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Packed crowd treated to candidate debate after all

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

For an event that almost didn't happen, Monday's candidates forum, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of North-west Wayne County, turned out pretty well. The forum, for candidates in the 2012 Plymouth Township election, drew a standing-room only crowd to Plymouth Township Hall.

It was a good turnout for an event that was nearly blocked by township Supervisor Richard Reaume, who initially asked the League to cancel the event because he said it violated a position the board staked out four years ago against using township hall for political campaigning. Reaume eventually relented, and the forum

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A crowded field is running for four seats on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

Deadline

Anyone interested in being part of the running of the Plymouth District Library has little time left to get involved. The deadline for entering the November race for the Plymouth District Library Board of Directors is 4 p.m. today. Potential candidates can pay a \$100 filing fee in lieu of submitting petitions that require 40-100 signatures. File at the Wayne County Clerk's office.

Tax break

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees approved Tuesday a 12-year industrial facilities tax abatement on a \$1.3 million investment in new taxable industrial equipment. Tower, a Tier 1 automotive supplier which builds the frame for the Jeep Wrangler, will also be making new parts for the Dodge Dart, company officials said Tuesday. The company is expected to add a dozen jobs and keep a dozen jobs already on board.



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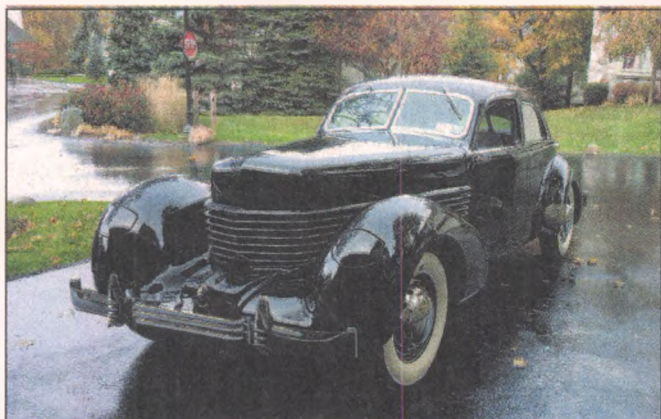
Plymouth resident Gerald Szostak polishes up his 1910 Stanley at the Concours D'Elegance Auto Show media day on July 17 at St. John's Conference Center. Szostak said that there were about 20,00 of the cars made by the Massachusetts-based company that was in operation from 1897-1927.

Car power

Preview highlights Concours d'Elegance

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Jerry Szostak of Plymouth drove his 1910 Stanley Steamer the short distance he had to cover to get to Tuesday's press preview day for the upcoming Concours d'Elegance at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township. Szostak has owned the car since February and noted it was mostly restored when he bought it, with Szostak needing to do paint touch-up and some other work. That car is noteworthy for running on steam. Szostak owns 14 classic cars ranging from 1908 to 1966. "I was an engineer," said Szostak, whose dad worked in a Pontiac dealership. "I like mechanical things."



Howard E. Payne of Northville will show his 1937 Cord 812 Beverly at the Concours d'Elegance at the Inn at St. John's.

He's retired from his heating/cooling and electrical business: "Stay home now and play with cars," said Szostak, 64, adding a hotter day is actually better for the steam-powered

car. "You get to meet other enthusiasts for the hobby." He's been in Concours, now in its 34th year, for a number of years.

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City names new municipal chief

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Technically, City Manager Paul Sincok has been serving in the dual role as the city of Plymouth's director of municipal services ever since he was made city manager. In reality, Sincok points out, Chris Porman has been the man in charge all along. Now, Porman is no longer just "the guy doing the job." He was officially named the city's new director of municipal services when the city commission approved Sincok's recommendation. "In all reality, it's been (Porman), especially of late, who has been operating the department administratively," Sincok said. "It's really just a clarification of roles, for all practical purposes." Sincok told commissioners the need for the dual role was necessary at first as the city "moved forward with the development of a new leadership team." Since then, he said, there has been "significant training, development and restructuring" that meets a need to realign the department to provide clear authority and responsibility. Porman, who holds a bachelor's degree in English from Michigan State University, started with the city after his first year in college in 1999 and worked part time while he was in college. He began full-time work in September 2004 and was appointed assistant director in July 2007. "I was thrilled," Porman said. "I was very proud (Sincok) trusted me enough to be able to take on additional responsibilities that go with the title. For the most part, it's mostly what I've already been doing, but there are some additional responsibilities." Porman was selected by the American Public Works Association as one of 20 Emerging Leaders nationally in the Public Works Field and he now mentors the new class of candi-

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Chris Porman, who's been doing the job already, has been named the City of Plymouth's new director of municipal services.

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went on as scheduled. LWV President Angela Ryan said the group had "a couple of Plan Bs," but was satisfied with the event.

"We would have pursued it," Ryan said, "but I'm happy with how things turned out."

The first 30 minutes were dedicated to the township treasurer's race and featured incumbent Ron Edwards and challenger Ed Schulz, who will battle for the Republican nomination in the Aug. 7 primary. The forum also marked the first real public appearance for Rita White, a Democrat running unopposed in the primary who awaits the Republican winner in the November general election.

**Cordial venue**

"I think it was good," White said of the forum. "It's the first time I've had conversations with the other candidates to see where they're coming from."

The brief forum, which featured one-minute opening and closing statements from the three candidates, was cordial. As expected, the biggest points of contention were public safety and transparency, with the challengers saying the current board isn't always open with information, and Edwards defending the board's conduct.

Along with a budget that differentiates between "needs" and "wants," White said the top priority was public safety.

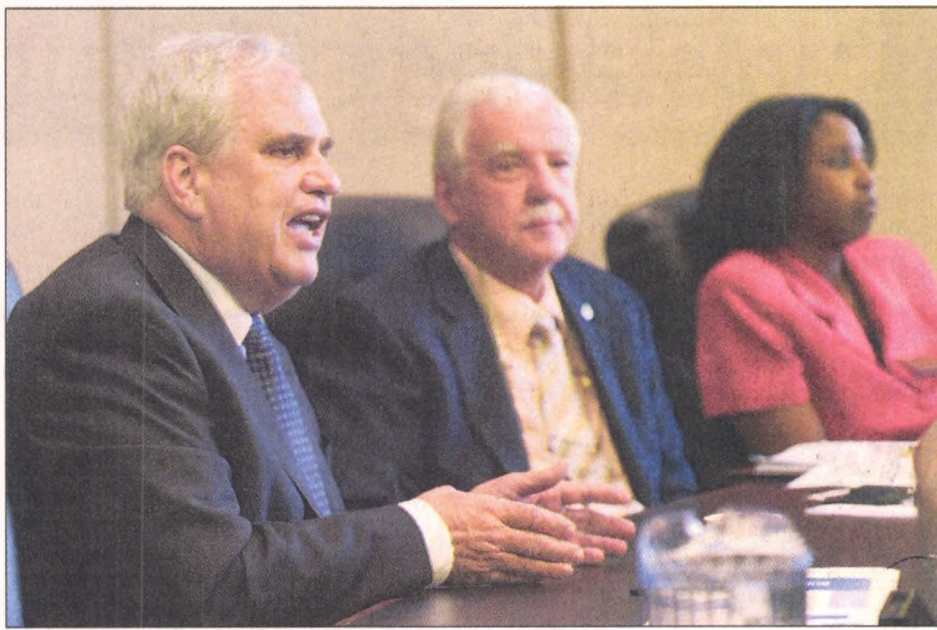
"That's what (the board) is here for," White said. "We need to make sure that's streamlined, along with everything else."

Edwards said the township has cut \$1.6 million out of its budget, and that revenues have fallen \$1.3 million. He said the board can't operate in a vacuum where public safety is the only priority.

"You can't just have police and fire," said Edwards, first elected in 1996. "You have to have parks, you have to have a building department, you have to have an assessor's office, or (the township) will fall apart."

**Open dialogue**

Responding to a question about the deficit at Hilltop Golf Course, both Schulz and White said they didn't have accu-



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Treasurer candidates Ron Edwards (the incumbent), Edwin Schulz and Rita White.



It's standing room only at the League of Women Voters candidates forum at Plymouth Township Hall.

rate numbers because the township doesn't divulge them.

"You have to have an open dialogue with the taxpayers," Schulz said at one point.

A scheduled forum for clerk candidates Joe Bridgman, the incumbent, and challenger Nancy Conzelman was cancelled when a scheduling conflict kept Conzelman from attending.

That left the rest of the two-hour forum for the trustee candidates, 13 of 15 of whom were in attendance (incumbent Kay Arnold said she stayed away due to a family obligation, while challenger Sandra Groth was forced to miss it due to a medical emergency).

Like the treasurer's forum, the discussion

among the trustee candidates was largely cordial and focused on the expected political rhetoric surrounding public safety, transparency and spending.

The only time it got personal was at the end, when incumbent Trustee Bob Doroshewitz attacked challenger Jennifer Mann by name, criticizing her for saying at the forum she was against raising taxes, a position Doroshewitz challenged by saying it was Mann who led the effort to put a special assessment district question on the ballot for fire protection.

It was a moment Doroshewitz admitted later he regretted.

"That was a mistake," said Doroshewitz, who

said he emailed Mann an apology Tuesday morning. "Even as the words were leaving my mouth, I was thinking, 'This is a mistake.'"

Mann said she was surprised at the attack, but accepted Doroshewitz's apology as sincere.

"I was saddened he took that route ... I had hoped there wouldn't be anything like that," Mann said. "We talked after the forum ... we had a nice discussion and he emailed an apology. I hope that if we get on the board together, we can have an open dialogue."

**Witty moment**

The trustees forum had more positive moments than negative. Challenger Art Butler, a Coast Guard veteran, gave up his time to answer one question, instead noting no one had said the Pledge of Allegiance, and standing to lead the large crowd in its recitation.

Andrew Justus, at 22 the youngest candidate in the race, drew laughs when talking about preserving the kinds of services residents are used to.

Justus said he wants to see the township thriving "when I'm an older person ... like most of you," drawing a raucous response from the large crowd.

League of Women Voters officials were pleased with the results, even after all the turmoil surrounding the event.

"I think it went very well," Ryan said. "We got almost all the candidates here, and we gave the people a chance to hear at least a little something from everybody."

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**SIDEWALK SALE**

**Date/Time:** 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, July 20, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 21.

**Location:** Downtown Plymouth

**Details:** Downtown Plymouth shops and boutiques will be offering special discounts and bargains during the downtown Plymouth Sidewalk Sales. Participating shops include Bella Mia, Candy Trail, Creatopia, Gigi's Mode, Hands on Leather, Home Sweet

Home, Isabella's Copper Pot, Kilwins, Maggie & Me, Magnolia, Merle Norman, Old World Olive Press, R.S.V.P., Razzamatazz, Simply the Best, Sun & Snow, and TranquilTea.

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**HEART BEATS 2012**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, July 21, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth

**Details:** "Heart Beats 2012, Music with a Message" is a free outdoor music event hosted by Plymouth First United Methodist Church. It will feature music performed by the following Christian based bands: Impact band, The Beck and Saltz Band and Chosen. They will be rocking out their own songs as well as many you may already know. Their music covers many styles including praise, rock and alternative. Bring some chairs and some friends and come and enjoy some great music. This is a family event where you will also find free face painting and balloon animals for the kids.

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# Edwards: Township staying safe, attractive

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer



Edwards

Ask Ron Edwards and he'll tell you: Plymouth Township is heading in the right direction.

Infrastructure improvements are saving residents and businesses on water bills, much of the former township complex on Ann Arbor Road is about to be razed to pretty up the site for redevelopment, investments at Hilltop Golf Course are paying off with record usage and a projected profit, and the Plymouth Community Fire Department has been through a necessary, though painful, restructuring.

Plus, the township's tax rate, at 4 mills, is among the lowest in Wayne County.

Those are among the accomplishments that Edwards, the four-term township treasurer,

cites in his bid for re-election. Edwards faces a challenger, accountant Edwin Schulz, in the Tuesday, Aug. 7, Republican primary, and the winner

faces Democrat Rita White, an attorney and former Wayne County assistant prosecutor, in the November general election.

"My record speaks for itself," Edwards recently told The Observer. "I will continue to keep Plymouth Township moving forward while keeping it affordable for all taxpayers."

Edwards has long been up front about what he called the need for reform in the PCFD following the city of Plym-

outh's departure from it, which meant a 25- to 30-percent reduction in run volume and a nearly \$1 million-a-year revenue loss. He defended the March layoffs of six firefighters and the closing of Station 2, in the Lake Pointe subdivision.

The township, with 15 firefighter/paramedics, is adequately staffed for firefighting and emergency medical response, he said, and in fact has the same staffing it did 18 years ago, just before the merger with Plymouth.

While public safety is among the top three issues facing the township — the other two being infrastructure and financial stability — Edwards argues the community needs to keep attractive, and with a low tax burden, as well as safe in order to compete for business and residents. Let appear-

ances and public amenities slide, he said, and jobs and population will follow.

As far as budget priorities, they are "where they need to be to keep the community a desirable place to live, attract business and enjoy life," Edwards said.

"Keep the buildings full and keep the community improving," he said.

Responding to accusations by Schulz that he gets involved in too many activities unrelated to his office, Edwards acknowledged he is involved in a lot, but said that with the township's limited budget and small staff, he is trying to give residents the best services possible.

"We don't have the money to hire more people," he said. Besides, he said, Supervisor Richard Reaume is in charge

of day-to-day township operations.

Edwards says he is aware there are some vocal detractors, who question Board of Trustees decisions and say he is too brusque with the public. But his critics are in the minority, he says; many residents are much more supportive but don't necessarily speak up at board meetings.

Edwards does, however, admit to some frustration in dealing with some members of the public who, he said, made personal attacks and inflammatory remarks during the debate over the fire department reorganization.

"We're very cordial to people who are cordial to us," he said.

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# Treasurer hopeful: Job should be part-time

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer



Ed Schulz

Edwin Schulz is planning big changes for the job he hopes to land this November.

Schulz, a certified public accountant, is running for Plymouth Township treasurer in his first bid for elected office. He is challenging four-term Treasurer Ron Edwards in the Tuesday, Aug. 7, Republican primary; the winner will face Rita White, a former Wayne County assistant prosecutor, in the November general election.

"I'm a ready-made person for a treasurer," he said during a recent

interview. Schulz, who has decades of experience in auditing public entities such as schools and local governments, says that if elected a long-term goal would be to make the treasurer's job part time, with a commensurate cut in pay, and hire a full-time finance director. Edwards is currently paid \$87,000 a year.

Schulz accused Edwards, who was first elected in 1996, of over-

stepping the bounds of his office.

"The current treasurer seems to be doing more than just the treasurer's job," he said, adding later, "Is he an expert on everything? He's the treasurer."

Schulz also wants to move to a three-year budget plan, citing other local governments that are taking a longer view of revenue and spending.

"You have long-range planning. You don't have a lot of surprises," he said.

Schulz said he got into the race over several recent issues, including the layoffs of Plymouth Community Fire Depart-

ment firefighters and the closing of Station 2 in March, the 2006 move to a new Township Hall and fire station on Haggerty, and the purchase last summer or 323 acres of vacant land in the area of Five Mile and Ridge.

"I'm not sure that's the best use of our money," he said of the purchase, which cost just over \$600,000. Prime property, he said, should be available first to "taxpaying stakeholders."

Schulz said he'd work to sell off unused township-owned property, such as last summer's purchase and the former township complex at Ann Arbor Road and Mill. He said

the township should have remodeled the former complex instead of moving to an all-new facility.

Schulz also said he favors rehiring laid-off firefighters and reopening Station 2, on Wilcox and Schoolcraft roads. The closing of the station has left the northeast corner of the township without adequate firefighting and emergency medical service, he said, and the township should be capitalizing on the investment made years ago in training firefighters in advanced life support. (Township officials say the PCFD is adequately staffed and Huron Valley Ambulance

has an increased presence in the northeast quadrant.)

"The safety of all residents, businesses, and visitors should come first," Schulz said. The fire department, rather than HVA, should be the go-to service for transporting people to hospitals in emergency medical situations, he said.

Schulz said he'd stress accountability, cordiality and records transparency in handling the office of treasurer.

"You've got to treat people the way you want to be treated," he said.

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## Motor City fun

Tuesday was a big car day (and a motorcycle day, as well) with many classic cars on display at the Inn at St. John's to promote the Concours d'Elegance. The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at the Inn.

Larry Miller of Plymouth Township brought his 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 with a retractable hardtop. He owns another 1957 Ford Fairlane, a '57 Pontiac two-door hardtop and a '57 Olds two-door hardtop. He recalled colleagues joking he was stuck in 1957.

A year ago, Miller, 67, got a 1939 Ford roadster with a rumble seat. He also still owns his first car, a 1970 Plymouth Fury 123 convertible. Miller drives a 2011 Grand Marquis daily and is a Ford Motor Co. retiree.

## Businesses benefit

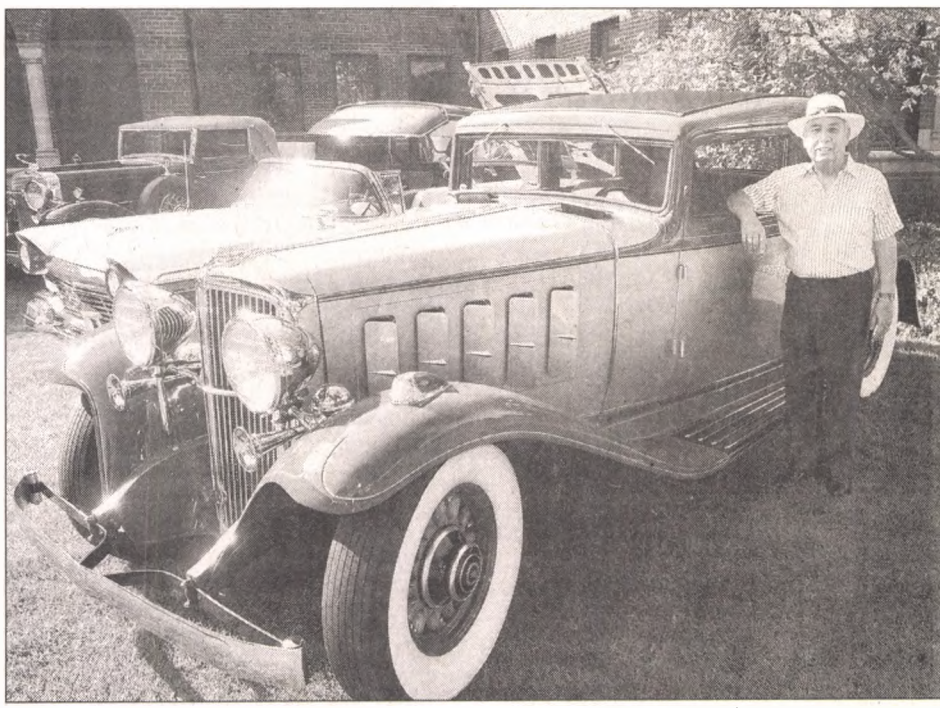
The event has significant economic impact, organizers and supporters agree. "This helps put Plymouth Township on the international map," said Richard Reaume, Plymouth Township supervisor.

Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, noted the area hotels that fill up. "They'll shop, they'll dine," Graff said. Attendees will also be helped along by shuttle service to downtown Plymouth and Northville.

Reaume noted local schools, service clubs and the Michigan Philharmonic do fundraising during the event.

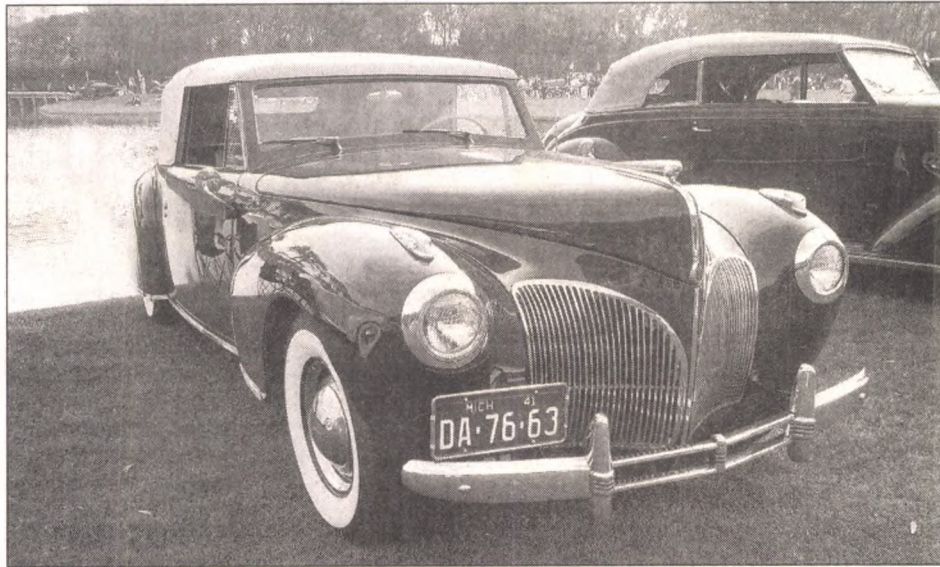
"The event creates a buzz," Reaume said. Overall charities for the event are the Center for Creative Studies, Hospice of Michigan and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Paul Wegert of Brigh-



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Lee Barthell will be showing his 1932 Victoria Nash Coupe at this year's Concours D'Elegance auto show at Plymouth Township's St. John's Conference Center. The Farmington Hills resident (with a Northville mailing address) stands with his car at the show's media preview day on July 17.



Jim Quinlan of Northville Township's looking forward to being in the show with his 1941 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet.

ton is general manager of the Inn at St. John's, on the job more than 10 years. He agreed the economic impact is large.

"We've seen a lot more business because of the show," he said.

## New to them

Some visitors didn't know the Inn at St. John's, a former Catholic seminary, existed. Some are surprised to see ballrooms for weddings and

conference rooms good for business meeting use.

"We're looking for a long-term relationship," said Wegert, who appreciates the good board of directors and car selection process. "Just changing it up each year has added a new flair."

The golf course closes Friday night and reopens the following Monday for the event, Wegert said, and it's quickly set up and taken down. "There was

little tweaks here and there," he said.

Keith Crain, president of Crain Communications and an event board member, said "thank you" for the Center for Creative Studies support. He's also a board member there.

"It is an exciting time for all of us who love cars," Crain said. "It is an exciting time for all of us."

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you live in Plymouth you'll recognize the signs stacked behind new Municipal Services Director Chris Porman.

## PORMAN

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dates annually.

He also holds a state of Michigan S-1 Water Distribution System License, a higher-level license than is required based on Plymouth's population. Porman is a graduate of the Michigan Public Service Institute at Central Michigan University and now serves on the Lead-

ership Committee. He also obtained a National Certification as a Lead-ground Safety Inspector.

"He's got a pretty impressive resume," Sincock said. "Because of our staffing levels, it's a working position, so he's still going to be out there doing the things he needs to do. He works well with everyone, and he does a nice job."

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## GRIEF SUPPORT

**Date/Time:** Saturday, July 28, 9 a.m. to noon

**Location:** Room C-319 at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile in Northville

**Details:** Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors a one-day grief seminar, From Grief to New Hope, presented by Cathy Clough, founder/executive director of New Hope Center for Grief Support and co-author of "Grieving Forward: Death Happened, Now What?" All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the seminar.

**Contact:** Call New Hope at (248) 348-0115.

## POLISH DANCE

**Date/Time:** July 21-28

**Location:** Orchard Lake Schools campus

**Details:** The Polish Centennial Dancers from the Plymouth, Canton, Livonia (Western Wayne County and Oakland County) area hosts a Polish Youth Course at Orchard Lake Schools where students

between the ages of 10 through 14 study from a curriculum that includes Polish language, history, song and dance. Study about the Polish culture from Polish instructors and make friends from all over the United States. The \$300 includes lessons, swimming, sports, room and board for the entire week.

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## POM CLINIC

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Aug. 25, 9-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Canton High School North (Phase 3)

**Details:** The Canton Chieftettes host their pom clinic for potential cheerleaders ages 5-14. Students will learn pom techniques and a short dance routine. Parents will be treated to a performance at 11:30 a.m. Participants will also perform at the Canton High School varsity football game Aug. 30. Cost is \$45 for pre-registration, \$50 at the door.

**Contact:** Pre-register at www.cantonchieftettes.com; call (734) 397-1782 for more information.

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# Canton write-in enters Republican fray

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

Drexel Morton believes that Congress should have numerous voices serving the American people.

When Thad McCotter decided not to run as a write-in candidate in late May, Morton viewed it as an opportunity for himself and others who aren't backed with thousands of dollars to run a campaign.

Morton has declared a write-in candidacy on the 11th Congressional District Republican ballot with the Secretary of State's office.

Morton, 60, a Canton resident and pastor of All Saints Lutheran Church in Hartland, isn't daunted by the other Republican candidates, Kerry Bentivolio of Milford and write-in candidate Nancy Cassis, who is a former state senator and state representative. When Morton saw who was in the race, Morton believed it brought an opportunity for others like himself.

"You like to hear from as many voices as possi-



Morton

ble," Morton said.

Morton said he thought about running two years ago. "When Thaddeus McCotter decided not to run this year, it completed my thoughts about running," Morton said.

Morton said his 25 years experience as a pastor helps him conciliate discussions and views, and counsel members of his congregation, experience that he can bring to Congressional office.

"I want to reach across the aisle," Morton said.

### Major issues

Morton said the three major issues facing vot-

ers are the economic situation in the United States and Europe, jobs and the fiscal crisis. "We need as many jobs that we can create," Morton said. "The fiscal cliff that is impending on Jan. 1 needs resolution as both parties are entrenched. The Bush tax cut will expire on Jan. 1 and spending will increase, so it will be an increase in spending and in taxes. We need to solve this problem by reaching across the aisle."

Morton describes himself as a fiscal conservative, but he describes himself as a moderate on other issues.

Morton believes that his lack of experience in government does not hinder someone in politics. "Parish politics prepares you for real politics," Morton said, quoting another pastor.

Morton's parish consists of about 175 members, the estimated average church attendance on any given Sunday.

Morton said he knows residents throughout the district through his work

in bereavement ministry, from Livonia, Plymouth and Canton in western Wayne County to Highland and South Lyon in western Oakland County. Morton is active in Pennyseats Theater in Ann Arbor.

"I'll be using Social Media and word of mouth," Morton said about his campaign plans.

### Citizen servant

Morton views politics as a "citizen servant," he said. "That's what our Founding Fathers wanted, citizen servants to serve in government for a couple of years, and come back to civilian life when they finish their terms," Morton said. Running for Congress is so expensive today that Congressional

members start fund-raising when they begin their terms in office.

Morton has no plans to run for the short, unexpired term of Thaddeus McCotter. Morgan said McCotter's decision to resign "was a personal matter."

Morton said the Affordable Health Care Act, recently upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, now is the "law of the land." "But there wasn't any discussion about it," Morton said about the act when it was first enacted. Morton believes both parties need to talk about health care coverage, but adds that complete coverage is unrealistic. Morton noted that Romney's plan was used in Massachu-

setts when he was governor. "We've been at loggerheads for some time," Morton said. "We need to look at costs rising, and not throw the baby out with the bath water," Morton said.

Morton also supports the government's help with the managed bankruptcies of General Motors and Chrysler and the bank bailout. "We had to do this," Morton said of the bank bailout. "Without it, it may have been worse than the Great Depression," Morton said.

Morton has Facebook pages at [www.facebook.com/RevDrexelMortonForTheHouse](http://www.facebook.com/RevDrexelMortonForTheHouse) and [www.facebook.com/groups/325636100857139/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/325636100857139/).

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### HOSPICE SUPPORT

**Date/Time:** Third Saturday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief, and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

**Contact:** To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (888) 983-9050, or email [achristensen@cchnet.net](mailto:achristensen@cchnet.net).

### TINY TOTS

**Location:** The Salvation Army Plymouth, 9451 S. Main

**Details:** The Plymouth Salvation Army is taking registration for its Tiny Tots Preschool and Young 5s program. Classes range from 2-4 days a week, depending on the child's age. A four-day Young 5s program is new for 2012/13.

**Contact:** Sheila Johnson, preschool director, (734) 453-5464, Ext. 27, or email [sheila\\_johnson@usc.salva-tionarmy.org](mailto:sheila_johnson@usc.salva-tionarmy.org)

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### MOPS MEETINGS

**Date/Time:** First-third Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

**Details:** The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides the encouragement, nurturing, and support and features a schedule of activities that include speakers, crafts, and group discussions.

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## Providing for Paws fills flatbed to assist families with pets

Joanne Dixon is hoping to fill a 50-foot flat-bed truck with pet supplies to help families suffering from financial hardship who own pets.

The Garden City resident is the president and founder of Providing for Paws which holding "Fill a Flatbed for Furry Friends" event 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at Goody's Pet Supply, 35240 E. Michigan Ave., Wayne. Misfit Angels Rescue and Heaven Will Wait Animal Rescue are also sponsoring the event.

"We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we help them to keep their pets in the home and not end up on the streets, left behind in abandon

homes, euthanized or placed in rescue by providing food assistance, spay and neuters, vaccines and other medical services their pet may need," said Dixon.

Providing for Paws services families in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties

There will be raffle baskets and rescue merchandise. Adoptable pets also will be on site for those interested in taking in a new furry four-legged best friend, Dixon said, adding that leashed friendly pets are also welcome.

On the flatbed wish list are dog food (wet or dry), dog treats, collars, leads, crates (especial-

ly large sized), dog and cat toys, food and water bowls, dog beds and crate bedding, preventatives, dog shampoo, cat food (dry and wet), cat treats and catnip, cat litter, litter boxes, cat collars, cat carriers/small crates, cat beds, cat shampoo/dips, gift cards - pet supply stores, large chain stores, gas cards, office supply stores, office supplies, paper towel, bleach and anything pet related.

A similar fundraiser is planned for the Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital at 21230 Dequindre, Warren. For more information, visit the Providing for Pets website at [www.providingforpaws.org/fill-a-flatbed-for-furry-friends](http://www.providingforpaws.org/fill-a-flatbed-for-furry-friends).



The pond of Ray of Teri Alexander of Livonia will be featured during Saturday's tour.

## Club hosts pond, water garden tour

Ten homes in Livonia, Westland and Garden City will be featured in the Michigan Koi and Pond Club's 14th annual pond and water garden tour this weekend.

The self-guided tour will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 21, and feature 10 unique backyard settings.

The home owner's yards express their personalities, hobbies and interests along with various garden and aquatic plants, according to Ron Kardynski, MKPC vice-president and pond tour chairperson.

"Our club's annual tours are unique in a way that we select different areas of southeast Michigan to host the tour," he said. "This year the ten homes selected will be in the Livonia, Westland and Garden City. We are excited to have such a wide variety of Koi along with beautiful gardens."

The backyards include water features and ponds up to 12,000 gallons. There also are several small fairy gardens.

"In the past two years, we have noticed that

fairy gardens are gaining in popularity and this year is no different," Kardynski said. "Two will be on display with one being a 150-square-foot area nestled under a group of evergreens."

The tour costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-15 with an adult. Wristbands and a tour booklet will be given with ticket purchases. The booklet contains a description of each yard and a map to the homes. Koi Cops (MKPC club members) will be at each location to handle any questions.

Tour wristbands and tour booklets can be purchased the day of the tour at 32525 Six Mile, on the south side between Farmington Road and Merriman.

For more information, visit the club website at [www.mkpc-se.com](http://www.mkpc-se.com) or call Kardynski at (734) 646-7607.

The MKPC was founded March of 1996 after the founder, Gil Orris, took some advice from a pond supply store on how to get rid of algae in his pond which resulted

in the death of every fish in his pond except one.

After losing 15 mature Koi, he felt there had to be a better way to learn about the hobby and that others in the area were probably also experiencing "learning pains" and may want to join in. Seventeen people attended that first meeting at his home, and the club has met continuously ever since.

MKPC is one of the oldest and largest Koi and pond clubs in Michigan and a member of the Associated Koi Clubs of America. Members range from those just learning about the hobby who have yet to have their first pond to members with three decades of experience in the hobby. Some members have very small ponds with either a few or even no fish to one of the largest being a garden with a half dozen ponds from 1,000 gallons up to 25,000 gallons.

Over the years the club has been affiliated with several knowledgeable vendors, including Barson's Greenhouses in Westland.

## Fundraiser benefits Humane Society

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Deborah Morkut has had eight cats in her lifetime, including the three she has now who complement the three birds who live with her in her Plymouth home.

So it's safe to say Morkut is passionate about animals.

She's putting that passion to good use Sunday, hosting a fundraiser, "Clips for Paws," to benefit the Michigan Humane Society. Morkut and the other stylists from her hair salon, Sebastian Group Hair Salon in Dearborn, will be cutting children's and adults hair for \$10 apiece, with all the proceeds to the MHS.

The event takes place noon to 6 p.m. at the

American Legion Post 32, located at 9318 Newburgh in Livonia.

"I love animals. It always seems like I get in a situation where an animal needs help, and I have a real passion for that," the Plymouth resident said. "I am taking a class at Landmark Education (in Livonia), and one of the things we needed to do is a project you're passionate about. I couldn't think of anything I'd rather do more than something for the humane society."

In addition to the hair-cutting fundraiser, the event will feature a variety of partners:

- Three Dog Bakery of Plymouth will be selling goods, with 25 percent of their sales being donated.
- Discount Pet of Livonia sponsored T-shirts,

and 50 percent of the proceeds go to MHS.

- Sharon Sheehe of Sheehe Animal Hospital will answer basic veterinary questions.

- Pet groomers from Kelly's Klips in Livonia will be on hand to provide grooming tips.

- Mary Kay Cosmetics will hand out manicure and pedicure kits, with 25 percent going to MHS.

Morkut hopes to raise more than \$3,000, because she points out the cost for caring for animals at the Humane Society is about \$150 from the time they come in until they are adopted.

"I want to get 20 animals from homeless to loved with this event," Morkut said.

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# Buyout seminar a success; don't fall for latest scam

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

I want to thank the nearly 600 people who attended our seminar last week (sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers) regarding the Ford and General Motors pension buyout.



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

It was great to see so many people and to hear so many intelligent questions. It was obvious that people understood the importance of this decision regarding whether to accept a buyout for their pension. Hopefully, the seminar accomplished our goal of helping peo-

ple make the right decision for their individual situation.

Unlike so many other seminars I've heard about where the goal was to sell a product, our goal was, and always is, to help you keep more money in your pocket — exactly where it belongs. As a side note, when Ford comes out with its informational seminars targeted specifically for the Ford buyout.

### Don't get scammed

Sometimes I shake my head and say, "What were they thinking?" Then I realize they weren't thinking at all. What I am referring to is a story last week about many metro Detroiters who have been swindled due to a utility paying scheme. People were told either in person, via email or

on social media that President Obama would pay their utility bills. They were told that all they needed to do was forward their Social Security number and bank routing information, along with information on their utility bills, and they would be reimbursed.

Unfortunately, many people provided the necessary information and, as opposed to having their utility bills paid, money was stolen from them. I know that many people think that the government pays for everything, but come on, we have to be reasonable. My philosophy has always been if something smells too good to be true, it's smelly.

Scam artists don't take the summer off, they work 24/7 365 days a year. Unfortunately, government and law

enforcement officials can only do so much to protect us. You and I have to be the ultimate protector of our personal finances.

As far as I'm concerned, when anyone asks for sensitive financial information such as a bank account number or Social Security number, the automatic answer ought to be no. Of course, there are certain situations where you have to surrender your Social Security number, however, these are few. Remember, just because someone asks that does not mean you have to give it to them.

One of the reasons why scam artists are successful is because

we allow them to be. We let our guard down because we don't think we have to protect ourselves or we sometimes just don't think. The bottom line is that it is up to us to protect ourselves from the low lives in our society who prey on our good nature.

One mistake people make is not reporting an incident to the proper authorities. I suspect that many people are so embarrassed that they don't want to report that they've been taken advantage of. As difficult as it is, you must.

In the old days when the crooks robbed you, they generally had a weapon in their hand and looked very intimi-

dating. In today's world, the crooks don't carry weapons and don't look intimidating. In fact, many times they are very friendly and outgoing. However, the results are the same. In today's world, we have no choice but to constantly remain on guard and always protect ourselves. The crooks never take a day off and they have no shame. Good luck!

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After traveling from Traverse City, Tiandra Thomas, 12, made a dog balloon for Sophia Wilson, 4.

# Crowds pack art festival



Claire Kostum, 14 months old, went to the Plymouth art fair with her mother Erin and grandmother, Edie Wysocki.



Ben Martin, 4, from Monroe rolled through the festival in the stroller being pushed by his mother, Susan.



Artist Kristen Dillenbeck Anderson painted in her booth during this year's artist market.



Living Statue George Tait entertains 16-year-old Erin Zimmer.

**By Brad Kadrich**  
Observer Staff Writer

Greg and Allie Poulos were in Plymouth for dinner Friday night, talking about escaping the huge crowds in town for the annual Art in the Park festival.

But even the Northville residents trying to avoid the traffic got sucked into the fold. Passing one of the booths, Greg noticed vintage post office box piggy banks. He didn't stop to get one Friday, but he couldn't stop himself from coming back to nab one Saturday.

"It's unique," Greg said, his vintage 1896 bank tucked safely into a bag. "It's a little slice of history for my book shelf."

The annual festival, which annually draws crowds in the hundreds of thousands, featured the art and crafts of hundreds of vendors, along with some music and other activities.

Mother Nature cooperated, providing clear skies and warm temperatures for the three-day festival.

"The weather has been good, and I think the crowds have actually been a little larger than usual," Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said Saturday.

A variety of crafts were flying off the shelves and, as usual, the festival seemed to produce a particular favorite. This year's pick: a foam-rubber-tipped bow and arrow, which kept selling out at the booth of Diana and Larry Townsend of Charlotte, Mich.

"All the kids love those bow and arrows," said Diana Townsend, who said she and her husband do about 20



Charlyn Darling of Westland brought her dog, Hobbes.

shows a year. They certainly attracted



Beating the heat with some Italian Ice cream were Heather Tartaglia of Northville, and Irene Fletcher and Nina Hier of Plymouth.

Mark and Ruth Seitz of Canton, who were in line for two of them for daughters Emily, 10, and Olivia, 7.

"I just think it's a really cool idea," Mark Seitz said. "I've never seen a safe bow and arrow for kids."

The Seitzes said they're vet-

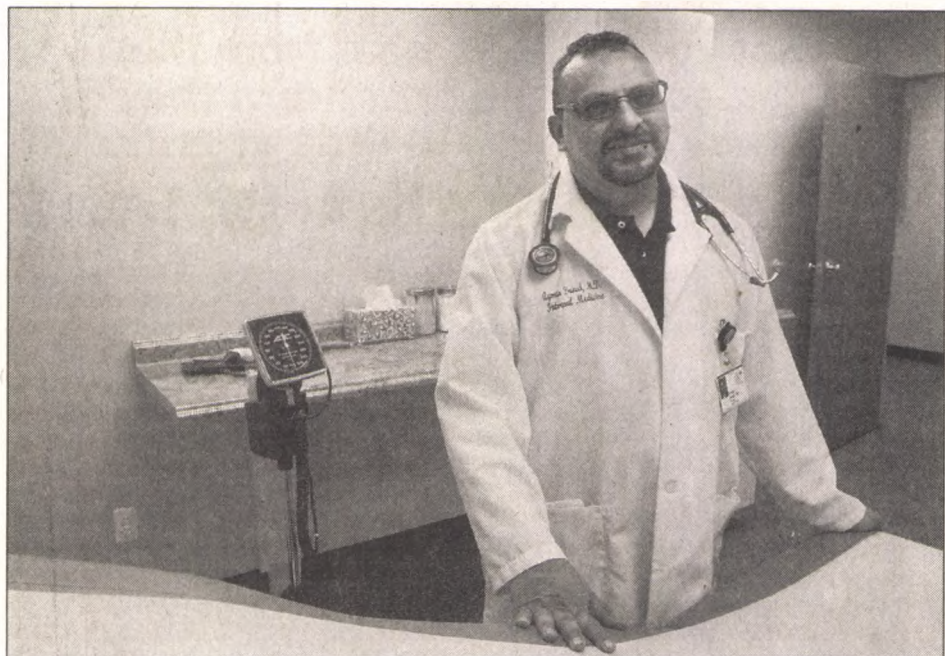
erans of the festival, and are big fans.

"We try to come every year," Ruth Seitz said. "It's close to home, and they really have so many unique things."

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# Patient care key in doctor's office

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

**Internal Medicine:** Our specialty in Internal Medicine allows us to see patients for many reasons such as heart disease, sports medicine, physicals, diabetes, stomach issues, preventative medicine, pneumonia, headaches, cough, the common cold, and many others. We welcome walk-ins and same day appointments.

**Observer:** How did you decide to open your business?

**Internal Medicine:** Dr. Ayman Daoud is a long time resident of Canton and has practiced Internal Medicine for over 15 years. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and has worked and trained at various medical centers including the University of Michigan, Detroit Medical Center, and Henry Ford Hospital. He first decided to open this business because he felt it was very important to have a Doctor's Office that was focused on the care of patients and making them feel welcome during their visit. Any type of illness whether it is major or minor can be hard for a patient to deal with and they need compassionate people like us to care for them.

**Observer:** Why did you choose Canton?

**Internal Medicine:** Can-



Receptionist Aya Halwani greets patients at Internal Medicine of Canton.

ton is a wonderful community to both visit and live. We are from the Canton area and love it here. We love the diverse population and growing community and feel it is a wonderful place to have a business.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

**Internal Medicine:** We strive on friendliness and giving our patients the best quality of service. We care greatly about our patients and want them to feel at home when they are visiting our office. Patients are our top priority. Our employees are very friendly and compassionate especially when it comes to patient care. We are easy to get hold of and to communicate with.

**Observer:** Do you have a story to share with readers about your experience as a small business owner?

## DETAILS

**Business name and address:** Internal Medicine of Canton, 43050 Ford Road, Suite 160, Canton

**Your name:** Ayman Daoude, M.D.

**Your hometown:** Canton

**Business opened:** June 2012; grand opening planned for August  
**Number of employees:** 3

**Hours of operation:** Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Your business specialty:** Internal medicine.  
**Phone:** (734) 927-4486

**Internal Medicine:** It can be a little challenging getting the word out about our business opening.

**Observer:** Any advice for other business owners?

**Internal Medicine:** When starting out a new small business it takes time to build up the flow of customers so you really have to have some patience.

**Observer:** What's in store for the future of your business?

**Internal Medicine:** We are looking forward to growing our office in the Canton community in the coming years.

## PLYMOUTH BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Sidewalk sales

Sidewalk Sales are next Friday and Saturday, July 20 & 21. Participating stores: Candy Trail, Creatopia, Gigi's Mode, Home Sweet Home, Maggie & Me, TranquiliTea, Bella Mia, Genuine Toy Co., Hands on Leather, Magnolia, Merle Norman, Old World Olive Press, Simply the Best, Isabella's Copper Pot, Kilwins, Sun & Snow and R.S.V.P.

### Equity owner

Denise M. Farkas has become an equity owner of the independent investment firm Sigma Investment Counselors located in Southfield. Farkas joins Robert Bilkie, CFA, Christopher Kress, CFA, and David Bergman as equity owners.

A graduate of both Emory University with a business degree, and Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University for her MBA, Farkas has been with Sigma for five years, and brings over 25 years of investment related experience to the firm. Denise is currently Chief Investment Officer at Sigma where she is chair of the Investment Committee and oversees the investment research process.

Farkas currently serves as a member and immediate past Chair of the Capital Markets Policy Committee of CFA Institute's Center for Financial Market Integrity. She is also a member of CFA Institute's Curriculum Executive Advisory Board, and was a member of the Board of Governors of CFA Institute from 1999 through 2005.

"This move to make Denise an equity owner formalizes the very important role that she plays and serves to recognize her many contributions to

the strengthening of Sigma Investment Counselors" said Bob Bilkie, CFA, President and CEO. This change notes a commitment to the shared vision at Sigma, providing an additional motivating element for investment professionals in their role serving clients.

For additional information contact: Robert Bilkie, Jr., CFA, at (248)223-0122 or rbilkie@sigmainvestments.com.

### Paws visits

Monroe Bank & Trust announced that Paws, the official mascot of the Detroit Tigers, will visit the Plymouth branch on Wednesday, July 25, from 1-3 p.m., for a meet and greet with fans and friends.

The branch is located at 706 South Main Street and the event is open to the public.

Light refreshments, coloring pages and more will be available.

### Business news

From the desks of our friends at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

• Penniman Gallery will soon have a new name, look and location. Owner Scott Smith said later this summer he will be moving to Forest Ave., in the location which now is home to Raz-zamatazz, which will soon be going out of business.

The new name for Penniman Gallery will be Opn Dohr, with a new interior look and a lot of new and different merchandise.

• Restaurant Week is coming to downtown Plymouth. Look for nearly a dozen restaurants to participate sometime in September. More details to come.

## PLYMOUTH CHAMBER CHAT

### Business workshop

The chamber hosts the July Business Development Workshop, "How to capture the attention of the hard to reach," Tuesday, July 24, from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Participants in this informative and interactive workshop will learn the key principles that will help you promote and market your business like a major corporation. Using Garden Fresh Gourmet and Whole Foods Market as our case studies, you'll leave with the tools you need to differentiate yourself from your competition, regardless of your industry.

This workshop will be facilitated by Stacy Sloan, president of 235 Communications Consulting. Among the company's portfolio of services they specialize in marketing, communications, branding and events.

The workshop takes place at the chamber office, located at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 453-1540.

### Concours role

Starting Wednesday, July 25, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will be coordinating volunteers to work with the Concours d'Elegance of America at the Inn at St. John's premier exhibit classic luxury vehicles. The actual event is on Sunday, but exhibitors, vendors and others connected to the show will start arriving Saturday.

Chamber volunteers will handle all of the registration for exhibitors and event volunteers. New this year, a team of chamber volunteers will also assist with putting together bags that are given to exhibitors and attendees of the Concours. We will also be providing an onsite information center to answer questions about the show and provide guests with information about venturing out into the Plymouth Community. The Visitors Center provides an excellent opportunity to directly encourage attendees to shop and dine in our community.

Our volunteers and staff will put in over 170 hours for five days next week.

Concours d'Elegance is in its second year in our community after spending over thirty years at Meadowbrook. The event provides us a tremendous economic impact with visitors filling hotel rooms, shopping and dining. The event also provides a great platform for us to promote our wonderful community.



### New digs

Kurt Lienhard moved his Perfectly Sweet Cakes and Desserts bakery from sharing space with Boule Bakery down to the location next to Cozy Cafe at 470 Forest. The entrance to the bakery's parking lot is actually off of Ann Arbor Trail. Pictured are Lienhard, his staff, family and Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. They still provide great cakes, cookies and sweet treats, plus now offering gelato.

### Old Village crawl

This year's Old Village Restaurant Crawl will take place Aug. 8 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Participating this year are Hermann's Olde Town Grille, JoJo's Treats & Sweets, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Plymouth Fish & Seafood and Station 885. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under, and can be purchased at the Chamber office. The Chamber partners with the Old Village establishments to host the event.

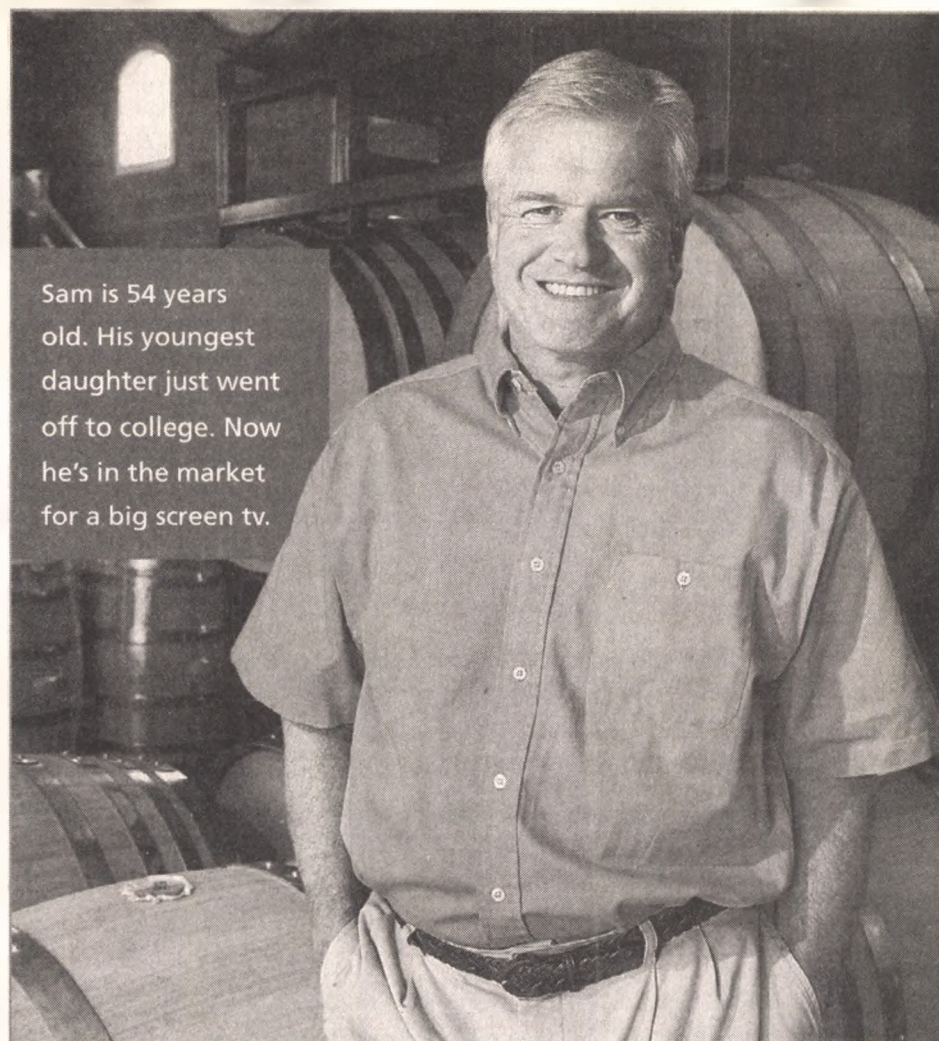
### Scholarship award

Michael Robertson, a Home Health Aide at United Home Health Services, was recently awarded the 2012 Michigan Home Health Association/Kitch, Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook Allied Health Scholarship Award. Robertson became interested in rehabilitation and health care after he sustained a knee injury and had to go through a long and painful rehab process himself. He decided to become a Physical Therapy Assistant.

### Summer camps

The Plymouth Community Arts Council has a wide selection of summer camps for kids of all ages and interests. Included are classic art camps, music camps, theater camps and more.

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Sam is 54 years old. His youngest daughter just went off to college. Now he's in the market for a big screen tv.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Township trustee

## Five candidates stand out in Republican primary

With hot-button issues such as fire department staffing and property acquisition fueling a drive to serve, no fewer than 15 candidates filed for the four Plymouth Township trustee seats.

Voters will narrow the field to four Republican candidates in the Aug. 7 primary. Democrats Joanne Lamar and Alanna Maguire are running unopposed and will automatically be included on the November general election ballot.

The Republican primary presents a strong field of candidates representing all ages, genders, background and experience, all committed to making Plymouth Township the best it can be, and that is good news.



Doroshewitz

With trustee Steven Mann opting not to seek re-election, there is going to be some change on a board that could use it. With that in mind, we recommend Republican voters in the Aug. 7 primary choose their four selections from a group including incumbents **Bob Doroshewitz** and **Kay Arnold**, former longtime trustee **Charles Curmi**, former deputy clerk **Sandra Groth** and political newcomer **Janai Stepp**.



Arnold

**Bob Doroshewitz**, seeking his third term, has been a voice of reason. He has shown a willingness to listen as residents pushed for a special assessment district for the fire department, even suggesting he'd be open to a potential millage question. He considers all opinions offered, even if he doesn't agree, and has developed in eight years on the board into one of its most dependable members.



Curmi

He (and his wife, Tammy) also stepped up when the annual Good Old Fashion Picnic needed new leadership, and has maintained that event as one of the township's jewels.



Groth

Likewise, the choice of **Kay Arnold** comes easily. She is the longest-serving member of the board, and has also served as its liaison to the planning commission since 1996.



Stepp

Arnold has demonstrated an ability to consider issues on their own merits, rather than getting pulled into controversial discussions. While the vast majority of her votes, especially in recent years, have tended to side with the majority, we believe she considers all opinions before rendering her vote.

In a year where there could be major change on the board, Arnold's corporate memory would ensure a level of historical consistency that could be important. **Charles Curmi**, who left the board in 2008, is the best of the 2012 challengers. His experience and knowledge in matters such as the new township hall, contract negotiations and other township issues gives him a corporate knowledge that could be valuable, and his four years away from the fray gave him a chance to view things from an outsider's perspective.

With a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, Curmi brings an analytical focus to the discussion. In his previous time on the board, he was as interested in what incoming businesses could do for the community as he was in the tax revenue they would bring.

It's also time the board makeup better reflect township demographics. For too long, Arnold has been the only woman on the board. It's time for that to change. Toward that end, we also encourage voters to consider **Sandra Groth** and **Janai Stepp**.

**Groth's** tenure in the clerk's office gives her a strong knowledge of township issues. As the wife of a former fire chief, the concern is she's a one-issue candidate, and the fire department layoffs certainly brought her into the race. But she's demonstrated strong knowledge on other issues — property acquisition, the budget — to make her a viable choice for primary voters.

Groth has a strong will, a willingness to listen to opposing opinions, and the strength to stand up for what she thinks is best. That's a quality any board could use.

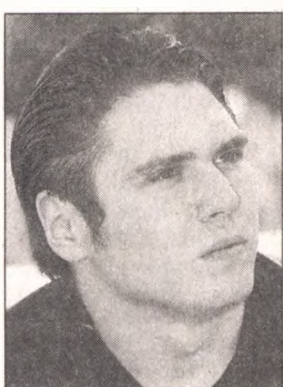
Another newcomer who deserves consideration is **Janai Stepp**. She's intelligent, energetic and brings a fresh perspective to many issues. **Stepp** holds a master's degree in international finance from Wayne State and would bring a new sense of energy to the local board. Her learning curve might be a bit longer, but the board isn't likely to be hurting for corporate memory, and Stepp offers a fresh perspective and strong ability.

While there are many competent and qualified candidates, we believe **Bob Doroshewitz**, **Kay Arnold**, **Charles Curmi**, **Sandra Groth** and **Janai Stepp** have the ability and desire and have proven their knowledge of the issues. They merit voter consideration and support for those voting in the Republican primary on Aug. 7.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

# Is there something that you'd like to hear from the presidential candidates, some issue or concern they're ignoring or to which they're paying to little attention?

We asked this question at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.



"They kind of, like, hit on all the major themes. The most important thing is, like, trying to get jobs, job security. ... Unfortunately, though, it's a huge hurdle that they have to overcome."

**Adam Jonik**  
Canton Township



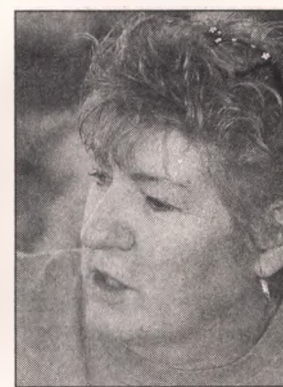
"Yeah, how're we going to get out of this fix that we're in? ... How to get people back to work, really."

**Marilyn Sibson**  
Saline



"I don't think anybody could do any better than Obama's doing. I think he's trying, but nobody ever works together. The country's in a mess right now."

**Jim Woods**  
Saline



"I'm from Europe and everybody is economizing by cutting back, and our president is not doing that. ... I don't see us saving or anything. ... I just don't think we're even trying."

**Janet Siefker**  
Celina, Ohio

## LETTERS

### Don't believe propaganda

Recent Plymouth Township election campaign mailing propaganda mailers have suggested that the current Board of Trustees have "right-sized" the Plymouth Township Fire Department.

The current Plymouth Township Fire Department is staffed at a maximum of five firefighters, reduced to a probable minimum of four, or three, firefighters (including vacation, sick and injury leaves), possibly closing two out of three stations. How is that "right-sizing?"

NFPA recommends 12-14 firefighters for a routine house fire. How are we to fight a fire with three, four or five firefighters? "Right-sizing" or "eliminating?" Don't believe everything you read in their propaganda.

You get what you pay for. The township recently hired four "new" township hall office workers, and new police officers, while they laid off six plus three firefighters.

**Tom Kelly**  
Citizens Action Group of  
Plymouth Township

### Absurd accusation

In the letter "Attacking religious freedom," June 28, it appears that yet another letter writer seems to confuse our First Amendment right to practice whatever religious faith we wish without any government interference with imposing our reli-

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gious beliefs and practices on others who may not share our beliefs and practices.

Catholic institutions service Catholics and non-Catholics. They also employ Catholics and non-Catholics and therefore are public institutions run by Catholics. As institutions that service and employ a variety of individuals, some who may even be non-religious, they are bound to respect and follow the laws of the land that govern such institutions.

The new Obama health insurance rules governing certain employers mandate coverage for specific health-related issues, which happen to include paying for contraception (birth control pills, etc.).

Catholic leaders preach against any and all means of contraception and have for some time now and that is well and good as long as they demand obedience to their views from their fellow Catholics and not of non-Catholics or non-religious individuals.

That is why churches such as the Catholic Church are not bound by rules such as the new health care rules, but as institutions that cater to and employ non-Catholics, they are bound by the same rules and regulations as all similar institutions are.

To accuse President Obama of attacking religious liberty in general and the Catholic Church in particular, is patently absurd and speaks to the ignorance and confusion of many people who believe their religious freedoms are under attack while at the same time do not recognize the freedom of others not to be bound by someone else's religious beliefs; yes freedom from religion is a right!

The Catholic bishops, who are behind this campaign of misinformation and blatant deceit against the Obama administration, should concentrate on convincing their own membership to follow their pronouncements on contraception since most do not, instead of trying to force their beliefs on non-Catholics or Catholics that do not subscribe to or follow the Vatican's unrealistic and misguided views on contraception.

**Janusz M. Szyszko**  
Canton

## STAFF COLUMN

# Township campaigns go negative, but does it work?

By **Matt Jachman**  
Observer Staff Writer

Campaign signs are popping up like dandelions in May — and some reportedly disappearing just as quickly — slick fliers with outlandish accusations and questionable origins are landing in mail boxes, and some of the exchanges at public meetings are more barbed than usual.

It must be election season in Plymouth Township. Or in almost any community, for that matter.

Because no matter how important the issues, how big the challenges communities face during a time of prolonged economic stress, and notwithstanding the blather one might hear about above-board campaigning and sticking to the issues, elections so often come down to this:

Get your name out there. Discredit the other guy, or gain an edge when somebody else is discrediting him. And work the perception angle, whether it's the perception that you're a house-

hold name (lots of signs) or, if need be, the perception that you're being unjustly attacked (hit pieces, barbed exchanges).

Call me naive, but I'm not sure any of this works.

Sure, experts say negative campaigning, while almost universally disliked, does sway voters, at least at the national level. At the local level, however, voters are much more likely to personally know their elected officials — and the people challenging them — and are also more likely to have first-hand experience with the big issues in their towns: taxes, public safety, essential services, quality of life.

Most voters aren't familiar with the many implications of national tax or environmental policy, for example, but do know about where they live, work, pay their property taxes, send their children to school, and get their garbage and recyclables picked up (or not).

Yet voter participation rates in local elections are notoriously low, and I can't help but think the tone of the campaign season is a big turnoff. Maybe we don't like to see our candidate friends and neighbors, or their supposed allies, behaving in this fashion.

I've been hit lately with claims and counter-claims, from candidates and their supporters, of low campaign tactics in the township Board of Trustees race; allegations include sign theft and defacement, vandalism of personal property, and misleading or downright false "facts." I've seen a couple of nasty mailers that would be difficult to trace, as a phony campaign organization was listed and postage stamps, instead of a bulk mail permit that would be registered with the U.S. Postal Service, used.

While these stories are interesting and sometimes outrageous, many are nearly impossible to check out to any satisfactory degree, and doing so would take time away from exploring the candidates' views and the issues the eventual winners will face for the next four years.

With 17 candidates in contested township races on the Republican primary ballot alone — Democrats have no primary opposition — voters who want to be informed have their hands full.

They simply don't have time for the negativity.

**Matt Jachman** covers Plymouth and Plymouth Township for The Observer. He can be reached at (313) 222-2405.

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## Redford All-Stars headed to K'zoo for state tourney

Boys finish 5-0 in District 5

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

Swelting 100-degree heat didn't seem to faze members of the Redford Little League 9- and 10-year-old All-Stars as they hustled through Tuesday afternoon's baseball practice at Redford's Claude Allison Park.

The All-Stars' cool-as-cucumbers demeanor was not too surprising considering they've already proven they're pretty good at performing when the heat is on.

Last week, the team — which is made up of select members of the six-team Redford Township Little League — won the 9-10-year-old Michigan District 5 championship when it went 5-0 in a double-elimination tournament held in Lincoln Park.

Among the five wins were two late-inning rallies, including a two-out walkoff triumph in its second-to-last contest.

The title-winning performance earned Redford a berth in this weekend's state tournament in Kalamazoo.

"Every player on the team contributed during our 5-0 run," head coach Jason Cantrell said. "It wasn't just one or two kids. Everybody stepped up."

Cantrell noted that the team doesn't have one obvious strength.

"It's just a good, all-

around team," he said. "All the boys play with a lot of heart and they want to win. They play with a lot of composure, too."

Following the conclusion of the regular season in late June, the league held an evaluation session for all players who wanted to try out for the All-Star squad.

Cantrell was selected by the league board to serve as head coach.

"All of the kids were evaluated and we chose a team," he said. "It didn't matter how they did during the course of the season."

The All-Stars had just 10 days to prepare for the district tournament once the evaluation process was completed.

"We were able to put together a good, solid team," Cantrell said. "The boys get along well and they're working hard in practice."

The All-Star squad is made up entirely of Redford residents.

The All-Stars' most thrilling victory in the district tournament came when Justin Cantrell delivered a clutch two-out, two-run single to spark a comeback behind 4-3 victory over a Lincoln Park team.

"Justin got the big hit, but it wouldn't have meant anything if the

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Jim Sechler holds the trophy after the Fast Eddie II racing team won the Governor's Cup last year in Ohio. With him are (from left) crew member Tim Collins, driver Dan Kanfoush and his son, Eddie.

## Racing team chases 8th powerboat title

Sechler's Fast Eddie II is perennial APBA champ

By Dan O'Meara  
Observer Staff Writer

Jim Sechler isn't accustomed to being in any other place but first in the American Power Boat Association points standings.

That's something new for the Farmington Hills owner of the Fast Eddie II and his hydroplane racing team. But that's okay with Sechler for now.

What matters is where you finish. Half the season remains, and the perennial champion hopes to be back on top when it's done.

Fast Eddie II has won seven consecutive APBA national championships in the one-litre modified inboard class, and Sechler



Jim Sechler

expects to be in contention for an eighth despite increasing competition.

"It's a marathon; it's not a sprint," Sechler said. "You really don't start looking at points til the end of the year and not in the middle. In the end, there will probably be four or five teams that will be going for the title."

Sechler's team had a later start this year due to scheduling changes. It didn't have as many early races; consequently, it's behind in the points race at present.

Fast Eddie II has had

just seven racing days so far; whereas, it had that many before the start of May last year. Many of its competitors have had eight, nine or more days.

"Most years we start racing so early; we begin the year leading in the points, and we maintain it throughout the year," Sechler said. "This year we're starting behind, and we're going to be behind most of the year until we get our 15 (required races) in."

"We looked at the schedule and knew that was going to be the case. Usually, we front-load the schedule and race real hard in April, March and May."

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ED WRIGHT PHOTO

Jason Gaines (left) chases Devin Gobel in a run-down during the Redford All-Stars practice Tuesday night at Claude Allison Park.

### Hole-in-one

Richard Behrendt Jr. aced the par-3 13th hole July 12 at Glenhurst Golf Course.

The 57-year-old resident of Garden City used a pitching wedge on the 125-yard hole.

It was the first career ace for Behrendt, who picked up the sport 15 years ago.

### MWGA lineup

A strong contingent of women golfers from the Observerland area will compete July 21-22 at the Michigan Women's Golf Association State Championship at Timber Ridge Golf Club in East Lansing.

Area golfers slated to compete include Lisa Bishop (Garden City), Kathy Brennan (Livonia), Barbara Coury (Plymouth), Linda Morton (Westland), Monica Oliver (Farmington Hills), Lauri Ponikiewski (Livonia), Pat Shelton (Farmington) and Lu Stockton (Canton).

More than 40 golfers from around the state will take part in the MWGA tournament.

### Bucks No. 1

The Michigan Bucks won the Premier Development League's regular-season championship for the third time in their 17-year history Sunday with a 4-0 win over the River City Rovers at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

The win also gave the Bucks the right to host the Central Conference Final Four this weekend.

The 10-time Great Lakes Division champions will take on the Heartland Division's No. 2-seeded Real Colorado Foxes at 6 p.m. Saturday. In the second half of a doubleheader, the Heartland's No. 1-seeded Thunder Bay Chill will play Great Lakes runner-up FC London at 8 p.m.

The semifinal winners will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday at Ultimate Soccer Arenas to determine who will represent the conference in a PDL semifinal match July 28.

Thunder Bay defeated the Bucks in overtime in 2010 and duplicated the effort last season when it scored a late goal to win back-to-back conference championships.

Kevin Cope, Stew Givens (PK), Zach Steinberger and Matt Bahner scored goals Sunday for the Bucks.

Goalkeeper Adam Grinwis finished the regular season with a record of 8-0-1, five shutouts and the PDL's best goals-against average (0.44). Tom Catalano tied for the PDL lead in assists with 12.

## Win or lose, Salem alum Roth always glad to be home

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

The greens at the U.S. Senior Open last week had longtime Michigan golf pro and Salem grad Jeff Roth feeling blue.

Roth — who played for the Rocks' state championship boys golf team in fall 1973 — struggled on the large, challenging greens at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in



Roth

Lake Orion late during Friday's second day of the tournament. "I putted my way into oblivion on the last 11 holes," Roth said, chuckling. "I've played that golf course so many times since I was a teenager, so I don't have any excuses. It was just

some poor putting."

After posting 71 Thursday, the best score among all Michigan golfers at the par-70 course, he slipped to 76 Friday to miss the cut by a mere three strokes.

Roth finished with a two-day tally of 147. Roger Chapman captured the tourney with a 68-68-68-200 score.

"For the most part I played very well," Roth

said. "I kind of let it slip away from me. I played kind of a sloppy bogey on 16 and had a three-putt on No. 18 for a bogey, so I was pretty disappointed at the finish."

Still, even a tough day is pretty good for Roth when it entails hitting a ball off a tee.

"I love playing, I love competing," said Roth, 54, a 1975 graduate of Salem. "Part of playing and com-

peting is dealing with the valleys as well as enjoying the peaks."

### Catching up

But the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame member enjoyed returning to his former home state (he now is based out of New Mexico) to meet up with some of his old Salem friends such as Chuck

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# New room in works for Rocks

But sponsors sought to help pay for \$9,000 PCC project

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Next season, if all goes according to Ryan Ossenmacher's plan, his Salem varsity boys hockey team will finally have a place to call its own at Plymouth Cultural Center.

A summer project to construct Salem's locker room is in full swing, with the help of the Rocks' booster club — which fronted the funds to get the work under way, Ossenmacher said.

When the puck drops in November, what once was a nondescript cinder-block storage area will be transformed.

It will feature royal blue team colors everywhere, not to mention 20 individual lockers as it becomes a place to display Salem Rocks pride.

"We don't have the funds to put (\$9,000) into Salem's locker room," the veteran coach said. "So they're going to help us pay for it initially and then our sponsorships will reimburse the booster club."

"It's just being done this way because we need to get it done (now)."

Ossenmacher also credited arena staff for being receptive to the project. "We are very appreciative of the staff at the PCC for their help in this process," Ossenmacher said. "And we are looking forward to continue calling the PCC our home rink."

Salem will be the last Plymouth-Canton Educational Park hockey team to have official facilities. Arctic Edge Arena in Canton features locker rooms for the Canton and Plymouth boys teams, as well as the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls team.

Meanwhile, Ossenmacher stressed that 17 of 21 teams in the KLAA will have their own locker room by the start of 2012-13.

"It's not just a spot to keep equipment," he said. "It's a lot about the pride and respect of having your own room and taking care of it. You can show up before games when you want to, you're not waiting for someone to get out of your locker room. After practice you don't feel rushed to get out of there."

He said on-ice competition is only part of the deal for varsity hockey players. "They're also playing for the locker room atmosphere, hanging out with the guys," Ossenmacher said. "By having your own room, those relationships have a tendency to be formed a lot stronger."

Concurring from personal experience was Jeremy Majszak, head coach of the Canton Chiefs, housed at Arctic Edge. He said the Chiefs having a locker room solely for the team continues to be a plus.

"Our locker room is our home away from home during the season," Majszak said. "It's really nice (having) everything in one place and it being stored there so you don't have to cart things back and forth like our equipment, TV for game review and sound system to name a few."

"It's a real nice setup, something incoming players really look forward to having."

## Sponsors sought

For the Salem project at PCC, Hines Park Lincoln is the main sponsor so far.

But Ossenmacher is still looking for others to step forward and make \$500 donations to the project.

For that money, sponsors would get a permanent plaque in the locker room, advertising space in game programs and the team website and a tax writeoff.

In a recent letter Ossenmacher sent to prospective sponsors, he wrote that "With this donation, we can continue to provide our players, parents and the community with a varsity hockey program at the highest level."

Those interested in making a sponsorship donation should email Ossenmacher at ryanossmacher@wlcscd.org or give him a call at (248) 207-3917.

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Westland bodybuilder Jordan Janowitz strikes a pose during a recent competition. The 24-year-old former cross country runner placed first in a state tournament July 14 in Rochester Hills.

# Area bodybuilder earns top prize

Diet of hard work pays for Westland's Janowitz

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland bodybuilder Jordan Janowitz's diet is probably very similar to the ones his sport's old-school predecessors consumed — with one pretty significant exception.

Jammed onto his five-meals-a-day training-season menu are grilled chicken breasts, brown rice, oatmeal, protein shakes, more grilled chicken breasts and vegetables.

"If I want to change it up a little bit, I'll put a little barbecue sauce on my chicken," Janowitz quipped.

The one missing ingredient that separates Janowitz from bodybuilding's 1970s icons?

"I don't do steroids," he said. "Never have, never will. It's smarter and healthier to stay natural."

It's hard to argue with the 24-year-old's logic — or his recent results.

On Saturday, the Wayne Memorial alum placed first in his weight class at the NPC Natural Michigan Bodybuilding Championships held at Rochester High School in Rochester Hills.

Janowitz earned first-place points from all five judges in the 12-man field and earned the golden sword that is awarded to each weight class champion.

The top five scorers in each weight class must provide urine samples, which are later tested for steroids and diuretics.

If any are detected, the un-natural competitors are disqualified.

"I've always been active — I ran cross country and played basketball in high school — but after high school, I wanted to gain some size," said Janowitz, who said his measurables at Wayne Memorial were 5-foot-7 (his current height, too) and about 145 pounds. "I started lifting at Powerhouse Gym (in Lincoln Park) and Bodyrocks (in Livonia), and began seeing results. I started getting a few compliments and I was told I had good genetics for the sport, so I kept at it."

Janowitz said his current weight is 168. "During the off-season, I got up to about 209 (pounds)," he revealed. "It takes me about four months or so to get down

to where I need to be to compete."

Somehow Janowitz manages to juggle a pretty extensive weekly training regimen into a schedule that includes school work (he's a full-time student at Eastern Michigan University) and regular work (he's employed at an area grocery store).

"I work on one body part one day a week for about an hour," he said. "It's high-volume, high-intensity training."

Saturday's title-winning effort was Janowitz's third competition this year. He finished fourth in his inaugural event in April and seventh at a meet in Redford in May.

Janowitz credits his trainer — C.J. Jackson — and a heightened level of cardiovascular work for his recent improvement.

Saturday's first-place showing qualified Janowitz for the 2013 Mr. Natural Universe competition.

"I'd really like to do this as long as I live," he said, when asked about his long-range bodybuilding plans. "Kind of like Jack Lalanne did."

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## SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

### Wrestling camp

Canton's varsity wrestling program is hosting the "Intensive EMU Wrestling Camp" again this year, running from July 23-26.

The Eastern Michigan satellite camp will take place at Canton High School's gymnasium from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. all four days. Among counselors will be Canton 2011 state champion Anthony Abro.

According to the camp brochure, participants will receive plenty of individual attention and focus on "a combination of running, lifting, technique, drilling, intense practices, and end of the day competitions."

The Canton Wrestling Boosters will have concessions available daily during 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch items.

For more information, call (734) 927-5141.

### 'Summer Blast'

The second annual Garden City High School Summer Blast Soccer Camp will be July 23-27 from 6-8 p.m. at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood in Garden City.

The camp, which is open to all players in U4 through U12, will be orchestrated by members of the Garden City High School varsity and junior varsity coaching staffs.

To register, visit www.GotSport.com. The camp costs \$30.

Walk-up registration is available the first day of camp at 5 p.m.

### Golf Xperience

Junior golfers have a unique opportunity to hone up on their tee shots and short game.

Pheasant Run Golf Club, Canton's premier 27-hole golf course, is hosting a special Athletic Golf Xperience Camp for junior golfers (ages 12-18), from Monday, July 23 through Thursday, July 26. The four-day camp (\$240), with two sessions daily (8 a.m.-to-noon; 1-5 p.m.), aims to help youngsters receive one-on-one attention to

improve their golf game's accuracy as well as the distance of drives, pitches and putts. To help do just that, there will be six students per instructor.

No previous golf experience is necessary to sign up, but they are required to bring a putter and 7 iron. In addition, athletes should bring sun screen, water bottle and golf shoes.

The Athletic Golf Xperience camp features the Nike Golf 360 Functional Performance System, which develops athleticism as the foundation for all its golfers.

To register, please call the Pro Shop at 734/397-6460. To learn more about this camp or the great summer specials at Pheasant Run Golf Club, located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton, please visit www.golfprgc.org.

### Wayne football

Wayne Memorial will be staging summer football camps.

For more information, call new varsity football coach Lee Grizzell at (313) 408-8765.

### Victory Soccer

Victory Soccer will offer a series of summer soccer camps including:

Ages 6-17 — 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday, 16-20, or 23-27, at Livonia's Taylor Elementary (cost \$180 for each); goalkeepers ages 8-17 — 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Taylor Elementary (cost \$18); High School Elite — 1-3 p.m., July 17-20 or July 24-27, at Taylor Elementary (cost \$150 for each).

Call Schoolcraft men's soccer coach Rick Larson at (734) 564-3693; or e-mail rick.larson@victory-soccer.net.

### Glenn wrestling

The Westland John Glenn wrestling program will stage its annual Rocket Camp for incoming grades 9-12 from 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 23-27, at the high school.

Registration will be at

12:30 p.m. Monday, July 23, at the wrestling room. The cost is \$100 (includes T-shirt).

There will also be a youth camp (kindergarten through eighth-grade) from 4:30-6 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 23-27, in the Glenn wrestling room. Registration begins at 4 p.m. Monday, July 23. Included in the \$50 cost is a T-shirt.

For more information, e-mail Glenn wrestling coach Bill Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com; or call Judy at (734) 634-4595.

### MU boys hoops

Madonna University will stage a series of summer boys basketball camps including:

All-Star — 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 23-27; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 30-Aug. 3, both at Madonna (cost \$200 each); Post/Perimeter, 4:30-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 30-Aug. 3 (cost \$150).

For more information, visit www.MadonnaCruaders.com.

### MU cross country

Madonna University will stage its 2012 base camp from 8-9:45 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 23-27, at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

The cost is \$75. There will also be long training runs from 7:30-9 a.m. Saturdays at Cass Benton Park (cost \$2).

For more information, visits www.MadonnaCruaders.com.

### LTU soccer

Lawrence Tech University men's coach Will Dyer and women's coach Jamie Scott will stage a co-ed soccer camp for ages 4-13 from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, July 23-27, on the campus of LTU, 21000 W. Ten Mile Rd., Southfield.

The cost is \$60 per person (snacks included along with discount for LTU alumni).

For more information, visit www.BlueDevilAthletics.com.



## Storm warning

The 16-and-under Livonia Storm Twigg/Johnston girls fastpitch team got a 1-hitter from pitcher Mary Green in a 7-0 win last Friday over Stichtitz (Ill.) to capture the Silver Bracket at the five-day Chicago Bandits Champions Village Tournament in Omaha, Neb. Storm also defeated the Colorado Buckaroos (11-0) and Darien Fuzion of Wisconsin (9-1) earlier in the day en route to the title. Team members include (front row, from left): Ashley McDowell, Anna Lewis, Celeste Boyer, Mary Green, Sarah Cramton, Rikki Keene, Hannah Rowlett, Julia Twigg, Maggie McGowan, Hallea Garcia, Lauren Michael; (back row, from left) coaches Tom Johnston, Art Garcia, Jerry Twigg and Bill Rowlett. (Not pictured are Morgan Johnston, Jessica Jones, Maddie Omietanski and Katie Holt.)





The 12U Motor City Riversharks pose with their newest trophies after winning the KVBSA Advanced Playoffs Sunday afternoon. Pictured (front row from left) are Brendan Olepa, Andy Lentine, Gage Moyers, Joe Watson, Nik Patel, (back row from left) head coach Bill Boyd, coach Ed Olepa, Brian Martin, Kyle Winfrey, Jeremy Armstead, Brenden Lacorato, Ryan Boyd, coach Jerry Moyers, Chase Every and coach Mark Winfrey.

# Motor City Riversharks devour competition

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

If the Motor City Riversharks 12U travel baseball team had a theme song this summer, it would probably be the opening tune from "Jaws".

Opposing teams quickly discovered that their records weren't safe when they shared a pool, division or bracket with the Plymouth-Canton-based 'Sharks, who carved out a stellar 36-8-2 record — often against elite competition.

Under the guidance of head coach Bill Boyd and assistants Jerry Moyers,

Mark Winfrey and Ed Olepa, the team captured first place in the Alan Trammell Division of the Kensington Valley Baseball & Softball Association with a near-perfect mark of 17-0-1.

Other noteworthy successes for the team included championship performances in the KVBSA Advanced League playoffs and at the Pinckney Pirate Classic; runner-up showings at the Play at the Cage Tournament and Shiawassee Shootout Tournament; and a third-place finish at the Ripken Experience Tournament in Myrtle

Beach, S.C.

The team also reached the quarterfinal round of the AA 12U Michigan State Tournament.

The Riversharks posted a team batting average of .401 while scoring 417 runs. Their team earned run average was a stingy 2.63.

Team members include: Jeremy Armstead, Ryan Boyd, Chase Every, Brenden Lacorato, Andy Lentine, Brian Martin, Gage Moyers, Brendan Olepa, Nik Patel, Joe Watson and Kyle Winfrey.

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# Rams' late surge sparks 4-2 win

Trent Drumheller went 2-for-4 with two RBI Monday to lift the Michigan Rams to a 4-2 victory over the Michigan Steel in a Livonia Mens Collegiate Baseball League contest at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

The visiting Rams (15-15-1) trailed 1-0 after the first inning and each team scored a run in the fourth. But a three-run fifth catapulted the Rams into the lead for good and the strong pitching of starter Keith Paslean and closer Donnie Eaton ensured the victory.

Paslean went 6 2/3 innings, giving up one earned run while walking just two and striking out five. Eaton retired the only batter he faced for the save.

For Steel (15-16), Pat Delpa collected two hits and drove in a run while Calvin Franklin tallied the only other hit.

Other Rams contributing on offense included Brandon Katta (2-for-3, one run), Zach Zott (double, RBI), Miles Sorise (1-for-3, RBI), Eaton (1-for-1, run), Garrett Gordon (double, run) and J.P. Maracani (1-for-4).

**RAMS 2-4, BULLS 12-2:** On Sunday at Bicentennial Park, the Michigan Rams earned a split of a doubleheader against the Michigan Bulls (22-6) thanks to strong pitching by starter Evan Piechota, who gave up just one earned run over six innings.

Closing out the nightcap win with a scoreless inning of relief was Donnie Eaton.

The Rams scored a run in each of the first four innings to take command. Garrett Gordon (2-for-4, run, RBI), Justin Sherman (1-for-3, run, RBI), J.P. Maracani (1-for-4, run) and Trent Drumheller (1-for-4, run) were key performers at the plate.

In the opener, the Rams gave up four runs in the first inning and never could bounce back in a five-inning game ended by the 10-run mercy rule.

The host Bulls led 5-2 after three innings and blew open

the LMCBL contest with three runs in the fourth and four more in the fifth.

Maracani slugged a homer for the Rams, while Gordon doubled in another run.

Earning the win for the Bulls was Josh Vandemak, who went the distance, scattering five hits.

**RAMS 2, RED SOX 1:** A complete-game, two-hitter by Michigan Rams starting pitcher Jeff Sorenson keyed this LMCBL victory Friday at Ford Field in Livonia.

Sorenson faced just two over the minimum, allowing one walk and two hits while striking out 13. The only Red Sox hits were collected by James Moore and Ben Mahigian.

For the Rams, Gordon Garrett drove in Dominic Jamett (1-for-2) with the game-winning run in the fifth.

Chipping in with two hits in three at bats was Donnie Eaton, with other contributors including Brendan Katta (1-for-3, run, RBI), Miles Sorise, Zach Zott and J.P. Maracani (each 1-for-3).

Taking a tough loss for the Red Sox (12-16) was Chris Renaud. He pitched all six innings, allowing seven hits and walking four.

# TEAM

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"By the time July and August came, we could pick and choose where we wanted to go. This year it's the opposite. We'll be racing like crazy in August just to catch up."

Fast Eddie II, which is driven by Dan Kanfoush of Buffalo, N.Y., has done well in its limited action thus far, winning every heat on the seven racing days.

All races are two-day, weekend events with two heats Saturday and two Sunday. (The second day was cancelled in Lakeland, Fla., so Fast Eddie II has seven official days). Each racing team can enter 20 events, and the top 15 finishes count toward its overall points total.

Fast Eddie II has won this year on Walled Lake and in South Dakota and Washington. Sechler hopes to add a fourth victory this weekend (July 21-22) in the annual Quake on the Lake.

It would be the second straight win for Fast Eddie II in the races on Pontiac Lake in Waterford. Sechler's boat has won the one-litre modified title there every year but one since 2006.

"By far this will be the toughest year (to win)," Sechler said. "There will be more fast boats in our class than there ever has been. There are at least six boats that could easily win it."

"It's pretty fair to say the competition has caught up to us. It's not catching up."

## Major events

Fast Eddie II won the Western Divisional



Fast Eddie II, owned by Jim Sechler and driven by Dan Kanfoush, will be in action again this weekend during the annual Quake on the Lake in Waterford.

championship — one of the four major races — two weeks ago on Black Lake in Olympia, Wash., but it was a hard-earned victory, Sechler added.

"It was really tough to win, which is good," he said. "That was our goal, to build up the class. The top three boats from that race are going to be here this weekend along with several others. It's going to be a lot of fun."

Pontiac Lake also will be host to the APBA World Championships — another of the four majors — on Saturday, offering bonus points and helping to attract quality competition.

Winning a qualifying heat will be worth the usual 100 points, but the winner of the final heat will earn 150. Sunday will be a regular day of racing in terms of points.

Fast Eddie II, which is sponsored by Metro Aircraft Instruments, won two majors last year: the Summer National and World Championship.

## Not a big deal

Sechler has never won all four in the same year — the Eastern Divisional being the fourth — but that has never been a big

priority.

"That's going to be pretty difficult to do now," he said. "I'm happy because the competition has gotten to the point where five or six boats can win any given race."

"It used to be we'd show up, and we had a chance to win the race unless something happened. Now it's anybody's race, which is what racing is all about. It's good."

"Our approach is to try to win every race. If it so happens we win those (majors), that's great. Our goal is to win as many as we can and to be on top at the end of the year."

The Fast Eddie II is running as well as it ever has, according to Sechler, who does much of the work on the boat. He added his team is on track to be where it wants despite trailing in the points at the present time.

"We recognized this year would be a little different because of the race schedule," he said. "Things can change very quickly in this sport, but we've been able to do what we wanted to do. So I'm very happy with where we are."

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The Redford All-Stars pose with their hard-earned trophies. Pictured are (front row from left) Payton Jackson, Jason Gaines, Shane Rakowski, Jordan Szabo, Justin Cantrell, Nathan Raniszewski, (middle row from left) coach Keith Zurenko, David Rozmys, Grant Ingersoll, Ryan Zurenko, Devin Gobel, Nole Ligon, Derrick Yancey, (back row from left) manager Jason Cantrell and coach Eric Thompson.

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two kids ahead of him wouldn't have reached base," Jason Cantrell said. "This whole thing has been a team effort."

The All-Stars will join 15 other district champions in Kalamazoo to battle for the Minor A state championship.

The national Little League tournament doesn't start until the boys are 11 and 12 years old, Cantrell said.

"We're excited about the trip," Cantrell said. "We'll be seeing some very good teams, but I like our team, too. It should be fun."

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Redford All-Stars hurler Justin Cantrell delivers a pitch during Tuesday night's practice.

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## ROTH

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Thomas and Tom Willette (now co-athletic director in the Plymouth-Canton district).

Thomas and Willette came out to Indianwood to visit with Roth last Wednesday, when the final practice round took place.

Then after he was eliminated from the tournament, Roth got in some weekend golf at Spring

Meadows Country Club in Linden and Flint Golf Club — the latter where he was head golf pro for a number of years before relocating to New Mexico in 2010.

Roth currently is the golf pro at San Juan Country Club in Farmington, N.M.

"I enjoyed being back there and I always enjoy coming back to Michigan and playing and I hope to do that for years to come," said Roth, who hopes to play competitive golf for a

couple of more decades at least.

Actually, it won't be very long at all before Roth will be back golfing in Michigan.

"I'm going to be back in the state here in a couple weeks," he said. "I'm going to play at the Tournament of Champions up at Boyne Mountain."

"Then I'll be back in New Mexico for the rest of my golf season."

He added that he's "kind of lucky that I got two homes now. I got a beautiful place to work in Farmington, New Mexico, and Michigan will always be home."

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Hawk golf outing

The Farmington Harrison High School Football Boosters Club will have its annual golf outing Sunday, Aug. 5, at Cat-tails Golf Club in South Lyon.

The event will be a Texas Scramble starting at 2 p.m. The cost is \$100 per player or \$400 per foursome. A steak dinner will follow the golf outing.

A registration form is available at www.gohawks.org, or people may register by calling Dave Race at (248) 376-1535.

### GCHA registration

The Garden City Hockey Association will begin accepting walk-in registrations for the upcoming 2012-13 season at the Garden City Civic Arena 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 26, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 28.

### GC learn-to-play

#### hockey program

The Garden City Hockey Association will be offering a novice hockey program for kids who would like to learn to play the sport. The eight-week program, which begins in September, costs \$40. Rental equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information on the program, visit www.leaguelineup.com/gcha; or contact Darlene Hennessey at shortdog@wideopenwest.com or (313) 917-4173.

### Cheerleading

#### coach needed

Livonia Clarenceville High School is currently accepting applications for its varsity girls cheerleading coach position.

To apply, send a resume, letter of recommendation and references to Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy at kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

### Maybury run

The 2012 Roadrunner Classic, sponsored by the Northville Road Runners, will be Saturday, July 21, at Maybury State Park (use the Eight Mile Road entrance one mile off Beck Road).

The 1-mile run-walk on a paved trail will be at 5 p.m. followed by the 8-kilometer run-walk on dirt and paved trails at 5:30 p.m. Registration and packet pickup will be 3 p.m. race day.

The family fun event includes story hour, face painting and hands-on activities. Post race activities include pizza, live music, libations and homemade baked goods.

Registration fees are \$25 (8K) and \$5 (1-mile) before July 21. Race day fees are \$30 and \$5, respectively.

For more information, visit www.northvillero-adrunners.com; or call Bart Gregoroff at (734) 748-2555.

### WYAA football

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association football will be 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at the WYAA Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington (north of Ford).

The WYAA offers two football units, the Comets and Meteors. Each unit has four squads divided by age and weight restrictions for junior freshmen (7-8), freshmen (8-10), junior varsity (11-12) and varsity (13-14).

In addition, both units have four cheerleading squads (ages same as football). For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

### CYO volleyball

Registrations are being accepted for the Livonia St. Edith fall volleyball program (grades 2-8).

Members of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St. Aidan and St. Colette are eligible to play in the Catholic Youth Organization.

To register, e-mail Gary Smart at smart5959@sbc-global.net; or call (734) 432-5959.

### Charity bowl

The seventh annual Bowl-4 Animal Rescue will take place 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

All proceeds benefit the Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

Whether you bowl or not, you can help animals in need by becoming a sponsor, making a donation, donating an auction item or by getting pledges (donations).

The event has raised nearly \$100,000, and organizers are hoping to surpass that figure this year. Participants can earn V.I.B. (Very Important Bowler) status by raising \$300.

The event includes bowling, food, music, auctions, raffles, karaoke and more. For more information, email michelle@yourbowling-coach.com or call (248) 615-9060.

### Coaches wanted

Livonia Ladywood is seeking varsity golf and varsity pom pon coaches for the fall of 2012.

An afternoon and weekend bus driver is also wanted to take teams to games.

If interested, fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek

at (734) 591-2386.

### Divine Child jobs

Dearborn Divine Child High School has head coaching vacancies for girls golf and boys ice hockey.

Resumes and letters of interest should be sent by June 10 to: Tony DeMare, athletic director, 1001 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128; or e-mail demare@divinechild-highschool.org.

### Glenn golf outing

The Westland John Glenn wrestling program will stage its 15th annual golf outing fund-raiser on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

Included in the \$85 cost is golf, cart, lunch at the turn and steak dinner.

Hole sponsorship and raffle donations are also being accepted.

For more information, e-mail Glenn wrestling coach Bill Polk at rock-etwrestling@gmail.com; or call Judy at (734) 634-4595.

### Hilltop glow golf

Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth is hosting Glow Ball every Friday night through Sept. 1 for just \$25 per player.

The fee includes nine holes of golf, glow ball, neon necklace. Plus there are food and drink specials available.

For more information, call (734) 453-9800 or go to www.hilltopgc.com. Hilltop is located on Beck Road just north of Ann Arbor Trail.

### Carr speech

Lloyd Carr, former University of Michigan football coach, will be the celebrity speaker for the St. Joseph Mercy Oakland annual Fall Spectacular fund raiser 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the hospital's cardiac care unit in the new South Patient Tower.

Carr's teams won or shared five Big Ten titles and the 1997 national championship during his 13-year career as head coach at Michigan. He was recently inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Daniel and Kim Nye and Chris and Tracee Chelios are the honorary co-chairs for the event. Guy Gordon of WDIV-TV will return as the celebrity master of ceremonies.

Dinner will be served, and an afterglow will follow. Tickets are \$350 per person.

For more information and tickets, call (248) 858-3161. Sponsorship opportunities also are available. For other information, call (248) 858-6146.

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## TEAM TRYOUTS

### Riversharks

The 13U and 12U Motor City Riversharks travel baseball teams will have tryouts for their 2013 teams Aug. 7, 11 and 12 at the Walz Quadrangle, which is located on Forest Road (between Venoy and Hubbard roads) in Wayne.

The 13U tryouts will be 7:30-9 p.m. on Aug. 7 and 1:30-3 p.m. on Aug. 11 and 12.

The 12U tryouts will be 6-7:30 p.m. on Aug. 7 and noon to 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 11 and 12.

Players must commit to playing between 40 and 50 games, including weekend tournaments, from April through July. Sign-ups for both teams begin 30 minutes before each tryout.

Players do not need to attend all three tryouts. For more information and to pre-register for the tryouts, send an e-mail to motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

Both teams placed first

in their respective divisions this summer in the Kensington Valley Baseball & Softball Association.

### Blue Jays

The 11U Michigan Blue Jays travel baseball team is holding tryouts for the 2013 season over the next month at Eastern Michigan University, 100 Westview Street in Ypsilanti (the team's home field).

Sessions will be 9-11 a.m. Saturday, July 28 and 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12.

There are several spots available for the team, comprised of boys from the Plymouth/Canton and Ann Arbor areas.

Older players also are invited to take part in tryouts for other Blue Jays teams. Players ages 12-17 can try out from noon to 2 p.m. on July 28. Also on Aug. 12 will be tryouts from noon to 2 p.m. for ages 12-15 and 3-6 p.m. for ages 16-18. Visit www.michigan-

bluejays.net and contact the coach at coach.bluejays@hotmail.com to confirm your date.

### GCYBSA

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association will be hosting several tryouts for travel and competitive teams in the coming weeks. All tryouts are Saturdays at Canton High School's varsity field; a \$10 fee will be charged.

The tryout schedule is as follows: July 28: 12-13U (4-6 p.m.), 14U (6:15-7:35 p.m.); Aug. 4: 9-10U (noon-2 p.m.), 11-12U (2:15-4:15 p.m.), 13-14U (4:30-6:30 p.m.); Aug. 11: 9-10U (noon-2 p.m.), 11U (2:15-3:35 p.m.); Aug. 25: 9-14U players will take part in a makeup session between 9 a.m. and noon. Times will be assigned.

Pre-registration is urged. Info can be found at www.gcybsa.com. For more information contact dankrafft@hotmail.com or cott@canton-mi.org.



RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

July

**ADULT ACADEMY**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Monday-Thursday, July 30-31 and Aug. 1-2

**Location:** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** The Rev. Paul Stunkel will lead adult learning. The series is "Theology for the Fearless: Who is God? What do we mean by 'incarnation?' and Other Conversations"

**Contact:** (734) 422-1470

**BIBLE TALK**

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, July 22

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

**Details:** These one-hour meetings will emphasize the life and teachings of Christ. No collections will be taken. Ministers are Matthew Jensen and Jason McInally

**Contact:** (515) 851-2939

**CLOTHING BANK**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 28

**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

**Details:** Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need

**Contact:** (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480.

**COMMUNITY FUN DAY**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, July 28

**Location:** Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, Westland

**Details:** Free food, bouncy houses, Westland Fire Truck, face painting, games, silent auction and more

**Contact:** (734) 536-1210

**CONCERT**

**Time/Date:** 5:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 21

**Location:** Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

**Details:** "Heart Beats 2012, Music with a Message," is a free outdoor music event hosted by Plymouth First United Methodist Church. It will feature music performed by the following Christian based bands: Impact band, The Beck and Saltz Band and Chosen. Their music covers many styles including praise, rock and alternative. Family event with free balloon animals and face painting

**Contact:** (734) 453-5280 or www.pfumc.org.

**CONCERT**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. July 19

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

**Details:** Spoke Folk Christian music concert; free will donation

**Contact:** (734) 728-3315

**MOVIE NIGHT**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 25

**Location:** Bixman Hall at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** "Monsignor Quixote" will be screened. A brief discussion will follow the film. Admission is free and refreshments

will be served

**Contact:** RSVP at (734) 425-5950

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, July 27 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 28

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

**Contact:** timothylivonia@yahoo.com; (734) 427-2290

**SEEKING CRAFTERS**

**Time/Date:** Show is Oct. 6

**Location:** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inker Road, in Livonia

**Details:** An 8- by 10-foot space can be rented for \$30. Tables are available for \$5 and electricity for \$5. Crafts must be hand-made; no resale. Profits will go to mission work in the community

**Contact:** (248) 478-4708 or e-mail jsinc2436@yahoo.com

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. July 23-27

**Location:** St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School, 3885 Venoy, Westland

**Details:** The theme is "IncrediWorld Amazement Park." Kids will experience the wonder of God's creation made in six days. As they travel back to the beginning, they will put on their "Bible glasses" and get a closer look at God's design features in animals. Kids will make crafts, play water games, relays and more. Aimed at age 3 to 6th grade.

**Contact:** (734) 425-0261

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 30-31 and Aug. 1-2

**Location:** Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** "Sky - Everything is Possible with God" is the theme. Aimed at children, age 3-5th grade. Preschoolers must be potty-trained. Free CD of music from the week. Cost is \$10 per child, \$25 for families with three or more children. Registration forms are available in the church office. Church office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call ahead to assure someone can help you

**Contact:** Pam Gunderson at (734) 422-0494, Ext. 14, or visit rgpc.children@yahoo.com

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 30-Aug. 3

**Location:** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** "VBS Olympics" is aimed at children, age 3 through 5th grade and will include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and snack. Cost is \$5 per child and registration is available now

**Contact:** (734) 422-1470, ext. 17 or e-mail to christianeducator@sppc-email.org

**WIDOWED FRIENDS**

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Saturday, July 21

**Location:** St. Valentine Church, 14841 Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** Mass followed by social hour and snacks. Sign up to bring food items such as veggie tray, dip, chips, salad, cheese and crackers. RSVP by July 12 to let organizers what dish you'll make.

**Contact:** Ann Marie at (248) 477-6167, Donna at (734) 420-0461 or Laura at (734) 942-3866



Spiritual, musical growth

Hearts, Hands and Voices," is accepting registration for campers, grades 2-8. The camp, a joint venture of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Holy Cross Lutheran Church, will run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 13-16 at Holy Cross, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The camp is in its fourth season. Tuition is \$85. Families that enroll more than two children pay \$45 for the third child. Youngsters will show what they learned at camp at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16. For more information or to enroll, call Ellen Batkie (248) 497-1451 or visit <http://www.heartshandsvoices.org>.

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HOISINGTON, RUSSELL F.

July 14, 2012, age 85. Beloved husband of Marlene. Dear father of Lesley Castle, Peter (Susan) Hoisington, Joseph (Josefina) Hoisington, Heather (Jay) Brittingham, Linda Gowans and Lisa Shott. Grandfather of Benjamin, Raymond, Christopher, Dayton, Brittany, Jesse, Tyler, Daniel, Daniel and Cassie and greatgranddaughter of Kirra. Memorial gathering Thursday from 4pm until time of special remembrances at 6pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Memorial service Friday, 11am at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 West Six Mile Road, Northville. Contributions suggested to St. John's Hospice, the Salvation of Army or Plymouth Rotary Foundation. Share your special thoughts and memories at: [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)

PASSAGE, MARION F.

July 15, 2012, age 96; member of Saint Andrew Episcopal Church of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Beloved mother of Carolyn Kleinsmith and Rita Passage. Dear grandmother of Douglas (Astrid), Jeffrey (Emily) and Erik (Susan) Kleinsmith. Great grandmother of Christian, Alexander, Ethan, Olivia, John and Grant. Memorial service Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 11 am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers contributions suggested to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675; or the Secret Service Uniform Division Benefit Fund, Attention Rosie Manning, 2057 Stargrass Ct., Woodbridge, VA 22192. Share your special thoughts and memories at: [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)

SMITH, DENNIS JAMES

July 14, 2012. Age 54. Beloved husband of Janet M. Dear father of Dale (Erin) and Denise. Brother of Dianna (Danny) McComas; Dorothy (Al) Mumy; Daniel, Dean (Sara) and Kelly (Romeo) Suryono. Loving grandfather of Devon and Travis. The family has entrusted care and services to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home (734) 981-1700. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at: [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com)

JONES, V. JEAN (DEARTH)

Age 68 of Naples, FL formerly of Westland, MI. Passed away on July 11, 2012. Beloved mother of Rhonda (Jason) Moore. Survived by her brother, Ronald (Diana) Dearth, Nancy Henry, Debra (Robert) DeMoisey Patricia (William) Engle and grandmother of Zoe Moore and her pet Sophie. A private service was held.

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## Station wagon documentary debuts at Concours d'Elegance

By Sharon Dargay  
 O&E Staff Writer

It was the perfect vehicle for the drive-in.

It hauled cargo and kids alike.

It looked attractive dressed in bright colors, wood trim and "jet age" styling.

And it's going to get the respect it's due at this year's Concours d'Elegance, July 29 at the Inn at St. John in Plymouth.

The station wagon of the late 1950s and early 1960s is a featured class at the show that will include such entries as:

- A 1960 Dodge Polara with wild fins and space age styling, that is believed to be the only remaining example in the U.S.

- A 1959 Mercury Colony Park, the most luxurious wagon built by Ford.

- One of six custom-built 1959 Cadillac Broadmoor Skyview models that contain a plexi-glass observation panel in the roof.

- The 1958 Rambler Ambassador Custom Hardtop Cross Country, a top-of-the-line Rambler aimed at the full-sized market.

- 1961 Chrysler New Yorker Town & Country, a prestige model with towering tail fins.

The station wagon also stars in its own documentary, *Wagonmasters*, that will debut with hourly screenings as a pre-Concours event on Saturday, July 28 in the Inn at St. John Conference Center. Filmmakers Sam Smartt, 25, and Chris Zaluski, 26, both master of fine arts stu-



Chris Zaluski (left) films Stephanie Lovett and her "peacewagon" as Sam Smartt captures sound, during a shoot in Winston-Salem, N.C. for their documentary, "Wagonmasters," that will screen at Concours d'Elegance in Plymouth.

dents in the documentary film program at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., will be on hand to show their work and answer questions.

"This is going to be its first public screening, although it's still a work in progress," said Smartt, in a telephone interview last week.

### Cultural icon

The pair embarked on the project after learning that Volvo planned to discontinue its station wagon sales in the U.S. last year.

They started filming in February 2011 and travelled across the country to interview station wagon enthusiasts in California, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Vermont, as well as in Ontario,

Canada.

"It's about the cultural significance of the station wagon," Smartt described the film. "The station wagon is a very interesting lens with which to look at changes in American culture. It was an icon of the American dream in the 1960s."

The station wagon fell out of favor, becoming "uncool" as the 1970s and '80s unfolded. Families decreased in size. Gas prices went up and motorists became concerned about safety and pollution, Smartt said.

He pointed out that the station wagon was saddled with a stigma (uncoolness) that 1990s mini vans would later inherit. Even the marketing term, station wagon, met its demise as car

companies phased out their "workhorses on wheels."

"There is no one out there marketing station wagons. They might market a sport wagon, but the whole V-8 thing is a dinosaur. It typifies American family life of the past."

Still, the filmmakers found motorists and collectors for whom the station wagon is still very much alive today.

### Peace wagon

One owner who appears in the film lives less than a mile from Smartt's home and drives a station wagon decorated with peace sentiments.

Another person they met not only drives a '62 Falcon, but wears vintage clothing and lives in a 1957 house with vintage furniture.



### CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

**What:** Exhibit of vintage and antique vehicles from 1900-1970

**When:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, July 29

**Where:** Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth

**Details:** Featured classes this year include Pioneers Pre-1900, Cord Cousins, Trans-Am under 2 liters, Trans-Am over 2 liters, Slingshot Rails, Featured Designer Retrospective, Jaguar vs. Corvette, Jet-Age Station Wagons, Micro Cars, Supercars and Station Wagon Pedal Cars

**Events:** Charity gala, 6:30-9 p.m. Saturday, July 28 at St. John's Atrium; Vintage car auction, noon-5 p.m. Saturday, in St. John's Ballroom; free screening of "Wagonmasters" documentary, shown on the hour from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday in St. John's Conference Center; 6th Annual Bumpers, Bikes and Bands exhibit of cars, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, in Old Village section of downtown Plymouth. For more events see [concourusa.org](http://concourusa.org)

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"He's one of the only, if not the only person in the country who reproduces fake wood grain. That's what most people think is the most uncool thing about wagons."

The pair filmed four station wagon owners in Michigan, including Mike Bonkowski of Livonia who restored the station wagon his parents owned when he was a kid.

"It was passed down to him when he got to high school," Smartt explained, adding that the car subsequently "sat in a junk

yard for 10 years" before Bonkowski began restoring it.

Smartt said the film appeals to "car people" and "non-car people" alike, especially Baby Boomers who recall the station wagons of the past.

"Anyone who grew up in that era will appreciate this film. There are a lot of interesting people. It's got humor in it and it's not dry."

For more about the film, visit [wagonmastersthe-movie.com](http://wagonmastersthe-movie.com). For more about Concours d'Elegance, visit [concourusa.org](http://concourusa.org).

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Blake Morgan sings with the Western Michigan University's vocal jazz group, Gold Company.

## Livonia musician wins international honor

*DownBeat Magazine*, an international jazz publication, has awarded Blake Morgan, co-founder of the group Goodnight Mr. Max, the distinction of top Blues/Pop/Rock Group. Morgan won the award for the music he wrote on the group's *Sleepaway* album. The award, announced in the magazine's June issue, was published in the 35th annual Student Music Awards section of *DownBeat Magazine*.

Goodnight Mr. Max was founded by Livonia natives, Blake Morgan, who composes the music, and Graham Liddell, who writes the lyrics. The group, anchored by Morgan on lead vocals and guitar, and Liddell, on vocal harmonies and guitar, features an interchangeable array of musicians playing acoustic-driven music with strings, horns, harmonies, and tribal percussion. Morgan describes the sound as orchestral indie/acoustic freak folk. Goodnight Mr. Max pairs chamber orchestra ensembles with the rhythmic instruments of sub-Saharan Africa, melding traditional and tribal styles with today's revival of folk music.

Morgan is entering his senior year of studies at Western Michigan University where he is majoring in vocal music performance and choral music education. He is a member of Gold Company, WMU's internationally renowned vocal jazz group and also sings in the WMU University Chorus. He is currently touring Europe as a counselor and singer with the Blue Lake Fine Arts International Choir. In addition to the Goodnight Mr. Max, *Sleepaway* album Mor-



The cover of the "Sleepaway" CD.

gan also released a solo album.

This is not the first major award Morgan has won for music he has written. As a sophomore at Stevenson High School, Morgan won an award at the national level of competition in the PTSA Reflections program for a song he composed. Morgan and Liddell went on to record that winning song on an album with their band, Knockturne during their senior year at Churchill High School. One of the songs from that album, *I Remember Your Smile*, was selected by the senior class to be their prom song.

Morgan's interest in music took root at Coolidge Elementary School and continued to grow as he advanced to the Riley Middle School Jazz Band then to the Stevenson High School Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble and Pit Orchestra. He transferred to Churchill his junior year of high school so he could be part of the Creative And Performing Arts (CAPA) program and while there was also in the Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, Pit Orchestra and Choralation.

Visit Goodnight Mr. Max on their Facebook page for more information and to listen to their *Sleepaway* album.

## Art

### CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** Through Aug. 24  
**Location:** Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** "Fire and Ice" exhibit features photos by Royal (Roy) Severs. Severs was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2001. His now-limited mobility, however, has not put a damper on his love for photography. He often uses a vehicle to get him to his subjects, whether on land or water

**Contact:** (248) 473-1800

### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

**Time/Dates:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit

**Family Sundays:** 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

**Exhibits:** Patti Smith: Camera Solo, shows performer Patti Smith's photographs, through Sept. 2; Five Spanish Masterpieces features works by Picasso, Goya, Velazquez, El Greco and Dali, through Aug. 19; Picasso & Matisse exhibits all of the museum's drawings and prints by the two artists, through Jan. 6, 2013

**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

**Time/Date:** Exhibit runs through July

**Location:** 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** "Behind the Lens 6" includes more than 100 photos taken by Pioneer Middle School 8th graders during a trip to New York City

**Contact:** (734) 416-4267

### VILLAGE THEATER

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through July 31

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

**Details:** Photos by Bruce Giffin, former staff photographer at "Detroit Metro Times"

**Contact:** (734) 394-5300

## Comedy

### 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

**Details:** Mike Dambra, through July 21; Dwayne Gill, July 25-28

**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, www.kickercomplex.com

### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

**Time/Date:** Mike Baldwin, July 19-21; Andy Woodhull, July 26-28; Shen Wang, Aug. 2-4; James Ervin Berry, Aug. 9-11; Mike Bonner, Aug. 16-18; KT Tatar, Aug. 23-25

**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedy-castle.com

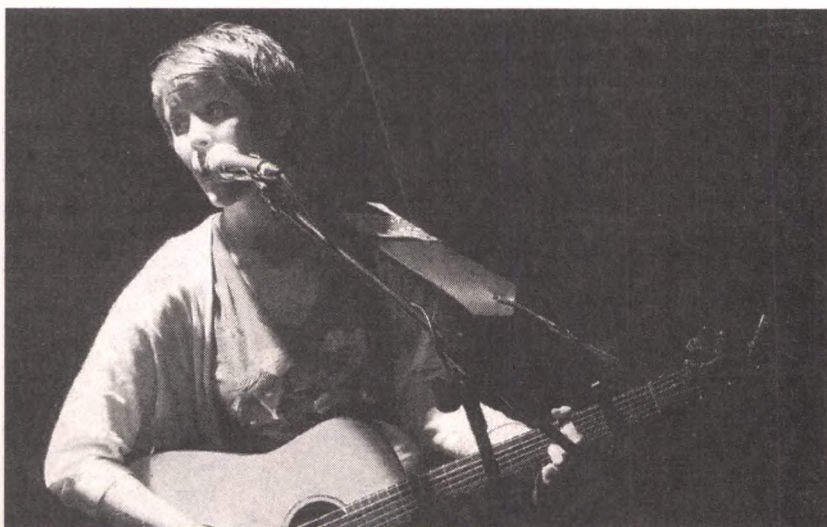
## Dance

### FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

**Time/Date:** 7:30-10:30 p.m. every Thursday

**Location:** Lyskawa V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights

## GET OUT!



Kelsey Rottiers and Rising Tide will perform July 20 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

**Details:** Singles and couples dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments

**Contact:** Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500

### MOON DUSTERS

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

**Contact:** Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

## Film

### COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

**Time/Date:** Gates open at 7:30 and movies start at dusk; open nightly through Sept. 2

**Location:** 14900 Beck, Plymouth

**Details:** Listen to the film through a battery-operated FM radio or your car radio. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6 for ages 4-12 and free for age 3 and under. Students with ID pay \$7 Sunday-Thursday

**Contact:** (734) 453-8300

### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 20-21, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, July 22

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

**Details:** "Dark Shadows," \$3

**Coming up:** "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 27-28 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 29; "The Avengers," 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3 and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5; "Men in Black 3," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12

**Summer Cinema:** All shows screen at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius," Thursday, July 19; "The Rookie," Thursday, July 26; "Raiders of the Lost Ark," Thursday, Aug. 2; "Batteries Not Included," Thursday, Aug. 16; "Wallace & Gromit The Curse of the Were-Rabbit," Thursday, Aug. 23; and "Muppets from Space," Thursday, Aug. 30. Tickets cost \$3

**Contact:** (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. July 20 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 21

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

**Details:** "Cool Hand Luke," tickets \$4  
**Coming up:** Abbott & Costello double feature, "Buck Privates," and "Abbott & Costello meet the Killer," 8 p.m. Aug. 10 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 11, \$5; "North by Northwest," 8 p.m. Aug. 24 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 25  
**Contact:** (313) 537-2560

## Museums

### CHARLES H. WRIGHT

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

**Details:** Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free.

**Exhibits:** "The Chris Webber Collection: Exceptional People During Extraordinary Times, 1755-Present," includes rare artifacts collected by Detroit native Chris Webber, through September; "Witness: The Art of Jerry Pinkney," through Sept. 9

**Contact:** (313) 494-5800

### PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday through Nov. 7

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

**Details:** "Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies" is the new exhibit, featuring 14 reproduction inaugural gowns. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17

**Contact:** (734) 455-8940

## Music

### THE ARK

**Time/Date:** Junior Brown, July 22; Danny Britt & Marvin Dykhuis, July 23; Rebecca Loebe, July 24; Open Stage, July 25; Buckwheat Zydeco, July 26; Lucciana Costa, July 27; Jay Stielstra in "An Old Man in Love," July 28; Chuck Prophet, July 29; Slide Ireland, July 30; Riverfolk Festival Songwriting Contest, July 31; Mindy Smith, Aug. 1; Maia Sharp, Aug. 2; The Makem & Spain Brothers, Aug. 3; Riverfolk Festival Finale Concert with Christine Baffa & Friends, Bob Black & His Bluegrass Boys, Songwriting Contest Finalists & The Raisin Pickers, Aug. 4; Harpeth Rising, Aug. 6; The Persuasions, Aug. 7; Open Stage, Aug. 8; The Applesed Collective, Aug. 9; Candy Kane, Aug. 11; JJ Grey & Mfiro, Aug. 12

**Location:** 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor

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## FIRING UP FOR A Grilliant Summer

Simple steps for grilling brilliantly

Whether cooking on a gas or charcoal grill, at home, at a park or at a tailgate, grilling provides an unmistakable aroma, a sizzling sound and maximum flavor. And research shows that when it comes to grilling, nearly three out of four Americans choose beef as the meat they grill the most often; but nearly 30 percent are still looking for more information on how to harness the power of the grill.

For guaranteed, delicious results when grilling beef, try following these three easy steps:

### 1. Choose your cut

Some of the best cuts for grilling include naturally tender ribeye, top loin (aka strip) and ground beef. Flank steak is also an excellent choice after a dip in a tenderizing marinade.

**Tip:** Rubs and marinades are easy ways to add flavor and tenderize.

### 2. Prepare your beef

Prepare grill (gas or charcoal) according to manufacturer's directions for medium heat. Remove beef from refrigerator and season with herbs and spices, as desired.

**Tip:** Wait to salt until after cooking so you don't draw out the natural, flavorful juices from the meat.

### 3. Grill

Place beef on grates and grill, covered, turning occasionally. Test doneness with meat thermometer: Cook burgers to 160°F and steaks to 145°F for medium rare or 160°F for medium.

**Tip:** Turn steaks with long handled tongs instead of a fork. Do not press down on steaks or burgers as flavorful juices will be lost.

**Tip:** For detailed grilling time by cut, visit [www.BeeftsWhatsForDinner.com](http://www.BeeftsWhatsForDinner.com) and type in "grilling."

### Grecian Top Loin Steaks and Mushroom Kabobs

Total Recipe Time: 30 minutes  
Makes 4 servings

**Lemon Pepper Rub:**  
3 large cloves garlic, minced  
2½ teaspoons lemon pepper  
1½ teaspoons dried oregano

**Steak and Kabobs:**  
1 pound medium mushrooms  
1 medium red onion, cut into wedges  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
6 lemon wedges  
2 boneless beef top loin steaks, cut 1 inch thick (about 1¼ pounds)  
¼ cup crumbled feta cheese (optional)

**Combine rub ingredients.**  
Combine mushrooms, onion, oil and 2 teaspoons rub in medium bowl; toss. Alternately thread mushrooms and onion onto six 12-inch metal skewers. Finish with a lemon wedge.

Press remaining rub onto beef steaks. Place steaks and kabobs on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill steaks, covered, 11 to 14 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 11 to 15 minutes) for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning occasionally. Grill kabobs 6 to 8 minutes or until mushrooms are tender, turning occasionally.

Remove vegetables from skewers; toss with cheese, if desired. Carve steaks. Season beef and vegetables with salt.

— Courtesy of The Beef Checkoff



Grecian Top Loin Steaks and Mushroom Kabobs



Place steaks and kabobs on grid over medium, ash-covered coals.



### Firecracker Burgers with Cooling Lime Sauce

Total Recipe Time: 35 minutes  
Makes 6 servings

1½ pounds ground beef  
6 sesame seed sandwich rolls, split, toasted  
1 cup watercress or mixed spring greens

**Seasoning:**  
1 tablespoon curry powder  
1 tablespoon Caribbean jerk seasoning

1 teaspoon salt

**Sauce:**  
½ cup reduced-fat mayonnaise  
¼ cup low-fat plain yogurt  
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice  
2 teaspoons grated lime peel  
¼ teaspoon salt

Combine ground beef and seasoning ingredients in large bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Shape into six ½-inch-thick patties.

Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, covered, 8 to 10 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 7 to 9 minutes) until instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into center registers 160°F, turning occasionally.

Meanwhile, combine sauce ingredients in small bowl; set aside.

Spread sauce on cut sides of buns. Place one burger on bottom half of each roll; top evenly with watercress. Close sandwiches.

— Courtesy of The Beef Checkoff

— Courtesy Family Features

### MORE WAYS TO MASTER YOUR 'GRILLIANCE'

• Temperature is critical when grilling. Don't grill over high heat. This may cause charring on the outside before the inside has reached desired doneness, which is why it's best to grill over medium heat. If using a charcoal grill, make sure the coals are white, ash-covered.

• Trim visible fat before grilling to prevent flare-ups.

• Less tender cuts, like flank steak, benefit from a tenderizing marinade. Think acidic ingredients like lime juice or vinaigrette.

• Keep raw meat separate from other foods. Use clean plates and utensils for cooked food.

For more delicious recipes, grilling tips and simple rub or marinade ideas, visit [www.BeeftsWhatsForDinner.com](http://www.BeeftsWhatsForDinner.com).



## Rally planned to urge Congress to support homeownership

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, Michigan Association of Home Builders and the National Association of Homebuilders are joining forces to host a major mid-summer Rally for Homeownership where federal, state and local officials will join with Michigan citizens to highlight the need for pro-housing policies at the local, state and federal levels. This non-partisan event is one of seven major homeownership rallies currently planned by NAHB throughout the country in 2012.

"It is important that we revive the housing market, create jobs and spur growth for the entire U.S. economy," said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of BIA. "The home is central to American life, and homeownership is a cherished ideal for most families."

Legislative and regulatory proposals now under consideration by government policy makers would greatly harm homeowners, home buyers, the housing market and the nation's economy. "It is important that Michigan families know homeownership is under attack and have an opportunity to have their voices heard by our legislators," said Robert Filka, CEO of MAHB.

The event, which is open to everyone who is interested in protecting and enhancing the American dream of homeownership will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 20, at Gardenview Estates Development, located at Joy Road and the Southfield Freeway in Detroit. As many as 700 concerned citizens, legislators and policy makers are expected to attend.

NAHB has established a website at which people can register to attend the rally and sign a petition of support. The site can be found at [www.ProtectHomeownership.com](http://www.ProtectHomeownership.com). The site describes how tax, legislative and regulatory policies currently under consideration would scale back or eliminate the mortgage interest deduction and make mortgages and small business loans unaffordable and difficult to obtain. It also features expert analysis and reports, data from homeownership surveys and polls, and the answers to many frequently asked questions about housing and homeownership.

"A strong housing market is not only important to help more Michigan citizens realize the dream of homeownership, but it is essential to revitalizing Michigan's economy," Fil-

ka said. "When builders are constructing homes that means jobs and investment, which provide a better quality of life and support for Michigan schools and municipalities."


"Housing means jobs," Stoskopf said. "NAHB estimates that for each new home that is built, three new jobs are created, not only for builders but in the industries where lumber, concrete, lighting fixtures, heating and cooling equipment and other products that go into a home are produced. More jobs are created when real estate agents, lawyers and brokers provide services to home builders and home buyers. Beyond that, every house that is built generates about \$90,000 in government revenue — \$67,000 in federal taxes and \$23,000 in state and local taxes."

## Approach short sale with care

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Our condominium lawyer has contacted us about a short sale of a unit owner where there are substantial assessments due and owing and wants us to make a substantial compromise of the back assessments. What has been your experience?

**A:** Obviously, each case depends upon its own facts and circumstances, but generally, I advise my community association clients to stand firm with respect to short sales



since it is the mortgage company that should bear the brunt of any loss given the fact

that they permitted the loan to be made in the first instance, perhaps, based upon unjustifiable reasons or basis as has been shown throughout the country. Perhaps you should get a second opinion from another attorney who is experienced in community association law and who may be best able to negotiate with the mortgagee and/or the seller of the unit on behalf of the association.

**Q:** We are talking about converting our voluntary association into a mandatory one. Is that difficult?

**A:** Generally, it is difficult to get all of the members of the subdivision involved in the mandatory association unless you are providing substantial benefits to membership in that association. Another way in which a voluntary association can become a mandatory one, is through governmental action creating a water, tax, utility or similar district including, perhaps, a special assessment district; or as previously discussed, creating a new association where each member would have to choose to join. Also, if this is a homeowner's association, membership of individual owners would have to be evidenced by recording a declaration including covenants running with the land in order to bind present and future owners. You are best advised, however, depending upon your jurisdiction, to consult with a knowledgeable real estate and/or community association attorney.

**Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-law.com](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-law.com).

This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

## Realtor associations urge responsible appraisal process

Developing and reporting property values more accurately is critical to improving market performance, reducing risk and strengthening the housing finance system, according to the National Association of Realtors.

That message was delivered recently by Frank Gregoire, immediate past chair of NAR's Real Property Valuation Committee, in testimony before the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Involvement regarding appraisal oversight.

"As the leading advocate for housing issues, Realtors know that an accurate appraisal is an important part of the home buying process and that a strong and independent appraisal industry is critical to restoring faith in the mortgage origination process," said Gregoire, a state-certified residential appraiser and president of Gregoire & Gregoire Inc. in St. Petersburg, Fla. "There are many challenges currently facing the appraisal industry, and we see appraisals as one of the most crucial and overlooked aspects of the recovery of the real estate market."

Bob Taylor, a Realtor, heads up the appraisal management company for the Michigan Association of Realtors. He handles marketing and development, and was MAR president in 2010. He's with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel in Birmingham and has been a Realtor 38 years.

"I was very pleased with Frank's testimony," said Taylor, who knows Gregoire professionally. Taylor chairs the Research Committee for NAR this year, and is on the Real Property Valuation Committee with Gregoire for NAR.

"Let's say quality, I think that might be a better way to put it," Taylor said of appraisal issues. "There's a lot of misinformation, which has made it difficult."

### Fee erosion

"There has been some erosion of fees." Some more experienced appraisers have retired or don't do mortgage work. "There are also many that do an excellent job," Taylor emphasized.

The appraisal is done for the lender. "They need to make sure the collateral is sufficient," Taylor said. He had four transactions in 2010



where the house didn't appraise sufficiently for the mortgage, but the deals went through by other means.

"They found other ways to make it work. It's strictly designed to evaluate the collateral of the house," Taylor said.

Appraisers evaluate history, and look at a certain period of days. "It took a little bit of time for them to accumulate the empirical data" that the metro Detroit market is improving. Agents could assist with real-time information to demonstrate market improvement, he said.

"The appraiser can't just decide on a whim that this is what's going on," Taylor said. He sees the bigger problem is agents and purchasers need to understand lenders are less concerned about process than perhaps they should be. Agents need to identify those lenders that care. MAR has developed some questions for agents to ask their lenders, such as "How do they operate when there is a reconsideration of value?" Buyers should receive prior to closing a copy of the appraisal done on the house, Taylor said.

"We want real estate agents to be prepared for the questions" coming from that report. All appraisals must be ordered on a random basis, but there should be a panel of appraisers close to the market who can appraise it on a given day.

Those pros must understand the mean-

ing of being north or south of Five Mile in Livonia, Taylor said. If appraisers come from Troy or Saline, "you can end up with somebody who doesn't understand those nuances in the marketplace."

The buyer can meet the appraiser, but should understand it's not a client-type situation like a home inspection. "The appraiser's really working for the lender. It's really not something I would see the buyer attending," Taylor said.

Nothing prohibits the agent from talking to the appraiser, he stressed.

His observation is that MAR "is working very diligently to better inform its members about the appraisal process."

### House testimony

In his House testimony, Gregoire said that a number of issues are impacting the credible valuation of real property, including appraiser competency and local market knowledge, challenges in accurately estimating market value in stabilizing markets, and the lack of oversight and regulation of Appraisal Management Companies (AMCs).

While many AMCs provide legitimate services for legitimate fees, a large number of AMCs are contributing to problems in the appraisal business and the overall housing market, said Gregoire. There is evidence that AMCs are often compromising appraiser independence by insisting appraisers include

specific transactions as comparable sales, complete appraisals in unreasonably short turnaround times and comply with a broad scope of work not commensurate with the fee paid.

Many AMCs also require appraisers to accept any and all liability if a loan defaults if there is any claim related to the value of the property. All of this puts pressure on the appraiser, compromises their independence and negatively impacts the quality of the appraisal report, said Gregoire.

"Appraisers are facing undue pressure by AMCs to complete appraisals using distressed transactions as comparable sales, to deliver completed appraisal reports faster, and do a greater scope of work for a lower fee than a competing vendor," said Gregoire. "The end result is that lenders and consumers are being underserved, and all of this is contributing to the failure to recognize positive movement in prices and values in many markets, creating an additional obstacle to the housing market recovery."

NAR strongly supports the independence of appraisers and the appraisal process, and believes that all AMCs should be required to register with the state appraisal regulatory agencies where they are providing appraisal management services. Currently, AMCs that are subsidiaries of lenders are regulated at the federal level and not sub-

ject to state AMC registration requirements, which exacerbates problems because it leads to different standards and creates confusion. Lenders should also be prohibited from retaining an AMC's services if that lender maintains any level of ownership in the AMC.

Other appraisal challenges include limitations of the current reporting format, lagging market information, discrepancies in market definitions, the funding structure of appraisal programs, and a declining number of appraisers. NAR represents about 30,000 state-licensed and certified appraisers throughout the country, who report that their colleagues are leaving the industry for many reasons, but among the most cited is that experienced appraisers refuse to work under the current AMC-imposed climate.

Gregoire said that while appraisals are the gold standard for mortgage origination, there is also an important role for broker price opinions, comparative market analyses and automated valuation models. While some organizations focus only on appraisals, NAR is the only real estate trade association that can speak with authority on appraisals and alternative valuation products.

NAR has long been seeking to ensure credible valuation of real property for the industry and since 1993 has encouraged appraiser members to demonstrate their professional competence by earning one or both of NAR's appraisal designations. The Residential Accredited Appraiser (RAA) and General Accredited Appraiser (GAA) are awarded to certified appraisers with education and experience in excess of the minimum state qualifications.

Earlier this year, NAR also adopted the Responsible Valuation Policy, which serves as a guide for members and staff in advocacy efforts for federal legislation and regulatory policy. Through its subsidiary, the Realtors Property Resource (RPR), and its Real Property Valuation Committee, NAR is able to provide one of the most comprehensive sets of data and tools for determining credible home values.

O&E staff writer Julie Brown and the National Association of Realtors website contributed to this report.



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## PUZZLE CORNER

### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

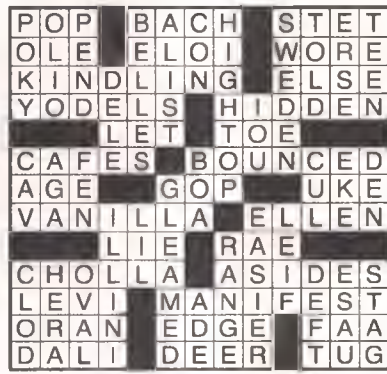
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- 9 Get personal
- 12 Behave fatuously
- 13 Pumice source
- 14 Affirmative
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- 17 Warning sign (2 wds.)
- 19 Salver
- 21 Ding-a- (airhead)
- 22 Skimpy top
- 25 Conservative prefix
- 28 Pottery fragments
- 30 Dines at home (2 wds.)
- 34 Okra morsel
- 35 Call — a day
- 36 Type of elec.
- 37 Lemon drink
- 38 Postpone
- 40 Confer
- 42 Bearlike animal
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- 45 Sobriquet for Elvis
- 48 Curved molding
- 50 In general
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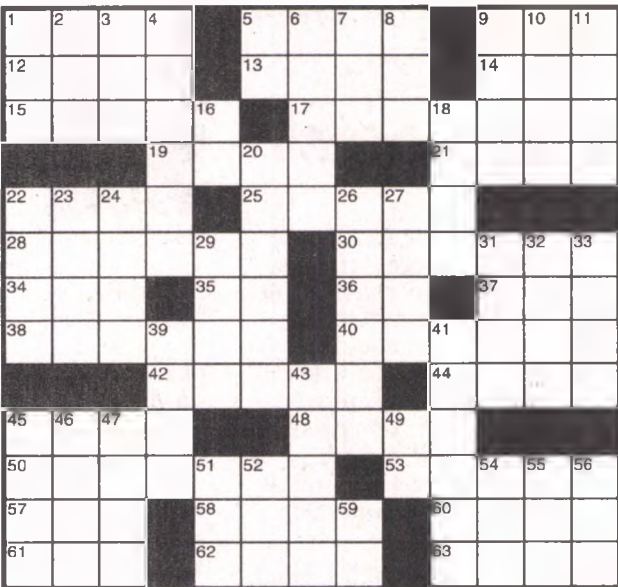
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- 10 Meg or Nolan

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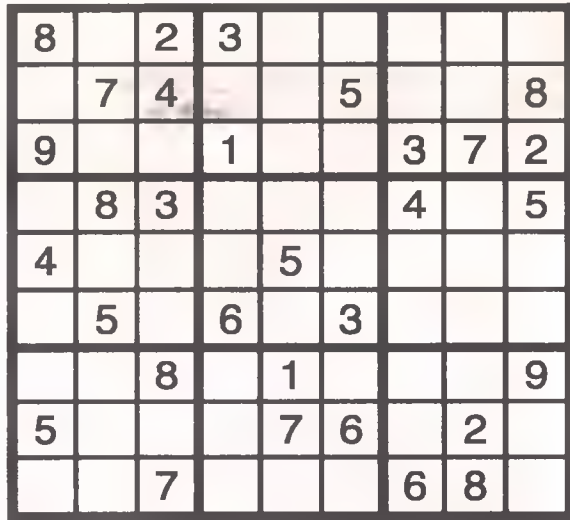
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- 11 Safecracker
- 16 MD station
- 18 Lady's shoe
- 20 "Northanger Abbey" novelist
- 22 Bakers' meas.
- 23 Oops! (hyph.)
- 24 Directed
- 26 Item to dunk (2 wds.)
- 27 Make a mad dash
- 29 Aria performer
- 31 Satisfy fully
- 32 Goddess' statue
- 33 Today's paper
- 39 Links org.
- 41 Vacillate
- 43 Arthur Conan
- 45 Striped antelope
- 46 Ms. Dinesen
- 47 In the buff
- 49 Shoe width
- 51 Wolf Man portrayer
- 52 Tell a whopper
- 54 Deuce
- 55 Cartoon mice — and Meek
- 56 Vane dir.
- 59 Tailor's meas.



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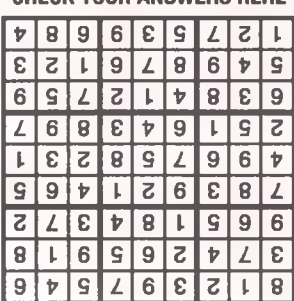
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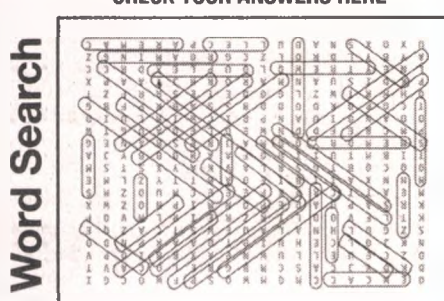
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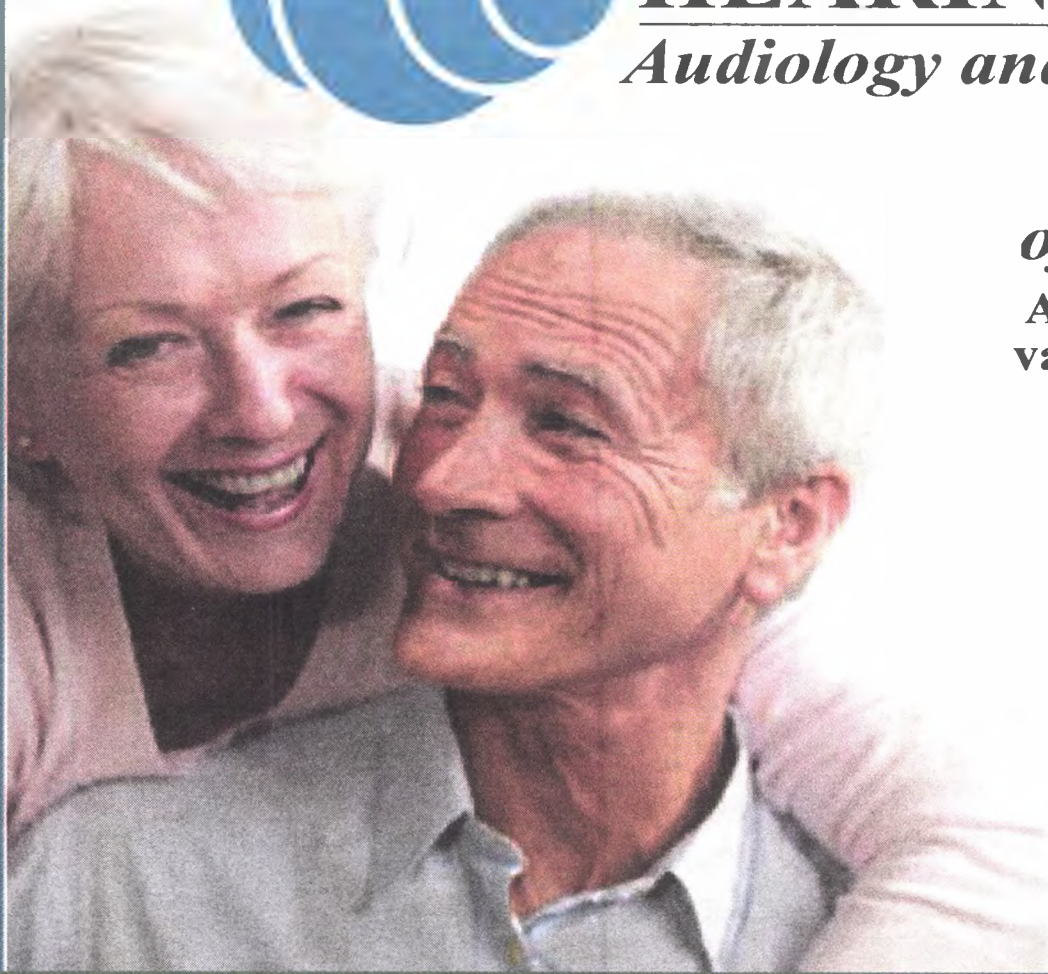
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# Celebrate Christmas in July and win a shopping spree

**W**elcome to our second annual Christmas in July edition of Hometown Life *INSPIRE*.

You could win a shopping spree — cash to spend anyway you wish. All you have to do is check out all of the stories inside today's *INSPIRE* and look for the holiday icon placed on pages throughout the section. Then, write the page numbers down and either enter to win with

the entry form on **page 4** (you'll need to mail it in) or go to hometownlife.com and enter online. Either way, it's easy. And if you find all the holiday icons, you will be entered for a chance to win one of three shopping sprees for \$250, \$175 or \$75. A pretty cool reward for a little bit of your time.

All entries — mail and online — must be postmarked or submitted online by midnight July 31.

Happy Christmas in July and good luck

finding the holiday icons.

And don't forget to enjoy the other features inside today's *INSPIRE* — a list of area farmers markets, food recipes, ideas for hosting the perfect summer party, kitchen upgrades and our popular "Ask the Vet" column.

Enjoy everything *INSPIRE* has to offer.

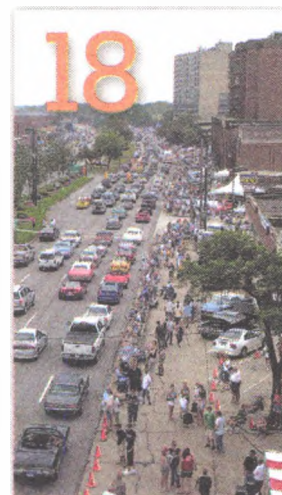
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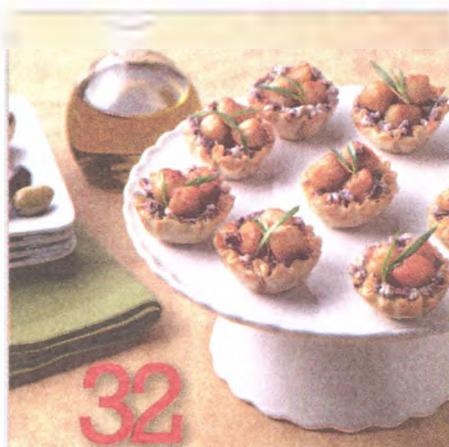
Michigan sweet corn is a popular seller at area farmers markets.



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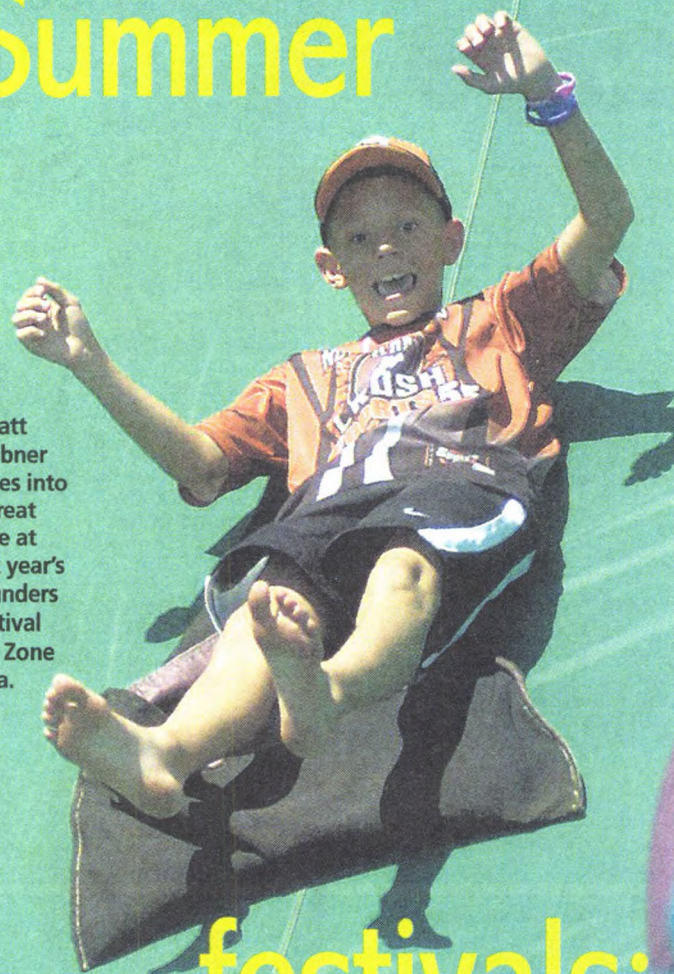
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# Summer

Wyatt Scribner slides into a great time at last year's Founders Festival Kid Zone area.



# festivals:

# Food, fun and entertainment for all

You don't have to go far this summer to have fun — lots of it. Festivals throughout Oakland County and western Wayne County offer up a variety of music, carnival rides, art, food and films. Here's a sampling of community, art and specialty festivals.

Enjoy!

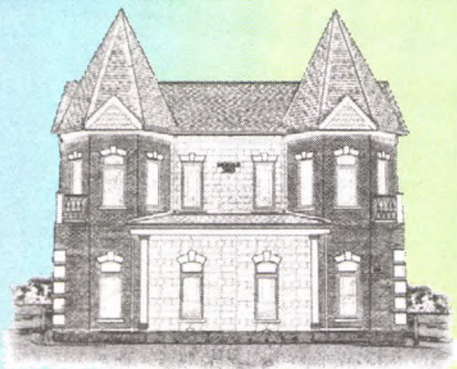
• **Farmington Founder's Festival**, Friday-Saturday, July 20-21, includes a parade at 10 a.m. Saturday, along Grand River Avenue, from Power Road to Liberty. The festival offers a craft-

er's marketplace and book sale, along Farmington Road in downtown Farmington; a tavern in Riley Park; a movie on Friday in Shiawassee Park and more; [www.foundersfestival.com](http://www.foundersfestival.com).

• **Fourth annual Redford Parks & Arts Conservancy IArt Festival**, runs noon to 9 p.m. July 21 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 22 at the Redford Township Marquee, located in the Town Hall complex at 15145 Beech Daly, one block south of

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Enjoy fresh fruits, vegetables and other local goods at these area farmers markets. And if you're traveling this summer, go to [www.michigan.org](http://www.michigan.org) for a statewide list of markets and farm stands.

Enjoy the bounty of Michigan close to home and when traveling.

## **Birmingham Farmers Market**

Open Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through October at Municipal Lot 6 on North Old Woodward, just north of Maple Road. Lots of fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers and handmade crafts at more than 70 booths. Food to eat sold on site. The Birmingham Farmers Market is dedicated to creating a weekly experience for area residents to shop for farm fresh agricultural products and gather with others in the community, while enjoying entertainment and family-friendly activities.

## **Canton Farmers Market**

Every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Oct. 14 in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road. The market offers seasonal produce, baked goods and a variety of handcrafted goods, all made in Michigan. For more information, visit [cantonfun.org](http://cantonfun.org) or call Tina Lloyd, market manager, at (734) 394-5375. Chef Paul also cooks up yummy recipes. Be sure to visit the Market Book Exchange on Aug. 19.

## **Detroit's Historic Eastern Market**

Up to 40,000 folks flock to this landmark, which offers 250 produce and plant vendors. The open-air booths also feature homemade jams, maple syrup and lots of other interesting items. The market is at 2934 Russell Street. It is open 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays year-round and on Tuesdays through Oct. 30, from 11



Michigan sweet corn is a popular seller at area farmers markets.

a.m. to 6 p.m., exclusively in Shed 2 (corner of Russell and Winder streets).

## **Farmington Farmers & Artisan Market**

Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 17, at the Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park, located at Grand River Avenue and Grove. The market features a wide selection of seasonal fruits and vegetables, specialty products and baked goods. See cooking demonstrations by local restaurants, children's activities, entertainment and more. Go to [www.downtownfarmington.org](http://www.downtownfarmington.org).

## **Garden City Farmers Market**

Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town Center Plaza. The market runs through Oct. 24. Seasonal products along with a variety of special events are offered.

## **Lathrup Village Farmers Market**

Lathrup Village Farmers Market at the Lathrup Municipal Complex, 27400 Southfield Road just north of I-696. The market is open Wednesdays, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., through Sept. 30.

## **Livonia Farmers Market**

Runs through Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Wilson Barn, 29350 W. Chicago Road, at Middlebelt. Buy crafts, fruits, vegetables and artisan foods from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local farmers, crafters and bakers offer a variety of fresh produce, plants and handmade goods. Proceeds from the Farmers Market benefit the barn, located at West Chicago and Middlebelt. The barn, birthplace of Michigan's milk-hauling business, is a state and national historic site.

For more information, call (734) 427-4311 or visit [www.wilsonbarn.us](http://www.wilsonbarn.us).

## **Lyon Township Farmers Market**

Market runs Fridays, 12:30-6:30 p.m. at Bon-A-Rose, 56808 Grand River Ave. The market features vegetarian, gluten-free and dairy-free products. In addition to these edible offerings, there is selection of handcrafted soaps, candles, organic skin care, jewelry and more by local artisans.

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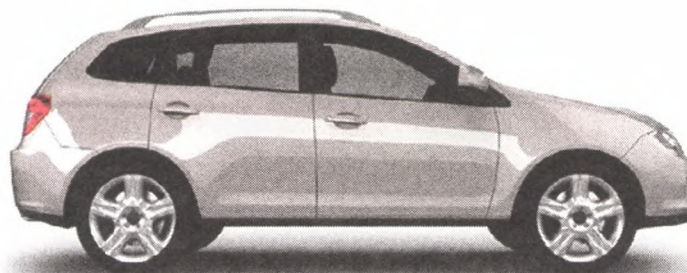




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### Milford Farmers Market

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### Northville Farmers Market

Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 25, in the Northville Downs parking lot, located at Seven Mile and Sheldon. The local market includes more than 125 Michigan-made and Michigan-grown products. Lunch food service, cold drinks and shaded picnic tables also are available. The Chefs at the Market series is 9-10 a.m. every third Thursday. Weekly events include Master Gardeners from 9 a.m. to noon. Visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org).

### Novi Farmers Market

The Novi Farmers Market 2012 is

located at Fuerst Park, 10 Mile and Taft roads, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The market offers fresh in-season produce from local Michigan farmers and specialty products like pastries, sauce, sausages, honey, jam and arts and crafts. Food is available for purchase on site by Ming Dynasty and Dago Joe's Italian Food Truck. Live music is also performed every week. The market is closed July 21 for a previously scheduled festival.

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### Plymouth Farmers Market

The market offers several new vendors this season in its location in The Gathering across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Donna and Les Abel of the Michigan Garlic Farm are among them. Other new vendors in Plymouth include Sir Williams Gardens, with garden plants; Ruehs Family

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# Lyme disease, ticks, your pet and you

By **Dr. Rajinder Singh Aujla**  
Guest Columnist

**G**ot ticked?  
"Yes, I'm really ticked because my dog has lots of ticks after our visit to the woodlands in upper Michigan."

This was a comment from one of my clients who brought their tick-infested dog to my clinic. A dog like this could have the potential threat of Lyme disease from tick bites. Now, let us talk about Lyme disease: its transmission, symptoms, prevention and treatment for your pet and you.



Dr. Rajinder  
Singh Aujla

Lyme disease is caused by spirochete (bacteria) called *Borrelia burgdorferi* which is carried by ticks of *Ixodes* genus. It is one of the most common tick transmitted zoonotic diseases. Lyme disease is geographically disturbed in the northern hemisphere of Europe, Asia and North America. In the U.S., the most common areas are northern California,

New England, Northern Midwest (Upper Michigan) and some Southern states. Lyme disease has been reported in dogs, cats, horses and cattle along with human beings.

When an infected tick bites, the tick's mouth parts cut through the host skin and Lyme bacteria enters the host through saliva of the tick. Infection happens only if the tick has been attached to the susceptible host for at least 18 hours. The incubation period of Lyme disease usually varies from seven weeks to eight months.

### Common signs

Common signs of Lyme disease in pets are acute lameness for three-four days in one or more joints. Joints may be swollen, warm and painful on palpation. Lameness reoccurs in one or more joints after a few days to weeks in the same or other legs (shifting lameness). Affected dogs walk stiffly with an arched back. They can have a fever, loss of appetite, depression along with arthritis. Some pets can have kidney failure while others have rare neurological or cardiac

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• **South Lyon's inaugural Blues Brews and Brats** festival runs 4-11 p.m. Saturday, July 28, in downtown South Lyon.

Barbara Payton and the Instigators, Those Delta Rhythm Kings and Billy Davis will perform. Admission to the beverage tent, which will feature suds from the local Witch's Hat Brewing Company, is \$3. For more information, visit [http://www.southlyonchamber.com/1/123/blues\\_brews\\_and\\_brats.asp](http://www.southlyonchamber.com/1/123/blues_brews_and_brats.asp).

• **Concours D'Elegance**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth Township, features classic cars from 1900-1970; [www.concoursusa.org](http://www.concoursusa.org).

• **Fourth annual Buy Michigan Now Festival**, Aug. 3-5, celebrates the state's annual Buy Michigan Week with sidewalk sales, street vendors, live music, and children's activities, in downtown Northville; (248) 349-0345; <http://www.buymichigannow.com/>

• **Milford Memories Summer Festival**, Aug. 10-12, downtown Milford organized and run by The Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce and its volunteer committee. Events include Art in the Village, Blind Canoe Race, entertainment and a Civil War Encampment. See [www.milfordmemories.com](http://www.milfordmemories.com) for complete schedule.

• **Berkley CruiseFest**, kicks off the Woodward Dream Cruise with a Classic Car Parade, music and a street dance, Friday, Aug. 17, in downtown Berkley; [www.berkleymich.org](http://www.berkleymich.org).



The streets were packed all weekend for Milford Memories last year.

• **15th annual Ford Arts, Beats & Eats**, Aug. 31 to Sept. 3, in downtown Royal Oak, includes 200 performances on 10 stages, 135 artists, 65 food booths. [www.artsbeatsandeats.com](http://www.artsbeatsandeats.com). Call (248) 334-4600.

• **Westland Blues, Brews and Barbecues** Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15-16, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on City Hall Grounds, located at 36601 Ford Road. This event is presented by the Downtown

Development Authority and will showcase some of the area's best known blues bands performing live on stage all afternoon. Event goers will also be able to taste some of Westland's best BBQ and sample some of Michigan's best micro-brewed beers. There will also be a classic car show and an incredible kids' zone to make it an event for the entire family. See <http://www.cityofwestland.com/bluesbrewsbbq>.

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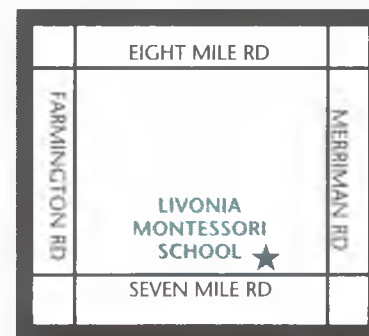


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## TICKS

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complications.

Lyme disease can be diagnosed through signs and symptoms, evidence of tick infestation and history of a trip to a Lyme endemic area (wooded and tall grasses). These days, in clinic ELISA based tests are available for quick diagnosis of the disease, or blood samples can be sent to outside labs for a western blot test for more specific diagnostic details.

Lyme disease can be treated with doxycycline antibiotic for four weeks. Antibiotic therapy improves clinical symptoms markedly but does not eliminate infection. So, prevention of Lyme disease is key.

If you see ticks on your pet, get them removed professionally by your veterinarian. Veterinary staff is trained to remove ticks by grasping the ticks close to the skin with fine tweezers so all mouth parts can be removed completely and affected areas can be disinfected after tick removal.

Always apply flea and tick repellent (Vectra 3D or Certifect) on your pets every year from April to December on a routine basis. If you don't use these products regularly at least apply before you take your pet to a tick-infested area. Acaricide application is your first line of defense against tick infestation and Lyme disease.

Outdoor dogs who go to Lyme endemic areas should receive two doses of Lyme vaccine three weeks apart and then annually. Lyme vaccine produces antibodies against Lyme bacteria. These antibodies, when ingested by ticks, bind with Lyme bacteria in the gut of the ticks. This prevents Lyme bacteria's transfer from gut to salivary glands of ticks and then to the host.

### Inspect your pet

Even with all these precautions, inspect your pet very closely for tick infestation after your visit to a tick-infested/ Lyme endemic area.

Lyme disease has zoonotic potential. Dogs can transport unattached ticks which can later infect people. Ticks can also get attached directly to humans from wooded/tall grass/camp ground areas. Some authors suggest saliva or urine of an infected dog might transfer the disease to humans.

If you are going outdoors: Get tick smart. Some of the ways that you can do this are by avoiding tall grassy areas and shrubs, applying bug repellent containing DEET, wearing long sleeve shirts, tops and pants and tucking your pants



into your socks for extra protection. Check your children and yourself for ticks after returning from such areas. If you do get a tick on yourself remove it carefully with tweezers so all mouth parts of the tick can be removed completely. Tick bites are not itchy and are usually painless. Sometimes a bull's eye like rash appears on the tick bite site. If you witness tick bites, talk to your family physician as soon as possible for further directions, treatment etc. If you develop a fever, chills, flu-like symptoms or a bull's eye rash after activities like camping, fishing or other outdoor activities, talk to your physician promptly.

Diagnosis of Lyme disease can be difficult or challenging because its symptoms resemble other common diseases. If left untreated, Lyme disease can cause serious health complications, but if caught early Lyme disease can be treated.

**Dr. Rajinder Singh Aujla** co-owns A Quality Care Veterinary Hospital in Livonia and A&C Pet Hospital in Commerce Township. with Dr. Amrit Chahal. Aujla holds bachelor's and master's (veterinary pathology) degrees in veterinary science from Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, India. He has been practicing small animal medicine and surgery for the last 15 years in Illinois and Michigan. Aujla is married, has two teenage children and a pet dog — Tommy the Chihuahua. Aujla can be reached at (734) 421-7387 (Livonia) or at





From unique flavor combinations, to gluten-free food and beverages, to food trucks, this year's NRA Show showcased the hottest restaurant trends and offered a sneak peek into the industry's future.

# Hottest restaurant trends and how they get their sizzle

(ARA)—You don't have to be a "foodie" to be aware of restaurant trends. When a particular ingredient or style of preparation is "hot," it will show up on the menus of everything from chain restaurants to fine-dining establishments. So what's hot right now in restaurant trends? And how do those trends evolve?

Pop culture, demographic shifts, and growing "foodie" awareness drive

growth and new developments for restaurants. Dining out is one of America's favorite pastimes, and the restaurant industry knows this. Catering to consumer demand was the motivation for the 61,000 industry professionals — from chefs, to restaurant owners, to chain executives — who attended the recent

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The Woodward Dream Cruise, celebrating 18 years Saturday, Aug. 18, draws car enthusiasts from all over the globe to metro Detroit for a day of cruising, reminiscing and ogling of old classics and new hot rods.

# Cars, cars and more classic cars ... Dream cruise revs up for 18th year

**By Nathan Mueller**  
Staff Writer

The loud rumble of engines can already be heard on Woodward Avenue as cruisers have taken to the streets in anticipation of the world's largest one-day automotive event.

The Woodward Dream Cruise, celebrating 18 years Saturday, Aug. 18, draws car enthusiasts from all over the globe to metro Detroit for a day of cruising, reminiscing and ogling of old classics and new hot rods.

Michael Lary, vice president of the

Woodward Dream Cruise and event director for the city of Ferndale, said the challenge every year is finding different ways to entertain the crowds.

Ferndale's three-day event, starting Aug. 16, features a Cars and Art demonstration, an activity called Restoration Alley and a festival on Nine Mile Road.

Cars and Art highlights an artist using two cargo vans as his backdrop for a live painting of a mural, while Restoration Alley showcases the skills of a group of college students and retired Ford engineers as they build a car on-site.

"When you are where the dream began you have to do things that make you stand out," Lary said of the cruise's origination in Ferndale. "It's all part of the experience, not just going and seeing cars, but you have other things to do that are automotive related. We realize people are from out of town and want to give them things to do."

There will be plenty of things for people to do on Saturday at Memorial Park in Royal Oak, or what Woodward Dream Cruise President Greg Rassel calls "ground zero" for the event.

The park will be hosting a classic car

show as well as featuring several vendor and automotive displays.

On Dream Cruise morning, Shrine Catholic High School will host the inaugural Cruise in Shoes 5K run/walk on Woodward Avenue.

In Berkley, cruise celebrations begin on Aug. 17 with the official Classic Car Parade of the Woodward Dream Cruise on 12 Mile Road, a Young Adult Street Dance, live entertainment and children's activities.

"We enjoy the pageantry and com-

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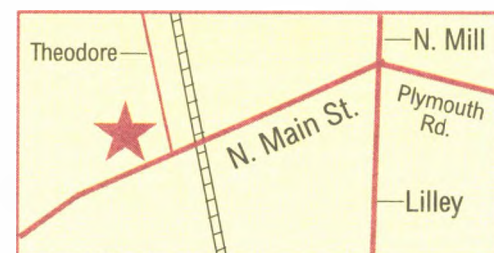


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### Redford Farmers Market

At the Marquee, located at the Town Hall complex on Beech Daly, one block south of Five Mile. The market runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 30 in the heart of downtown Redford. Plants, produce and special events are part of the market.

### Royal Oak Farmers Market

One of southeast Michigan's premium market venues where farmers are only allowed to sell what they grow. Fruits, vegetables, baked goods, eggs, dairy products, meats, herbs and other goods are available 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays (through December) and Saturdays (year round). Also from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays (for antiques and collectibles). The market is at 316 E. 11 Mile Road,

two blocks east of Main Street. Ample parking is available.

### South Lyon Farmers Market

South Lyon Farmers Market runs Wednesdays 2-7 p.m. at the corner of Pontiac Trail and Liberty Street in downtown South Lyon. Produce, plants, baked goods and crafts are available.

### Wayne Farmers Market

Wayne Farmers Market, run by the Wayne Chamber of Commerce for the 2012 season, is open 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays through September and then 3-6 p.m. through Oct. 24. Fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers and baked goods along with one-of-a-kind artisan works and great music. For more information, call the Wayne Chamber of Commerce at (734) 721-0100.

### Westland Farmers Market

The market is open at Westland City Hall parking lot, 36601 Ford Road from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Oct. 23.

### White Lake Farmers Market

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## FOOD TRENDS

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National Restaurant Association (NRA) Restaurant, Hotel-Motel Show in Chicago.

From unique flavor combinations, to gluten-free food and beverages, to food trucks, this year's NRA Show showcased the hottest restaurant trends and offered a sneak peek into the industry's future. National Restaurant Association research shows that nine out of 10 restaurant operators say their customers are more knowledgeable about food and beverages than ever before, spurring restaurants to up their game when it comes to menus and customer service.

### Top trends that emerged at the show included:

- **Healthful alternatives:** In response to Americans' growing interest in health and nutrition, nutritious food products are everywhere this year. From all natural yogurt drinks to calorie-free "miracle" noodles, this is a trend that shows no signs of slowing down.

- **Premium and artisan products:** Targeting the evolving tastes of savvy restaurant customers looking for a unique dining experience, premium products are a clear trend this year. Exhibitors showcased non-traditional flavor combinations — pink guava and salted peanut caramel were attendee favorites, along with customizable offerings and even premium ingredients like high-quality cured Iberico and Serrano pork.

- **Gluten-free products:** Gluten-free products are making their way into the mainstream market, and the exhibit floor featured a range of such products, from gluten-free pizza dough and gluten-free focaccia to gluten-free ciders.

- **Food trucks:** Food trucks continue to drive interest, as six in 10 consumers say they would visit a food truck offered by their favorite restaurant. One company that manufactures customized food trucks showcased its services to restaurateurs interested in taking advantage of the food truck trend. Several food trucks also exhibited, looking to expand their franchises.

- **Ethnic cuisines and flavors:** Responding to consumers' increasingly global palates, the NRA Show's International Cuisine Pavilion was a one-stop-shop for those looking to satisfy international curiosities and cravings. Ethnic offerings ranged from traditional grilled pepper salad from Tunisia to roasted seaweed snacks, a staple of Korean diets for thousands of years.

Dining trends evolve through a vibrant interaction of consumer demand, industry response and the creativity of chefs. As the dining public continues to focus on great food and a quality experience, the industry will react to ensure restaurant offerings please the discerning palates of their guests.



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# CRUISE

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munity involvement we get with our annual Cruise Fest events, a great opportunity for neighbors to get together and for Berkley to show off all it has to offer," said Tom Colwell, the city's representative on the Woodward Dream Cruise board.

Westborn Market on Woodward Avenue also gets into the act Friday night with its annual Champagne Cruise to benefit Forgotten Harvest. The event typically has more than 500 attendees and has raised more than \$1 million for the nonprofit since it began in 2003.

"It's a perfect event and a great venue to view all the classic cars going up and down Woodward," said Bryan Bandyk, marketing director for Westborn Market.

The city of Birmingham is back as an official member of Woodward Dream Cruise Inc. after a three-year hiatus that was due to construction projects in the city and a lack of money coming back to the members from sponsorships.

"We are looking forward to getting back on board and moving forward," said Birmingham City Manager Bob Bruner.

The city's cruise day events include a classic car show for vehicles 1970s and older on South Old Woodward, a Chevrolet display with an employee car show, live entertainment and interactive displays, and WCSX-FM (94.7) will be broadcasting live on Bowers Street.

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# Don't fret about table spot, here's how to repair it

By **Lon Grossman**  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** I had my nephew over and he set a glass on my wood table (without using a coaster) and it left a large white spot or ring. Do we need to refinish the whole table?

**A:** You've now experienced the age-old problem that people with wood furniture have all experienced. I just didn't think furniture was made from wood anymore. I was beginning to think everything was plastic, acrylic or laminate. Nice to know wood is still around, and your nephew is gone.

To remove the stain, mix a small amount of toothpaste with some baking soda and lightly rub it onto the white stain. Rub with the grain using a damp, soft cotton rag. When it dries take a dry rag and wipe everything clean.

If the area you cleaned is now a different shade than the rest of the tabletop, don't fret, gently do the rest of the table and when done, wipe with lemon oil instead of furniture wax.

**Q:** The house I am trying to sell has some holes where I hung pictures. I want to repair them but don't know where to start, can you help?

**A:** You know I think most of us have some minor nail pops, cracks or holes in at least one wall or ceiling, especially when you remove a shelf, picture, or even from small settling cracks.

I remember my first apartment. I filled the nail holes where I hung pictures with toothpaste to get my security deposit back.

Well, you don't have to resort to such devious measures as long as there is easy-to-use, "ready-mixed" spackle or patching plaster available for under \$3 a quart. If you're really trying to save money buy the very inexpensive, five-pound box, you just mix it with water for about \$2.

The only tools you'll need will be a hammer, possibly a putty knife, a four-inch flat blade trowel and some sand paper. Tap in any protruding nails or remove them and replace them with drywall screws. Clean out and remove any loose pieces and fill the holes and cracks using the putty knife and the

flat blade. Push the spackle as far into the crack as you can and then release pressure on the blade and as you get farther away from the crack or hole slowly apply more pressure to the blade. What that does is feather the new spackle down the existing wall. The smoother the finish the less sanding you'll need to do.

So you see, spackling is also like getting plastered, but on a smaller scale and it's even OK to drive the car afterward!

**Q:** What kind of maintenance do I need to do to keep my ceramic floors looking great?

**A:** You should know that ceramic tiles are like men. If you take care of them in the short run, you can walk all over them for years and talking care of them means just mopping with a cleaner like Spic & Span, rinsing with water and letting it dry. Better yet, you can purchase the Bissell® Steam and Sweep™ at local home centers such as Target, Sears, Lowes and Meijer. It is chemical free and does a great job sweeping and cleaning.

Unglazed tiles should be sealed with a tile sealer (sold at tile stores) and sealed just about every other year. You don't have to seal unglazed tile, but you should still clean and seal the grout periodically. Products like "Grout Revive" or "Tile Guard" are available at hardware and tile stores, which do the job nicely.

But if you have stains in the grout or in unglazed tiles that just won't come out, and you've tried all the grout cleaners on the market, wearing rubber gloves, goggles, protective clothing and working in a well-ventilated area, you should be able to get the stains out using a diluted solution of Muriatic Acid mopped on and rinsed with water. If that doesn't work, Phosphoric Acid will. You'll also find them at hardware and tile stores. Finally, if you can't get the grout clean, it can be cut out and replaced or even colored using a grout stain or colorant. Similar to what you use to cover your grey hair.

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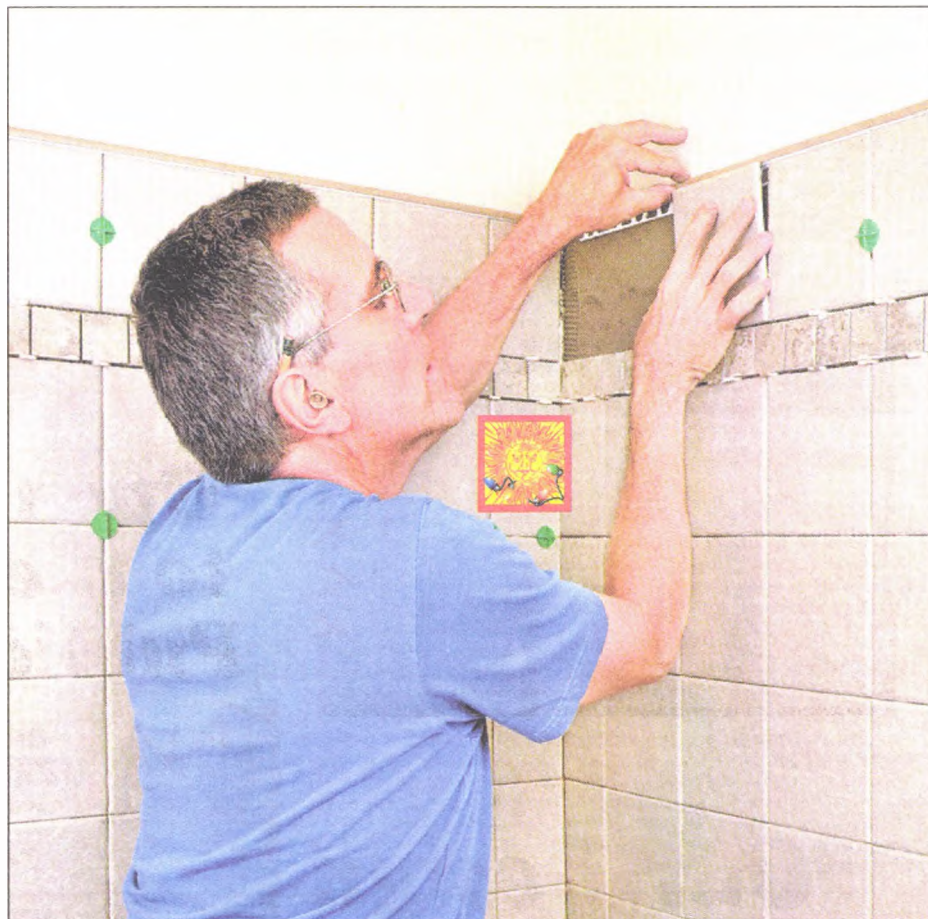
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(ARA) - Remodeling projects have increased in popularity over the past few years as homeowners have decided to improve on what they have, rather than take a risk in the real estate market. Whether you're hoping to sell your home or create a more enjoyable living space, tackle home improvement projects that make a big impact and add value.

One of the top return-on-investment remodeling projects is updating a bathroom. Bathroom updates even outweigh kitchen projects in terms of getting back what you spend, according to CNN Money. And, if you take a cost-conscious approach and do the project yourself, your investment return will be even better. Renting tools is a key way you can cut costs and bring new life into your bathroom.

There are plenty of remodeling tasks that are easily accomplished by renting

tools, versus the cost of buying expensive tools or hiring someone else to do the work. Visit [www.rentalhq.com](http://www.rentalhq.com) to find an American Rental Association member rental store in your area.

Bring new life to your bath with these tips:

- Replace old tile. Outdated tile is a common problem that makes bathrooms look old. Replacing it with fresh new tile that is in style will instantly give the room a modern look. Tiling is a DIY project that anyone can tackle, with the right tools. Rent the necessary items like a tile stripper, a tile saw and a mortar mixer to keep your project costs down.

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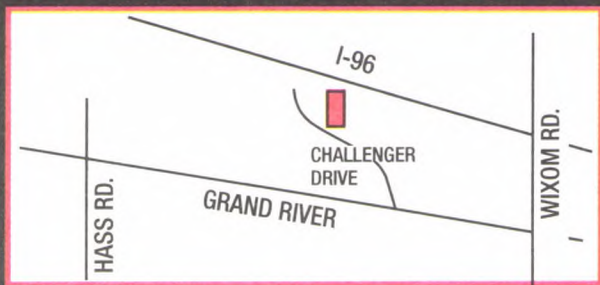
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Play the protective pet parent

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- Buy a comfortable collar – Many cats don't like wearing a collar, but if you purchase a comfortable, flexible collar made specifically for cats, they'll feel less restricted and will be more likely to acclimate. Collars for cats are also safe because if it gets caught on an object, it will stretch without causing any harm to the cat. Find cat-specific collars at [www.PetStore.com](http://www.PetStore.com).

- Take photos – Keep on file photos of your cat from several angles, including close-ups of their faces or any markings, such as spots or stripes.

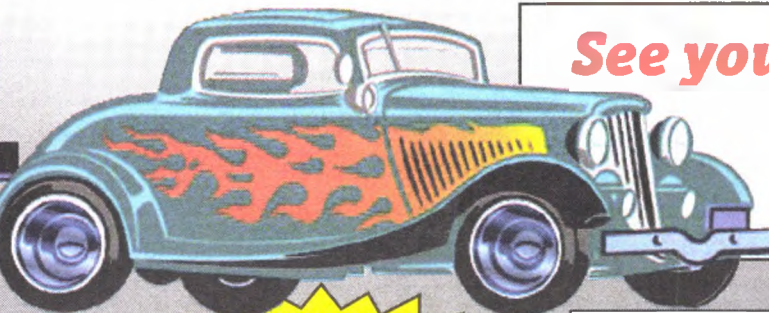
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# How to make your salad the life of the summer party

(ARA) - As summer approaches, you're more inclined to opt for fresher foods and simpler meals. But lighter fare doesn't mean a boring bed of lettuce. There are plenty of delicious ways to get creative with your leafy greens, making your salad the star of the cookout.

Here are a few tips to make your salad worthy of top billing:

- **Go nuts:** Almonds, pecans and walnuts provide flavor, body and crunch, giving your salad the perfect boost. Nuts are some of the most versatile salad add-ins, as they go well with both sweet and savory flavors. Keep re-sealable packs of Fisher® Pecan Halves, Walnuts and Slivered Almonds on hand for a fresh and easy addition to any salad.

- **Sass up your salads:** Leafy greens are often the foundation of any salad, but don't forget to add other veggies. Snap peas provide a fresh and delicious crunch, and cucumbers are a cool and refreshing addition during the hottest summer months.

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# Recipes to spice up your summer entertaining

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Olives and olive oil are incredibly versatile. They're bursting with flavor and health benefits, making them essential ingredients in every cook's kitchen. And with a few flavorful recipes in your back pocket, you'll always be ready to impress. Try one of these delicious, easy-to-prepare recipes created by the International Olive Council to make your casual evening one to remember. Visit [www.addsomelife.org](http://www.addsomelife.org) for more inspiration, and stay up to date on all things olive by following Add Some Life on Facebook and Twitter.

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Pork and  
Mushroom  
Sliders



### Crispy Garlic Shrimp Skewers

Total Time: 30 minutes  
Makes: 32 appetizers

- 6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, divided
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, divided
- 1 egg white
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 32 raw medium shrimp, shelled and deveined (about 1 ¼ pounds)
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh dill or parsley
- ½ teaspoon grated lemon peel
- Dash salt, optional
- ¾ cup panko bread crumbs
- ½ cup finely shredded pecorino or Parmesan cheese
- 16 pitted large green olives
- 16 pitted large ripe olives
- 32 grape tomatoes
- ½ medium cucumber, sliced lengthwise and cut into 32 pieces
- 32 (4 to 6-inch) appetizer skewers

Heat oven to 475°F.

Blend 3 tablespoons olive oil, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, egg white and garlic in small bowl. Add shrimp; toss to coat; set aside.

Blend remaining 3 tablespoons olive oil, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, dill, lemon peel and salt in small bowl. Set aside.

Mix bread crumbs and cheese on waxed paper; dredge shrimp to coat evenly. Place in single layer on baking sheet. Bake 8 to 12 minutes or until light golden and thoroughly cooked. Gently loosen shrimp from baking sheet; cool 1 to 2 minutes.

Thread a single shrimp, olive, tomato and cucumber piece on each skewer. Serve immediately drizzled with olive oil mixture.

TIP: Rub bread crumbs and cheese between your palms to create a uniform, consistent mixture. The mixture will adhere more evenly to the shrimp.



Crispy Garlic Shrimp Skewers

### Pork and Mushroom Sliders

Total Time: 45 minutes  
Makes: 12 sandwiches

- ¼ cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons coarse ground mustard
- 5 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, divided
- 2 large cloves garlic, divided and minced
- 1 ½ teaspoons dried thyme leaves, divided
- 1 pound pork tenderloin, trimmed
- 4 cups finely chopped shiitake mushrooms
- ½ cup chopped ripe olives
- ¼ cup finely chopped shallots
- 12 small rolls, split (warmed, if desired)

Heat oven to 400°F. Blend sour cream and mustard in small bowl; cover and refrigerate.

Combine 2 tablespoons olive oil, 1 clove garlic and 1 teaspoon thyme leaves in mini chopper or finely chop garlic and blend mixture in bowl with fork, mashing garlic.

Rub pork with garlic mixture; place in shallow baking pan and roast 25 minutes or until internal temperature is 160°F. Remove

from oven; let stand at least 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat remaining 3 tablespoons olive oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add 1 clove garlic; cook and stir 30 seconds or until fragrant but not browned. Add mushrooms, olives, shallots and remaining ½ teaspoon thyme leaves. Cook and stir 5 minutes or until mushrooms are tender. Remove from heat; set aside.

Thinly slice tenderloin diagonally across grain. Spread each cut side of rolls with mustard mixture. Spoon half of mushroom mixture (about 2 tablespoons) on bottom of each roll. Top rolls evenly with sliced pork and remaining mushroom mixture. Cover with top halves of rolls. Serve on coated sandwich wraps or bakery sheets if desired.

TIP: Meat can be roasted several hours in advance, then refrigerated and sliced before assembling sandwiches.

## Small bites and crisp whites

Warm weather calls for lighter fare and the simplicity of outdoor entertaining. So, take your entertaining outdoors and chill out by serving up delicious small bites paired with crisp, refreshing white wines.

Pour a glass of Chardonnay and fire up the grill for savory mini pizzas topped with fresh asparagus and marinated artichoke hearts. Then, to really heat things up, serve a spicy side of marinated green beans with a Sauvignon Blanc. End on a sweet note with zesty mini lemon cheesecakes paired with Mirassou California Moscato — as close as one can get to capturing summer in a bottle.

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### Spicy Marinated Green Beans

Pair with Mirassou California Sauvignon Blanc  
Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes  
Marinate time: several hours  
Makes 12 servings

- 1 ½ cups white wine vinegar
- 1 ½ cups water
- 1 tablespoon whole black peppercorns
- 2 to 3 teaspoons crushed red pepper
- 2 ½ teaspoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- ½ tablespoon whole mustard seed
- 4 cloves garlic, sliced
- 2 large stalks fresh dill
- ¾ pound fresh green beans, ends trimmed

Place all ingredients except green beans in a medium saucepan and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes.

Place green beans in shallow dish and pour boiling marinade over top. Let cool, then place in plastic bag and refrigerate several hours or until ready to serve, turning bag occasionally.



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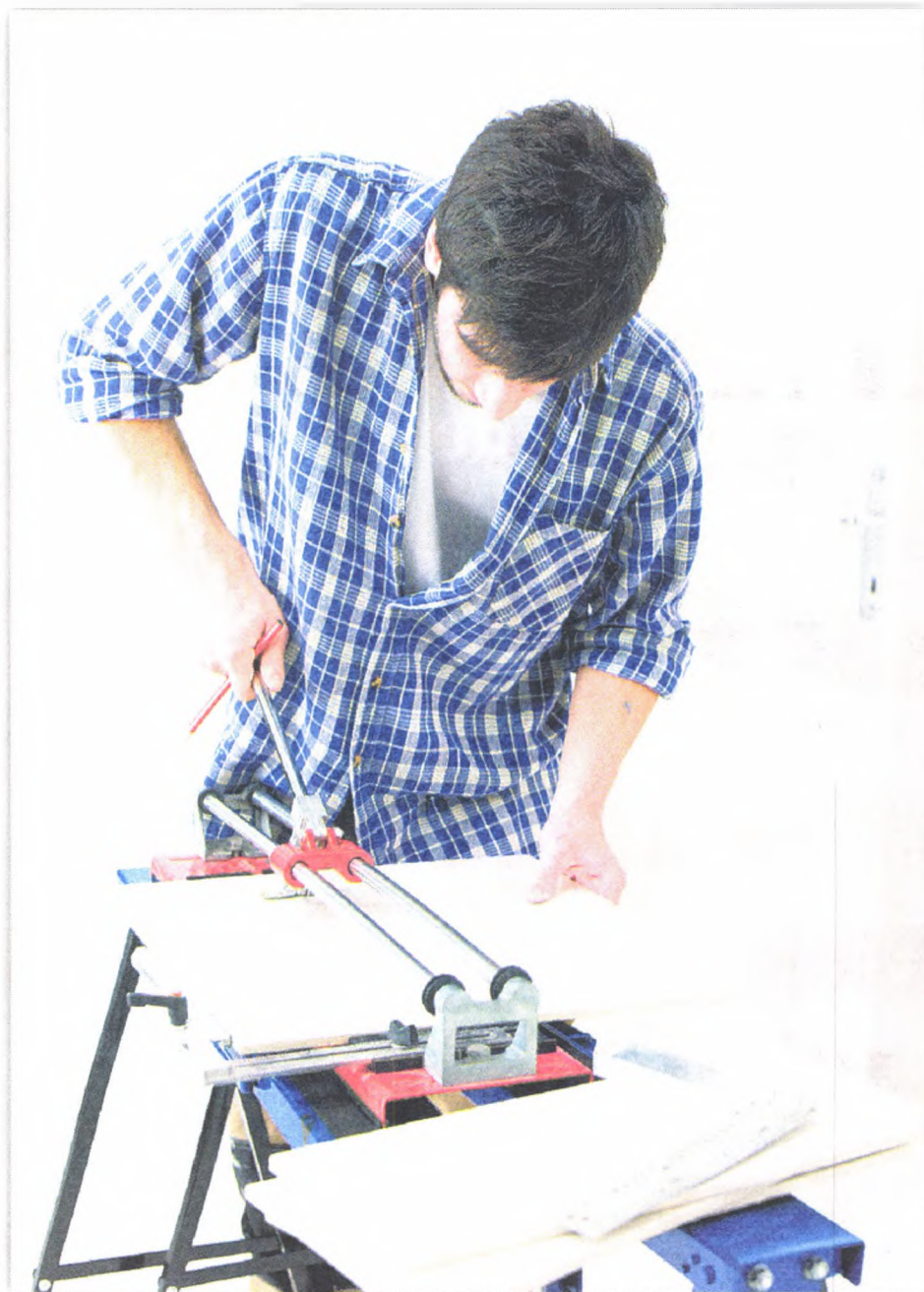
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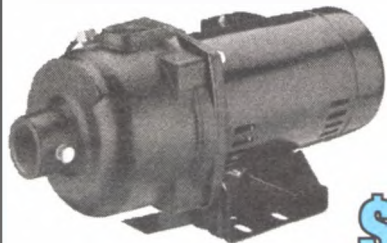


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- **Say cheese:** The right cheeses provide a rich and savory boost to your salad. Feta works well with a vinaigrette dressing, and freshly shredded Parmesan is a great way to top off almost any salad.

- **Fire up the grill:** Even if you're going lighter with your main course, you can still grill something tasty for your get-together. Beef up your salad with a cut of fine meat, marinated in your favorite dressing. Then, drizzle the dressing on your salad too. Try this Grilled Asian Salad from Fisher Nuts and let your salad dressing do double-duty.

### Fisher Grilled Asian Steak Salad Marinade and dressing:

- ½ cup rice vinegar
- 3 tablespoons less-sodium soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons granulated sugar
- 1 medium clove garlic, minced
- ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
- ¾ cup vegetable oil

### Salad:

- 8 ounces boneless beef top sirloin steak, about ¾-inch thick
- 1 package (10 ounces) hearts of romaine lettuce
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- ¼ cup chopped red or green bell pepper
- ¼ cup julienne sliced carrot
- ¼ cup chopped red onion
- ¼ cup Fisher Chef's Naturals Whole Almonds, toasted

#### Directions:

1. For marinade, combine all ingredients in small bowl; whisk until blended. Reserve 2/3 cup for salad dressing.

2. Place steak and remaining marinade in resealable plastic food storage bag; turn to coat. Marinate in refrigerator several hours or overnight; turning occasionally.

3. Prepare grill for direct cooking over medium coals. Remove steak from bag; discard marinade. Place steak on grid of grill. Grill, uncovered, 12 to 15 minutes turning occasionally or until preferred doneness.

4. Remove steak from grill to cutting board. Carve steak crosswise into thin slices.

5. Meanwhile, place lettuce, tomatoes, bell pepper, carrot, and onion in large bowl; toss. Arrange salad on large serving platter; top with steak slices. Sprinkle with almonds. Serve with reserved dressing.

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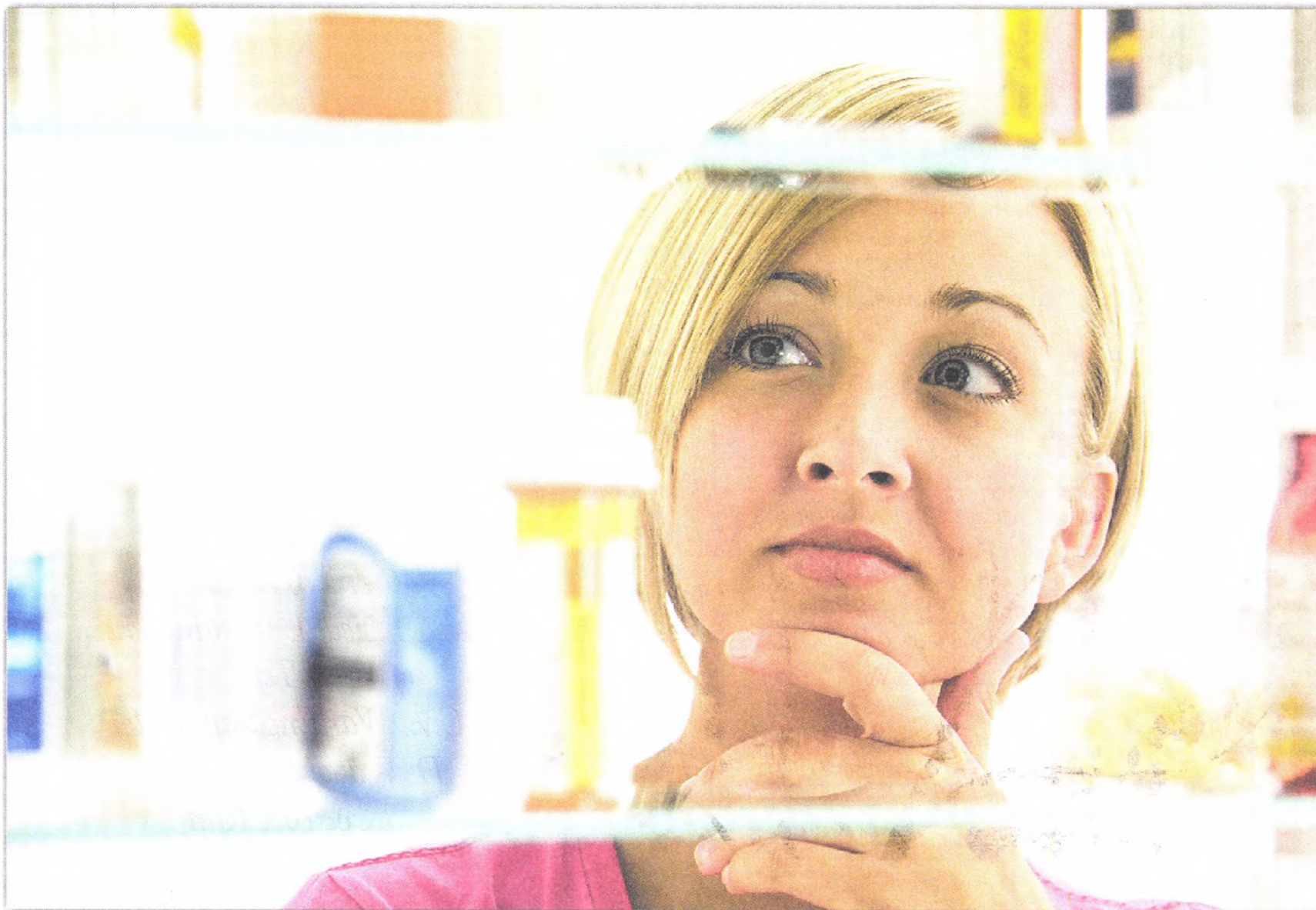


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# Summer survival tips: the medicine cabinet edition

(ARA) - You can't avoid it: Summer activities mean bites, bumps, burns and bruises. Make sure you're ready by stocking up on these medicine-cabinet basics:

## **Over-the-counter pain relievers**

Summer is the time when people are breaking out golf clubs, gardening tools and baseball gloves. All that activity increases the likelihood of muscle aches, strains and sprains. For basic relief, experts recommend over-the-counter (OTC) pain relievers such as naproxen sodium, ibuprofen or acetaminophen. Although most mild injuries can be treated successfully at home, you should see a doctor if you experience numbness or an inability to move without significant pain.

## **Sunscreen and lotions**

Sunburn can, of course, be prevented by protecting your skin with sunscreen or clothing whenever you're outdoors. But if you forget, treatments such as a lotion that contains aloe vera can provide symptom relief. OTC pain relievers don't heal or prevent damage to skin, but they can reduce the pain, swelling and discomfort associated with sunburn. These are especially beneficial when taken during the first 24 hours of sun exposure.

## **Hydrocortisone, topical creams and antihistamines**

Insect bites are as much a part of summer as sunshine. If you're stung by an insect and the stinger is

stuck in your skin, try to remove it carefully to prevent the release of more venom. For any bite or sting, wash the area with soap and water and apply a cold pack or cloth filled with ice to reduce pain and swelling. A pain reliever, such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen, may also help with any associated pain. A topical cream containing hydrocortisone can be used to provide itch relief. You can also take an OTC antihistamine containing diphenhydramine if you have a mild allergic reaction.

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# Outdoor living trends to update your patio or deck

(ARA) - More homeowners want their outdoor space to truly be an extension of their house and are taking steps to create an inviting area to relax, play and host guests. If you want to update your deck or patio for warm weather entertaining, you don't have to spend a lot of time or money. You can easily refresh the items you already have and add new stylish elements by keeping some top trends and design ideas in mind.

Consider these tips from the design experts at Lowe's to help transform your space into a welcoming outdoor oasis. With just a few easy outdoor home improvement changes, you'll have the best patio on the block.

#### Mix functional furniture

The line between indoor and outdoor design is blurring. You can coordinate the style of adjacent indoor and outdoor rooms, since you and your guests will

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#### Add colorful accessories

Incorporating rugs, outdoor pillows, candles and other accessories in vivid colors or fun patterns can really make your outdoor space come alive. Pick three to four colors for your scheme and stick with those colors throughout your design choices. Some of the season's top hues include rich reds, vivid blues, soothing neutrals and garden-inspired greens. Metal accents are popular as well, so look for decor with gold or silver

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## OUTDOOR

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detailing for a design that's modern with a tropical flare.

### Incorporate a fire pit

An outdoor bonfire likely evokes pleasant memories of the past, so incorporate a fire pit into your patio space so your whole family can enjoy time together roasting marshmallows, telling stories and gazing at the stars. Today's modern fire pits are both stylish and useful, adding a cozy ambiance while warding off the chill on cooler nights. Plus when the seasons do change and fall brings with it lower temperatures, you can still enjoy the beautiful outdoor space you've created because you'll be comfortably warm. Remember to look for options that have a removable screen, so you can open when needed for cooking and then close to keep the fire safely contained.

### Create privacy

Just because you're outdoors doesn't mean that you don't want a bit of privacy from neighbors or passersby. The good news is it's easy to create boundaries to your space by using a pergola or outdoor curtains. These options tie in nicely with

other outdoor design trends and can give just the right amount of privacy, creating your own outdoor "room" in which to enjoy the long, sunny days.

### Light the night

Lighting can really make your outdoor space come alive once the sun goes down. Add depth and intrigue by "light-scaping" from different sources. Consider putting up string lights that provide a magical setting that is sure to dazzle guests long after darkness falls. Add an intimate wall lantern next to the patio door or eco-friendly LED garden and path lights to add a soft illumination to outdoor space.

### Grow an herb garden

There's nothing that adds the flavors of summer to food like fresh herbs. One of today's top trends is to have a container garden so you always have your favorite herbs on hand to freshly pick. Popular herbs that are easy to grow include basil, chives, cilantro, dill, fennel and mint. When planting, use containers that complement your outdoor design. Vintage styles that feature aged patinas are very popular this year.

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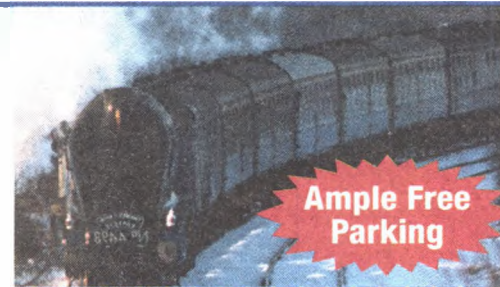
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Tubular Sun Tunnel skylights fitted with light kits can provide light day and night and are usually less expensive than traditional skylights. Also, improving cabinets can be a costly prospect, but one worth the investment.

# Top kitchen upgrades that blend beauty, value

(ARA) - Nowhere else in the home must design and function marry as harmoniously as in the kitchen. The most-used room in the house is also the one where we spend the most work and leisure time, the one that gets the most scrutiny from potential buyers and the spot where most renovation dollars get spent.

A minor kitchen remodel costs around \$21,000 and has the potential to recoup nearly 73 percent of that expense at the time of resale, according to Remodeling

Magazine's Cost vs. Value Report. A major job averages around \$58,000 and can recoup about 68 percent of the renovation costs.

"When you're spending that kind of money on a remodel, you want to choose upgrades that accomplish multiple objectives, including improving efficiency, functionality and beauty," says Ross Vandermar, national product manager with skylight manufacturer Velux. "Sometimes that type of upgrade will warrant a great-

er expenditure, but others are easy and relatively low-cost to make."

So what are some of the top kitchen upgrades that provide the most beauty and functionality for your investment? Here are five:

## 1. Countertops

In any kitchen, the countertops are both a signifi-

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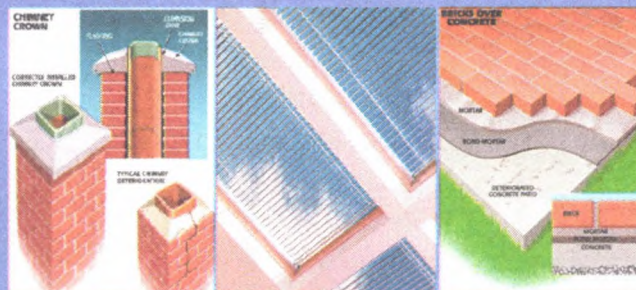


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# MEDICINE

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tion and mild swelling that will disappear within a day or so. Signs and symptoms of a severe reaction can include nausea, facial swelling, difficulty breathing, abdominal pain, and deterioration of blood pressure and circulation. If any of these occur, you should call 911 immediately.

## Heartburn medicines

Warm weather means baseball season and backyard barbecues - which can also mean repeated cases of heartburn after too many chili dogs and beverages.

Heartburn is most often described as a burning sensation behind the breast bone that moves up toward the neck or throat. This occurs when stomach acid irritates the normal lining of the esophagus. People may also experience acid regurgitation with heartburn, which is the sensation of stomach fluid coming up through the chest into the mouth. Less common symptoms that may also be associated with gastro esophageal reflux include unexplained chest pain, wheezing, sore throat and cough, among others.

Planning ahead and knowing which OTC treatments may help is essential to keeping your summer gatherings pleasant. Bring along a few over-the-counter treatments, like antac-

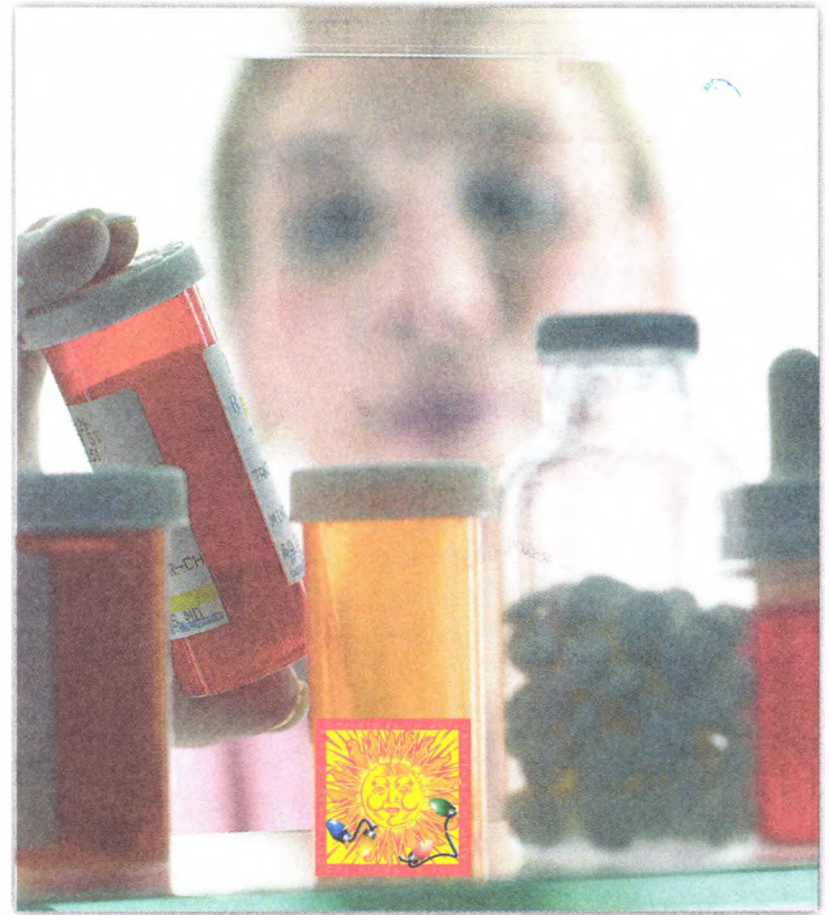
ids or H2 blockers, when you head out for summer festivities. People who have heartburn at least twice a week might want to talk to their doctor about taking a proton pump inhibitor such as omeprazole or lansoprazole.

## Diarrhea medications

If your summer vacation plans include traveling to new and far-flung places, it's a good idea to be prepared for certain stomach ailments. Travelers' diarrhea, a digestive tract disorder that causes loose stools and abdominal cramps, is caused by consuming contaminated food or water. Though this illness is irritating and may disrupt a day or two of vacation, it usually isn't serious and can be treated at home.

To reduce your risk, be careful about what you eat and drink while traveling. If you do develop diarrhea, it may go away without treatment. If not, bismuth subsalicylate can decrease the frequency of your bathroom trips and shorten the duration of your illness.

Tip: When buying OTC medications, you can often save money by purchasing store-brands. Store-brand OTCs have the same efficacy as national brands and meet or exceed Food and Drug Administration quality standards, but cost an average of 36 percent less, according to Perrigo, a Michigan-based pharmaceutical company that manufactures and distributes most of the over-the-counter medications found under store-brand labels at leading retailers, grocers, club stores and pharmacies.



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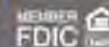
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## KITCHEN

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cant design element and a functional necessity. Countertops act as work and storage areas, provide staging and serving space, and have a major impact on the overall look of the room. Replacing lower-cost countertops such as laminate with higher-end materials like granite can enhance the usability and look of your work surface. Even if you opt to replace older laminate with the same material, your kitchen can benefit from a fresh face and improved material quality.

### 2. Lighting and ventilation

Illumination and fresh air in a kitchen not only allow you to appreciate the beauty of the room, they ensure a safer, more comfortable work environment. Under-cabinet task lighting, pendants over a breakfast bar and upgrading an old box-style fluorescent with a more attractive, energy-efficient style can enhance the usability and look of a kitchen. Adding Energy Star-qualified skylights can also boost the appearance, appeal and efficiency of a kitchen. If you opt for venting skylights, they can help release hot air, moisture and odors while admitting additional light.

Accessories like decorator blinds with remote control ensure you can adjust the amount of light that enters your kitchen from a skylight while dressing up your decor. If a traditional skylight isn't right for your needs, you can still enhance the room with natural light; tubular models like Velux's Sun Tunnel skylights use reflective tunnels to deliver light from above and are usually less expensive. Add an optional light kit and the units provide light at night as well as during the day.

### 3. Cabinets

Improving cabinets can be a costly prospect, but one worth the investment since they are not only a major design element in the kitchen, but



Energy Star-qualified venting skylights with decor enhancing blinds, are a cost effective and attractive home upgrade that provide natural light and passive ventilation.

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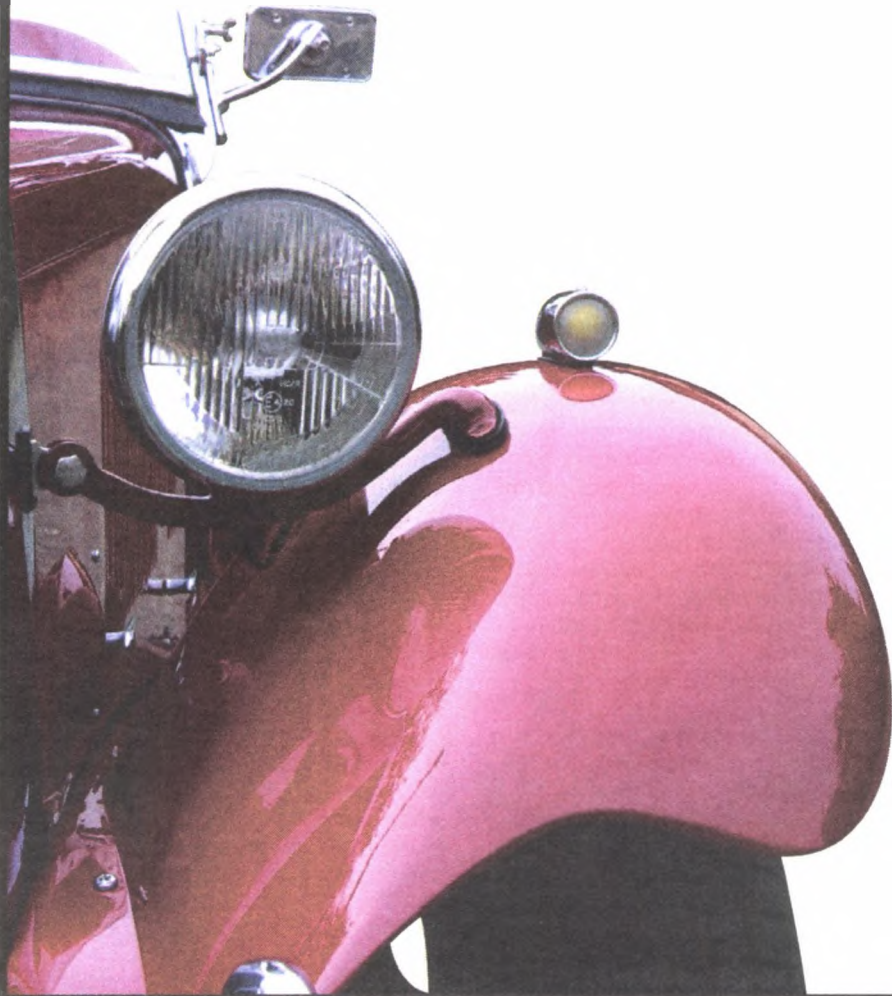
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Level: Advanced

Answers found on page 62



Before you hit the stores, do your homework. Determine what lighting attributes are important to you, whether it's long life, instant-on, dimming capabilities, bulb shape or luminosity. Different bulb technologies offer different benefits.

## Choosing the right light bulb

The way you light your home is changing, starting with how you shop for light bulbs. In addition to new choices in technology – state of the art LEDs or CFLs, for example – you have a variety of options in terms of brightness, as well as how long you want the bulb to last. In addition, you have the option of spending more money up front on an energy efficient bulb that can save you money in the long-run.

The good news is you don't have to be an Edison to find the right bulb. Use these tips and resources to pick the perfect bulb for your home:

### Calculate your savings

Before you hit the stores, do your homework. Determine what lighting attributes are important to you, whether it's long life, instant-on, dimming capabilities, bulb shape or luminosity. Different bulb technologies offer different benefits. To boil down how much switching to a more efficient bulb means for you, look for resources like the savings calculator GE offers at [www.gelighting.com/lighttransforms](http://www.gelighting.com/lighttransforms). It shows consumers how much they'll save with a simple switch from incandescent bulbs to GE's Energy-

Efficient Soft White bulbs, which operate much like incandescent bulbs but are up to 28 percent more efficient.

### Check the facts

The back of every new light bulb package now includes a "Lighting Facts" label that is similar in form to the nutrition label on the back of food boxes. The Lighting Facts label provides information about lumens (brightness), energy cost, life expectancy, light appearance (warm versus cool light), wattage and mercury content. Mandated by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the label is meant to standardize how companies in the lighting industry convey light bulb features, helping you to quickly make comparisons between bulbs and bulb technologies.

### Look for lumens, not watts

In addition to the Lighting Facts label, some light bulb packaging is placing more emphasis from classifications by watts instead classifications by lumens. While you may have equated watts with brightness every time you made a bulb purchase, in true lighting terms, this gauge isn't accurate. Watts are merely the measure of electrical energy used to

light a bulb. A lumen is a measure of the bulb's brightness. Simply put, the higher the lumen number, the brighter the bulb. So, if you are looking for a brighter light, look for a higher lumen number on the box. The same isn't necessarily true for watts. In fact, a 13 watt CFL may be brighter than a 60 watt incandescent bulb.

### Examine new packaging

Along with the Lighting Facts label, some manufacturers are going one step further in helping consumers decipher differences in bulbs by changing their packaging. For example, GE Lighting has implemented a color-coding system to help you better understand the light that will be emitted from each bulb. Color selections are modeled after the natural cycle of daylight, from sunrise to sunset. For example, yellow boxes represent bulbs with strong, vibrant light ideal for home cooking, cleaning and grooming, while purple boxes represent subtle and reassuring light for use at night.

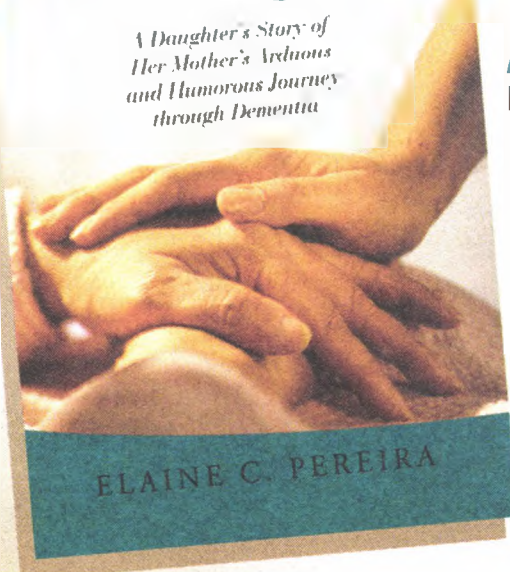
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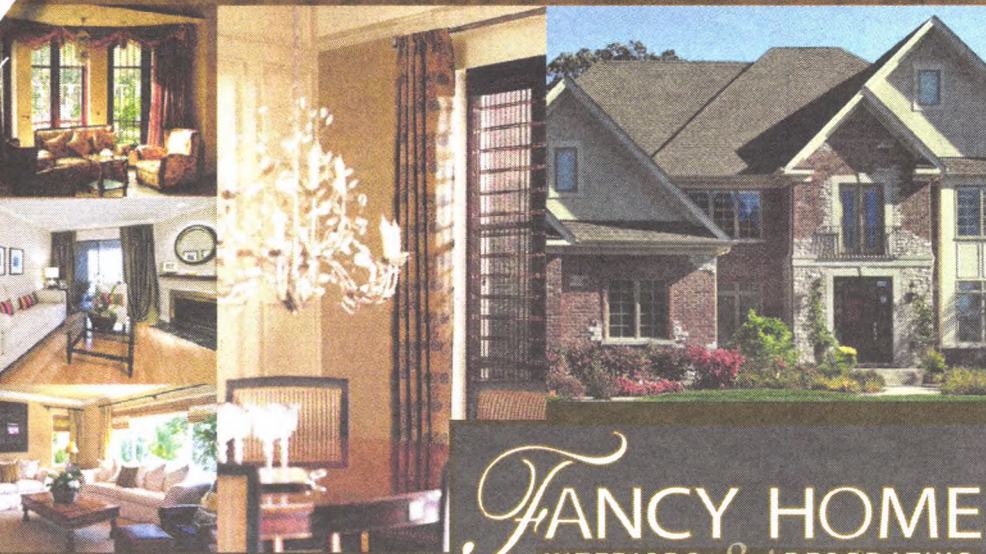
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## PETS

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- Call your neighbors – Especially for indoor cats, the backyard itself can offer a wide-range of interesting and new items to explore, so there's a good chance your cat hasn't gotten very far. Make sure you have the phone numbers of neighbors on your block so you can contact them to help keep a look out.

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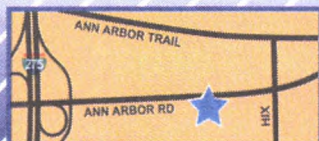
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## Grilled Artichoke and Asparagus Mini Pizzas

Pair with Mirassou California Chardonnay

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Makes 4 servings



Grilled Artichoke and Asparagus Mini Pizzas

- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 cup 2-inch pieces fresh asparagus, halved lengthwise
- ½ cup pitted mixed olives, cut into wedges
- ¼ cup roasted red peppers, cut into thin strips
- 2 tablespoons chopped roasted garlic
- 1 6-ounce jar marinated artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

- 1 14- to 16-ounce ball of pizza dough
- 8 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese
- ¼ cup grated dry jack cheese (plus additional for topping)

Toasted walnuts (optional topping)

Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add asparagus and cook for 1 minute.

Stir in olives, peppers, garlic and artichoke hearts; cook for a few minutes more to heat through. Season with salt and pepper; set aside and keep warm.

Divide pizza dough into two equal pieces. Roll each out into an 8 x 10-inch oval on a lightly floured board, and brush both sides with remaining olive oil.

Grill over medium-high heat for about 1 minute on each side or until puffed and lightly charred. Reduce heat to low and top with cheeses; cook for 5 minutes more or until cheese is melted, rotating pizzas once or twice to help cook evenly.

Top with vegetable mixture and additional dry jack and walnuts, if desired.

## Mini Moscato Cheesecakes

Pair with Mirassou California Moscato

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 20 to 25 minutes

Makes 24 mini cheesecakes



Mini Moscato Cheesecakes

- 1 cup finely ground gingersnap cookies
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 12 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons Mirassou Moscato
- 1 teaspoon each: vanilla and lemon extract
- 1 egg, plus 1 egg yolk, beaten

Store bought lemon curd, lemon zest, mint and fresh raspberries (if desired)

Preheat oven to 350°F, and spray a 24 cup mini

muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray.

Stir together ground gingersnaps and butter in a small bowl. Press about 1 ½ teaspoons into each cup then press firmly into the bottom of each. Brush any crumbs off the top of the muffin pan and set aside.

Beat cream cheese and sugar in a large bowl with an electric mixer until smooth; beat in flour, Moscato and extracts on low speed.

Add eggs and beat just until combined.

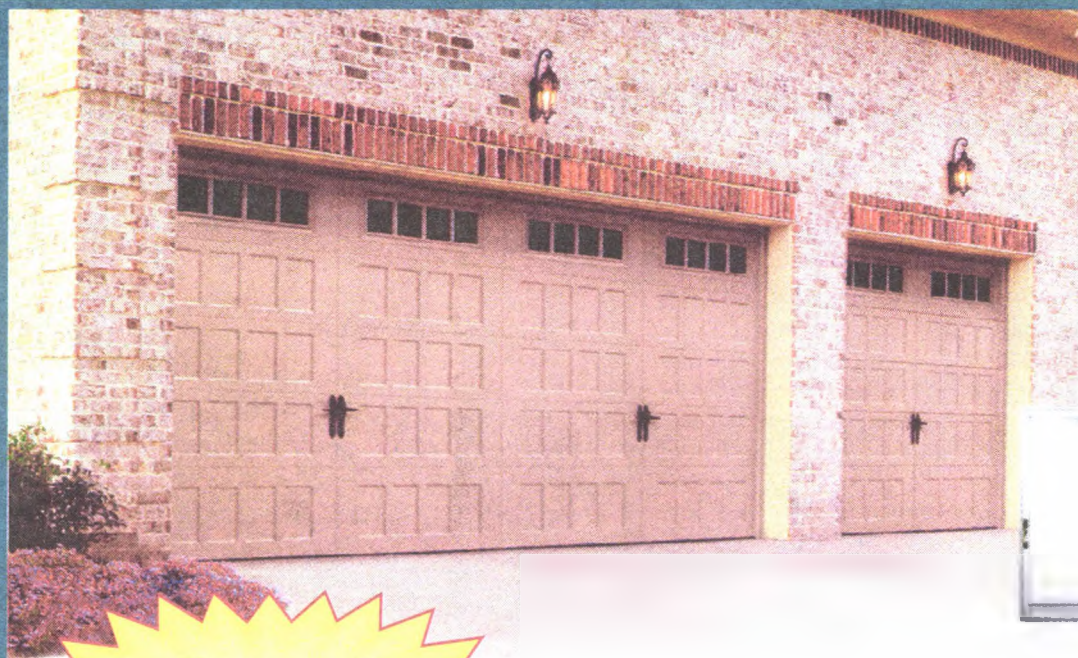
Spoon equal amounts into each cup (they will be very full).

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until filling feels set to the touch.

Let cool completely, and then run a small thin knife around the edge of each to remove from pan.

Place on a platter and top each with lemon curd, lemon zest, mint and fresh raspberries, as desired.





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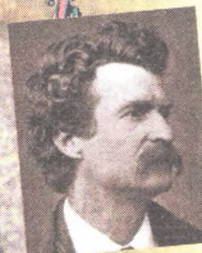
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2	5	1	6	3	9	8	7	4
3	9	8	4	7	1	2	6	5
8	2	3	9	5	6	1	4	7
1	4	5	7	8	2	3	9	6
6	7	9	1	4	3	5	8	2
9	8	2	3	6	7	4	5	1
4	3	7	5	1	8	6	2	9
5	1	6	2	9	4	7	3	8

Intermediate

5	3	2	4	8	9	7	6	1
8	6	1	5	7	2	3	4	9
9	4	7	6	3	1	5	8	2
1	9	4	7	5	8	6	2	3
2	5	3	9	4	6	8	1	7
6	7	8	1	2	3	4	9	5
4	2	6	3	9	7	1	5	8
7	1	9	8	6	5	2	3	4
3	8	5	2	1	4	9	7	6

Advanced

7	4	8	3	1	6	9	2	5
9	6	1	2	8	5	7	3	4
2	3	5	9	4	7	1	8	6
1	8	9	6	3	4	2	5	7
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## KITCHEN

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essential to the room's efficiency and usability. You can find a range of options for upgrading cabinets, from total replacement with custom-made cabinetry to simply resurfacing or repainting existing cabinets.

### 4. Hardware and fixtures

Think of cabinet hardware and faucets as the jewelry of your kitchen. Swapping out dated or worn hardware - including knobs, handles and hinges - is a fast, easy and cost-effective way to change the look of the entire room. Plus, you can improve functionality by choosing larger handles that are easier to grasp and replacing old-style hinges with modern varieties that close silently and smoothly or are completely hidden behind the cabinet door. Replacing the kitchen faucet is

also an easy, relatively low-cost upgrade. Opt for a pull-out spray head or touch-free model and you can also enhance the usability of this key kitchen feature.

### 5. Appliances

Your car couldn't function without tires and a steering wheel and no kitchen can serve its purpose without the right appliances. If your appliances are more than 10 years old, chances are they're starting to look worn and dated. They're also likely less energy efficient than newer models, many of which are now made to meet Energy Star standards. Appliances account for nearly 20 percent of the energy consumed by an average home, according to Energystar.gov.

Upgrading a kitchen is a great way to enhance the value and your enjoyment of the most-used room in your house. Choosing improvements that add beauty and efficiency can help ensure you get the most for your renovation dollars.



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