever level of education they are at."

Walsh, along with fellow coaches 21-year-old Liam Blackwood (21) and 19-year-old Beth Rankine, are in the midst of a two-month trip across the United States working toward the development of skills and seeking to bolster excitement to what is widely considered the world's most popular sport.

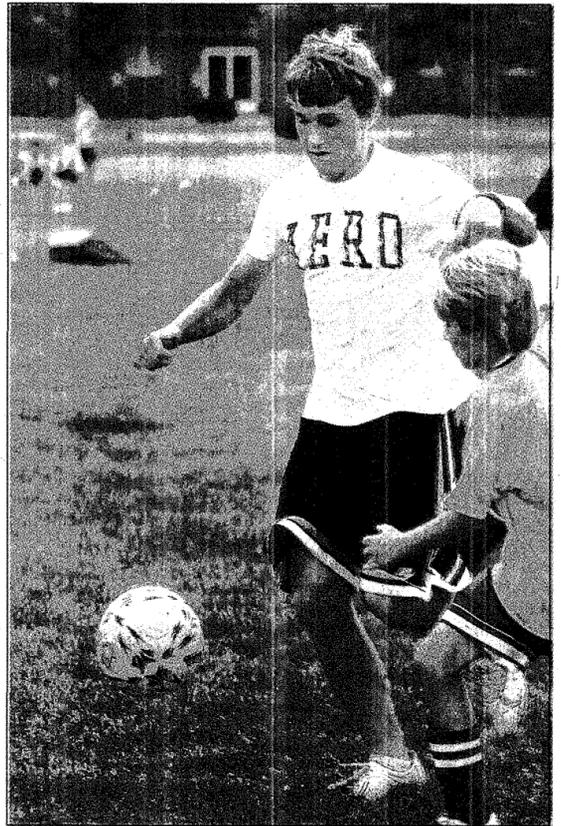
"Soccer is not a USA game - that is well-known - because America has its own sports," said Blackwood, who first started playing soccer at age five and currently is involved on the semi-pro level back home in Birmingham. "But, in saying that, you can see leaps and bounds (of improvement) from the USA national team. A few weeks ago they are in the Federation Cup and they beat Spain - No. 1 in the world. Four years ago, they would have been wiped out. You can see progress."

And according to the three coaches, continuous instruction at an early age is the key ingredient in brewing such success.

"This is a lot better than the stuff I had when I was their age," Rankine said. "I never had opportunities like this. I would have loved a coach come over from America and coach us, but that wasn't around then."

"Each day here we have a specific task that we aim for the kids to learn - dribbling, turning, passing, shooting, different fundamentals," Rankine went on. "But we also have the technical side which is teamwork and integrity. It is all very important to their development."

The aim of the camp is to provide fresh and exciting activities as foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices and coached scrimmages highlight



Connor Fritz, 15, of Garden City shows off some of his skills during an afternoon session of the British soccer camp.



Ethan Englehart, 9, of Westland, displays his scoring touch as Beth Rankine, one of three coaches from England involved with Challenger British Soccer, looks on.

on-field involvement. Off-field lessons include discipline, sportsmanship and respect toward others and the game itself.

Many of the week's participants are involved in at least one of the areas's soccer organizations - the Christian Youth Soccer League, Garden City Soccer League or Metro Soccer League.

Connor Fritz, 15, of Garden City, who has been so impressed with the manner in which the camp is held, is back for a fourth year trying to hone his soccer skills.

"The English definitely have a different outlook on soccer," said Fritz, 15, a student at United Christian, who participates on the school's soccer and basketball teams. "I'm an

English (soccer) fan — a fan of Manchester United. I like the way they play. They control the ball a lot better than Americans. But Americans are tougher."

"I like coming here because they bring different coaches and they are all very good and very friendly," Fritz continued. "They help all the kids, no matter what age. I'm a midfielder, so there's a lot of things I need to know how to do and I'm always looking to get better."

Englehart seemed to be catching on as quick as anyone what the camp is all about.

"I'm making a lot of friends," he said. "So far we learned how to stop the ball really fast, play a few games and finished three scrimmages — and our team won all three."

## RICHTERS

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they need to succeed, and providing those things, too. From the food that they've eaten, to having constant access to Gatorade, the Academy has really done a lot."

Reed Losee (Lake Orion) was the team's leading scorer and was named to the U.S. Soccer Academy's Conference Starting XI.

The Wolves, who finished the year at 26-5-4 overall, were among 72 U-15 and U-16 select boys club teams from across the country who played a 30-game schedule, which began last November. The Wolves do

not participate in either the US Youth Soccer State Cup, Region, National or Olympic Development events.

The Derby County Wolves are members of the Academy's Great Lakes Division, which includes four teams from Ohio, one each from New York and Indiana, and another from Michigan (Vardar Soccer Club).

"The entire schedule is through the Academy," Richters said. "We play home and away, and two showcase events, one in December in California and another in May in Florida."

"They (the Academy) felt like there was too many games and they could do a better job getting ready for the World Cup. It's a

revolutionary change, one which is changing the landscape of soccer. What has made this venture successful is that it is coming from the top (U.S. Soccer)."

Other team members of the Wolves include Sean Cunningham and Nate Hicklin, both of Troy High; Aaron Hebden and Jordan Tyler, Rochester Stoney Creek; Tommy Duquette, Novi; Kyle Rutz, Walled Lake Northern; Nick Prys and Kotaro Mitsubishi, Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day; T.J. VanSlooten, Grand Rapids Northview; Erik Anderson, Holland West Ottawa, Sean Magee, Portage Central; and captain Josh Barends, Holt.

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## KRUG

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throughout the USHL season, a total of 26 to be exact. Krug took all five of his official NCAA visits before narrowing it down to Colorado College, Boston College, Boston University, Cornell and MSU.

"I never had a preference growing up, but deep down inside I guess I had something against Michigan so I guess I was for Michigan State," Krug said. "I'd always go to (college) games at Joe Louis. I fell in love with the campus (East Lansing). It's a dream come true."

Krug is among nine recruits, which also includes Canton's Anthony Hayes, a forward who played for the Green Bay Gamblers (Wis.) of the USHL.

MSU, the NCAA champion in 2007, is coming off a disastrous 10-23-5 season in 2008-09.

"They're in the transition phase," Krug said of the Spartans. "It's not natural for a true freshman to play and I'm

only 18. Usually you're 20 or 21. It's pretty rare. If you're not going to get the playing time, you play down (in juniors)."

Krug, who attended Churchill High School through his junior year, comes from a hockey-playing family.

His two brothers, Adam and Matt, just finished their collegiate careers and are looking for minor league tryouts and contracts.

Adam, a forward, played two seasons at Wayne State and his final two at Adrian College, an NCAA Division III program that finished 27-1-1 last season where he earned RBK All-America honors and was also named the Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association's Player of the Year (2007-08).

Adam played 11 games last spring for the Cincinnati Cyclones of the East Coast Hockey League.

Matt, a 6-foot, 215-pound defenseman, played three seasons at Wayne State before the program folded and finished his senior year at Robert Morris (Pa.) where the Colonials fell 3-2 in overtime

to NCAA Frozen Four finalist Bemidji State (Minn.) in the College Hockey America (CHA) playoff final.

"My brothers gave me insight and helped me set goals," Torey said. "I guess we all give each other advice whether we want it or not."

"Matt's given me a lot of pointers because he's a defenseman. He helps out and he knows all the ins-and-outs. Instead of going to parties or bonfires, I always went to see my brothers play. That got me started thinking about college."

Torey will be working a hockey school alongside his brothers in the coming weeks at Adrian College and continues to gear up for his first collegiate season at MSU.

He maintains a strict summer workout regimen at Total Performance in Wixom.

"I do the hockey treadmill, it's tough," Krug said. "I wake up sore every day. This is the biggest summer of my career, and I thought last year was."

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# Rams gear up for postseason

Jason Hanson bested Tom Hansen as the first-place 22-and-under Michigan Bulls wrapped up their Livonia Collegiate Baseball League season Sunday at Ford Field with a 4-3 win over the 20-and-under Michigan Rams.

The Bulls finish 22-6 in the LCBL and are headed to the postseason at the National Amateur Baseball Federation regional tournament in two weeks in Toledo, Ohio.

The Rams, who wound up 22-10 in the LCBL, will return to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

The Bulls used four pitchers over the final seven innings in the nine-inning affair. Jason Hanson worked the first two innings, allowing two runs on two hits and a pair of walks to get credit for the victory.

The Rams' Tom Hanson

(Madonna University) went five innings, allowing four runs (three earned) on seven hits and three walks. Matt Broder pitched four scoreless innings in relief, allowing just two hits and a walk while fanning four.

Jon Berti (2-for-4, two RBI) and Matt McNiel (2-for-4, one RBI) paced the Bulls' hitting attack. Jeff Bultinck also collected two hits, while C.J. Maszal also knocked in a run.

# Taylor twins shine in All-Star softball

Representing Livonia Franklin for the final time in their prep careers, twins Brittany and Brianna Taylor turned in sparkling efforts during last week's Division 1 Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association All-Star game held at Lansing's Ranney Park.

Catcher Brittany Taylor went 2-for-3 and scored the game-winning run in the sixth inning following a double to propel the White All-Stars to a 2-0 triumph over their Red All-Star counterparts.

Meanwhile, Brianna Taylor turned in a stellar defensive performance at shortstop

as she recorded five assists, including a putout of the speedy Amanda Riley (Detroit Cass Tech), who had not been called out in two softball seasons.

The Franklin twins, both All-Stars, are headed this fall to Grand Valley State University to play basketball. They led the Patriots to a runner-up finish last March in the state Class A girls basketball tournament.

Pitchers Samantha Cole (Belleville) and Emily Pilon (Monroe) combined on the shutout for the White All-Stars, who were coached by Hudsonville's Tom Vrugink



Members of the victorious White All-Stars in last week's Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association Division 1 game included (back row, from right) coach Linda Jimenez, Brittany and Brianna Taylor, all from Livonia Franklin. Another member was Hannah Atkinson of Farmington Hills Mercy.

and Franklin's Linda Jimenez. Other members of the White All-Stars included Hannah Atkinson, Farmington Hills Mercy; Sydney Smith, Monroe; Liz Hamming, Hudsonville; Caitlyn Reynolds, Port Huron Northern; Kayla Smart, Jenson; Catherine Chamberlin, Troy; Alexa Maciejewski, Troy Athens; and Andie Dawson, White Lake Lakeland.

The Red All-Stars were coached by Don Peters (Clarkston) and Lisa Allian (Auburn Hills Avondale).

# Schmitt in 200 free final

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

So far, so good for Canton High grad Allison Schmitt at the 2009 World Championships in Rome, Italy.

Schmitt, 19, a 2008 Canton graduate, was slated to compete in Wednesday's final of the 200 freestyle for USA Swimming. She earned the spot by way of her fourth-place time of 1:56.11 in Tuesday's semifinal; earlier, she had the second fastest time at the opening preliminary (1:55.92).

Meanwhile, Schmitt also will swim Thursday in the 4-x-200-meter freestyle relay.

Before the crucial week began, Schmitt sounded very confident during a webcast interview with Andrew Silver, senior editor of swimnet.com.

"I'm just getting ready and I



Schmitt

feel fast," said Schmitt, adding that she was pumped up about swimming in the marble, outdoor pool.

"Right now, I'm just looking at swimming fast, swimming

my best times and getting it up there for the USA," said Schmitt, answering Silver's question about what goals she had for the Worlds.

Schmitt, who is entering her sophomore year at the University of Georgia, qualified on July 7 when she won the 400-meter freestyle event at the ConocoPhillips USA Swimming National Championships in Indianapolis, Ind. She took fourth Monday in the final of the 400 free, with a time of 4:02.51.

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# TEE TIME

Your local golf guide



## Are you dreaming of a perfect golf course?

Online Poll: Which public course on the U.S. Open rotation would you most like to play?

Here's how our readers responded to our online four-week poll:  
Pebble Beach in Monterey, CA 0% Pinehurst #2 in Pinehurst, NC 0%  
Beth Page in Long Island, NY 100% Other 0%

## My favorite courses in Michigan

By David Graham

In my position as Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan, it is probably a politically incorrect position to express what golf courses make my personal list of favorites for obvious reasons. But like you, I do have favorites around the state of Michigan and I am willing to provide my two cents on the topic. This list is courses that if invited, I would make time in my schedule to play in a heartbeat. I must also state up front that I have not come close to playing all of the fantastic courses in this state. We are so fortunate to have so many great options. Also, I believe there is a bit of a halo effect on ones likability assessment based on how well one plays and scores at a particular course. I suspect that influence has impacted my selections. So this assessment is very subjective, and

while it will include some obvious courses on everybody's list, it probably is not your list. It does include both private and public facilities.

### Dave's Faves in alphabetical order:

- **Arcadia Bluffs** – spectacular links style course along Lake Michigan. As the wind blows, so will one's score. No. 17 is an awesome par 3 when played with a breeze in your face it can be particularly difficult to score.
- **Belvedere** – Tom Watson spent his summers on this gem in Charlevoix. No. 16 is a shorter par 4 with the green wedged into the side of a hill. Great fun particularly if the hole location is on the right side of the green. Beware of an overly aggressive putt.
- **Crystal Downs** – Alistair

- **Mackenzie** design with support from Perry Maxwell recognized as one of the finest courses in America. No. 10 is a great par 4 that demands an approach shot kept below the hole. If not, 50/50 chances you may putt off the green.
- **Eagle Eye** – Newer course with a lot of great holes including an exact replica of the 17th at the TPC at Sawgrass (Island Green). One of my favorites is no. 15 which is a par 4 that has a raised green with severe slopes around with collection areas for any wayward shots.
- **Franklin Hills** – A great Donald Ross design. No. 2 is a superb par 4 with a severely slanted green... do not be above the hole on your approach shot if at all possible.
- **The Gailes** – One of three courses at Lakewood Shores Resort, it is a very challenging links layout with hidden fairway pot bunkers throughout. Bring your "A" game

- and you'll have a great time.
- **The Heathers at Boyne Highlands** – Robert Trent Jones design, no. 18 is a great risk reward hole that requires an approach shot over the lake for any realistic chance at a birdie finish.
- **Indianwood Old** – My home course, it plays different each day depending on the wind. No. 18 is a great finishing hole with a huge green. Putting over and around some of the buried elephants can be a challenge!
- **Kingsley Club** – Newer course receiving excellent national exposure. No. 9 is a modest par 3 until you get to the green. Unless you are below the cup you may have some interesting challenges. If chipping or pitching on from behind the green, good luck!
- **Meadowbrook** – Great set of green complexes throughout the course. No. 9 is a great shorter par 4

with a severely sloped green. Hands of a surgeon instead of a blacksmith will serve one well.

- **Oakland Hills South** – Spectacular host course to countless major championships as well as the Ryder Cup. No. 17 is a really cool par 3 uphill to a green surrounded by deep bunkers and equally challenging rough. A par on this hole is a great achievement.

The above is a sampling of the great courses in Michigan. If a friend should extend an invite to play any of the above, don't hesitate to accept and keep me in mind if you need someone to fill out your group.

David Graham is the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan. Check for his Tee Time column every Thursday through September.

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# A common home

## Interfaith gathering looks at synagogues, churches

BY WENDY ROSE BICE  
CORRESPONDENT

In 1922, Albert Kahn, one of the 20th century's most important architects, designed a house of worship for the Jewish congregation to which he belonged, Temple Beth El.

He chose an octastyle temple in the Ionic Order of architecture — think the front of the Lincoln Memorial and the inside of the Fisher Building. Above the entrance, etched in stone, Kahn had the following words inscribed, "My house shall be a house of prayer for all people."

"How could he know, in 1922, that one day this synagogue would be sold to the Lighthouse Cathedral and then to the Little Rock Baptist Church?" marveled Gerald Cook, of Farmington Hills and one of the organizers of a historic gathering of Jewish and Christian clergy and congregants at the Detroit Historical Museum in Detroit earlier this month.

The group of some 30 men and women of both Jewish and Christian denominations, African American and white, were called together to share stories about their common houses of worship. The event, sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan as part of its 50th anniversary celebration, brought white folks from suburban synagogues to meet representatives of urban churches that were once those very same synagogues.

Whether it is a new building or an old one, the stories shared by members of this group reflect the passion everyday people have for the place in which they pray. Cook, so overjoyed to finally have this group come together, told story after story of how the old synagogues continue to warm the hearts of the members who once worshipped there.

"We brought a tour group into the old B'nai Moshe (now the St. Paul AME Zion Church) on Dexter. The church service wasn't yet over, but we were invited in anyway and were treated to the most beautiful music from the choir," explained a nearly-teary eyed Cook who often leads tours of old Jewish Detroit to the Historical Society. "After the service and the tour, Dr. Ola Williams (a member of St. Paul) held up a little doggy piggy bank and asked us to help in their efforts to raise funds for their library. Our guests stuffed it with \$133 and then, after the tour was over, sent



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Jerry Cook explains the history of this stained glass, from Mogen Abraham, built in 1913. Located at Farnsworth and Beaubien, the congregation left in 1939. It was a Baptist Church until 1977. Senator Carl Levin, spotted the window in the back of a pickup truck while driving on a local freeway. He followed the driver and bought the window. It now belongs to the Reconstructionist Synagogue of Detroit.

another \$250." Nationally, and here in the Detroit area, it was common that a Jewish congregation moving from its early location would sell its building to a church. Churches, synagogues, temples and mosques need to be near their congregants and as the population of an area changes, so do the houses of worship. Interestingly, churches have chosen to leave in-tact much of the iconography from the synagogue. Jewish stars, Hebrew and English torah verses are commonly found in the churches that were once Jewish temples.

"I've been at this church my whole life," said Rev. Davis of the New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, formerly B'nai David. "We decided to maintain what was already there. There is a connection between Jewish and Baptist churches." What the New Mt. Zion church has maintained includes some 99 Jewish stars throughout the church.

Jews and blacks share more than houses of worship, though. Both minorities share histories of slavery, intolerance and prejudice. After the gathering and sharing of stories, the group took a tour of the exhibit, *From Haven to Home: 350 Years of Jewish Life in America*, which traces America's history through a Jewish lens and delves into how Jewish immigrants came to this country, overcame bigotry and exclusion and built a permanent home...themes all too familiar to the members of these black, urban churches.

As only a person of the cloth could, Rev. Glen Plummer of the Christian Television Network, found the words to sum up the remarkable afternoon: "The Jewish community and the African American community historically have changed the country together."

Linda Yellin, of Farmington Hills and owner of Feet on the Street Tours and Events in Southfield, and one

of the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan's co-coordinators of this event, felt an important goal was met.

"This event not only celebrated the African American churches and organizations that honor and acknowledge the area's Jewish roots, but even more significantly, I felt we created another opportunity to celebrate our area's great diversity," she said. "I believe everyone who attended would agree that this event should serve as a reminder for all religious and community organizations to come together to honor, share dialogue, learn from each other and respect our similarities and differences."

From Haven to Home: 350 Years of Jewish Life in American, presented by the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan, is on display through August at the Detroit Historical Museum. For private, docent-led tours, call (248) 432-5517. Visitors also can see

### SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS

**Lighthouse Cathedral, the former Temple Beth El:** Rev. Melvin Green and his wife Theresa Ann Green, and Jan Durecki, Temple Beth El archivist

**St. Paul Apostolic Temple, the former Temple Israel:** Clergy from the Temple and Arnold Collens, a member of Temple Israel

**St. Paul AME Zion Church, the former B'nai Moshe:** Dr. Ola Williams and Claudia Brown

**Clinton Street Greater Bethlehem Temple, the former Shaare Zedek:** Board member Ron Ellison

**New Mount Zion Baptist Church, the former B'nai David:** Rev. Kenneth Davis

**Greater Mitchell Temple, COGIC, the former Adat Shalom:** Bobbie Patton from the Temple, and Adat Shalom's Rabbi Rachel Shere and Cantor Daniel Gross, his wife Lauren, and Barbara and Gerry Cook. Adat Shalom is located in Farmington Hills

Congregation Beth ShalomRabbi Nelson, Congregation Beth Shalom (Oak Park).

David Henig, Michigan Board of Rabbis. Sharon Alterman (Franklin), Jewish Community Archives; Ellen Cole (West Bloomfield), co-president, Jewish Historical Society of Michigan; Aimee Ergas, director, Jewish Historical Society of Michigan; Wendy Rose Bice, editor, Michigan Jewish History

Bobbie Patton, Greater Mitchell Temple, COGIC, Pastor Benjamin Baker. Susan Herman and Lowell Boileau, creators www.shtetlhood.com (the Lost Synagogues of Detroit (Farmington). New Detroit Inc: Angelita Espino, Maurice Shane and Marshall Montgomery.

Linda Yellin (Southfield), Feet on the Street Tours, co-coordinator of the Interfaith Gathering.

the exhibit anytime by going to the Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave., at the northwest corner of Kirby, in Detroit's Cultural Center area. Hours are 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

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**DORIS BARBER**  
Age 85 formerly of Livonia, July 26, 2009. Beloved mother of Carl (Debbie), Mark, and Sheri Wellman. Dear sister of Melvin (Maria) Lloyd and Kenneth (Marina) Lloyd. Proud grandmother of seven. Funeral service will be Wednesday July 29 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com).

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**GERALDINE ARMINDA GERSAIS**  
Age 86, of Westland, MI, passed away Friday, July 24, 2009 at Four Chaplains Nursing Care Center, Westland, MI. She was born August 11, 1922 in Fargo, MN, daughter of the late Claude & Ida (Forum) King. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, cooking and most of all entertaining and having her family all together. She is survived by her loving husband, Wallace D. Gervais, two daughters Mario (Jim) Pappas of Belleville and Nancy (Rick) Morris of Canton, MI, 7 grandchildren Richard and Wayne Milner, Renee (Bo) Knowlton, Heidi (Brad) Gallagher, Shane (Kelli) Morris, Nicholas (Bea) Morris and Brent Morris, also 9 great-grandchildren and one on-the-way. Services were at Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, July 27, 2009 with Rev. Carl Ames officiating. Interment in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MI. [www.davidbrownfh.com](http://www.davidbrownfh.com).

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JULY 30-AUG. 5

**Concert**  
Cabaret, Thursday July 30; dinner (\$8) at 6 p.m., followed by performance at 7 p.m. A free will offering will be taken. St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. (313) 534-7730.

**Speaker**  
The Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, will talk about "Living Through Our Dark Nights of Faith," at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 4, at St. Aidan Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. He'll explore the ways in which Christians can help those, who consider themselves to be more secular than religious, come to a Christian discipleship of increased maturity. Free event with refreshments. RSVP at (734) 425-5950, so we have plenty of refreshments available.

**Vacation Bible school**  
■ 9:30 a.m.-noon, Sundays in August, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Studio Go! game show is theme of this year's school. Games, snacks, crafts and learning. Register at (734) 464-6722 or visit [www.5milechurch.org](http://www.5milechurch.org).

■ 9 a.m.-noon, Aug. 3-7, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, in Livonia. Activities include worship, crafts, games, science, music, Bible stories and more. Registration is \$25 for the first child in the family, \$20 for second child, and \$15 for each additional child. Registration fees include a T-shirt for each child and a VBS music CD. Call Judy Cook at Emmanuel at (248) 442-0307, or e-mail to [elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz](mailto:elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz) for additional details and registration information.

■ 6:30-8:30 p.m., Aug. 3-7, at Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Aired at children, ages 4-10. Crafts, music, refreshments and a look at how children in other parts of the world are being helped. Children will decorate and pack back-to-school boxes for children in a local shelter. Register by calling (734) 524-0880.

■ 9 a.m.-noon, Aug. 3-7 at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, between Grand River Ave., and Freedom, Farmington Hills. Aired at ages 3 through 5th grade. "Wonders of the World" at Discovery Canyon Vacation Bible School will include faith-filled activities, lively worship, Bible stories, games, crafts, stories, dramatic activities and more. \$20 per child. Register by calling (248) 474-0584.

**Family Film**  
See "Beauty and the Beast" at dusk, July 31, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. (734) 525-3664 [www.betheloflivonia.com](http://www.betheloflivonia.com)

AUG. 6-12

**Hunger Walk**  
Churches and organizations interested in participating in this year's Plymouth/Canton CROP Hunger Walk on Oct. 11, 1009, may attend a recruiters' orientation meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 11 at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. Recruiters will receive Walk materials and share strategies for recruiting walkers. For more information, contact Barb Fichtenberg, coordinator, at (734) 981-4205 or [bfichtenberg@hotmail.com](mailto:bfichtenberg@hotmail.com).

**Music Camp**  
Hearts, Hands & Voices, a worship and music camp for children, grades 2-5, in southeast Michigan, held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. August 10-13, with a concluding presentation 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit [www.holycrosslivonia.org](http://www.holycrosslivonia.org). Visitors welcome.

AUG. 13-19

**Family film**  
See "Lion King" at dusk, Aug. 14, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. (734) 525-3664; [www.betheloflivonia.com](http://www.betheloflivonia.com)

**Vacation Bible school**  
Boomerang Express, an Australian theme program, runs 6-8:15 p.m., Aug. 17-20, at Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff at West Chicago, Livonia. The program is for children who are preschool age through 6th grade during the 2008-2009 school year. Call to register (734) 421-5406.

ONGOING

**AWANA**  
Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents from 7:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

**Classes/Study**  
■ New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville, offers a jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays, a reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays. (734) 846-4615  
■ Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is designed to reduce stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit [www.orchardumc.org](http://www.orchardumc.org) for updates.  
■ Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

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# CALENDAR

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■ Scripture studies, from 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

■ Learner's Bible study, 7 p.m., Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

■ Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions - at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Classes include: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@energeticarts.org.

■ Bible study, 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

■ Bible talks, 4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

■ Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class the Second Monday of the month at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz.

■ Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. Call (248) 348-7600.

■ A study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy. A group at 10:30 a.m., Thursday examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concern-

ing Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. (313) 274-3820.

**Concerts**

■ Rush Hour concert series continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert 5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit [www.metroumc.org](http://www.metroumc.org).

**Fellowship dinner**

The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, caters dinners at 6 p.m., Thursday, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Hall rental**

Volkmar Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

**Prayer**

■ Music, singing, prayer at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through entrance #2, at the back of the church. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.

■ 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests. Call (248) 476-8860.

■ Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

■ 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month for prayer, spiritual healing and outreach at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Call (734) 427-3660 for information.

**Singles**

■ Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics at 11:30 a.m., Sundays, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia. Walking club meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday in the Single

Point office. All fitness levels welcome.

■ Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org). Cost is \$5.

**Soup kitchen**

Learn about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit by participating in its "Day of Service" program. Dine with guests at the soup kitchen, tour the Earth Works urban garden, and take a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is seventh grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to [crcrane@thecapuchins.org](mailto:crcrane@thecapuchins.org). To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit [www.cskdetroit.org](http://www.cskdetroit.org).

**Support**

■ A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. Donations of non-perishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

■ Are you or someone you know struggling with depression, divorce, grief, addiction, relationship difficulties, or job loss? Real Life Church through its volunteers and partnerships with area ministries and professionals provides classes, seminars, care, support & recovery groups, counseling, and prayer to help you get through life challenges. Visit the Web site for details on current classes and groups offered as well as location, days and times [www.reallifeplymouth.com](http://www.reallifeplymouth.com).

■ The Clothing Bank has moved to a new location west of Canton Christian Fellowship. Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need is available 10 a.m. to noon the fourth Saturday of each month, at 41711 Joy Rd. Call (734) 404-2480, visit [www.CantonCF.org](http://www.CantonCF.org) or send e-mail to [info@cantoncf.org](mailto:info@cantoncf.org) for information.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meets 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity, of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia, and 7

p.m. Sundays, in Classroom 1 at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia. (313) 387-9797. [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org)

■ St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care is provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

■ Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. for this weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

■ Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For more information, call (248) 433-1011.

■ Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.

■ Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville offers Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit [www.celebraterecovery.com](http://www.celebraterecovery.com) and [www.ward-church.org/celebrate](http://www.ward-church.org/celebrate).

**Thrift store**

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Worship**

■ Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills: 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Sunday and 6 p.m., week days. (248)

851-5100.

■ Anglican Church of Livonia: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia, 10 a.m., service at Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. [www.hischurch.us](http://www.hischurch.us).

■ Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia: 9:45 a.m., Sunday, contemporary multimedia service is informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments, and occasionally dramas; 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. traditional services; 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes. (734) 522-6830.

■ Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland: 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Sunday worship, 9:45 a.m., Sunday school, 7 p.m., Wednesday prayer and Bible study. Youth fellowship 7 p.m., every other Friday.

■ Due Season Christian Church holds services at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services at 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m., Tuesday Bible study. (248) 960-8063 or visit [www.DueSeason.org](http://www.DueSeason.org).

■ Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia: 9:30 a.m., Sunday, learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages. Starting Sept. 13, Sunday service time changes to 10 a.m. Visit [www.livonfaith.org](http://www.livonfaith.org).

■ Garden City Presbyterian Church, Middlebelt one block south of Ford Road: 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music; 10 a.m., youth Sunday school and nursery care; 8:30 a.m. adult Sunday school; 6 p.m., informal gathering with scriptures and discussion every Sunday. Call (734) 421-7620.

■ Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with communion each Sunday; Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. (734) 427-3660.

■ Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service, and 10:30 a.m., contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m. (734) 637-8160.

■ Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday, 9 a.m., Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday worship in the chapel. Call (734) 427-1414.

# Your Invitation to Worship

## CATHOLIC

**ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Tridentine Latin Mass  
St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8  
38100 Five Mile Road  
Livonia, MI 48154 • (734) 462-3200  
Mass Schedule:  
Fri. 7:00 p.m.  
Sat. 11:00 a.m.  
Sun. Masses 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.  
Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass  
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions  
Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. CE08026544

**St Genevieve Roman Catholic Church**  
St. Genevieve School - PreK-8  
29015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-5220  
(East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile & Jeffries)  
MASS: Tues. 7 p, Wed., Thurs. 9 a,  
Sat. 4 p, Sun 11a  
**St. Maurice Roman Catholic Church**  
32765 Lyndon • Livonia • 734-522-1616  
(between Merriman & Farmington roads)  
MASS: Mon. 8:30 a, Fri. 8:30 a,  
Sat. 6 p, Sun 9a CE08026540

## CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE

**PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
45801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1525  
Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.  
Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.  
Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M.  
NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER  
(734) 455-3196 CE08026533

## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

**Timothy Lutheran Church**  
A Reconciling in Christ Congregation  
8620 Wayne Rd.  
(Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road)  
Livonia • 427-2290  
Jill Heather, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
(Nursery Available) CE08026555

## GREEK ORTHODOX

**NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
39851 West Five Mile, Plymouth Twp., MI  
Sunday Services  
Matins 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am  
Rev. Fr. George Vapouris  
Parish Office 734-420-0131  
Office Hours M-F 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
[www.nativitygocchurch.org](http://www.nativitygocchurch.org) CE08026519

## UNITED METHODIST

**Redford Aldersgate**   
United Methodist  
10000 Beech Daly 313-937-3170  
Summer Schedule Worship at 10:00 am  
[www.redfordaldersgate.org](http://www.redfordaldersgate.org) CE08026547

**NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
"Open Hearts, Minds & Doors"  
36500 Ann Arbor Trail  
between Wayne & Newburgh Rds.  
734-422-0149  
Worship Service and  
Sunday School  
9:15 am  
Rev. Marsha M. Woolley  
Visit our website: [www.newburgumc.org](http://www.newburgumc.org) CE08026548

**ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
30450 Farmington Road • Farmington Hills  
[www.orchardumc.org](http://www.orchardumc.org)  
248-626-3620  
Worship:  
9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Childrens Education provided during both services  
Pastors: Carol J. Johns,  
Jim Braid, Margo Dexter CE08026592

## PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)

**St. James Presbyterian Church, USA**  
25350 West Six Mile Rd.  
Redford (313) 534-7730  
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9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI  
(between Merriman & Farmington Rds.)  
(734) 422-0494  
Friends in Faith Service  
9:00 am  
Traditional Service  
10:30 am  
Visit [www.rosedalegardens.org](http://www.rosedalegardens.org)  
For information about our many programs CE08026503

## LUTHERAN-ELCA

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA**  
Farmington Hills 23225 Gull Rd. 248-474-0584  
SATURDAY WORSHIP • 5:30 PM  
Sunday Worship & Sunday School  
9:00 AM TRADITIONAL/CHORAL SERVICE  
10:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - ALL AGES  
11:15 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE  
NURSERY AVAILABLE  
ERIC STENSEN, DIRECTOR OF MINISTRIES CE08026586

## PRESBYTERIAN

**Fellowship Presbyterian Church**  
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Childrens Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire  
Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church  
16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia • South of Six Mile Road  
Nursery provided • [www.fellowship-presbyterian.org](http://www.fellowship-presbyterian.org) CE08026511

## LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, just north of I-96  
734-522-6830  
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional  
Sunday Bible Class 9:45 am  
Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-9413  
Staffed Nursery Available  
Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ  
Pastors: Robert F. Beyer and Anthony M. Creedon CE08026549

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD**  
25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALY  
313-532-2266 REDFORD TWP.  
Worship Service  
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday School  
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.  
Nursery Provided  
The Rev. Timothy P. Halboth, Senior Pastor  
The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth, Assistant Pastor CE08026517

**Risen Christ Lutheran**  
David W. Martin, Pastor  
46250 Ann Arbor Road • Plymouth of the W. of Sheldon  
(734) 453-5252  
Worship 8:15 & 10:45 am  
Sunday School 9:30 • Adult Bible Study 9:30  
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**ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
17810 FARMINGTON ROAD  
LIVONIA (734) 261-1360  
WORSHIP SERVICES  
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.  
THURSDAY: 6:30 P.M.  
website: [www.stpaulsilivonia.org](http://www.stpaulsilivonia.org) CE08026590

## CONGREGATIONAL

**North Congregational Church**  
36520 12 Mile Rd.  
Farmington Hills  
(bet. Drake & Halsted)  
(248) 848-1750  
10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School  
Faith - Freedom-Fellowship  
Ministers  
Dr. Mark P. Jensen Rev. Mary E. Biedron CE08026597

For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 734-582-8342 or e-mail: [dhart@dnps.com](mailto:dhart@dnps.com)

ART

**Cherry Hill Arts Festival**  
**Time/date:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 1  
**Location:** Cherry Hill Village Downtown District, Canton  
**Details:** Art, music, activities for all ages  
**Contact:** cantonfun.org, (734)394-5460  
**Northville Art House**  
**Time/date:** Opening reception, 6-9 p.m., Aug. 7, with exhibit continuing through Aug. 22. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays, 1-9 p.m., first Fridays only  
**Location:** 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville  
**Details:** "Detroit - Perceived Image," the work of Darcel Deneau  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** (248) 344-0497, or visit www.northvillearts.org

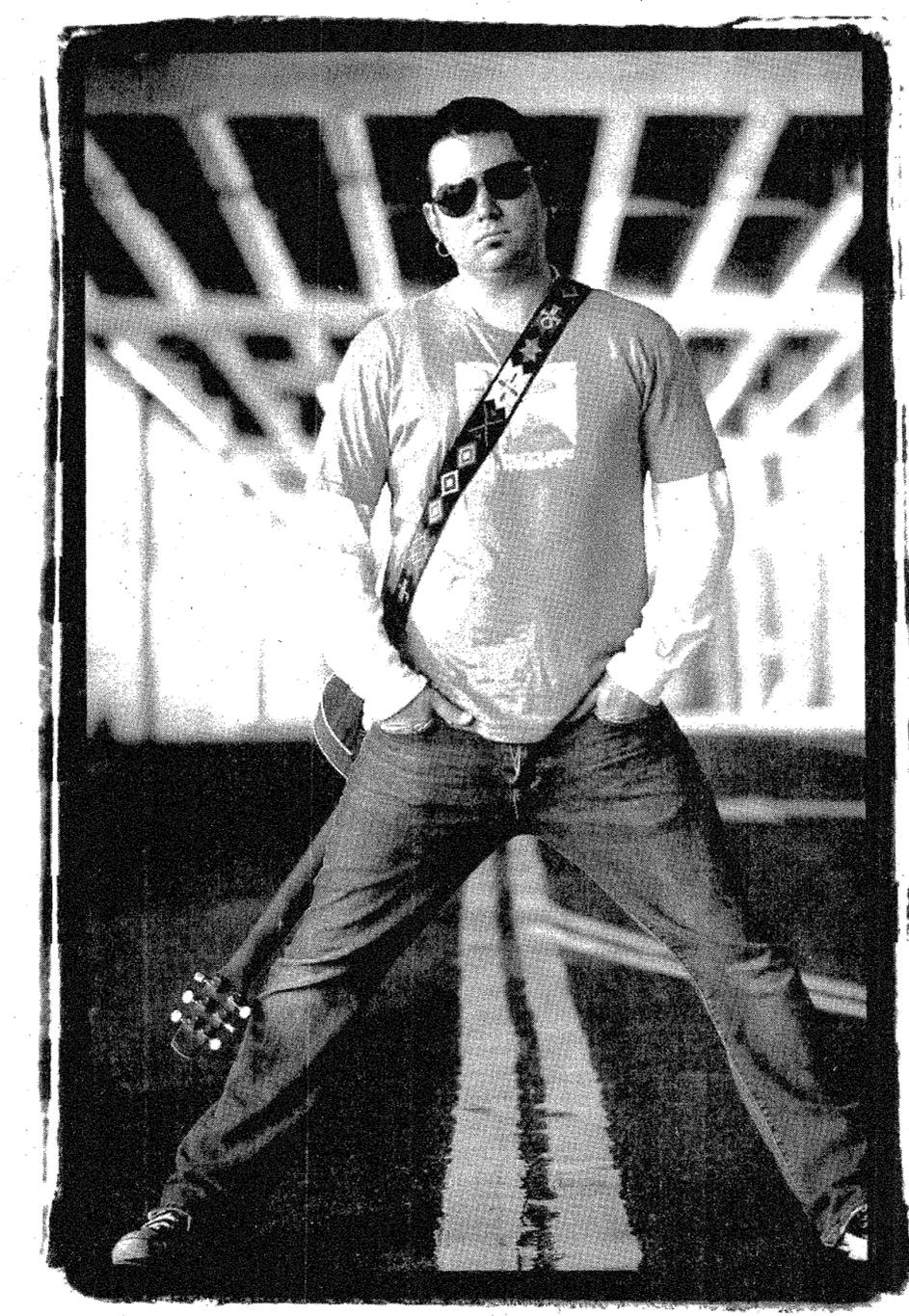
**COMEDY**  
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**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

**JD's House of Comedy**  
**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings  
**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield  
**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday  
**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

**Jazz Cafe at Music Hall**  
**Time/Date:** 9 p.m. third Thursdays  
**Location:** 350 Madison Ave., Detroit  
**Details:** Show Up, and Go Up, open call, free  
**Contact:** (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafede-troit.com

**Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays  
**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, www.kicker-complex.com

**Magic Bag**  
**Time/Dates:** J Chris Newberg, 7 p.m., 10 p.m. Aug. 7  
**Location:** 22920 Woodward, Ferndale  
**Contact:** (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com



J. Chris Newberg's humor has propelled the guitarist/songwriter/comedian to the forefront of the national comedy scene. He'll be at the Magic Bag in Ferndale for two shows, at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7. Tickets are \$10.

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle**  
**Time/Date:** Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays  
**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak  
**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

**Callahan's Music Hall**  
**Time/Date:** Summertime blues concerts, 8 p.m. Jimmy Thackery & The Drivers, July 30; Junior Brown, Deadstring Brothers, July 31;

Steve Gornall & The Blue Collar Blues Band, Aug. 1; Moreland & Arbuckle, Aug. 7; Robert Noll Blues Mission, Aug. 8; Tab Benoit, Aug. 9.  
**Location:** 2105 South Boulevard, south of the Palace, Auburn Hills  
**Contact:** www.atcallahans.com, (248)858-

9508  
**Comerica Park**  
**Time/Date:** Vans Warped Tour, July 31  
**Contact:** 1-800-745-3000, Ticketmaster.com, www.warpedtour.com  
**Dawn Farm**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. July 31  
**Details:** Grievous Angel live in concert. Benefit for the Dawn Farm Community of Programs, assisting recovery from alcoholism/addiction. Dawn Farm Community Barn, 6633 Stoney Creek Road, Ypsilanti. \$10  
**Contact:** (734)485-9725, http://www.dawnfarm.org  
**Detroit Institute of Arts**  
**Time/Date:** Friday Night Live concerts, 7 & 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward Ave  
**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org  
**DTE Energy Music Theater**  
**Time/Date:** Kenny Rogers, July 29; Anita Baker, July 31; Travis Tritt, Randy Houser, Aug. 1; Rockstar Energy Mayhem Festival 2009, Aug. 2; The Temptations & The Four Tops, Aug. 6; Newsboys, Aug. 7; Moody Blues, Aug. 9.  
**Location:** 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston  
**Contact:** (248)377-0100, Palacenet.com  
**Heritage Park**  
**Time/Date:** "Stars in the Park" Thursday nights  
**Location:** Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Rain-out site, Costick Center  
**Contact:** (248) 473-1857, www.fhgov.com  
**Jazz on the River**  
**Time/Date:** noon through evening, Aug. 1-2  
**Location:** Elizabeth Park, downtown Trenton  
**Details:** Smooth Jazz, Pop, World and R&B. Presented by Wayne County and Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts. Food and drink vendors; fun education tent for kids. Free  
**Contact:** (313) 887-8532  
**Magic Bag**  
**Time/Dates:** Anne Be Davis & Harry Chronic Jr. (special reunion/benefit show) July 31; The Paybacks & The Octopus, Aug. 1; J Chris Newberg, Aug. 7; The Why Store, Aug. 14; The Electric Prunes, Aug. 15  
**Location:** 22920 Woodward, Ferndale  
**Contact:** (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com  
**Meadow Brook Music Festival**  
**Time/Dates:** Detroit Symphony Orchestra, July 31 and Aug. 1-2; Comedian Jim Gaffigan, Aug. 7; George Thorogood & The Destroyers/ Jonny Lang, Aug. 16; Peter Frampton, Aug. 22; O.A.R. with special guest Brett Dennen, Sept. 4  
**Location:** 3554 Waiton Blvd Rochester Hills  
**Contact:** (248) 377-0100, Ticketmaster.com  
**Northville Friday Night Concerts**  
**Time/Dates:** Fifty Amp Fuse, July 31  
**Location:** Town Square  
**Contact:** (248) 349-7640, www.northville.org

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## Visit a wee bit of Scotland in Livonia

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Get your haggis hurling-arm in shape.

Your moment to toss the frozen Scottish delicacy — a stuffed sheep's stomach — arrives this Saturday, Aug. 1, at the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit's 160th Highland Games at Historic Greenmead, in Livonia.

"It's a sheep stomach with all the ingredients you'd find in sausage, along with oatmeal. It's frozen, and it's thrown for distance," explained Julie Zvoch, games chair and a St. Andrew's trustee.

It's the one athletic event at the games that will be open to the public. Throughout the day amateurs and professionals trained in the Scottish sports of caber tossing, stone put, weight and hammer throws will wow the crowd with feats of strength and accuracy.

"They're from all over the country. We have the 2008 North American and World champions competing in 'heavy athletics,'" Zvoch noted. "We have the top athletes."

The event also offers day long entertainment, including music, more than 120 dancers, 16 bagpipe and drum corps, a tug o' war, food and merchandise vendors, children's activities and clan information booths, where guests can learn about Scottish heritage.

Zvoch, who attended her first Highland Games 11 years ago, grew up learning about Scotland from her family. She joined the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit after visiting the Games and spent every year after on its organizing committee. The Chesterfield Township woman has chaired the games for four years.

"We have 32 clans joining us this year. I am by birth a Monroe. I belong to clan Monroe," she said. "By visiting my clan (booth) I can ascertain more knowledge about my family history ... if they were high or low landers, about the tartan, the family crest."

"We're very open and friendly and are proud to say we're Scottish."

But Zvoch stresses that visi-

### 160TH ANNUAL HIGHLAND GAMES

**Movie night:** Dusk, Thursday, July 30; "The Waterhorse: Legend of the Deep," bring blankets or lawn chairs and coolers. No alcoholic beverages. Popcorn and beverages available. Free admission; parking \$5

**Ceilidh:** Kick-off party on Friday, July 31; tickets sold in advance only, \$15. Ceilidh entertainment: 5 p.m., String Cheese; 6:30 p.m., Alex Beaton; 7:30 p.m., The Kreellers; 8:30 p.m. Needfire; 9:15 p.m., Calling of the Clans; 9:30 p.m., Tartanic

**Games day:** 9 a.m.-8:30, Saturday, Aug. 1

**Games day entertainment:** Tartanic at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.; The Kreellers at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.; Needfire at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.; Alex Beaton throughout the day

**Games day activities:** Professional and amateur "heavy" athletics, including stone put, caber toss, 28-pound weight throw and hammer throw; haggis hurl (open to public participation); piping and drumming performances; dance performances; Border Collies herding ducks and sheep; tug o' war; food, merchandise vendors

**Kids' corner:** "Wee Bairns" events include painting a shield, tossing a wee caber, playing cricket, visiting animals, drilling with the 42nd Royal Highland Regiment, marching in a wee clan parade, visiting MacFarlane's Company and more

**Location:** At Historic Greenmead park, 20501 Newburgh, at Eight Mile, in Livonia

**Tickets:** Advance ticket is \$10; at the gate, \$15. Children under 12 are free if accompanied by adult. Buy tickets in advance at Greenmead.

**Contact:** Call Greenmead at (248) 477-7375; call (248) 593-5064 for Highland Game information or e-mail to gameschair@highlandgames.com

tors don't have to share a common ethnic heritage to enjoy the Highland Games.

"People say, 'but I'm not Scottish.' Come, enjoy ... experience a different culture."

### NEW EVENT

The Society broadened the Highland Games this year to include a Thursday movie night in the park.

"For our 160th anniversary we wanted to give families another event to do. We have the Friday night Ceilidh, but that's more of an adult atmosphere. We wanted to offer a family-friendly, no alcohol event."

The film, *Waterhorse, Legend of the Deep*, starts at sunset tonight, Thursday, July 30.

There's no admission, but parking costs \$5.

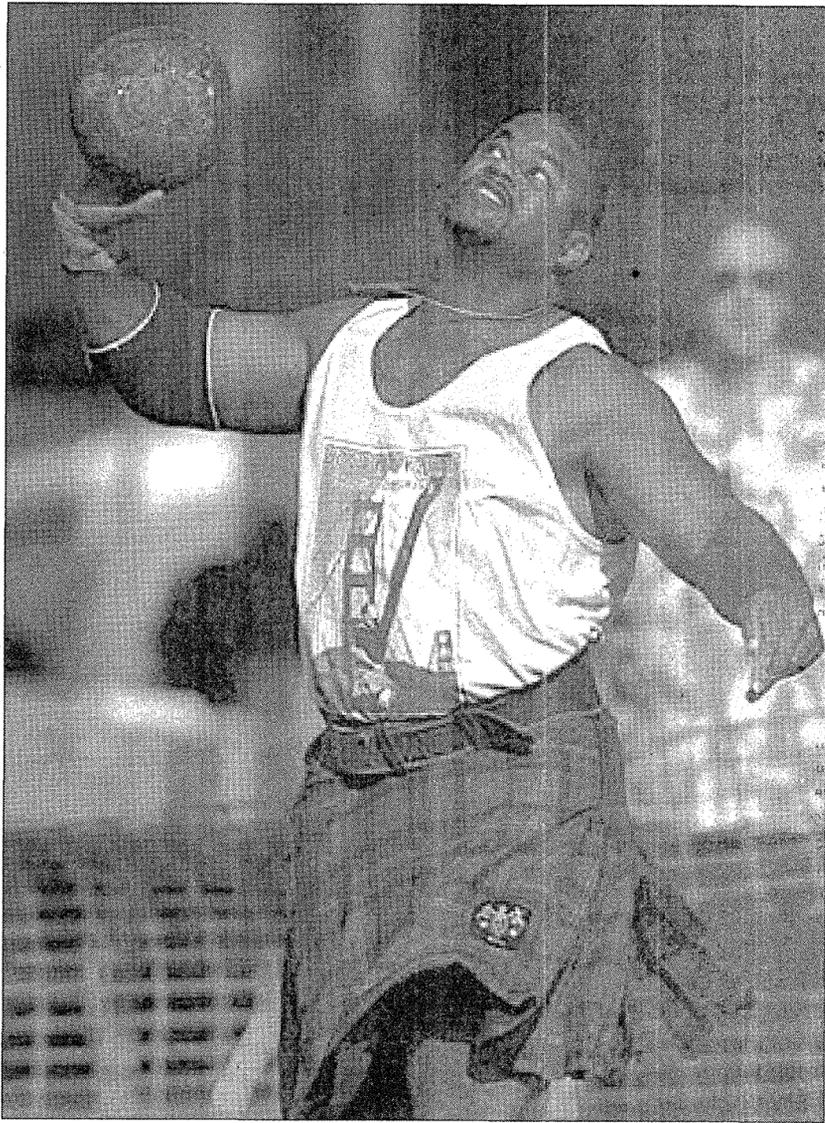
The Highland Games is the major fund-raiser of the year for St. Andrew's Society, a 400-plus member nonprofit based in Southfield. It gives approximately \$10,000 annually in scholarships to students

of Scottish dance, piping and drumming. It also supports charities such as Gleaners Food Bank and the Salvation Army.

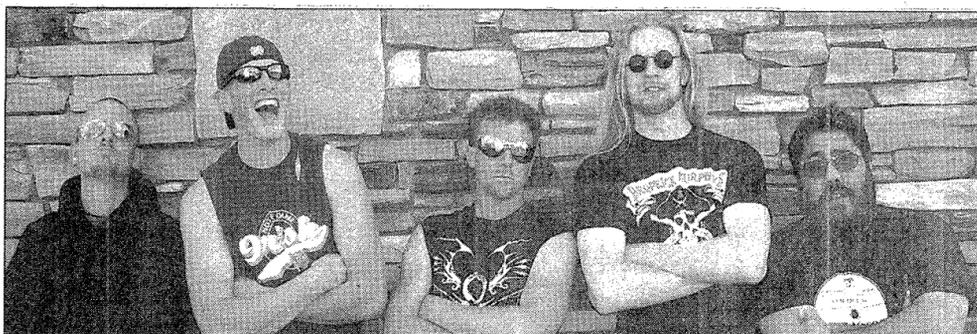
"Unlike some nonprofits that raise money and keep it, we give it all away. We have a mini shower of love in April for Children's Hospital and we pack 70 or 80 boxes a year to send to troops."

Proceeds from movie night will benefit Livonia Public Schools.

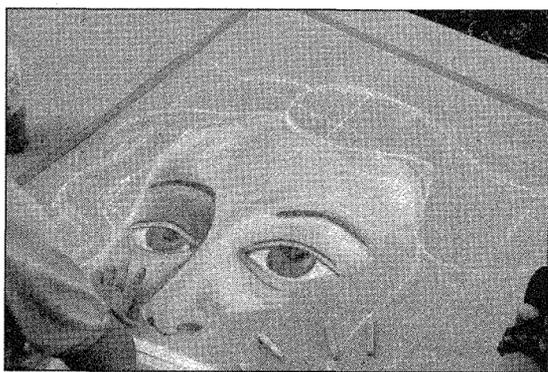
For more about the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, visit [www.detroitscots.com](http://www.detroitscots.com).



Professional athlete Harrison Bailey hurls stone in competition.



Tartanic



The Chalk It Up contest is a favorite event at the Cherry Hill Arts Festival.

## Arts fest offers popular chalk on walk contest

Put your sidewalk chalking skills to the test at the 4th Annual Cherry Hill Arts Festival, Saturday, Aug. 1, in the Cherry Hill Village Downtown district in Canton.

The "Chalk It Up" sidewalk chalk art contest attracts talented artists both locally and regionally. This special sidewalk chalk art contest, presented by D & M Art Studios, allows entrants of all ages and skill-levels a chance to compete for prizes.

Artists are required to check in by 11 a.m. Registration fee for adults 13 and up is \$15 and children 12 and under can register for \$5. Chalk supplies are included in the registration fee. To participate in the "Chalk It Up" competition pick up a registration form at the Summit on the

Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, or on-site at the competition in Cherry Hill Village.

The art festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Cherry

Hill Village Downtown District. Visitors can spend the afternoon strolling through local businesses, the Village Theater, and Canton's many historic sites, all while enjoying art and performances by local artists.

The Cherry Hill Arts Festival is a celebration of all things art, and welcomes more than 2,500 guests annually. The event offers musical entertainment, face painting, food, en plein air (in the open air) painting demonstrations, educational workshops, demonstrating artists, artist/crafter booths, and art-themed activities for all ages.

Tabasco Cats, Central City Dance and Celebration Youth Orchestra will perform on the Cherry Hill Arts Festival Stage. In addition, Spotlight in a Trunk (Spotlight Players) will present *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*.

For more information on the 4th Annual Cherry Hill Arts Festival visit [cantonfun.org](http://cantonfun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

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# FOOD & WINE

## Win cash, prizes and ribbons in fair recipe contests

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

With the Michigan State Fair less than a month away, it's time to start working on your blue ribbon-winning recipes. The fair runs Aug. 28-Sept. 7 and includes lots of opportunities to show off skills in baking, canning and other home arts categories. Rules for each contest are available online at [www.michigan.gov/mistatefair](http://www.michigan.gov/mistatefair).

In addition to the local competitions, four corporate-sponsored food events offer cash prizes and in two cases, a national judging.

"These are special contests that are held, not only at the Michigan State Fair, but at up to 70 other state and county fairs throughout the county," explained Beth Betcher, a spokeswoman for the Blue Ribbon Group. "These contests have been hosted at the Michigan State Fair since as early as 1994. Three of the four contests — Hidden Valley, Pillsbury and Fleischmann's Yeast — have national judging. The first place winning recipes from all hosting fairs go on to national judging with a chance to win grand prizes from \$1,000 to \$2,000."

Hidden Valley's "Fresh Taste for the Family" Recipe Contest doubled its prize from \$1,000 to \$2,000 this year. Contestants may create an entrée, appetizer or side dish centered on fresh food, wholesome ingredients and traditions that bring families together. Entrants must feature Hidden Valley® The Original Ranch® Salad Dressing & Seasoning Mix in their recipes and deliver their creations for live "judging" at the fair.

Entries will be judged on their fresh factor, taste, family appeal, and ease of preparation. First place is worth \$200. Second and third places are worth \$100 and \$50 respectively. A \$2,000 grand prize will be awarded to one of the first place winners among the 46 fairs. The contest is open to U.S. residents 18 years or older, one entry per person. The contest will



Pillsbury® Merry Cherry-Plum-Berry Tart

be judged at 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 3.

### CHOCOLATE LOVERS

Create a decadent dessert with at least one Ghirardelli baking product and up to 10 other ingredients and you'll be ready to compete in the 2009 Chocolate Championship.

The chocolate challenge rewards winners with cash prizes, gift packages and winning ribbons. First and second place entries win \$150 and \$50 respectively. The top three winners take home a Ghirardelli gift basket, plus a prize ribbon, apron and award certificate. One random contestant also will win a Ghirardelli gift basket. Entries are judged on chocolate taste, originality/creativity, appearance, and ease of preparation.

Ages 18 or older may enter; limit one entry per person. Chocolate Championship judging is 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 29.

### PILLSBURY PIES

The Pillsbury® Refrigerated Pie Crusts Pie Baking Championship gives a \$200 cash prize and commemorative gift to the first place winner, \$100 to second place and \$50 to third place. The first place winner will also have a chance to win the \$1,000 national grand prize.

The Pie Baking Championship is aimed at all ages and pie-making skill levels. Entrants submit a two-crust fruit pie using Pillsbury refrigerated pie crusts. All entries will be judged at the fair based on taste, appearance, creativity, ease of preparation and general appeal. The web site [www.pillsbury.com/pie](http://www.pillsbury.com/pie) will feature a variety of winners this fall, including the national grand prize recipe at year-end. The contest will be judged at 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4.

### FOR THE CURE

Fleischmann's Yeast, will donate \$10 to Susan G. Komen for the Cure for each entry into its BAKE for the CURE® contest. The contest offers \$375 in cash prizes and \$3,000 in national prizes. The main category awards \$150 for first place, \$75 for second and \$50 for third. In the second category, \$100 is awarded for the "Best Batter Bread," where contestants simply mix, rise and bake an entry. Qualifying bread recipes in the second category use just one rise time and no effort spent kneading the dough. Open to all ages. Judging is set for noon Sunday, Sept. 6.

Pre-registration is required for all four contests. Visit <http://www.michigan.gov/mistatefair> and click on Department 6-Daily Contests to enter.

### BLUE RIBBON WINNERS

Need a little inspiration for the recipe contests at the Michigan State Fair?

Try these national and regional winners from the 2008 Hidden Valley, Pillsbury, Ghirardelli and Fleischmann's Yeast contests:

#### HIDDEN VALLEY® FRESH VEGGIE CRISPS

- 1 cup peanut oil for frying
- 2 burrito size flour tortillas (10- to 11-inch)
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 packet (1 ounce) Hidden Valley® The Original Ranch® Salad Dressing & Seasoning Mix
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill
- 1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 medium cucumber, seeded and chopped
- 1 medium zucchini squash, seeded and chopped
- 1 orange or yellow bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- 2 roma tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

In large frying pan heat peanut oil on medium-high heat. Fry tortillas, turning once, until browned and crisp. Place on paper towels to drain and set aside. In medium bowl whisk together cream cheese, sour cream and the Hidden Valley® Ranch mix. Add the dill and mix well again. Spread the mixture evenly over fried tortillas; then sprinkle with the chopped fresh vegetables in order given. Top with parsley and enjoy. Cut in wedges to serve. Makes 16 appetizer wedges. (For baked tortillas: brush both sides with vegetable oil, place on baking sheet and bake at 450 degrees F for 4 to 6 minutes, turning once, until crisp)

#### PILLSBURY® MERRY CHERRY-PLUM-BERRY TART

*Crust and Topping:*

- 1 box (15 ounces) Pillsbury® refrigerated pie crusts
  - ½ cup chopped almonds
  - 3 tablespoons turbinado sugar
- Filling:*
- ½ cup dried cranberries
  - ½ cup dried cherries
  - ½ cup amaretto
  - 1¼ cups fresh blueberries
  - 2 plums, cut into pieces
  - 1½ tablespoons cornstarch
- White Amaretto Truffle Sauce:*
- 2 ounces white vanilla baking chips (1/3 cup)
  - ½ cup whipping cream
  - 2 tablespoons amaretto

1. Heat oven to 425°F. Let one pie crust stand at room temperature 15 minutes to soften; unroll crust into 9-inch tart pan. Lightly press crust into fluted edge of pan. Run rolling pin across top of pan to cut off excess crust. Prick side and bottom of crust with fork. Bake 10 minutes. In 2-quart saucepan, heat dried cranberries, dried cherries and ½ cup amaretto over medium heat 5 minutes. Add blueberries and plums. Cook 15 minutes longer. Stir in cornstarch. Pour into partially baked crust.
2. Remove remaining pie crust from refrigerator. Chop cold crust into small pieces, adding almonds and sugar while chopping, to make crumbly topping. Sprinkle over filling. Bake 30 to 35 minutes. Cool 15 minutes.
3. Place baking chips in medium bowl; set aside.

In 1-quart saucepan, heat cream over low heat. As soon as bubbles form around edge of pan, remove from heat; pour warm cream over baking chips in bowl. Stir until chips are melted and completely smooth. Stir in 2 tablespoons amaretto. Refrigerate 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Stir sauce well before serving. Drizzle each serving with about 2 tablespoons amaretto sauce. Cover and refrigerate any remaining pie and sauce. 8 servings

#### GHIRARDELLI WHITE CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

- 8 ounces Ghirardelli White Chocolate
- 4 tablespoons orange liqueur, such as Grand Marnier
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1¼ cups heavy cream
- 2 egg whites

In double boiler over hot water, melt chocolate — either two Ghirardelli White Chocolate Baking Bars or ½ bag of Ghirardelli Classic White Chips — with liqueur and water; stir gently to blend. Cool until chocolate mixture no longer feels warm to the touch. In large bowl with electric mixer, beat cream until soft peaks form; fold cream into chocolate mixture. In large bowl with clean mixer, whisk egg whites until soft peaks form. With rubber spatula, fold egg whites into chocolate mixture. Divide mousse among 6 dessert bowls or glasses. Chill at least 1 hour.

#### ORANGE NIRVANA

- 3 to 3 ½ cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 envelope Fleischmann's® RapidRise Yeast
  - 3 tablespoons sugar
  - ¾ teaspoon salt
  - 1 cup milk
  - 1 ½ tablespoons butter or margarine
  - 1 egg, beaten
  - 1 teaspoon freshly grated orange peel
  - ½ cup orange marmalade
  - 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- Topping:*
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, softened
  - 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
  - 1 tablespoon sugar
- Icing:*
- 1 ounce cream cheese
  - 1 cup powdered sugar
  - 1 ½ tablespoons orange juice
  - ½ teaspoon freshly grated orange peel

Combine 2 cups flour, undissolved yeast, sugar and salt in large mixer bowl. Heat milk and butter to 120° to 130° F and add to flour mixture. Add butter, egg and orange peel. Beat for 2 minutes. Stir in enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Cover and let rest for 10 minutes. Punch dough down. Roll into 14- by 9-inch rectangle. Spread orange marmalade down the middle of the dough, lengthwise. Make diagonal cuts 1 inch apart and 3 inches long down the two sides. Fold alternate strips of dough over the filling. Place on a greased or parchment lined baking sheet. Brush with the two tablespoons of melted butter. Cover and let rise until double, about 30 minutes. Combine topping ingredients to make crumbs. Sprinkle on top of the braid. Bake at 350° F for 30 to 35 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Combine all icing ingredients and drizzle over coffee cake. Yield: 1 coffee cake.

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