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TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS SPEAK OUT

### Anti-amphitheater crowd turns up in force at township meeting

By Matt Jachman  
 Staff Writer

Critics of Plymouth Township officials' plan for a \$300,000 amphitheater at Plymouth Township Park turned out in force Tuesday, picketing township hall before a Board of Trustees meeting and packing the meeting room to demonstrate their

opposition.

The issue wasn't on the board's agenda, but a large anti-amphitheater crowd used the public comment section at the beginning of the meeting to urge the board to stop or at least slow the project, voicing concerns that it would bring noise and traffic problems to the park and the area around it and would damage a

heavily wooded area, west of the park's baseball fields, where it is proposed to be built.

Officials were urged to listen to the public on the project and told that not enough information about it had been made available.

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Margaret Dunning will show her Cadillac at Friday's vintage car show during the Music in the Air concert in Kellogg Park. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### DDA hosts pre-Concours vintage car show

By Brad Kadrich  
 Staff Writer

Car lovers impatient for Sunday's Concours d'Elegance at the Inn at St. John's won't have to wait for their chance to see vintage cars.

For the fourth year, the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority will host a vintage car show as part of its Friday night concert series before this weekend's annual Concours.

Nearly 50 cars will be on display in The Gathering and along Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth. The idea, according to DDA operations director Tony Bruscato, is to take advantage of having the Concours d'Elegance "in our own back yard."

"Having these cars downtown, it may help get people over to the (Concours)," Bruscato said. "It's important for Plymouth to have an event like that."

The vintage car show will augment the Friday night Music in the Air performance of Boogie Dynomite, the '70s disco band making its first appearance in the annual DDA-sponsored concert series.

The car show, Bruscato said, adds a different dimension to the concert atmosphere.

"It gives people going to the concert something else to enjoy," he said.

Cars should start arriving around 5 p.m., Bruscato said. Among them:

» A 1966 Cadillac Sedan deVille owned by iconic Plymouth resident Margaret Dunning.

» A 1956 Ford Sunliner owned by Mike and Kathy Aznavorian, also of Plymouth.

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The crowd at Tuesday's Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting spilled from the meeting room into the lobby. Most attendees were there to protest plans for an amphitheater at Plymouth Township Park and proposed new rules for conducting board meetings.

## Board gets push back on meeting rules

By Matt Jachman  
 Staff Writer

Amid push back from a raucous crowd Tuesday and frank criticism from some board members of the board's behavior, the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees slowed down a plan to adopt new rules for conducting board meetings.

The proposed rules were put on Tuesday's agenda by Clerk Nancy Conzelman and Treasurer Ron Edwards, but were quickly blasted — especially by critics of controversial plans for an amphitheater at Plymouth Township Park — as an attempt to quash dissent and restrict the issues that come before the board.

After lengthy discussion, punctuated by catcalls from a standing-room-only audience overwhelmingly against adopting the rules, board members agreed to discuss the proposal at a study session next week.

"I don't think this thing is ready for prime time," Trustee Bob Do-

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## Suit seeks to block Evans' candidacy

By Darrell Clem  
 Staff Writer

Canton Township Trustee Tom Yack has filed a lawsuit alleging county officials broke state election laws by allowing Warren Evans' name to appear on the Aug. 5 primary ballot as a Wayne County executive candidate.

Yack said Monday he believes Evans, by state law, had to become a resident of Wayne County 30 days prior to the April 22 candidate filing deadline. Yack said Evans changed his residency from Washtenaw County to Detroit and filed his candidacy just one day before the deadline.

Yack, through Warren attorney John F. Harrington, filed a lawsuit last



Yack Evans

Friday against the Wayne County Election Commission and Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett.

"I think election law is pretty important and I do believe it was broken in this case," Yack said. "(Evans) filed on a particular date when it was too late in the game."

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## One of a kind



Show cars are often described as one of a kind and this 1997 Laird certainly fits that bill. The car was designed and hand-built by Plymouth resident Bob Laird over a seven-year period, with plenty of help from friends with expertise in automotive design, engineering and mechanics. The two-seat roadster has a V-12 Jaguar engine and a hand-formed aluminum body. The Laird was a prop in the 2001 caper movie "Ocean's 11," starring George Clooney, and can be seen from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Inn at St. John's during the 36th annual Concours d'Elegance of America, a show of close to 300 rare and collectible vehicles. BOB LAIRD



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## RULES

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roszewitz said to sustained applause.

Doroshewitz said he agreed with the goal of more orderly board meetings, but that the way the proposal was written appeared to damage trust between the board and the public.

"I don't support rules that fuel the fire of animosity," he said.

"This proposal is not about anything other than censoring public input," resident Sandy Groth told the board. "This is America. Let's act like it."

## Comment rules

The rules would limit public comment at the beginning of meetings to 45 minutes (comment at the close of meetings would not be limited), prohibit redundancy in public comments, limit audience members to speaking once per topic and prohibit personal attacks and grandstanding, among other restrictions.

The township supervisor would be given flexibility in applying the rules on public comment; speakers are already limited to three minutes each, although Supervisor Richard Reaume

rarely cuts off a speaker who uses more time.

Other proposed rules dealt with how meeting agendas are constructed; a two-thirds vote of the board would be required to amend the agenda during a meeting, a provision some found objectionable, saying that would allow a minority of board members to block consideration of issues.

Conzelman, who wrote the proposed rules, said meetings need to be more efficient and orderly and that the way meetings have been unfolding, with frequent discussion of non-agenda items and issues added to the agenda, results in board mem-

bers getting "blindsided" by a "whole second meeting" dealing with issues that weren't on the agenda.

"People are just getting blindsided and that's not a very civil or fair way to conduct a board meeting," she said.

## Call for civility

Edwards said the proposal was not an attempt to limit public speech, but to increase civility at meetings. He called for an end to personal attacks.

"There're a lot of us at fault on that and we need to cut it out," Edwards said. "We can agree to disagree, but it needs to

be in a civil way."

Board members decided to revisit the proposal at a study session scheduled for Tuesday, July 29. The session will take place after a closed-door meeting on a legal issue that's scheduled for 6 p.m.

Trustee Kay Arnold, silent for most of the conversation, drew applause when she said recent board meetings have been "embarrassing."

"Bring the board back to where it should be," Arnold said.

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» A 1995 Corvette ZR-1, with its 405 hp engine that can reach 180 mph. According to the owners, it's the 428th of 448 ZR-1s built. It's owned by Dave and Glenda McLellan of Holly.

» A 1940 Packard convertible sedan owned by Greg and Jean Stachura of Canton.

Bruscato said he hopes the vintage car show will convince folks to come downtown Sunday and take the DDA's shuttle out to the Inn at St. John's. Bruscato said visitors can park downtown and pick up the shuttle on Ann Arbor Trail next to Sun & Snow from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"It sort of turns the Concours from a one-day event into a weekend event," Bruscato said. "We want some of these folks to come downtown and experience what we have to offer."

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### More input sought

"Most people didn't know about the amphitheater and those who knew didn't want one," Chris Hunter, an opposition leader, said of a recent non-township-sponsored meeting on the project. Hunter lives east of the park, which is off of Ann Arbor Trail.

Another opponent, Susan Bondie, said an online petition against the

amphitheater had more than 300 signatures and that a traditional petition on paper had more than 200.

"You keep telling us you have people who are for this. We'd like to hear from them," Bondie said to loud applause.

"There are hundreds of residents that live directly near the park who would love for you to knock on their doors" and explain the project, Kevin Wilson said to Supervisor Richard Reaume. Wilson also lives near the park and noted that several board members in favor

of the project live miles away from the park.

Groundbreaking is not yet scheduled for the 300-seat amphitheater, which is part of a series of parks and recreation improvements officials have planned. Others included a revamped, expanded parking lot, an all-weather pavilion near the ball fields and sledding hill - construction has not started there, either - and upgrades at Lake Pointe Soccer Park and Hilltop Golf Course. The amphitheater would have tiers of lawn seating, a small stage and

would be for small musical and theatrical productions that use no or low amplification, Reaume has said.

## DEQ to weigh in

Reaume, answering Hunter's questions about the potential environmental impact, said representatives of the state Department of Environmental Quality had been to the site and that the DEQ will have a say on the project before construction starts.

Some board members, noting sentiment expressed at the meeting,

urged their colleagues to take a second look.

"Do we really need to move forward on this?" said Trustee Mike Kelly, who voted in April, along with Doroshewitz and Trustee Chuck Curmi, against a \$29,800 architectural and construction management contract for the amphitheater.

Doroshewitz lobbied for including the amphitheater issue on a planned survey of township residents' recreation wants and needs.

"Do the survey. Find out if the community wants it," he said.

## SUIT

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Richard Kaufman, campaign manager for Evans, issued a response on Evans' behalf.

"Warren meets all the requirements to qualify him to run in the Aug. 5 primary for Wayne County executive. This is a merit-less, desperate challenge that is being leveled against the frontrunner," the statement read.

"All information regarding Warren's residency in Wayne County has been known for months and they have

waited until the eve of the election, after thousands of the voters have cast their ballots, to make it. Wayne County residents should be offended by such back-room politics."

It wasn't clear how quickly a ruling on Yack's complaint could come in Wayne County Circuit Court. Harrington said a show-cause hearing is expected Friday in Chief Judge Robert Colombo Jr.'s courtroom.

"I think it would take a pretty brave and courageous judge to rule in our favor," Yack conceded Monday, saying it isn't likely new ballots would be printed and old ones discarded because absentee voting already has

begun.

"We ask instead that any votes (for Evans) should not be counted," Yack said.

Yack, a Republican Canton Township trustee and former 20-year Canton Township supervisor, said he is supporting a GOP candidate, Fred Bolden, for the post of Wayne County executive.

Evans, in the Democratic primary, faces candidates including incumbent Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, state Rep. Phil Cavanagh, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara and Westland Mayor William Wild.

Yack's lawsuit claims Evans was not a "qualified elector" in Wayne County on the filing

deadline because he hadn't established residency 30 days prior. Evans changed his residency April 21 from Salem Township to Detroit.

Yack said the issues facing Evans are similar to those that forced Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan to mount a write-in campaign in his quest to seek election. He said others, including former state Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, also paid a price when they didn't follow proper election procedures.

Yack said he has "no malice" toward Evans, former Wayne County sheriff and Detroit police chief.

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# Grub Crawl a hit with food lovers

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Jeanne and Dave Trumpy had never eaten at Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza in Canton until Tuesday night.

"I would absolutely come back," Jeanne Trumpy said. "It's great pizza."

The Trumpys, Farmington Hills residents, were among 520 people who paid \$35 each and fanned out across Canton to sample food from 17 eateries during the Canton Chamber of Commerce's 13th annual Grub Crawl.

"This is a great way to discover restaurants," Jeanne Trumpy said.

Tony Sacco's marked its first Grub Crawl after opening in March on Canton Center, south of Ford. "We want to get our name out there and meet people in Canton," Brittney Nichols, a manager, said.

Across town, Canton resident Karen Macsay and Novi friend Sue Perlin sat inside TGI Friday's on Ford Road and sampled food such as green bean fries and bruschetta chicken pasta as they mapped out other stops, including Basement Burger Bar and 502 Grill.

"It's a lot of fun. It's a great way to check out eateries and meet people," Macsay said. "And it's good for Canton."

Some Grub Crawl patrons boarded shuttles to make their rounds, while others drove themselves around town. They wore special T-shirts that served as their admission.

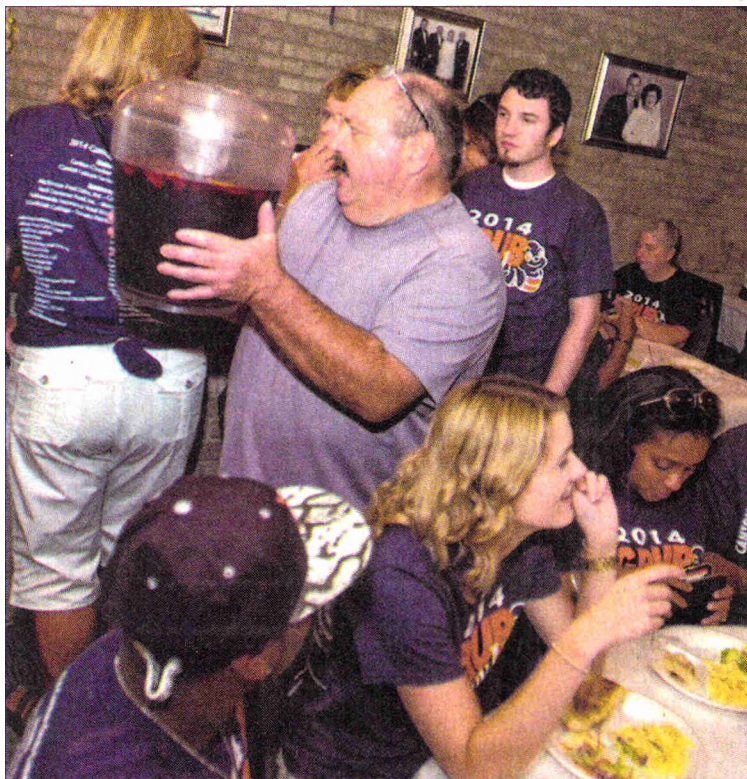
Midway through the four-hour event, chamber President Thomas Paden said Grub Crawl was a crowd-pleaser.

"I couldn't be more happy," he said. "Everything turned out really well."

Other Grub Crawl locations included 4 Friends Bar & Grill, Applebee's, bd's Mongolian Grill, Bailey's Pub & Grille, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carvel Ice Cream, Chili's, Crow's Nest, Olga's Kitchen, Rose's Restaurant & Lounge, Szechuan Restaurant, Twisted Rooster and Vintner's Canton Winery.



Rudie Noble, his wife Diana (left) and their daughter Breana, 18, sample Tony Sacco's selection of pizzas.

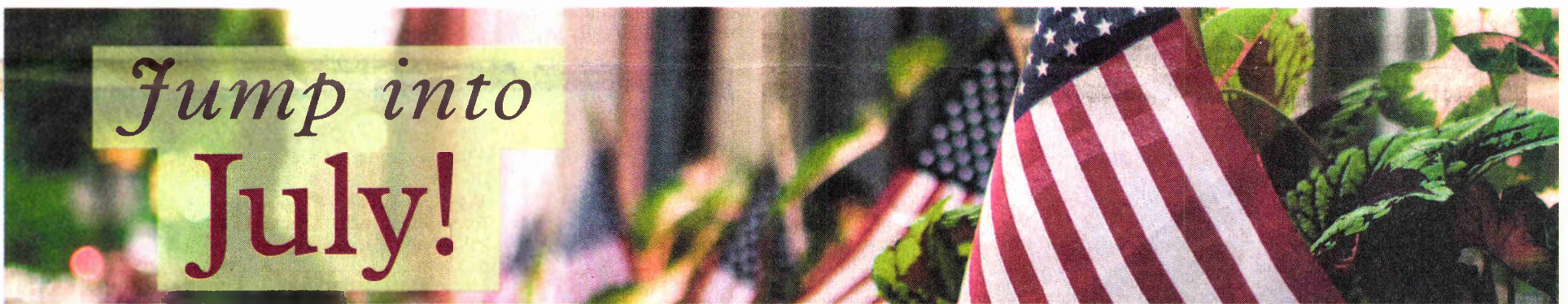


Richard Costantino maneuvers through the crowd at his place, Rose's Restaurant & Lounge.



Jessica King and her husband David stopped by Rose's for some Italian food. PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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# Field set for school board election

**By Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

For the first time since she was first elected in 1998, Judy Mardigian's name will not be on the ballot when her seat is up in a Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education election.

It comes as no surprise, since Mardigian, who has served the last year as board president, has been saying for a while now it's time for her to move on.

What's more surprising is the other name

that won't appear on the ballot. Board Vice President Adrienne Davis, elected in 2010, also won't seek re-election.

"I've been working in the district since 1999 as a parent, an advocate," said Davis, who said her intention from the start had been to serve one term. "It's been great and I'm excited about some of the things we've accomplished in my tenure. It's time for the next phase."

Mardigian could not be reached for comment. Incumbent board Secretary Kim Crouch



Davis



Mardigian

p.m. filing deadline; five of them will compete for the two six-year terms; the other four will join Crouch in the race for the four-year seat.

Residents seeking the six-year term include:

» Kate Borninski of Canton. A member of Supporters of Academic Integrity for Plymouth-Canton, she was among those who argued in favor of the temporarily banned books *Waterland* and *Beloved* a couple of years ago. She has served on various district committees.

» Drexel Morton of

Canton. Morton is the former pastor at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton.

» Michael Siegrist of Plymouth. Siegrist is a former board member at the Canton Public Library.

» Amy Fava of Canton.

» Estelle Oliansku of Plymouth.

Residents running for the four-year term, in addition to Crouch, include:

» Donald Turner of Canton. Turner was an applicant for the open seat created when Si-

mescu resigned.

» John Nichols of Plymouth. Nichols ran unsuccessfully in 2006 and initially entered the 2011 race before withdrawing his name.

» Patti McCoin of Plymouth. McCoin was one of a number of candidates for the seat Simescu gave up when he resigned in January 2013.

» Tom Kelly of Canton.

Candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday to withdraw.

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## CANTON CRIME WATCH

### Home break-in

A 23-year-old man who lives on Old Michigan on Canton's southeast side told police someone broke into his home while he was away. He returned Sunday to find a television and tools were missing.

It wasn't immediately known how the intruder got inside the house. Police spoke with neighbors who said they saw nothing suspicious.

The man told police the door to his residence was locked when he returned home.

### Motel fight

Police arrested a 23-year-old Canton man and his 20-year-old female companion following reports they were fighting and caused damage to a room at America's Best Value Inn & Suites, northeast of Ford and Haggerty roads.

Police went to the inn about 6 a.m. Saturday amid reports the couple was outside a room fighting as others tried to intervene. The male suspect admitted to police he had damaged a bathroom door in his room by punching it with his hand. The woman had left the scene, but was found nearby.

The police report indicated the couple was facing charges including disorderly conduct and malicious destruction of property. The male suspect told police he drank too much alcohol and made a mistake, the report said.

Another guest at the inn told police the couple's fighting had kept him awake through the previous night. Some witnesses, however, refused to fill out statements for police.

### Employee arrested

Police took a 25-year-old Ypsilanti woman into custody Saturday afternoon following allegations she stole merchandise while working at the Target store on Michigan Avenue near Beck.

Store personnel told police the woman had been seen selecting bath towels off a shelf, putting them in a bag and taking them to her car. The incident was captured on a store surveillance camera, a police report said.

Store personnel also told police the woman is believed to have taken gift cards from the store and to have returned merchandise without receipts.

The suspect was facing retail fraud charges.

- By Darrell Clem

## Lions step up with boxwood shrubs for Veterans Park

**By Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Winter did some heavy damage to the Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park plantings, so the Plymouth Lions Club pitched in with some 50 new boxwood shrubs.

"We are certainly grateful to the Plymouth Lions Club, which has stepped forward to purchase the boxwoods," said Bob Zaetta, president of the committee for the park at Main and Church streets in downtown Plymouth.

Local gardener and Lions member Allen Odell was "the moving force for the Lions Club," added Zaetta, a Plymouth Township resident. "This is the first time for the Lions Club and we are grateful."

The boxwoods were planted Tuesday, July 22, by nursery workers who were joined by some 10 Lions Club members for the occasion. "They came over today for moral support," Odell, a Plymouth Township resident, said of his fellow Lions.

"The Lions were happy to do it," he added. "Oh, yes, very much so."

The gray plaza pavers are reserved for veterans. There are also red pavers in the walkway open to all, Zaetta



The Plymouth Lions Club was glad to support the project for the memorial site.

said. The gray pavers are all priced at \$100 and are the same size, Zaetta said. There's a special section reserved for those killed in action in military conflicts.

"That goes all the way back to the Civil War," he said. A total of some 1,000 veterans' names are inscribed at the site.

Those who run the memorial site appreciate community help.

"We have a lot of groups that do things for the park," Zaetta

said. "It's greatly appreciated."

This past harsh winter did some \$5,000 damage to the boxwoods and junipers, Zaetta noted. He's also grateful for private individuals who donated some 90 replacement junipers. Those were planted July 15 following his appeal at the Memorial Day observance.

He's appreciative of gardeners who get to work planting flowers. "They've done a beautiful job with the flowers. Also we have our weeding parties," Zaetta said. His wife Shirley and other members of the Plymouth-Canton branch, American Association of University Women, do weeding at the site.

"She kind of picked that up on her own," said Zaetta, a retired history teacher. "Weeding is a major issue

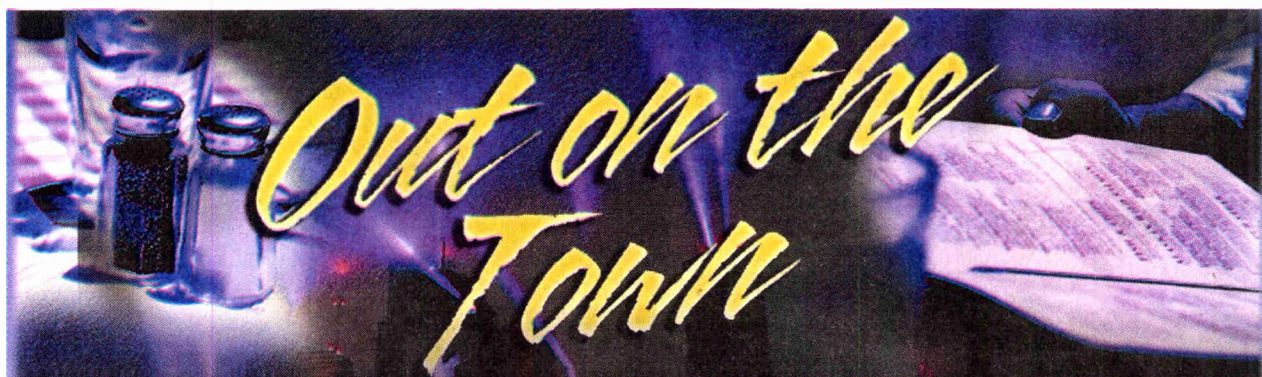
there." Garden club members also weed, volunteering their time.

City of Plymouth public works staffers handle mowing, fertilizing and occasional mulching, Zaetta added: "The city and their DPS have been very helpful to us, too."

The Plymouth Community Veterans Park Committee welcomes donations. Checks to the Canton Community Foundation are to be mailed to the foundation at 50430 School House Road, Canton, MI 48187.

The Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park was dedicated July 4, 2006. Local veterans' groups handle volunteer duties for Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Pearl Harbor Day and other observances, Zaetta added.

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# Experts talk issues at Republican Party forum

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

A little more than two weeks ahead of the Aug. 5 primary, Canton Republicans got a chance to gather information about a couple of ballot questions and other issues in a forum hosted by the Canton Republican Caucus.

A crowd of some 100 people gathered at the Summit on the Park in Canton to hear speakers on issues ranging from the problems facing the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department to the non-homestead tax being pushed by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

Sue Osborn of Plymouth is concerned about the water department situation and thought the forum might provide answers.

"I was concerned with what was happening with Detroit water," Osborn said. "I had heard about this ... I want to know more. I thought it was very informative."

While he didn't address any of the current water shutoff problems in the city, Jim Fausone, chairman of the Detroit Water Board of Commissioners, did talk about improvements to the department that have already been made and others that are coming.

## Water issues

One of the biggest changes, he said, has come in leadership. The water board has hired new leadership, including director Sue McCormick, hired in November 2011 after serving as public services administrator for Ann Arbor. The board has also replaced the department's chief operating and chief financial officers in what Fausone said was a clean sweep in the leadership.

"Does it sound like everyone at the top has been replaced?" Fausone asked. "Yes, that's what happened. We finally hired a qualified director."

The leadership is important for a department that serves some 40 percent of Michiganders (some 4 million customers), delivers 610 million gallons of drinking water and processes 710 million gallons of sewage treatment per day. The department, Fausone pointed out, operates five water plants and one waste water treatment plant.

In the last three years, Fausone said, the water board has ended federal court oversight of the department, has limited rate increases to some 4 percent a year, started both a water master plan and an asset management plan and earned Silver Awards for compliance from the EPA the last two years.

The department has a \$916 million budget, half of which is used to pay debt expenses. The board has cut more than 800 employees and whittled a whopping 263 job descriptions down to 43. Streamlining some 30

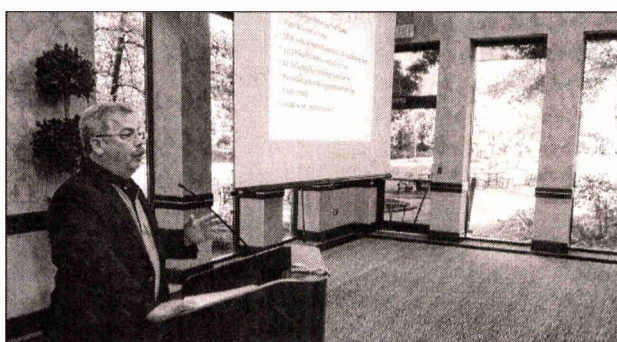
business processes has helped the department start saving some \$47 million, Fausone said.

"We've been able to bring a lot of business approaches to the department," he said.

## Tax renewal

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Trustee Mike Maloney's presentation centered around two tax issues: A renewal of the district's 18-mill non-homestead millage and a request by Wayne County RESA for a 2-mill increase that would move the intermediate school district's total millage to 5.5 mills.

Maloney said the non-homestead renewal was a critical piece of Plymouth-Canton's financial future. The non-homestead millage, approved by voters in 2004, expires this month. The tax is applied to businesses and



Detroit Water Board Chairman James Fausone, a Canton resident, talks about Detroit Water and Sewerage Department issues during a Canton Republican Caucus forum Monday night.

other non-principal property, such as apartment complexes, etc. The tax does not apply to homeowners.

The millage was expected to generate \$25.2 million in the 2013-14 school year, some 17 percent of the general fund revenue.

Maloney, who acknowledged he's "as much a tax hawk as any-

one," said the renewal "is critical to our schools."

"It's a significant piece of our revenue," Maloney said. "A loss of this revenue would be a significant bite on your local schools."

Maloney was far less supportive of the RESA millage proposal. He said when RESA presented its budget, as it is required to do every year, the

Plymouth-Canton board (and others in the county) voted against it because it carried a \$1 million deficit RESA planned to fill from its fund balance.

## Donor district

Maloney said the problem with the RESA millage proposal is it turns Plymouth-Canton into a "donor" district. The millage hike would cost Plymouth-Canton taxpayers some \$10.4 million, but would only return some \$6.6 million to the district.

In order to get the question on the ballot, RESA officials had to get approval from districts representing more than 50 percent of the students in the county. The Plymouth-Canton board didn't vote on the measure because RESA had already reached the 50-percent plateau before it came before the board.

Maloney pointed out there was "significant support" on his board for the measure.

"A strong contingent of board members were in favor of it," Maloney said. "I personally was not. I think we have a responsibility to our students."

Other speakers included Eric Lupher, research director for the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, who talked about Proposal 1, and several Republican candidates for office, who touted their qualifications to a supportive crowd.

Canton resident Sue Euliss found the forum "very helpful."

"It's important to learn about issues in the community," Euliss said. "It's important to hear what the leaders have to say and not just hear it from another source."

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## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FALL FEST CRAFTERS

**Date/Time:** Craft show is during Plymouth Fall Festival, Sept. 5-7

**Location:** Downtown Plymouth

**Details:** It's not too late to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. Only a few spots remain for talented crafters. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at [www.plymouth-fallfestival.com](http://www.plymouth-fallfestival.com).

**Contact:** For more information, contact Colleen Brown at [craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com](mailto:craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com).

### CROP WALK MEETING

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, Aug. 13, 7 p.m.

**Location:** Living Peace Church, 684 Deer St., Plymouth

**Details:** All area churches, temples and mosques in Canton and Plymouth are invited to send a representative to this meeting regarding the CROP walk to be held Sunday, Oct. 12, in Plymouth. CROP Hunger walks bring the whole community together in a common mission: helping hungry people at home and around the world.

**Contact:** For more information contact Gary or Becky Copenhaver at [bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com](mailto:bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com) or 734-981-6023.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Dates/Times:** July 30 through Aug. 1, 6-8 p.m.

**Location:** West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church, 4040 John Hix Road, Wayne

**Details:** The West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church is now offering Vacation Bible School followed by Family Fun Day. The classes will be held Wednesday, July 30, through Friday, Aug. 1. Family Fun Day takes place from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2. The theme is "Jesus is the Reason." The classes will be provided for children up to the age of 18.

There will be a nursery for the babies, along with the classes for the other children. Activities will include singing, snacks and crafts.

**Contact:** Call 734-728-6266 for directions or further information.

### LIBRARY MUSIC SERIES

**Time/Location:** Each Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

#### Dates:

July 30, The Film Score Grows Up - After World War II, films and film music become darker and more realistic.

Aug. 20, The Classical Film Score, Lost and Found - Big changes in films and scores in the '50s, but it all comes back again in the '70s.

**Details:** The Plymouth District Library will host music professor Karl Schmidt for a four-part series this summer. Schmidt will present music and video excerpts from films such as *The Jazz Singer* (1927), *Gone With the Wind* (1939), *The Best Years of Our Lives* (1946) and *High Noon* (1952), as well as a study of political and social changes that influenced all forms of art, including films. This music series is made possible through the Michigan Opera Theatre's Department of Community Programs and the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

**Contact:** Call 734-453-0750.

### MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING

**Date/Time:** Aug. 6, 1-3 p.m.

**Location:** United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste. 250, Canton

**Details:** United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor who will help you understand: Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare, plan

options, assistance programs, drug insurance, and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting. Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also provided.

**Contact:** Heather Pinage, 734-727-2063. Specify you are requesting an appointment for the United Home Health location. For MMAP information visit [www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html](http://www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html)

### BLOOD DRIVES

#### Dates/Times/Locations:

Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Living Word Church, 46500 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Monday, July 28, 1:30-7:15 p.m., Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton

Tuesday, July 29, noon to 5:45 p.m., Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive, Canton

Tuesday, July 29, noon to 5:45 p.m., Super Bowl Lanes, 45100 Ford Road, Canton

Wednesday, July 30, noon to 5:45 p.m., Canton Municipal Office

**Details:** The American Red Cross sponsors the above blood drives in the local community. Appointments can be made, and walk-ins are welcome.

**Contact:** Call 800-REDCROSS to make an appointment

### CRAFTERS NEEDED

**Date/Time:** Oct. 18

**Location:** West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

**Details:** The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual Juried Craft Show. Proceeds from the show provide scholarships for young people who are pursuing a career in education and mini-grants for educators in the district.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Debbie Cortellini at [debortellini@comcast.net](mailto:debortellini@comcast.net) or 734-451-1525.



Old Village resident Joe LaBeau (left) on saxophone and Erich Goebel of St. Clair Shores (right) on guitar lead a blues ensemble Sunday during Bumpers, Bikes and Bands, Old Village's annual street festival.

## Festival hits Old Village streets

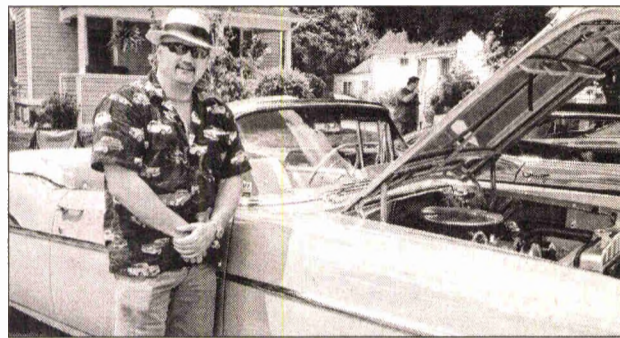
By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Hundreds of people Sunday visited Old Village for the neighborhood's annual street festival, Bumpers, Bikes and Bands, which offers music, refreshments and an eclectic show of collectible cars and motorcycles.

The event on Starkweather and adjacent streets that were blocked to traffic is a fundraiser for the Old Village Association, which uses the money for neighborhood beautification projects.

There was a silent auction of merchandise and services donated by local businesses, a 50/50 drawing and a beer tent outside the Station 885 restaurant that featured live music from an ensemble of local blues musicians.

Plymouth resident Stan Cole brought his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible, which he had restored over about 10 years from a state he



Stan Cole of Plymouth poses Sunday with his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air, which won second place in the Bumpers, Bikes and Bands car show. Cole spent about 10 years restoring the car and has put about 6,000 miles on it since then.

described as "a complete rust bucket."

"All the parts were there, it was just in bad shape," Cole said.

He took the car completely apart and rebuilt it, using duplicate parts and upholstery where he had to end up with a "resto-mod" (short for restoration and modification) car that he takes to four or five shows a year.

"I like supporting local events," said Cole, who won second place in the car show.

One of the show's judges, who called himself Buzz Mercury, said he looked for vehicles with a history that fit that of Old Village, a prominent Plymouth neighborhood that's been undergoing a restoration of its own in recent years.

"Old Village is a renewing thing, just like the cars have been renewed," Mercury said.

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### CITY OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF ELECTION AUGUST 5, 2014

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THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS WILL ALSO BE VOTED ON AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION:

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YES

NO

#### LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

YES

NO

#### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

YES

NO

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

#### WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER STATEMENT STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 01, 2014 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

#### WAYNE COUNTY

##### Wayne County, Michigan

##### City of Plymouth

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Year Increase Effective
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills	2020
Community College	November 6, 2012	1 mill	2022
Plymouth-Canton	September, 2014	18 mill	2014 (non homestead only)

All electors who are registered with the Plymouth City Clerk in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tape and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the City Clerk in advance of the election.

All Polling Locations are accessible for voters with disabilities and are as follows:  
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Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot. The Clerk's office will also be open the Saturday prior to the election, August 2, 2014, from 8:00am until 2:00pm. You may vote by absentee ballot if you:

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## WILLIAM R. WILD

**Residence:** Westland  
**Family:** Married to Sherri Wild, who is a sixth-grade science teacher and member

Wild

of the Michigan Education Association. We have three children: Luke, 11, Lily, 9, and Payton, 7.

**Occupation:** Full-time mayor of Westland since 2007; owner of Scrap Busters, an auto recycling business in Wayne.

**Education:** Graduate of John Glenn High School and Wayne-Westland Community Schools; attended University of Michigan-Dearborn

**Community involvement:** Westland City Council (2001-06); Westland Planning Commission (1999 to 2001)



## KEVIN M. MCNAMARA

**Residence:** Belleville  
**Family:** Married to Aida. One son, Cullan.  
**Occupation:** Wayne County commissioner

McNamara

**Education:** Harvard Kennedy School of Government "Senior Executives in State and Local Government" program; studied computer science at Schoolcraft College and the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

**Community involvement:** Belleville Chamber of Commerce, Canton Chamber of Commerce, Canton Friendship Church, Detroit Historical Society, Homes for Our Troops, Lions Club, Most Holy Trinity Church, Wayne Chamber of Commerce and Wayne Rotary.



## PHIL CAVANAGH

**Residence:** Redford  
**Family:** Divorced. Three daughters – Veronica, Erin and Mary.  
**Occupation:** State Representative, attorney

Cavanagh

**Education:** BA in business administration and BS in accounting, Aquinas College (1983); JD, University of Detroit Mercy (1998); MBA, University of Detroit Mercy (1998); Michigan Political Leadership Program Graduate (1998); Program for Senior Executives, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2005); Henry Toll Fellows Program Graduate (2013)

**Community involvement:** Volunteer at Redford Interfaith Relief, Redford/Garden City/Dearborn Goodfellows, Focus:Hope, Motor City Makeover.



## WARREN C. EVANS

**Residence:** Detroit  
**Family:** Single, two daughters.  
**Occupation:** Professor, Wayne County Community College.

Evans

Former Detroit police chief, former Wayne County Sheriff, former assistant Wayne County prosecutor, former assistant Wayne County executive.

**Education:** Bachelor's degree at Madonna University in Detroit, and later earned a master of arts degree in criminal justice at University of Detroit Mercy. Attained juris doctor degree from Detroit College of Law in Detroit.



## ROBERT A. FICANO

**Residence:** Livonia  
**Family:** Single; son Robert and daughter Sabrina, granddaughter Lorelei and another granddaughter on

Ficano

the way.  
**Occupation:** Wayne County executive since January 2003

**Education:** Livonia Stevenson High School, graduated 1970; Michigan State University, bachelor's 1974; University of Detroit School of Law, juris doctor 1977

**Community involvement:** Established a charitable foundation now known as the Robert A. Ficano Hope Foundation in 2003. It has provided over \$350,000 in scholarships to over 400 high school graduates. It has provided over \$100,000 collectively to dozens of charities including the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity and the Goodfellows.

# Meet the candidates for Wayne County executive

The Democratic primary for Wayne County executive pits some well-established political figures with a variety of experiences.

There are a total of 11 candidates running for the nomination, with five candidates who are considered the frontrunners. They are incumbent Executive Robert Ficano, state Rep. Phil Cavanagh, former Wayne County Sheriff and Detroit Police Chief Warren Evans, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara and Westland Mayor William Wild.

With the hopes of educating our readers about these candidates, O&E Media sent out questionnaires to each. Following are their responses to a series of questions we believe are important to Wayne County voters:

### What do you think are the three most important issues facing Wayne County?

**Cavanagh:** Public Safety, fiscal responsibility and integrity are the most critical issues right now. These issues will form the foundation of an administration that can fund essential services before pet projects, that will prioritize safety for our citizens and business, and will create an environment for Wayne County to grow.

**Evans:** Quality of life, re-population and budget. When families feel safe, they stay in their neighborhoods and enrich their communities and businesses, invest and plant roots. Public safety is the ultimate quality of life issue. My record demonstrates results with a 27-percent reduction in crime in one year as police chief. I will also work to create an environment that attracts small businesses by appointing an ombudsman to help them achieve their goals. A balanced budget will ensure a robust economic landscape that encourages opportunity and expansion. This is how we will strive to become the most welcoming county in the nation.

**Ficano:** With county assistance, hundreds of businesses have located or expanded creating many thousands of jobs. But we must continue work to attract investment to grow more jobs and improve our property tax base. I'm fighting to protect suburban water interests in the Detroit bankruptcy case. We filed objections to stop the Emergency Manager from imposing a new unfavorable system on suburban customers. We also requested continuing court mediation to create a regional water authority. Public safety remains a priority for us, with about 72 percent of county general funds spent each year to support the operations of sheriff, prosecutor and courts.

**McNamara:** The three most important issues facing our county are restoring honest government, fiscal stability and public safety. I would also add roads as an important to the residents of this county. I have a plan to take Wayne County back for the communities by leading honesty in government (I will always tell residents the truth about the state of our county), balancing budgets, funding the prosecutor's office first; and restoring Wayne County as the economic powerhouse.

**Wild:** 1. Fiscal responsibility. We must balance the budget – not just in an election year, but every year. Long-term, expenses have to match revenues. Otherwise, we risk control by an emergency manager or similar mechanism, which means Wayne County residents lose control of their own destiny.

2. Honest, open and accountable government: Everywhere I go, voters tell me they are

sick of the scandal and fed up with seeing county officials indicted and pleading guilty to extortion, bribery and obstruction of justice. I've never held county office or been on the county payroll.

3. Quality services for Wayne County taxpayers and residents: By putting Wayne County's fiscal house in order and eliminating wasteful projects, we can focus on delivering the high-quality services Wayne County residents and taxpayers deserve. These include law enforcement, road maintenance, health and human services, parks and recreation, and economic development.

### What is the best course of action to balance the county's budget?

**Cavanagh:** Well, it is certainly helpful that the Wayne County Auditor General recently "discovered" some \$300 million. That will help with the accumulated deficit, but we need to look at the structural deficit. The county is still adding \$30 to \$40 million each year to the deficit. I will focus on funding essential services first, and eliminating unnecessary appointment positions. Transparency will be key to my efforts as well, and all county job descriptions and salaries will be posted online.

**Evans:** First demonstrate that the county executive and his office is part of the solution, not part of the problem, by cutting the amount of assistant Wayne County executives and making the Executive Office as lean as possible. Look at ways to collaborate with other governments to improve efficiency and reduce costs. Conduct a forensic audit. Tackle health care cost issues like auditing the DMC contract to provide health care to jail prisoners and doing a dependent care health care audit. Set up a grant department to assist all departments of county government to acquire grants. Then, after demonstrating to all the stakeholders that you have made operations as efficient as possible bring them into the discussion to solve the rest.

**Ficano:** Actually, state law requires that the county budget be balanced annually, and we've done that without raising taxes. The challenge is the loss of about \$100 million in property taxes annually still due to the last recession and substantial deficits run up by departments like the Prosecutor's Office. Our innovative deficit elimination plan has been approved by the County Commission with parts already implemented. Working with the Treasurer, an additional \$150 million from the delinquent tax fund recently boosted the general fund. With this money, cost cutting and budget reforms we've prevented an emergency manager from coming to the county, unlike Detroit.

**McNamara:** First and foremost, balance the county budget must include the communities at the table. We affect real, sustainable change by getting the communities to buy into the plan, not by selling them out. I did not support Bob Ficano's deficit elimination plan because it places a \$120 million tax on the communities by moving the county debt. I am the only candidate for Wayne County executive who has balanced the budget – without my leadership in 2010 with the McNamara Ordinance when I capped the 13th pension check to save the other 12 checks, it saved \$20 million that in turn balanced the budget.

**Wild:** Building on my experience in Westland, where we turned a \$50 million deficit into a \$5 million surplus, I will bring together workers, their unions and the 43 communities

who are part of Wayne County; be fully transparent about the county budget, so everyone sees the long-term need to match expenses to revenues; cut from the top. In Westland, we cut the mayor's appointees by one-third. Every contribution we asked employees to make for health care and pension, I made them first and all the mayor's department heads were asked to do the same. No one takes a conversation about budget-cutting seriously if the person talking hasn't cut his or her own budget first.

### What do you think about the current plan for the jail?

**Cavanagh:** At this stage, I think our best option is to finish the jail at Gratiot. The Mound Road prison that is being offered by the state is truly not equipped to handle a justice complex as extensive as what is required. Moving to Mound would require adding beds to single cells, adding "linear housing," a model which has been proven to increase behavioral problems among inmates, and would require almost double the staff to handle the logistical difficulties of the site. In addition, the area around Mound does not offer the same safety and level of amenities found in downtown Detroit. We must be cognizant of all persons making contact with the justice system, including jurors, families, attorney, and staff.

**Evans:** In an ideal scenario, the jails and the courts would move to Mound Road and a facility would be built there. But based on the county's current challenges, the \$150 million that's already been wasted, we should just keep things the way they are until the fiscal stability improves.

**Ficano:** Two acceptable proposals are being considered by the County Commission; moving to the state facility at Mound Road on the east side or modifying and finishing the partially completed jail downtown. Just like the state stopped a building project this past month when they learned it was substantially over budget, I halted work on the jail when we discovered substantial overruns by the contractors and managers. We're suing them to recover county money. We still have \$140 million in unused bonding available, and when the decision is made between the choices the jail will be built.

**McNamara:** I am leading the investigation into the jail debacle because the commission was shut out of the process and the public deserves answers. I fought for third-party oversight of the Wayne County Consolidated Jail project, only to have it stripped in secret months later. I saw two jails of similar size built for under \$200 million and still cannot understand how our jail was not built for under \$200 million. Although the county has an offer from a private entity to sell the jail property, I just cannot let go of the \$120 million we have already sunk into the project and will owe no matter what happens.

**Wild:** Inadequate, rushed and poorly researched. It looks more like a plan to deal with a public embarrassment to current county officials than a real plan to address the losses suffered by taxpayers. I question whether Wayne County taxpayers can afford a brand new jail at the Mound Road site now. Counting bond sales and interest, we're already on the hook for \$560 million. No business in the world would take on another new project of the size and the debt required for the Mound Road site if – like Wayne County – they were already facing over \$175 million in debt and a potential bankruptcy. Instead, I would

look at selling the project site and perhaps other county-owned properties – at a realistic market value. Coupled with unspent bond proceeds, this could finance major improvements to both the existing jail and the 36th District Court. This is probably a more cost-effective way to go.

### Do you feel the county road system is in good shape? If not, how can it be improved?

**Cavanagh:** As a state representative, I often hear complaints from my constituents about the condition of our roads. After this terrible winter, I can't remember our roads being in worse condition. Providing safe and effective infrastructure is one of the primary functions of government, and I will make it a priority of my administration. A strong infrastructure is the backbone for an economy, and it will be important to have qualified people working in county departments.

**Evans:** The roads here that we drive on are in desperate shape and failures in leadership are making things worse. According to the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association, Wayne County has the worst bridge problem in the state. I will re-establish the county's relationship with federal and state legislators who create formulas for distributing road monies. As sheriff, I found federal grants to ensure that we had the staff to provide safety for Wayne County residents. I am a strong leader that can balance the budget, clean up government and provide the innovation needed to stretch and increase road dollars.

**Ficano:** Wayne County is responsible for about 1,440 miles of county and 462 miles of state roads and freeways. The state sends \$1,500 per mile per year for maintenance, and it doesn't go very far. Lansing has to provide more funding so we can do better. But we have been proactive with our limited resources. Our Pothole Blitz filled 65 percent more potholes than last year. We especially patched surface streets near the closed I-96 freeway to handle the increased traffic. We're now making available \$14 million to help repair residential streets in the townships.

**McNamara:** We need an infrastructure overhaul of our county roads. I know how to access federal and state road dollars, because there is a process. Our roads will improve when we work together with state and federal leaders to first increase funding for roads, and second, reduce the weight limits for trucks using our roads as that has been detrimental to road conditions. How do we increase state and federal dollars? We show our economic power when we go to Lansing and Washington, D.C. As the next Wayne County executive if voters give me the privilege, I pledge to take leaders who have skin in the game in the county – corporate leaders, union leaders and community leaders to show our economic power. Because we send too many tax dollars to Lansing and D.C. for little return.

**Wild:** No, our county roads are not in good shape, and we need major improvements. In Westland, we've had to patch and maintain roads that are county, not city property because the county is not getting the job done. Right now, we're stuck in managing the decline of our roads, bridges, tunnels and other critical infrastructure. It's an unacceptable situation that is blocking progress in economic development and other areas; you can't build a strong regional economy without adequate transportation. As county executive, I'll work

closely with state and federal leaders to identify appropriate resources for road repair and maintenance.

### Why are you the right person to lead the county for the next four years?

**Cavanagh:** I believe that I have the experience, the education, and the relationships that will be necessary to bring Wayne County back. County government is very complex. As the only candidate with a degree in Accounting and an MBA, I understand how to properly handle taxpayer dollars. I am the only candidate that can walk on the House or Senate floor and talk to my colleagues. I have relationships with other community leaders, and leaders in Lansing who will be key players in moving the county forward. I understand how these problems developed, so I will be able to hit the ground running on day one, with real changes that will get Wayne County on the right track.

**Evans:** Wayne County needs someone who can manage and get things done. I am a proven leader with the experience Wayne County needs at this critical time. As sheriff, I oversaw a budget of \$150 million and 1,300 employees. We secured federal dollars that paid for hundreds of deputies, which resulted in thousands of dangerous felons being arrested. I also put a halt to foreclosures to help keep families in their homes. As assistant Wayne County prosecutor, I took on slumlords, and as Detroit chief of police, I led a team of police officers and we reduced crime by 27 percent. My experience mirrors the challenges this county currently.

**Ficano:** In my 30 years of public service I have tried to honor my parents, who were proud union members, and my children by conducting myself ethically. I seek to build on my successes of leading the effort to reorganize and expand the Cobo Center, which saved Detroit's Auto Show, and creating the Aerotropolis around the airport that has attracted \$600 million in investment while creating 5,000 jobs in the last year alone. Not forgetting that people have entrusted me to work in their interest, I still have a passion to bring jobs to Wayne County and improve our quality of life.

**McNamara:** I have the only real, sustainable plan to rebuild Wayne County government for the 21st century. I understand what's under the hood of Wayne County government so that we can first address the most pressing challenges and lead through honest government. Transparency in the Kevin McNamara administration will begin by educating the communities about what services we do provide and our path to rebuild the county to work for the people. Of course, we will place the county checkbook online and staff bios and salaries. Real transparency is being an honest partner with the communities. Together, we will take Wayne County back for the communities.

**Wild:** Voters are choosing a new executive – and I'm the only candidate in the race with executive experience in both the public sector and the private sector. I've balanced seven budgets in a row in Westland. Working together, cutting from the top, sharing services – these are exactly the experiences and skill set we need now to bring fiscal responsibility to Wayne County. This election is about the future, not the past. I think I'm the right person to restore trust in government and give Wayne County taxpayers and residents the government we deserve.



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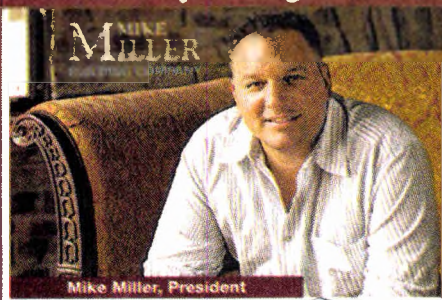
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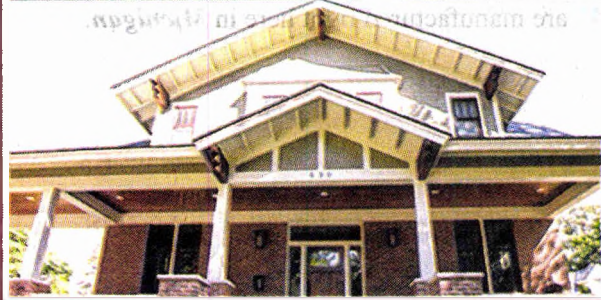
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By Kurt Kuban, Staff Writer

If you have a 'thing' for the Mitten State, you probably don't want to miss the 6th Annual Buy Michigan Now Festival Aug. 1-3 on the streets of downtown Northville. The family-friendly festival will showcase dozens of Michigan entertainers, businesses, and products. The goal of the event is to educate people about all the business and retail opportunities our state has to offer, and get them to support local, independent businesses that are the backbone of the state's economy.

The annual festival will kick off on Friday, Aug. 1 with a "Family Fun Day," that will feature plenty of activities and prizes for the kids, as well as an opportunity to meet the FOX Sports Detroit Girls.

During festival hours there will be more than 100 vendors and exhibitors featuring a wide variety of products and services but with one thing in common - they are all Michigan based. They will be lined up and down Main and Center streets.

According to Buy Michigan Now Festival founder Lisa Diggs, the vendors come from more than 60 different communities.

"We have grown every year. We have exhibitors from just about every corner of the state," Diggs said.

Northville has proven to be a perfect location for the annual festival, according to Diggs, who lives in nearby Livonia.

"Number one, Northville is just a charming, quaint downtown. Secondly, our whole Buy Michigan Now campaign is about promoting local, independently-owned businesses. More than 90 percent of the businesses in downtown Northville are just that," Diggs said. "The other reason Northville is perfect for this is because of its proximity to Detroit, Ann Arbor and Lansing. We've been able to draw from all three over the years."

As it turns out, the festival has cast an even wider net. According to Diggs, every year they ask festival-goers to sign a pledge to support Michigan-based businesses, and they have been able to track them all across the state.

"There's no question we bring to Northville many people who have never been here," Diggs said. "We have a very dedicated audience,

people who want to buy and learn about Michigan products. And they are willing to drive a ways to do it."

The event will also feature plenty of entertainment and activities, including the Kids Zone, which will be located on North Center Street. It will feature games, arts and crafts, contests, mascots, and more. While there, parents and children are invited to enter to win prizes ranging from Tubby's gift cards to giant Fathead decals, and even a two-hour lounge party at Activ8 gaming lounge in Ferndale.

Not all the fun will be reserved for the kids, however. There will also be plenty of activities planned for adults, too. They include:

- The Michigan Wine & Beer Garden (located in Town Square on Main Street). Adults 21 and over will be able to enjoy Michigan craft beers and wines offered by the Northville Chamber of Commerce during select hours (Aug. 1: 2-10 p.m., Aug. 2: 1-10 p.m. and Aug. 3: noon-3 p.m.). Proceeds from beverage sales benefit the Northville Chamber and the Buy Michigan Now campaign.
- Music on the Main stage (located in Town Square on Main Street) is filled with music from local artists, throughout the weekend, including Northville's Friday Night Concert Series headliners, The Shawn Riley Band (7 p.m.) and Saturday's Festival headliners, Mainstreet Soul (7:30 p.m.)
- Northville's First Friday Experience (participating Northville galleries, shops and restaurants). Beginning at 6 p.m., guests can experience a unique and memorable evening filled with art exhibits/demonstrations, shopping and dining.
- Special events during the festival, various Michigan authors will be on hand making appearances and signing copies of their books including Tom Daldin and Jim Edelman from the Emmy Award winning PBS television program, "Under the Radar Michigan." Signed copies of their new book will be available all weekend, and they will be in person from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday.

An addition to the festival this year will be the Fox Sports April in the D bobble of Red Wings Jimmy Howard and Pavel Datsyuk, and Pistons Andre Drummond and Josh Smith. Guests will be able to take photos alongside the popular statues, and even upload those photos to a gallery on the festival's mobile app.

Guests who text BUYMINOW to 57780 will gain access to the mobile app, which features maps, exhibitor lists, entertainment schedules, and other helpful information. Those who text will also automatically be entered to win prizes. Visitors who prefer competition to random drawings can compete in the festival's new Prize Quest game. The game invites guests to visit as many exhibitor booths as they wish. Each exhibitor then gives them a special code which they enter into the app to earn points. Top point gainers will automatically win prizes. The Grand Prize is a two-night stay in a Straits View room at Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island.

Ultimately, Diggs hopes people who attend the festival over the weekend will gain a greater appreciation of Michigan-based businesses.

"This event is about the fact that if you support local businesses, those businesses will hire more local people and help the economy grow. We all benefit from that," said Diggs. "Yes we want people to come and enjoy themselves with all the activities we've got going on, but we really want to educate them about the wonderful businesses and products this state has to offer."

The Buy Michigan Now Festival takes place August 1-3. Main and Center streets in central Northville will be closed to allow for pedestrian traffic throughout the weekend. **The Buy Michigan Now Festival is scheduled to run during the following hours:**

- Friday, August 1: Noon-9 p.m.
- Saturday, August 2: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Sunday, August 3: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

For the most up-to-date information, visit [www.BuyMichiganNowFest.com](http://www.BuyMichiganNowFest.com).

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## Game on, without smart phones, at new lounge

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

We've all seen them: The family members at dinner or the friends at a coffee shop, paying more attention to their electronic devices than to each other.

Chris Erwin has seen them, too, but he's trying to do something about it.

Erwin, who lives in Canton Township, opened 3 & Up on Main Street in Plymouth earlier this month. It's a gaming lounge with an emphasis on old-fashioned human connections, not electronic ones.

There are no Angry Birds, no Grand Theft Auto; tablet computers, smart phones and iPods are turned off – or at least turned down – and put away.

"Our mission is to unplug from electronics and reconnect people face to face," Erwin, who has a day job with a ship-

ping company, said at his lounge Monday evening.

### Gaming unplugged

A board-game enthusiast for years, Erwin says he wants customers to slow down, talk to each other, laugh and build connections with others that may have been lost in an age of high-tech electronics.

"Board games are just a great medium for us to use for that mission," he said.

3 & Up – the name refers to the ages of its gaming customers – has a low-key, relaxed atmosphere and more than 1,000 games on its shelves, all from Erwin and his family.

"All of these games were in my basement," he said. Some are from his boyhood, some he picked up more recently and some he's gotten second hand, sometimes cobbling together a complete game with pieces from several



Chris Erwin in his Plymouth gaming lounge, 3 & Up, where visitors are encouraged to put away their cellphones and interact in person by playing board games. 3 & Up stocks more than 1,000 games.

copies.

There are popular, newer games such as Settlers of Catan and Ticket to Ride, plus favorites from decades ago, such as early editions of Risk and Stratego (the newer versions are there as well), and even games that are no longer in print.

Monopoly, Scrabble, Yahtzee, Clue and other

long-popular games are all there. There are family games, children's games and strategy games, among other categories.

Erwin said he and his wife, Angela Space, an attorney, found board games helpful in finding time in their busy lives to connect with their children, Brayden, 7, and Paytyn, 4.

He'd heard about gaming lounges in Europe, where they're more common, and they visited one in Toronto a few years back, sparking Erwin's interest in opening his own.

### Social scene

The lounge welcomes families, groups of friends, gaming hobbyists and novices and individuals, who have a chance meet others over a friendly game. Staffers are there to help select games based on visitors' interests or based on similar games the visitors may have played.

3 & Up hosts parties and other events, works with a caterer (or customers can hire their own) and serves Michigan-made refreshments, like Kar's nuts and Faygo soft drinks. Customers can bring their own snacks as well.

There are two party rooms that are separate

from the main lounge.

3 & Up has pricing options: There are memberships, allowing unlimited gaming, or visitors can simply drop in to try out a game or two for \$5 a person for the first 90 minutes, \$3 per person per hour after that.

Erwin said he's no Luddite, that he recognizes that advanced electronics can make hectic lives easier. But he wants to make sure people set aside a place for low-tech, personal interaction, too.

"We're not fighting the whole system," he said. "We're literally saying, 'Take an hour break and interact face to face.'"

3 & Up is at 630 S. Main, south of Wing, in Plymouth. Hours are 11 a.m. to midnight Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. The phone number is 734-667-3650 and the website is [www.3andup.com](http://www.3andup.com).

## RBD Creative relocates to Plymouth from Detroit

Local marketing company RBD Creative announced its relocation to Plymouth from Detroit.

RBD Creative's team, consisting of 12 graphic designers, editors and account managers, cited commute time as the No. 1 reason for the move.

"Most of us have professional or personal roots in Plymouth and it is a significantly reduced commute for many of us who live on the west side," said Dorothy Twinney, president of RBD Creative. "With the construction on I-96, it was a move that became imperative. We loved being

part of Detroit's comeback, but it was just time to come home to Plymouth."

With some of its team members having already worked together for upward of 10-20 years, the RBD Creative team sought space that accommodated its growth and needs.

"We had very cool space in a historic carriage house in Detroit, but it was space that was not conducive to our processes and operations," said Rebecca Haase, RBD's chief financial officer. "The new Plymouth space was

designed and built to suit our actual needs. We really love it."

RBD Creative used local real estate company Remerica to find the property, located at 9345 N. Haggerty (on the southeast corner of Ann Arbor and Haggerty roads) and the landlord is local builder S&S Homes, which Haase says has been absolutely wonderful.

Creative Director Brian Townsend, who has more than two decades of design experience, leads RBD Creative's design team. The company includes the Univer-

sity of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Genesis Genetics of Plymouth, Sterling Services of Canton, the Rattlesnake Club in Detroit and Alliance Benefit Group of Bingham Farms among its clients as it continues its growth.

Twinney said a broader social media offering is most likely next on the firm's list, along with developing the niche it seems to have made in the food industry.

"It's exciting to see something you started and believed in before anyone else did really flourish," Twinney said.



Dorothy Twinney, pictured with sons Marc and Walter Bryan, recently moved her RBD Creative marketing firm to Plymouth.

"I couldn't be more excited to see what the future brings."

More information

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### Joint venture

Johnson Controls has signed an agreement with Shanghai Yanfeng Industry and Commerce Co., Ltd., and Anhui Yanfeng Automotive Trim Co., Ltd., to form a new fabrics joint venture in Huainan City, Anhui Province, China.

The new joint venture, named Anhui New Nangang Johnson Controls Automotive Trim Co., Ltd., will provide Chinese automakers with a variety of services from fabric design, engineering and manufacturing to trim products. The joint venture owns the capability of warp knitting and circular knitting and its product portfolio includes woven fabrics as well as seat trim covers.

"Through vertical integration in recent years, Johnson Controls has developed world-class capabilities globally in weaving, knitting, fine trimming, lamination, dyeing and fabric tune-up technologies," said Eric Sorret, group vice president and general manager China, Johnson Controls Automotive Experience.

"China is a strategic market for Johnson Controls. We are committed to supporting the development of the Chinese market."

The joint venture is expected to start operation in October 2014.

### Good deed nominations

Driving a neighbor to medical appointments, helping a displaced family and delivering a baby in a car are just a few examples of the good deeds that have been recognized in the past by the Edible Arrangements Metro Detroit Group during its annual Random Acts of Happiness promotion.

Edible Arrangements Metro Detroit Group kicks off its fourth annu-

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al Random Acts of Happiness promotion, which runs from July 28 through Aug. 11.

Sixteen winners (one from each store) will each be awarded a Watermelon Kiwi Summer Daisy fresh fruit bouquet valued at \$39. There's an Edible Arrangements location at 873 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

Local residents are invited to nominate a friend, acquaintance or colleague who is making a difference in the lives of others in southeast Michigan. Nominations can be made a couple of ways:

» Visit any of the 16 Edible Arrangements Metro Detroit Group area retail stores to complete a short nomination form to recognize a local resident for their selfless good deeds.

» Download a short nomination form from the Edible Arrangements Metro Detroit Group Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/EdibleArrangementsMetroDetroitGroup](http://www.facebook.com/EdibleArrangementsMetroDetroitGroup) and email the nomination form to: [eaofmetro-detroit@gmail.com](mailto:eaofmetro-detroit@gmail.com) or drop it off at any of the participating stores.

Winners will be announced on the Edible Arrangements Metro Detroit Group Facebook page at noon Monday, Aug. 25: [www.facebook.com/EdibleArrangementsMetroDetroitGroup](http://www.facebook.com/EdibleArrangementsMetroDetroitGroup).

### Hospice accreditation

The Community Health Accreditation Program, Inc., announced Arbor Hospice has been awarded accreditation under the CHAP Hospice Standards of Excellence. This is the fourth consecutive year CHAP accreditation has been sought and awarded to Arbor Hospice.

For the first time the accreditation also includes Arbor Palliative

Care, a pre-hospice home-based consultative service aimed at improving a patient's quality of life by alleviating the symptoms of serious illness.

"As Arbor Hospice continues to grow, we will always be driven by our mission to give comfort, assurance and care to families and patients who have life-limiting illnesses. Continuing to meet the industry's highest quality standards is forefront in achieving our mission," said Gloria Danna Brooks, Arbor Hospice president and chief executive officer.

Arbor Hospice has been a certified Medicare hospice provider since 1984.

### Independent consultant

Michele Woelke of Canton has become an independent consultant with Tastefully Simple, Inc., a national direct sales company featuring more than 60 easy-to-prepare foods.

As an independent business owner, Woelke offers food samples at home taste-testing parties, along with ideas for everyday meals, recipes, serving suggestions and fun. All of Tastefully Simple's products are open-and-enjoy or can be prepared by adding only one or two ingredients.

"In today's world, 'staying in' has become the new 'going out,'" said Jill Blashack Strahan, Tastefully Simple, Inc., founder and CEO. "We're proud to offer great experiences, easy-to-prepare products and an exciting business opportunity for people who are looking for something more."

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# Salem Township man fights cancer with computer

By Diane Gale Andreassi  
Staff Writer

Jim Kress has been on a mission to fight cancer since 2009, when his sister Patience died from Ewing's sarcoma.

The Salem Township resident is developing a system to apply science, engineering techniques and mathematics to analyze all aspects of tumors and to ferret out possible treatments. He comes to the task with a doctorate in physical chemistry and having worked in research and development in systems engineering. More recently, he founded KressWorks Foundation to make his work more readily recognized in the medical and grant fields.

He spends an average of 80 hours weekly trying to develop a computer program that will take all the aspects of a cancer cell, right down to the atom, and to apply the possible treatments to identify their interactions. Kress calls his process a systematic treatment method, integrating the pieces of the cancer puzzle and coming up with personalized treatments.

If Kress reaches his goal, it could be the biggest invention in centuries or possibly ever. Right now, he's working on a program to eliminate Ewing's, a rare form of cancer that preys primarily on children and young adults. But he hopes to apply the same idea to all other cancers and then all diseases. He estimates the Ewing's program will take about two more years to develop.

"The outcome is to eliminate the disease with minimum impact to the quality of life to the patient," he said.

Historically, medical teams focus on one reason why a cancer cell didn't respond to treatments, Kress, 63, said.



Jim Kress, founder of KressWorks Foundation, has detailed graphs illustrating how he plans to fight the cancer that killed his sister. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

His program, on the other hand, plugs in all the possible reasons the tumor is resistant. His approach, Kress said, is akin to space shuttle programs, developing military weapons and processes used in building cars.

### Fighting for others

Kress was always close with his sister and he relishes the short time he spent with her before she died. She contracted Ewing's when she was in her early 20s and kept the cancer at bay until she was 58 - she died shortly after she learned it had reoccurred. Then Kress set out to fight his little sister's killer.

So far, KressWorks has garnered \$66,000 in private donations and it has gotten support from representatives at Van-

derbilt University, Wayne State University, Penn State University, Rosa & Co., a pharmaceutical modeling company, and Russian medical organizations in Moscow.

"This is not a research type of project," Kress said. "Our real point is we are an engineer corporation dedicated to delivering a clinically usable product."

Kress' approach is like planning a war from all fronts and with all possible strategies and outcomes before the first shot is fired, according to information taken from his website, kressworks.org. As the patient is diagnosed and the treatment progresses, information is collected, generated and recalculated, depending on how the disease is responding in all aspects.

Kress equates his work with an analogy by French physicist Henri Poincare: "Science is built up with the facts, as a house is with bricks. But a collection of facts is no more a science than a heap of bricks is a house."

### Third revolution

"This approach represents building a house from a pile of facts," said Kress, a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the American Associa-

tion for Cancer Research. "I have an intense desire to resolve the problem that has been plaguing mankind for a lot of years. We have tools where we can put together a systematic approach. I view this as my legacy to humanity."

Professionals in the medical field who deal with cancer often take a "conservative approach" to dealing with cancer patients, he said, and they don't want to change what they're doing. Drug companies

are looking for a miracle drug to cure all cancer, he added.

The KressWorks Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization relying on private donors, foundations and corporations to fund its research. Go to kressworks.org for more information and to make a donation. Checks can also be sent to Kress at 7630 Salem Woods Drive, Northville, MI 48168.

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014

Notice is hereby given that a primary election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, August 5, 2014. The Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time candidates of the Democratic Party, Republican Party and Non-Partisan sections will be elected or nominated.

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**Proposal Section:** A copy of the full text of the following ballot proposals is available online at [www.plymouthtwp.org/Departments/Clerk/VoterElection/SampleBallot.htm](http://www.plymouthtwp.org/Departments/Clerk/VoterElection/SampleBallot.htm) or can be obtained at the Clerk's office during normal business hours.

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Local School District:

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This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full foundation allowance per pupil under Proposal A. The remaining 2 mills are only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a result of a "Headlee" rollback and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that rollback.

Intermediate School District:

#### WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY REGIONAL (RESA) ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County RESA and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County RESA based on pupil membership count. Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County RESA, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills (\$2 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2014 to 2019, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 (\$80 MILLION) when first levied in 2014.

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Precinct 5	Isbister Elementary School	9300 Canton Center Rd
Precinct 6	West Middle School	44401 W Ann Arbor Trl
Precinct 7	Church of the Nazarene	45801 Ann Arbor Rd W
Precinct 8	Praise Baptist Church	45000 N Territorial Rd
Precinct 9	Living Word Church	46500 N Territorial Rd
Precinct 10	NorthRidge Church	49555 N Territorial Rd
Precinct 11	Risen Christ Lutheran Church	46250 Ann Arbor Rd W
Precinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46081 Ann Arbor Rd W

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**WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT:** I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 1, 2014 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Effective
County of Wayne	11/03/2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	08/07/2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	11/02/2010	0.25 mills	2015

School District	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Effective
Plymouth Canton Community Schools:	09/2004	18 mills	2014 *(non homestead)

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## OUR VIEW

# Hold off on amphitheater

## Officials should halt plan in favor of public hearings

Whenever you mention the negative reaction to the planned amphitheater at Plymouth Township Park, township officials in favor of the project say it's a "vocal minority" and that there is very little criticism from residents as a whole.

Officials can't say that anymore, not after hundreds of people - many of them carrying the "Stop the Amphitheater" signs that have popped up lately, particularly in the neighborhoods surrounding township park - filled the township meeting room Tuesday night to protest.

It's time for township officials to stop the project, certainly to give themselves time to conduct public hearings on the matter - and possibly for good.

Critics rightly say they haven't been heard on the subject and that the four board members pushing the plan have acted despite the outcry against the project, even denying there's been any outcry. It's tough to deny now.

Township officials correctly point out they've been dealing with this issue, planning the project and voting on budgets for more than a year now. They correctly point out that residents have had - and taken advantage of - opportunities at numerous meetings to speak their minds.

All of that is true. But so is this: At no time have township officials presented any survey, study or even exploratory information to show residents in the township really want it. No data has been shown, at least in public, that shows anyone will use the amphitheater. Indeed, with Kellogg Park just down the road, there's at least a question of the need for another concert venue.

When the group promoting the PARC plan at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth approached township officials about partnering on - or at least supporting - that plan, it was given a resounding "no thanks" and told the township had its own plans for recreation, including a survey to determine what township residents want.

To date, that survey has not been conducted, nor have any plans been revealed as an indication it will be conducted at all.

We have no real objection to the amphitheater plan as an idea. The park is certainly spacious enough to absorb the small structure without fundamentally altering its green space. We doubt it will become an issue of noise control. It's projected to be a low-amplification venue.

Besides, noise hasn't been the chief complaint of the plan's critics. Instead, those speaking against it seem to overwhelmingly be objecting to the way the plan, in their eyes, has been railroaded through.

Other projects in the park have been successful. The playscape gets a lot of use. The sprayscape was put in years ago, largely on a *Field of Dreams* concept - "If you build it, they will come" - and is wildly popular.

The board can fix the perception it is forcing the amphitheater on residents who don't want it by simply having public hearings and providing whatever detail, plans and data available to support the idea, including information that shows it has solid support - something trustees claim, but haven't demonstrated.

It's one thing to let the residents speak at township board meetings. It's meaningless unless you listen.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Rights infringement

The primary is coming up and some of us will be out of town on vacation or work, so we will try to remember to vote using the absentee ballot.

My question is this: If voting is a private and legal right in our constitution, how come we have to state why we are voting absentee? Is it our government's business if we are out of town? Or 60 years old? Or disabled? These questions are personal and especially illegal in several ways.

Federal law protects us from revealing our age and health situations to many organizations. Public safety organizations strongly advise us not to reveal when we will be out of town to prevent break-ins.

Please join me in challenging this government infringement on our voting rights and privacy.

Clare Barwick  
Canton Township

### A clear choice

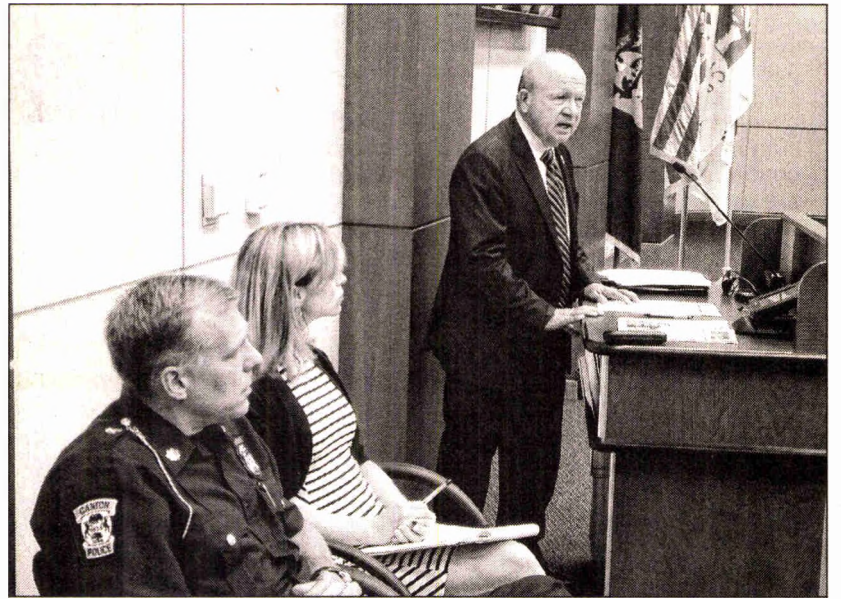
On Aug. 5, voters in the Democratic primary for the state House 21st District have a clear choice. The choice is Natalie Mosher. Natalie is a trustworthy, passionate, assertive leader who will get the job done for Canton, Belleville and Van Buren.

Natalie has a track record of doing everything she does well and with integrity. She was a teacher for many years, a county commissioner in Ohio when her family relocated there, who then returned to metro Detroit to lead the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy project, which has revitalized Detroit's riverfront area.

A loving mother and grandmother, Natalie also has devoted her life to causes she cares about. She is passionate about our state House district and she also cares deeply for its people. Whenever I have personally asked Natalie for help with anything, she has always been willing not only to help, but also to work toward finding a solution. She does this selflessly, without any thought of what she could possibly gain. I know Natalie would do the same for her constituents if elected.

Not only does Natalie help out when asked, she seeks out ways to help the community. Recently this busy, hardworking candidate has found the time to join in a community dialog about diversity because she knows it is important not only to herself, but to all of us. This is what we need more of in Lansing, the ability and the desire to talk about how we can all work together to make our district and our state wonderful places to live, work and raise families.

Family and children are very important to Natalie and her husband Bob, who have deep personal and professional roots in the Detroit area and in Canton in particular. Their sons were raised here, her brother and sister live in the area, as well as many other extended family members. Natalie dedicated 10 years of her life teaching children, including time in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, making her the only candidate in the race who has the



### What do you think?

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and other officials rolled out their plan to hike the township's public safety millage by 1.5 mills, a move the township's Board of Trustees could approve by August. Let us know what you think by email to [bkadrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com).

experience and training to understand the important issues facing our schools and our children as both a parent and certified educator. A taxpayer and resident of Canton, Natalie has demonstrated a strong commitment to our community, which I am certain will continue once she is elected. I hope you will join me in proudly voting Aug. 5 for Natalie.

Kate Borninski  
Canton

### Pagan best choice

I believe that Kristy Pagan is the best candidate for the position of state representative for the 21st District.

Some years ago, my husband and I met Kristy at a Canton Community Foundation fundraiser for a community food bank. As we talked about public education and women's issues, I was very impressed by her considerable experience and understanding of these concerns. Her previous work with Sen. Debbie Stabenow clearly provided her with a unique background to speak on these issues.

Since that time, I have observed Kristy's enthusiasm, energy and dedication. She was selected to serve as a member of the Canton Community Foundation board and works hard to support our community needs. She obviously is interested in being a community leader and has demonstrated her abilities to do so. As a moderate Democrat and a former Plymouth-Canton teacher and administrator, I feel confident that Kristy Pagan is the person to best represent me and members of our communities in Lansing and encourage a vote for her Aug. 5.

Barbara Church Rodenberg  
Canton

### Endorsing Edwards

I fully endorse Matthew Edwards for state Senate. I believe he has a vested interest in our future while keeping our youth in Michigan and making needed improvements to our roads.

He has the youth, influence and work ethic needed to do the job in our state. It is very apparent to me

how our leaders have become complacent in their jobs and Matthew brings a breath of fresh air.

Jim Hackney  
owner, Red Bell Preschool  
Plymouth Township

### Supports Mosher

I have been an active member of this community for many years. I have worked very closely with Natalie Mosher for more than six years, starting when I ran for Canton Township trustee and, most recently, when she worked as my campaign manager three years ago during my run for U.S. Congress in 2012.

Not only is Natalie from our community, but no other candidate has her level of experience and qualifications. We must elect a Democrat in this primary who is capable of winning in the general election. In my opinion, Natalie is the only candidate who can do this.

On Aug. 5, we have the opportunity to vote for someone who will provide meaningful change that we need in Lansing. Natalie is a passionate, results-driven leader who will do just that. I ask for your vote Aug. 5 for Natalie.

Dr. Syed Taj  
Canton

### Water outrage

I don't understand the outrage over the Detroit water shut-offs. Since the Great Recession of 2008, we have experienced an extremely large number of:

1. Foreclosures, families being evicted from their homes, possibly becoming homeless.
2. Electric service being shut off; no lights, heat, refrigeration, etc.
3. Gas service being shut off; no heat or hot water.

Where was the outrage then? There wasn't any. You can go to the Detroit River, dip a bucket and get water. You can't do that for electricity, gas or a mortgage.

I don't understand the difference between not paying your gas bill, your electric bill, your mortgage or your water bill.

Tom Kelly  
Plymouth

## OUR VIEW

# William Wild is the change county voters are looking for

For the first time in many years, the race for Wayne County executive is competitive.

For Robert Ficano, who took over as the county's top leader in January 2003, re-election has almost been a given every four years. However, since his last successful campaign four years ago, much has changed. Ficano's administration has been embroiled in controversy and scandal. A top aide has gone to prison. Throw in the stalled jail project and an annual structural budget deficit that has brought on the threat of an appointed emergency manager and you can see why voters have soured on

Ficano.

Ficano's weakened position has opened the floodgates to a number of challengers, but only a few rise to the level of serious consideration by voters in the Democratic primary. They are state Rep. Phil Cavanagh of Redford Township, former Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans of Detroit, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara of Belleville and Westland Mayor William Wild.

While they have a variety of experiences and backgrounds, all of Ficano's challengers share a message of change and a desire to bring integrity back to Wayne County govern-

ment. However, we believe one candidate stands out. We urge Wayne County voters to choose **William Wild** in the Aug. 5 Democratic primary.

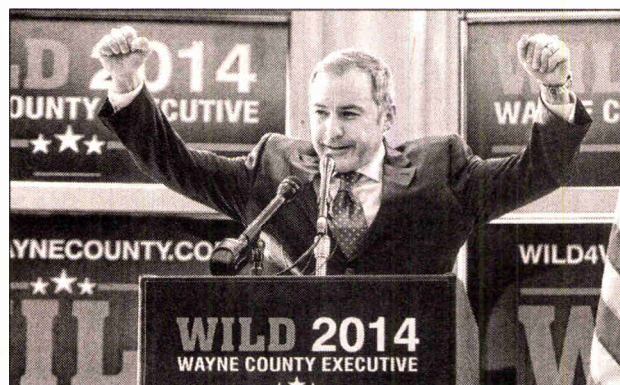
Despite the criticism leveled his way, Ficano does deserve some credit for rebounding, putting new people in place and coming up with a deficit reduction plan.

However, the damage is done. Voters no longer have confidence in county government. There needs to be change at the top.

Cavanagh has been an impressive state lawmaker and before that a county commissioner. McNamara, a current commissioner, has some good ideas. But neither has the executive experience we believe is needed.

Two candidates who stand out for their leadership abilities, executive experience and vision for the county's future are Wild and Evans.

We believe both could provide a steady hand,



Westland Mayor William Wild fires up the crowd as he officially announces his campaign for Wayne County executive. We believe he would provide a fresh start for a county that needs new leadership. TOM WAKULA

right the ship and restore confidence.

Of the two, however, we believe Wild has the edge because he is the man who can provide the change voters are looking for. Serving as Westland's full-time mayor since 2007, Wild has taken over one of the largest cities in the county and turned it around, transforming a projected \$50 million deficit into a \$5 million surplus. He was able to work with the city's unions to get necessary

concessions, while also maintaining services. He currently has a three-year running balanced budget. Those are the kinds of successes needed at the county level.

He is committed to getting the county's financial house in order, but realizes residents expect high-quality services, particularly in law enforcement, road maintenance, health and human services, parks and recreation and economic development.

Another thing in Wild's favor is his business experience. He owns Scrap Busters, an auto recycling business in Wayne. He has the support of many local and regional business owners, including William Clay Ford Jr., executive chairman of Ford Motor Co.

Wild also has a young family and fits the demographic Wayne County should be attracting, not losing, as it has too often over the course of the last decade.

Cavanagh, McNamara and Evans all bring a fair amount of good ideas for change and county ties to the table. This year, however, that doesn't necessarily bode well with voters. They are looking for change and a fresh start.

We believe Wild has the skills needed to lead Wayne County. He would provide a fresh start for a county that needs new leadership.

We urge voters in the Democratic primary to select **William Wild** as the nominee for Wayne County executive.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Residents sound off on amphitheater project

**Serve the people**

The major reason you see so many \$top the Amphitheater signs is because a major decision impacting our local community was not presented to the voters for their input.

Once people became aware of what was occurring and the negative impact it would have, the officials did not want to listen. It was considered a "done deal."

It is my understanding that elected officials serve the people they represent rather than the other way around.

**Marilyn Disbrow**  
Plymouth

**Opposed to projects**

I am opposed to both the amphitheater and pavilion because this was signed on by trustees in a private meeting.

Mr. Curmi and Mr. Doroshewitz were not asked to the meeting and were not there. I know this from a meeting of the concerned citizens and they were in attendance. The trustees are limiting citizen involvement.

Since when are the trustees dictatorships? As a citizen, I resent that. They have borrowed money for this project and naturally the citizens must pay that back. Basically representation is lost on these four individuals.

**Dianne Erxleben Griswold**  
Plymouth Township

**Out of touch**

The amphitheater saga in Plymouth Township is only the latest in a string of actions by certain Plymouth Township board members that indicates a) they are out of touch with their constituents and b) they don't care what their constituents necessarily think anyway. That second point is evidenced by the recent behavior of the board to walk out during public commentary in a meeting, but we've seen plenty of examples of late:

» The inexcusable and almost unfathomable vote to not create any public joint authority with the city of Plymouth until 2016 (essentially after the next board takes office). This childish action was in response to calls by the public for township support of the PARC project at Central Middle School, which seemingly every Plymouth community resident favors (all except some township board members).

They couldn't work with the city on the issue of fire coverage and they won't work with them on this. Ridiculous. People in the city and township view this area as one Plymouth community, but our township leaders don't get it ... or don't care.

» Next we get the issue of the ever-expanding "sled-hill shelter." All that was really needed was a place between the ball fields to serve some basic concessions during games or provide some hot beverages during sledding season, along with a clean restroom. Instead, the project has morphed into a structure costing more than \$600,000 with a kitchen and meeting-room space? Couldn't a basic concession room and bathrooms have been built for less than 10 percent of that?

» And now comes the idea of an amphitheater, an idea sprung upon the local residents and other board members alike. A \$350,000 expenditure that no one asked for or was asked about for input. The area they seek to replace is the last patch of natural splendor in the park and residents value the solitude they can experience on those trails.

That, I think, is more

concerning than the risk of occasional excessive noise. How about the township donate some of those funds to ensure that the PARC project can build a first-rate amphitheater in the city, where it belongs.

In closing, the township does not need an amphitheater in the park. What it does need is a township board that values its input and remembers that it works for its constituents (not the other way around!). (The) 2016 (election) can't come soon enough.

**Mike Sovel**  
Plymouth Township

**Against amphitheater**

I feel very compelled to speak out against the building of an amphithe-



These lawn signs urging opposition to the amphitheater proposed for Plymouth Township Park have been popping up around town, especially in the neighborhood near the park. Let us know what you think by sending a letter to the editor to [bkadrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com)

ater at the Plymouth Township Park. I am most disturbed that our elected public officials feel it is OK to spend the taxpayers' money with-

out asking for our input. This is after there is no question that there is deep concern if this is an appropriate use of our money. We are not

talking about small change here. Why are they stubbornly proceeding without putting this out to the public first if even a small segment of people are gravely concerned?

People are extremely busy and many just don't have the time to voice their concern. Money should first be spent on public safety, not personal agendas. Last time I checked I lived in the USA, which means the public decides, not closed door meetings.

**Karen Newton**  
Plymouth

**Total arrogance**

I am opposed to the amphitheater and several other Township Park projects, they were ob-

viously discussed and preapproved behind closed doors. At the April 23, 2013, board meeting, Trustees Curmi and Doroshewitz were surprised when out of nowhere the numerous park projects were revealed and approved without any discussion or public input.

It was very obvious to those in attendance that secret round-robin discussions had occurred before the meeting in violation of the Open Meetings Act. Projects included were a \$650,000 pavilion, a bridge to nowhere, the amphitheater and numerous other projects, including \$350,000 to pave the parking lot at

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By John C. Stewart  
GUEST COLUMNIST

our taxpayer dollars under the pretense of educating Michigan's children.

John Austin, president, and Dr. Cassandra Ulbrich, vice president, of the state Board of Education have appointed a task force to propose legislation to address myriad problems with charter schools.

We, the taxpayers, are paying more than \$1 million each for exorbitant leases charged to 14 charter schools run by Michigan's largest for-profit management company. These charter buildings, which resemble pole-barns with no firm walls inside, are privately owned and constructed with the intent for resale.

During the past three years, the per-pupil foundation grant has been cut by more than \$740 per student. The current School Aid Bud-

get for 2014-15 provides only \$50 more per student than last year.

Furthermore, under the guise of trying to close the equity gap in school funding, there is a new equity payment of \$125 per student for schools with a foundation allowance less than \$7,251. This means most charter and cyber schools will receive an increase of \$175 per student. It should be noted that charter and cyber schools do not have the significant cost of transportation. Ply-

mouth-Canton Community Schools spends nearly \$7 million a year on transportation.

Most charter schools do not serve students with special needs. The financial responsibility falls on traditional public schools, which educate more than 98 percent of all special-needs students. The cost to educate special-needs students is significantly higher, yet there is no increase for special education in this budget.

Each charter school is its own individual

school district, funded with taxpayer dollars. We cannot afford two separate public school systems.

The people of Michigan support the fact that public education is the cornerstone and foundation of our democracy. For-profit schools cannot be public schools. We must restore the greatness of Michigan's public school system.

John C. Stewart is a Plymouth attorney who served three terms as the state House 20th District representative.

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the golf course. It should be noted that the golf

course has been losing money for years.

The loud public outcry against these projects have been going on for more than a year; to keep the public in the

dark, all public comments have been eliminated from the minutes. When people speak against the projects at meetings, they are interrupted and laughed at

by board members and Supervisor Reaume does nothing to stop it.

Numerous letters opposing the projects are ignored and they refuse to answer any public inquiries. We have asked numerous times to have this put to a vote of the people, but our requests are ignored.

The fire chief went around the board and acquired a safer grant from the federal government to bring back firemen which the township had laid off. When this money runs out, the township will ask us to raise our taxes because all the money went to these pet projects that no one wants.

They will tell you they got grant money to help supplement these projects; the last time I checked this money was coming out of my other pocket and it is not free money as they would like you to believe.

To pat themselves on the back, they have put up posters in the main lobby showing only the pictures of trustees who voted for the projects. It is total arrogance and has become known as the postergate scandal around town.

Duane Zantop  
Plymouth Township

## No amphitheater

I do not support building an amphitheater in Plymouth Township Park for a number of reasons. First and foremost, I feel it is a waste of land that should be preserved instead of developed and money that should be used for more worthwhile projects. The park, as it now exists, is a wonderful, family friendly place to hold picnics, bring children to play or just walk in a beautiful and safe environment.

To take away any more of the park's green lawns and surrounding forests would make it appear crowded and cluttered. One improvement that I have heard suggested is a well-placed concession stand that, if managed correctly, could create summer jobs for our students while adding revenue to be used to help maintain the park.

Secondly, I oppose the amphitheater because of the lack of transparency displayed by the voting majority of board members. Even after learning that some of their fellow board members and many of their constituents had major objections to this project, they continued without giving it a second thought. A

committee was never formed or, as far as I know, even considered.

In a recent letter to the editor published in the *Plymouth Observer*, township treasurer and supporter of the amphitheater, Ron Edwards, chastised state Sen. Patrick Colbeck for voting in favor of a tax increase. By doing so, according to Mr. Edwards, he went against the wishes of the people that got him elected. Mr. Edwards went on to say:

"This happens all the time in politics (that's why we have committees) and is taught to our children attending public schools. It's part of our political process. Instead of the bill dying in committee, Sen. Colbeck's yes vote led to the largest tax increase..."

I bring up this point not in support of Sen. Colbeck, but to draw attention to the hypocrisy of Mr. Edward's votes regarding the construction of an amphitheater in the township park. Where was the committee, Mr. Edwards? Where is the transparency? Why are you voting against the wishes of your constituency, many of whom got you elected?

Jeanette Sullivan  
Plymouth Township

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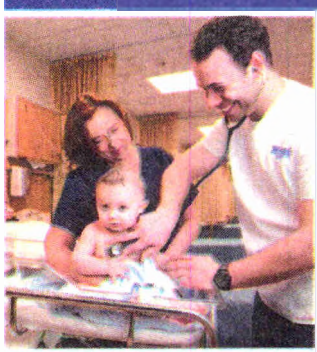
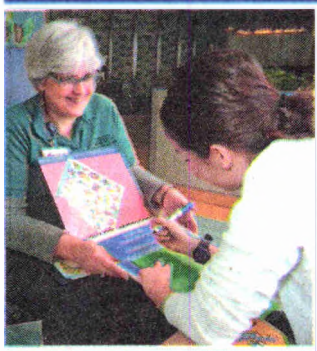
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# Canton families enjoy camp out night

Canton-area families got an opportunity to enjoy some outdoor summer fun Friday when Canton Leisure Services hosted a Family Movie Camp Out Night at Heritage Park.

More than 400 attendees filled the park to take part in the event, with 88 families setting up tents and staying the night. Campers were treated to an outdoor big-screen showing of the movie *Despicable Me 2*, as well as themed activities, crafts and snacks throughout the evening.

"It was an exciting night and we had wonderful weather," said Jennifer Girard, Canton Leisure Services recreation specialist. "Lots of families and friends enjoyed our minion-themed activities. We look forward to seeing even more families out for another great Camp Out event next summer."

Local dad Josh Brien brought his 3-year-old and 4-year-old to the park for their first camping experience. He

said the variety of activities made the Camp Out a blast for his little ones.

"We got here and the kids went in the bounce houses and now they're getting their faces painted," Brien said. "They're really excited."

A pair of bounce houses from Awesome Bounce, face painting by D&M Art Studio, entertainment from Ray Champion and crafts and games provided by Canton Leisure Services staff provided plenty for families to do before the movie and overnight stay.

S'mores, snacks provided by PRO Martial Arts and hot dogs from Cruisin' Custom Coneys, as well as pancakes by Chris Cakes in the morning, kept hungry campers satisfied.

Girard said the event was a fun way for kids to try out camping while still being a new experience for more seasoned campers.

"We had many first-time



Nearly 90 families set up tents for Canton's camp out night in Heritage Park.

campers and it's a rare opportunity to get to camp out in the park," she said. "It was a night of many camping firsts in Canton."

While the Movie Camp Out Night is a yearly event, families looking for another oppor-

tunity to catch an outdoor movie can mark the calendar for a free outdoor movie night Thursday, Aug. 7, in Heritage Park, located behind the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The movie *Soul Surfer* (rated

PG) will be shown on the big screen at dusk as part of Canton Leisure Service's "Shark Week" programming.

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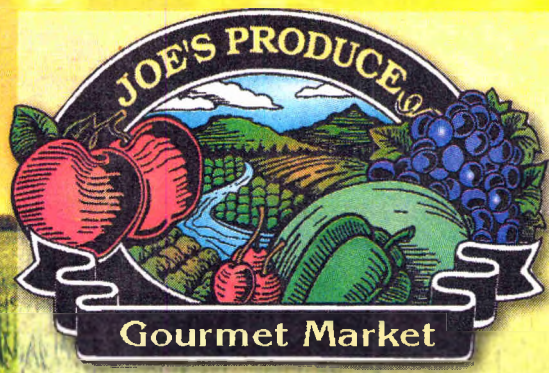












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## SUNSHINE'S SKILLS & DRILLS FOOTBALL CLINIC



Despite being confined to a wheelchair, 5-year-old Lincoln Nicholls puts a good hit on a blocking pad. Helping Lincoln out is his buddy, varsity player Kalen Dunham (No. 21, left). PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## VOLLEYBALL

### Ex-Zebra Horton joins FSU

Katie Horton, a former all-area standout at Wayne Memorial High School, is headed south to the Sunshine State and a position on the Florida State University volleyball team.

The Westland resident played one season at Ohio University before opting to transfer and join the Seminoles in Tallahassee, Fla.

"I'm very excited for this opportunity to play both indoor and sand at FSU," Horton said. "Everything happened so quickly, but I knew this was a chance I couldn't pass up."



Horton

"The more I thought about it, the more excited I got, hopefully, to make an impact on both teams and improve myself as well. I'm very happy and thankful for this opportunity."

Horton was a major asset for the Bobcats, helping them win their 10th Mid-American Conference championship in 11 years the past season.

The outside hitter ranked second on the team in kills (312) and points (368). She averaged 2.6 kills per set. As a high school senior, Horton was ranked as the No. 95 player in the nation by Prepvolleyball.com.

She was more of a soccer player before she switched her focus to volleyball at the age of 15. Since making that change, Horton has developed into an all-around player.

"We were really thin this spring with our left-side attack options and Katie gives us a player that can have an impact attacking out of the left and right front positions," said FSU head coach Chris Poole, who guided the Seminoles to Sweet 16 berth in the NCAA tournament. "She has a tremendous amount of upside, but we expect her to contribute immediately. Katie has started playing sand volleyball and I'm excited to see the impact she makes on our indoor and sand teams this year."

Horton is one of four transfer players and two freshmen in the 2014 signing class.

Another high-level transfer is junior middle blocker Kiara Wright from Houston and USC. She helped the Lady Trojans to consecutive appearances in NCAA regional finals.

"We have a lot of great players returning and have added impact players," Poole said. "I believe this will be one of the most talented groups of players I have ever coached. The athleticism on this team is going to be outstanding and will give us an opportunity to match up physically with any team we play."

"We had faith that everything would fall into place and we expect Katie and Kiara to help this program immediately."

# BRAINSTORM BRINGS 'SUNSHINE'S'

Special-needs kids soak up football fun, knowledge, friendship at unique clinic

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Who knows whether medical miracles can someday fix spina bifida, Down syndrome or whatever else ails the 43 youngsters who came out Friday night for the first-ever Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic.

But for one evening, it was all about present moments and future memories. There were special-needs kids tackling, throwing and catching — side by side with players from the Plymouth Wildcats and Our Lady of Good Counsel Crusaders football teams.

Near midfield at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf field, 11-year-old Nicholas Hochrein of Saline relentlessly went after Plymouth Wildcats player Victor Abraham with a series of tackles unlike any seen previously at the Park.

They were tackling each other with glee, and it was hard to see who had the widest grin — Nicholas, the pre-teen with Down syndrome and alopecia areata or Abraham, the muscle-bound high school player.

"I think it's an amazing thing," said Nicholas' father, Brian Hochrein of Saline. "Nick likes people. Any time we can get him out and actually experience some athletics with



Throwing another spiral is Plymouth's Peyton Domzalski, 7. He doesn't let spina bifida get him down.

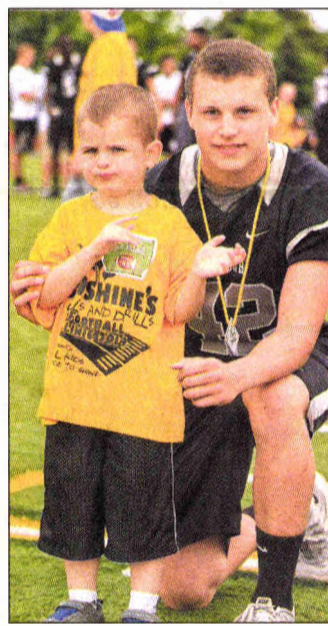
some other kids his age, I think it's an amazing thing."

Hochrein said Nick "loves watching football" at Saline High School and was pumped up about participating. Perhaps just as thrilled about the event was Brian.

"We've done some other things, not quite like this," he said. "But this is, ... what a program."

And all of the credit goes to 10-year-old Connor Sherman of Canton, a soon-

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Joey Ahearn (No. 42) was the buddy of 5-year-old James Jacobs at Friday's football clinic, making the rounds to four stations. James has autism.



After finishing up a 12-minute stint at the blocking station, this group of clinic participants, players and coaches enthusiastically shout "1-2-3, O-line!"

## SWIMMING

### Redford summer swim program a proven success

By Alice Walters  
Correspondent

Redford Leisure Services has partnered with the Redford Union and South Redford school districts to offer community swimming lessons and open swimming this summer at the RU and Redford Thurston high school natatoriums.

The popular program will run through July 31, so there is still time for youngsters and their parents to take advantage of the unique offering.

The summer swim program's coordinator, Gary Bern-

hardt, noted how the Redford community is collaborating to employ local high school lifeguards who are trained and certified by the American Red Cross.

"Pools are closing due to a shortage of lifeguards and this is a great experience for these young people to gain experience and learn the basics of swim instruction," said Bernhardt, who brings nearly 20 years of experience as a swim coach and Red Cross water safety instructor.

Recent RU graduate and current lifeguard Elizabeth

Oliver said she looks forward to the summertime hours she spends helping up-and-coming swimmers learn vital water skills.

"I really like to teach swimming," Oliver said. "I like knowing the kids can be safe and that I can help build their confidence in the water. At first they are shy and hanging on the wall, but soon they are saying, 'Look! Look! I can do this!'"

Water safety — especially in Michigan — can't be empha-



Pictured are Redford Summer Swim participants Monae Griffin (left) and Sierra Ashby. ALICE WALTERS

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# His game plan's a winner for society



Connor Sherman made his idea for Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic a successful reality.

Youngster delivers the goods, unites football and humanitarianism



Tim Smith

It was Connor Sherman's vision to have a football camp for special-needs kids.

And so it was no surprise to see the 10-year-old Canton boy standing in the middle of the varsity football field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, reading some heartfelt comments to the gathering of about 200 at Friday's Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic.

"Every kid should have the opportunity to play this sport, which is why I came up with this idea," read Connor, who will be entering fifth grade at Workman Elementary School.

Showing the communication skills and poise of

someone twice his age, Connor made sure to thank everybody who took the time to attend the first-annual event.

Connor's idea yielded the sweetest fruit as kids between ages 3-14 enjoyed the time of their lives.

Yeah, the youngsters came and went from P-CEP with the same physical or mental handicaps. But they left with much more, namely a shiny trophy, plenty of new friends and proof they are not alone.

### Just amazing

The way the evening unfolded amazed everybody, including TV anchorman Vic Faust (WXYZ - Channel 7) who was an unofficial emcee and one of Connor's biggest fans.

Faust and many others were 100 percent in agreement that it is rare to see a 10-year-old kid step up to the plate of social awareness and compassion the way Connor did.

Of course, Connor's dad knew that the youngster always had a heart that thumped as strongly for those dealt a tough hand in life as it did for football.

"Connor's always been a soft, warm-hearted kid ever since he was little," said Erik Sherman of Canton. "He's been fortunate to be physically gifted with sports and I think he's always kind of looked at the underdogs as somebody he wanted to help and be around."

"He's been that way since he was little. This



Connor Sherman (left), talks with Plymouth assistant coach and clinic director Brian Rochon. "Sunshine's" clinic was Connor's idea from beginning to end. PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

fits right in line with his personality."

Connor also is a talented young quarterback for Our Lady of Good Counsel and someday he could be back on that very same field playing for the Plymouth Wildcats.

"He's very serious about football and baseball both, but football is definitely his passion," Erik Sherman added. "He's a great young quarterback, he works hard at it."

If Friday's successful clinic is any indication, Connor won't have any trouble being a field general for a high school team.

The shaggy-haired kid came up with the idea for a classroom assignment in fourth grade. That was the start of the drive.

The finished product that was Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic concluded that march with a definite touchdown strike.

So let the cheering begin. What Connor Sherman conceptualized and pulled off is a clear signal that there is plenty of hope for the future.

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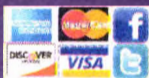


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# Toledo family glad to have made trip to clinic

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Most of the exuberant participants at Friday night's Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic didn't have to travel very far to make it to the first-annual event at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

But if they had to, they would have traveled as far — if not farther — as Lyndon Parsons' family of Toledo, Ohio, did to be there for an inspirational night.

The first-annual event, the brainchild of 10-year-old Connor Sherman of Canton, provided Plymouth Wildcats and Our Lady of Good Counsel players and coaches the chance to help youngsters with special needs enjoy football fun and instruction.

"We actually heard about it through one of his Special Olympics groups that he's involved in, for special needs hockey," said Tony Parsons, whose 14-year-old son Lyndon was afflicted at birth with Sturge-Weber syndrome. "One of our coaches was telling us about it and so we looked into it and we're here."

Sturge-Weber syndrome is a rare disorder that impacts the nervous system and often results in seizures.

Tony and Lisa Parsons (Lyndon's parents) proudly stood on the P-CEP varsity turf field as Lyndon trotted over to show them his participation trophy.

All 43 participants received those trophies after successfully finishing a quartet of football stations (for quarterbacks, wide receivers, running backs and offensive linemen).

When Lyndon was asked what he learned during the clinic, he quickly repeated

what on-field "buddy" and Plymouth varsity football player Kevin Justice said: "How to throw, how to catch."

## He earned it

Although Lyndon does not play football, he was happy to leave with a trophy as well as a pat on the back for a job well done from Justice.

"He was always first, he always hustled," said Justice, who is entering his senior season with the Wildcats. "He earned his trophy today, that's for sure."

Justice then turned toward the youngster and noted that "You worked up a sweat, didn't you Lyndon?"

According to Tony Parsons, it was important to make the trip up to Canton in order for Lyndon to learn "a little bit more about teamwork and learning to hustle" not to mention providing a boost to the teen's self-esteem.

Asked if the family was glad to have made the trek to Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic, Tony's response was a quick and emphatic "absolutely."

Parsons added that the Wildcats might even get some favorable karma out of the deal when the 2014 season plays out. "The football team that was involved here today, I think is going to get something very special out of this."

That wouldn't be necessary as far as Justice is concerned, noting that the players and coaches already were rewarded just for being able to spend the time with a group of football-loving kids.

"It is really nice to give back to the community," said Justice, smiling.

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Having finished Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic, participants and their buddies run through the inflatable Wildcat head. PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Cade Tjernagel, 11, of Chelsea, plays catch with his buddy, Plymouth player Jacob Miller (not pictured).



Plymouth football players shadowed their football clinic buddies for the entire night.



Plymouth player Kalen Dunham (left) gives all his attention to 5-year-old Lincoln Nicholls at one of the stations. Lincoln has spina bifida.

## CLINIC

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to-be fifth-grader at Workman Elementary School and a quarterback at OLG.

### On target with idea

Like a quarterback spotting an open wideout crossing the field, an opportunity presented itself at school and Connor delivered on it.

During something called "Genius Hour" in the classroom of Workman fourth-grade teacher Melanie Gray, Connor proclaimed his desire to do something for those who through no fault of their own couldn't experience the sport he has loved since he was a toddler.

It didn't take him long to envision putting on a football clinic.

"I wanted to come up with this idea because I love football, it's my favorite sport," said Connor, who like all other volunteers sported yellow T-shirts emblazoned with the clinic's name on the front. "I thought every kid should have the opportunity to play it."

"One of my best friends, Shane Hanson, his mom works with special-needs kids, she's with them all the time. I see them and I thought it was cool if they could be here, and it kind of inspired me."

Gray explained that her students were given time every Friday to work on a project they were passionate about.

"And Connor's passion was creating a football camp for everybody, that everybody should have a chance (to participate) no matter what their needs were," Gray said. "He and his parents (Erik and Jennifer) took it by the reins, and here we are today. Which is amazing."

Including participants (ages 3-14), family members, volunteers, players and coaches, there were about 200 people at the clinic (which Connor wants to become an annual event).

### Just humongous

"We are (proud)," Erik Sherman said. "What started out as a classroom project obviously morphed into something humongous, and that's what we're witnessing here."

Connor, also a third-year starting quarterback for OLG who wears his hair in a longish fashion, already had a good name for the endeavor since his nickname for several years has been "Sunshine."

According to the official website for Connor's program ([www.sunshinesfootballclinic.org](http://www.sunshinesfootballclinic.org)), it was a natural for him to get the same nickname as the long-haired quarterback in the 2000 movie *Remember the Titans*.

"Having a similar hairstyle and showing signs of being a quarterback," the website description continued, "Connor's first-grade flag football coach gave him the nickname Sunshine. The nickname stuck and coaches and teammates and the OLG football family still refer to him as Sunshine. Connor wanted to incorporate his nickname into the clinic."

Once Connor had his brainchild, he enlisted Plymouth varsity assistant coach Brian Rochon (who also gives Connor private lessons on quarterback skills) to become clinic director.

"This entire project was Connor's idea from beginning to end," Rochon stressed. "Myself, the rest of the Plymouth staff, our players and program have been lucky to be part of it and kind of help his dream come to reality."

"But all the credit for the idea goes to Connor and his family. This is not our project, it's his."

Rochon added that the participants came to the event "with special needs ranging from Down syndrome to ADHD to autism to spinal bifida to fetal alcohol syndrome and honestly probably a few that I am leaving out. It's a great opportunity for these young men to get to experience football like so many of the rest of us have been fortunate enough to."

Many of the kids were signed up thanks to word of mouth as well as an email blast to families through the special education department at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

### Station to station

Turns out the Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic was quite an unforgettable experience for the players themselves.

Each Plymouth player wearing a black jersey was paired off with a participant and they stayed together for the entire clinic. Players with white uniform shirts helped out wherever they could.

Groups rotated among four skill stations (for quarterbacks, running backs, wide receivers and offensive linemen). Coaches and players were at each location to teach the basics.

Consider Plymouth coach Jordan Jones, who worked at the wide receiver station near

the south end zone.

"We'll have everyone face the end zone, ultimately we want to score touchdowns," Jones said. "Turn around, this here is the end zone, that's where we score touchdowns!"

"First it's important to know what a receiver is. A receiver is the guy on the football field that runs out, the quarterback throws him the ball, he catches it and scores touchdowns. Has a lot of fun. But first we got to know how to stand."

Players lined up along the goal line and tossed miniature footballs to their buddies some five yards away.

One of the buddy tandems enjoying the receiver station included 7-year-old Peyton Domzalski and Plymouth junior Darwin Filey.

"Boom," said Filey after Peyton — who is wheelchair-bound due to spina bifida — fired a perfect spiral his way.

"I love it, I like seeing kids that have this opportunity to come out here and showcase their talents even though they're not the same as everybody," Filey emphasized. "It inspires me because I'm blessed."

"It just shows me how blessed I am, how lucky I am to be in the position I am."

### Way to go

Over at the station for linemen, Plymouth senior Jacob Noll worked with 6-year-old Joey Shanlikian, who has autism.

"Come on, Joey," encouraged Noll, clapping his hands.

Just as enthusiastic was one of the coaches, Terry Sawchuk.

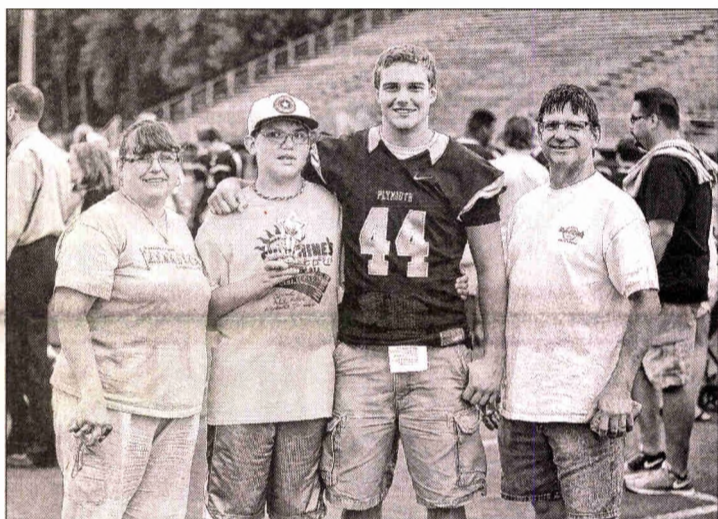
"Check your stance, look up," Sawchuk reminded the kids. "That's a good stance."

Meanwhile, Plymouth player Jonah Peterson and 6-year-old Jonah Connors (who has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) were teaming up to learn about blocking.

"We've just been helping him with technique and everything," Peterson said. "He's been doing really well, he knows everything. Best one out here, right Jonah?"

He and plenty of other kids came away from Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic feeling good about themselves and their new-found football knowledge, too.

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Toledo's Parsons family took part in Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic. Lyndon Parsons (second from left) is shown with his buddy, Plymouth football player Kevin Justice. Lyndon's parents are Lisa (far left) and Tony (far right). JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Golf event to help military veterans

Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton will participate Monday, Aug. 11, in the World's Largest Golf Outing to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

The event will involve thousands of golfers and hundreds of courses throughout the country.

The cost is \$200 for a foursome, \$100 for a twosome and \$50 for a single golfer. The fee includes a hat and golf ball with the WLGO logo, greens fee, shared cart, lunch, prizes and awards.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. There will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m., followed by an awards ceremony at 3 p.m.

Golfers can register at [worldlargestgolfouting.com](http://worldlargestgolfouting.com) or [fellowscreekgolf.com](http://fellowscreekgolf.com). For more info, call Fellows Creek at 734-728-1300.

Participants will have a chance to win a trip for four to the Nike Campus, which will include all fittings for custom-fit Nike irons and a Nike hat-and-shirt package.

### Generals softball tryouts

The Michigan Generals will have softball tryouts from 6-8 p.m. the following evenings at North Farmington:

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

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

Go to [michigangeneralss.com](http://michigangeneralss.com) for a registration form

and more information.

### Glenn volleyball fundraiser

John Glenn High School's volleyball team will have a golf fundraiser Saturday, Aug. 9, at Fox Hills Golf Course.

The cost is \$125 per player or \$500 per foursome. The cost includes 18 holes of golf, lunch on the turn, unlimited range balls, raffle ticket and steak dinner.

The check-in time is noon; play begins at 1:30 p.m. The registration deadline is Sunday, Aug. 3.

For more information, contact Walker at 719-339-6159.

### Precision Baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the Precision Patriots 11-U travel baseball team are scheduled 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, July 28, at Precision Baseball, located at 7835 Market Street in Canton.

The Patriots will have winter indoor practices and training, league and tournament play. Players must be age 11 or younger May 1, 2015.

Players from surrounding areas are welcome. Any questions can be sent to [precisionpatriots11u@gmail.com](mailto:precisionpatriots11u@gmail.com).

### Churchill golf outing

The fourth annual Churchill softball golf outing fundraiser will be Sunday, Sept. 28, at Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

The cost is \$65 for golf and dinner. Dinner only is \$20. The format is a four-person scramble.

Contact Steve Gentillia at 734-776-1716 ([churchillsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:churchillsoftball@gmail.com)) or Kevin McHugh at 734-748-8520 ([kmchugh12@yahoo.com](mailto:kmchugh12@yahoo.com)).

# Whalers alums to give 'Miracle on Ice'

Aug. 16 game at Compuware Arena to benefit  
Beaumont's Children's Miracle Network

The Plymouth Whalers have plans to make their 25th season in the Ontario Hockey League a special year worth remembering.

The Whalers start the new season with an event that will prompt more smiles than goals by hosting its fourth Alumni Game at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Compuware Arena.

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

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

Adding to the event is radio station WDVD-FM (96.3) and morning host Blaine Fowler, who are long-time supporters of the Plymouth Whalers and events at Compuware Arena.

Community Choice Credit Union is also lending support to the event.

Players from all eras of the Whalers' 25-year history are expected to play, including former Detroit Red Wings player David Legwand, Alex Aleardi, Robbie Czarnik, Jamie Devane, John Vigilante, Damian Surma, Chris Terry, Mitchell Heard and Matt Hackett, among many others.

The list of alumni coming back to Plymouth for the Alumni Game grows each week. For the \$10 donation, Whalers Alumni will participate in meet-and-greet autograph session with fans 2-3:30 p.m. before the puck drops. Fans can have two items signed.

## Another win-win

"Not only is the Alumni Game a fun event for our fans and everyone else, but we've also helped out great causes over the years," Whalers marketing director Denise Roynayne said. "Two years ago, the alumni donated their time and effort toward Gleaners Community Food Bank in a Hunger Free Summer Campaign. In 2010, we helped raise awareness toward autism.



Plymouth Whalers alums (from left) Ryan Hayes, Chris Terry and Tyler Seguin enjoy a fun moment during the 2012 Alumni Game at Compuware Arena. This year's game is 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

"Supporting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Beaumont Children's Hospital this year is a win-win for everyone. Blaine and Allyson and our friends at 96.3 WDVD add to the excitement and help make this event memorable."

Beaumont Children's Hospital pediatrician-in-chief Dr.

Brian Berman said the hospital is "so grateful to the Plymouth Whalers and 96.3 WDVD for their generous support. ... The funds they raise are instrumental in helping to provide comfort and compassionate care to the many children and families that we serve."

Fowler of the radio team

stressed that the event is a way to unite "two of our favorite teams: the Children's Miracle Network Team and the Plymouth Whalers. All of us at 96.3 have big love for both of these amazing partners and are excited to make this event a can't miss for our community."

## LIVONIA COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE

### Rams strike down Lightning, 13-0

Winners explode for 11 runs in first inning; improve to 20-10

The Michigan Rams seized the momentum of Monday night's Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game against the Southfield Lightning early and never let up on the way to a 13-0 five-inning win at Ford Field.

Paced by the sizzling wood-bat of Kyle Jusick (3-for-4, four RBI, two runs), the Rams improved to 20-10 while the

Lightning slipped to 5-25.

The Rams pounded Lightning starting pitcher Mark Tooley for seven first-inning hits.

The victors were bolstered by a solid start from Chris McDonald, who yielded just two hits while striking out three in four innings. Rams righty Mike Kanitra mopped up with a perfect fifth inning.

In addition to Jusick, others wearing out the Lightning's pitchers were Travis Harvey (2-4, three RBI, run), Nick Harris (2-3, two RBI, run) and Nolan Page, who knocked in

two runs while scoring twice.

On Sunday, the Ram split a LCBL twinbill with the Bulls, dropping the first game 3-2 before bouncing back to claim the nightcap, 1-0.

The Rams outthit the Bulls, 6-2, in the first game, but couldn't solve the exploits of winning pitcher Ryan McClelland, who struck out five and walked just one in 5.1 innings.

Ram starting pitcher Brody Harris was masterful in game two as he blanked the Bulls over the first six innings by scattering six hits and a walk while striking out four.

### Bucks roll in finale, clinch crown

The Michigan Bucks finished off their regular season in grand fashion with a convincing 4-0 shutout of the Chicago Fire on July 12 at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

With the win, the Bucks clinched their Premier Development League-record 11th Great Lakes division title to put them in the Central Conference championship tournament this weekend.

The Bucks will take on the St. Louis Lions on Friday night (5:30 p.m. EST kickoff) and will look to advance to Saturday night's conference title game against the winner of the Des Moines Menace-KW United FC semifinal to be played following the Bucks match.

The high-scoring Bucks lit up the scoreboard in the first minute of the game when team-leading scorer Dzenan

Catic knocked home his 14th goal of the season when he converted a Gerald Ben pass from close range to put the Bucks up 1-0.

Catic came into the game tied in the PDL with 13 goals and made a statement in the first half to secure not only the league's goal scoring title, but the overall points leader as well.

In the 15th minute, Tom Owens' free kick fell to the feet of Tanner Sica, who hit a quick pass to Catic who coolly slotted home his second goal of the match.

It would only take an additional five minutes for Catic to complete his fourth hat trick of the season when he played a nice ball to Zach Steinberger, who returned the pass to an open lane six yards from goal and the Bucks striker converted to ensure he would capture

the PDL scoring title with 35 points on the season and the goal-scoring championship with 16.

With the Bucks holding a commanding 3-0 halftime lead, head coach Demir Muftari substituted Catic at the break.

While offensively the Bucks were as sound as ever, defensively they gave the aggressive Fire forwards and midfielders no room to operate and controlled both the offensive and defensive midfields for most of the game.

Reece Richardson made his third start in goal and recorded his third win, all shutouts, in relief of Adam Grinwis. As usual, the Bucks back line and defensive midfielders did not allow many chances at goal and the team concluded the regular season by shutting out the last four opponents in a row.

## SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

### Redford Soccer Club

The Redford Soccer Club will host a summer camp for young players from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 28 through Aug. 1 at Bell Creek Park, which is located at the intersection of Five Mile and Inkster roads in Redford.

The camp will be orchestrated by former Detroit Ignition player/head coach Matt Johnson, who is the current head coach at Marygrove College. Johnson's camp staff will include former Ignition players as well as current Marygrove players.

To register, contact Jim Gibbs at 313-995-4234 or [meancamino@yahoo.com](mailto:meancamino@yahoo.com).

### Franklin girls hoop

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

The camp is free to all. To register, email coach James Milican at [jmilican@livonia-publicschools.org](mailto:jmilican@livonia-publicschools.org). Please give name, age and grade when registering.

### MU cross country

Madonna University will stage summer cross country base camps for serious high school runners from 8:45-9:45 a.m. July 28 through Aug. 1. The cost is \$75.

MU will also hold long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. Saturday, July 26 and Aug. 2, at Cass Benton Park.

The cost is a \$2 donation each long run. For more information, email Pat Daugherty at [pdaugherty@madonna.edu](mailto:pdaugherty@madonna.edu). Daugherty can also be reached during the evenings at 734-658-0226 (cell) or 734-432-5634 (office).

### Churchill gymnastics

The Churchill gymnastics camp for ages 11 and up will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Aug. 11-14, at the high school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The fee is \$71.

For more information, email coach-director Kelly Grodzicki at [kgrad-zic@gmail.com](mailto:kgrad-zic@gmail.com) or assistant coach Sara Wilchowski at [sarawilchowski@gmail.com](mailto:sarawilchowski@gmail.com)

or call Grodzicki at 248-880-0198.

### Summer camps

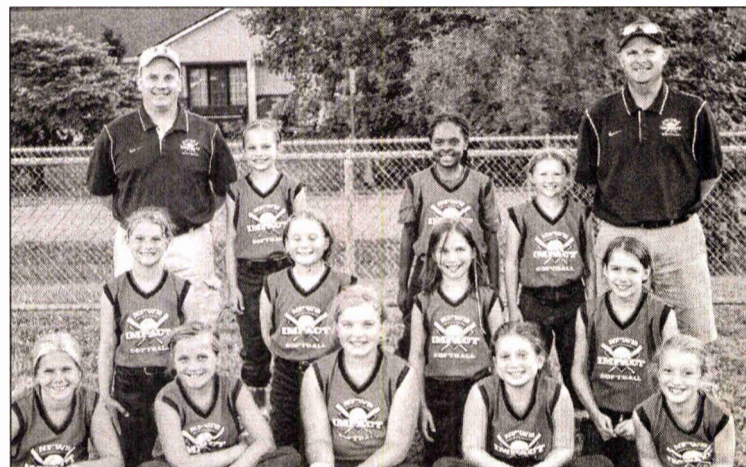
On tap this summer through Canton Leisure Services are sports camps instructed by longtime coach Pat Watson.

The camps will emphasize drills and skills that cover offensive strategies and defensive plays in game situations. Mornings will be spent on drills focused on improving fundamentals, while afternoons will be used for scrimmages. Participants should pack a sack lunch and a water bottle.

Basketball: There will be two more weekly basketball camps at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Those sessions (for ages 7-14) will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. as follows: Session 3, July 28 through Aug. 1. The fee is \$150 for residents and \$160 for non-residents.

To register, visit [cantonfun.org](http://cantonfun.org), call Canton Sports Center at 734-483-5600 or visit either Canton Sports Center or Summit on the Park and inquire.

## Team makes big Impact



The 10-and-under North Farmington-West Bloomfield Impact softball team won the Western Wayne County League Silver East Division championship with a 12-2 record. Team members are (seated, from left) Cara Hartley, Karen Austin, Val Pallett, Madeline Sandberg and Sophie Konkai; (kneeling, from left) Ashley Cook, Kathleen McDonald, Corrina Collins and Kate Roggow; and (standing, from left) assistant coach Mike Wojciechowski, Brooke Wojciechowski, Paris Allen, Kelly Simpson and head coach Jeff Simpson. Also on the team are coaches Tom Hartley and Mike Roggow.



Jenacy Cardwell reviews her progress report with instructor Luke Crompton. ALICE WALTERS

## SWIMMING

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sized enough, Bernhardt added.

"Michigan is surrounded by water, so we want to do all we can to prevent drowning by teaching swimming to children early in their lives while it's easier for them to learn new skills," he said. "We also offer adult lessons so adults can become more comfortable and enjoy the water. We have those who are new to the water and those at swim-level workouts." Lessons run Monday

through Thursday through next week. The cost for a two-week session is \$60 per person.

Interested people can register at the Redford Township Leisure Services offices, which are located at 12121 Hemingway; or they can call 313-387-2650 for more information.

The American Red Cross Swim Program is used and includes a pre-session swim test and post-session progress cards for each participant.

Open swims are available Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at RU and 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Thurston. The cost for open swimming is \$3 per person.

## YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

### 10U Livonia City Thunder travel baseball

The Livonia City Thunder travel baseball organization has announced the addition of a 10U team beginning with the 2015 season.

The head coach of the 10U team will be Phil Henriksen. Tryouts will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 26; 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2; and 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3.

All tryouts will be at Bicentennial Field No. 5 in Livonia. Players are asked to arrive 15-30 minutes early for registration.

The season will be comprised of entry into the KVBSA (15-18 games) and into six to eight competitive weekend tournaments.

For more information, con-

tact Henriksen at [s8henriksen@yahoo.com](mailto:s8henriksen@yahoo.com).

### 11U Livonia Stars travel baseball

Head coach Matt Fournier will be holding tryouts for the 11U Livonia Stars travel baseball team on Sunday, Aug. 3, and Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Livonia Franklin High School baseball field from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This will be a travel team that will be playing games in the KVBSA and three or four tournaments.

Players can not turn 12 before May 1, 2015 in order to be eligible to sign up.

For more information, contact Matt Fournier at [mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net) or at 734-968-0499.

# ON THE GO:

## Technology helps Realtors keep in touch, find business leads

Over the years, Realtors have spent countless time and millions of dollars advancing real estate technologies and keeping up with the latest high-tech tools. The 2013-14 Realtor Technology Survey, conducted by the National Association of Realtors' Center for Realtor Technology, found that Realtors continued to invest in new technology for their businesses in 2013 and spent more than they did in previous years.

According to the survey, brokers spent a median of \$1,410 on technology for their real estate business, up from \$1,122 in 2012, while agents spent a median of \$848, up slightly from \$822 in 2012. Technology that allows work to be done while on the move appears to generate the most interest among Realtors, who are highly mobile professionals. Smartphones and tablets, iPads, Androids, Surfaces or Kindles, are the tools Realtors are most intent on purchasing; 29 percent of participants said they plan on procuring one of these tools in 2014.

"Technology has transformed the way Realtors do business, but in real estate, being high tech can never come at the expense of being highly accessible," said Mark Lesswing, NAR senior vice president and chief technology officer. "Advances in smartphones and social media have made it easier for Realtors to stay in touch with their customers, but maintaining a strong, personal relationship with clients is still at the heart of the business."

According to the survey, the vast majority of Realtors, 94 percent, use mobile devices to communicate with clients. In fact, Realtors spend a median 44 percent of their time corresponding with or doing work for their clients via their mobile devices. Use of iPhones continues to increase among Realtors; 52 percent of respondents now use iPhones. Thirty-six percent of respondents use Androids and 3 percent use Blackberry devices.

"Realtors tend to find the most value in technologies that allow them to conduct business quickly, conveniently and on the go," Lesswing said. "Embracing new technologies and online resources is a vital part of how Realtors identify, market and sell homes and guarantee that they are meeting their clients' needs."

The use of social media to generate leads and stay in contact with clients has also increased since 2012; 91 percent of all Realtors use social media. Seventy percent of those surveyed said that they use social media to build relationships and network, while 64 percent said they use the platforms for marketing and generating leads.

The most frequently used social platforms were Facebook, 77 percent of respondents said they use the site regularly, followed by LinkedIn, used by 75 percent.

The 2013-14 Realtor Technology Survey was based on data collected in January 2014. The survey was emailed to NAR members, including Realtor brokers, managers and agents, and generated 1,280 usable responses. The survey is available for free at [crt.blogs.realtor.org](http://crt.blogs.realtor.org)



Realtors have joined other busy professionals in using technology. GETTY IMAGES/MOODBOARD RF

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In 2001, NAR established the Center for Realtor Technology to provide technology leadership, guidance and assistance to Realtor associations and mem-

bers. Through its mission of evaluating, implementing and applying emerging technologies, CRT makes available informed industry insight, research and open-source applications.

## Alternatives exist in Calif. to San Diego

**Q: What is happening to Dana Point, California, from an investment standpoint in residential real estate as opposed to investing in San Diego?**

A: These are two different residential scenes, although, they both, of course, border the Pacific Ocean. As I recently observed, the cost of residential units in San Diego and its coastal cities have flattened out in terms of appreciation, because of new construction and local taxes.

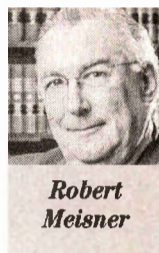
Coastal properties are still, of course, strong, however, in the Marina area, but the mega appreciation has not occurred. Dana Point, on the other hand, is a small coastal community

which is in the process of spending millions of dollars to redo their entire harbor development by tearing down the old shops and restaurants, and in town turning the one-way Pacific coastal highway, going through the city, to two-way traffic. Accordingly, look for major investment and appreciation in the next two years in Dana Point, though as in any situation, you need to get experienced real estate brokers to assist you in evaluating your investment opportunity.

**Q: I hear that Banff, Alberta, Canada, is like Aspen in the cost of real estate for the so-called upper-crust. What can you tell me?**

A: There is a street in Banff called Buffalo Street, which is along the Bow River, where the houses range from \$2 million to \$10 million. They are not that extravagant, but have a great location in a breathtaking picturesque town much like Aspen. Of course, Banff is in a Canadian National Park where elk and deer stroll everywhere with an occasional bear for excitement, especially, if you leave garbage unattended. Simply put, real estate is extremely expensive in Banff, but based on recent observations, new construction of residential communities is substantial and pre-construction opportunities may be available.

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



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

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

#### BEVERLY HILLS

16302 Buckingham Ave \$195,000  
31495 Sleepy Hollow Ln \$590,000

#### BIRMINGHAM

1242 Greenlawn St \$543,000  
2768 Manchester Rd \$285,000  
843 Ruffner Ave \$315,000  
2324 Yorkshire Rd \$190,000

#### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

4244 Wabek Lake Dr S \$294,000

#### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

4739 Brafferton Dr \$459,000  
443 Fox River Dr \$200,000  
3891 Oakhills Dr \$335,000  
2192 Yarmouth Rd \$1,600,000

#### COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

1779 Kinghill Dr \$50,000

#### FARMINGTON

33614 Adams St \$155,000  
23234 Floral St \$150,000  
35509 Heritage Ln \$92,000

#### FARMINGTON HILLS

37242 Chesapeake Rd \$288,000  
31223 Country Ridge Cir \$310,000  
25311 Crown Point Ct \$287,000  
38652 Evonshire \$152,000  
31623 Folsom Rd \$210,000

29262 Glen Oaks Blvd W \$150,000  
31189 Harmony Ln \$466,000  
29490 Lochmoor St \$160,000  
21318 Ontaga St \$65,000  
34205 Rhonswood St \$118,000  
24790 Toddy Ln \$258,000  
22026 W Brandon St \$118,000

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LATHRUP VILLAGE

19051 San Jose Blvd \$210,000

MILFORD

2925 E Commerce St \$173,000  
534 East St \$150,000

NOVI

25620 Hillside Dr \$580,000  
25848 Island Lake Dr \$550,000  
28785 Summit Dr \$332,000  
21837 Sunrise Blvd \$238,000

49648 Timber Trl \$425,000

SOUTH LYON

54890 Grenelefe Cir W \$301,000  
1082 Paddock Dr \$268,000

SOUTHFIELD

29510 Ashley Ct \$168,000  
19825 Magnolia Pkwy \$97,000  
28096 Marshall St \$59,000

WHITE LAKE

4629 Coastal Pkwy \$320,000  
1499 Hillway St \$258,000  
1974 Kingston St \$150,000  
525 Teggerdine Rd \$82,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 31 through April 4, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### CANTON

1181 Brookline St \$215,000  
1633 Brookline St \$107,000  
7055 Copper Creek Cir \$150,000  
5500 Denton Rd \$157,000  
42230 Hanford Rd \$178,000  
46271 Hanford Rd \$237,000  
7458 Kingsbridge Rd \$163,000  
47391 Larchmont Dr \$275,000  
48425 Manor Bridge Dr \$124,000  
2739 N Woods Blvd \$273,000  
850 S Haggerty Rd \$82,000  
5870 Wedgewood Rd \$21,000  
45937 Windridge Ln \$333,000

#### GARDEN CITY

33315 Brown St \$91,000  
28824 Cambridge St \$110,000  
32556 Marquette St \$95,000

#### LIVONIA

9581 Arcola St \$120,000  
16712 Bell Creek Ln \$275,000  
9847 Denne St \$135,000  
14147 Golfview St \$172,000  
16642 Harrison St \$240,000  
16955 Inkster Rd \$115,000  
15190 Knolson St \$188,000  
36470 Ladywood St \$220,000  
14559 Newburgh Rd \$130,000  
29737 Nottingham Cir \$117,000  
19434 Osmus St \$153,000  
29866 Robert Dr \$138,000  
35647 Southampton St \$236,000  
17865 University Park Dr \$95,000

#### NORTHVILLE

611 East St \$292,000

717 Grandview St \$323,000  
16169 Johnson Creek Dr \$700,000  
16040 Morningside \$150,000

PLYMOUTH

39636 Birchwood Dr \$120,000  
817 Deer Ct \$200,000  
432 N Sheldon Rd \$300,000  
9524 Winterset Cir \$307,000

REDFORD

10078 Beech Daly Rd \$55,000  
16851 Brady \$26,000  
13592 Centralia \$35,000  
15832 Denby \$73,000  
25455 Ivanhoe \$47,000  
25146 Keeler \$10,000  
19437 Lennane \$77,000  
24463 Pilgrim \$45,000  
8883 Riverview \$60,000  
16681 Ryland \$70,000

WAYNE

34954 Harroun St \$38,000

3148 Winifred St \$80,000

WESTLAND

35810 Avondale St \$79,000  
2732 Barns Dr \$218,000  
32102 Bertram Dr \$106,000  
8115 Bristol St \$52,000  
328 Brookfield Dr \$120,000  
30802 Burlington St \$66,000  
112 Carson Dr \$100,000  
112 Carson Dr \$124,000  
31521 Fairchild St \$79,000  
32261 Fairchild St \$69,000  
29445 Joy Rd \$35,000  
1485 Lillian St \$37,000  
37671 N Butler Cir \$121,000  
6398 N Radcliffe St \$80,000  
34539 Nancy St \$64,000  
38370 Shelby Dr \$182,000  
34021 Tomahawk Dr \$111,000

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Organizers of the 2014 Livonia/Garden City CROP Walk will hold an informational meeting about the event, 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia.

Last year, 195 CROP walkers raised more than \$17,000 for hunger relief. Church World Services allocated 25 percent of the funds to food banks in southeast Michigan.

The 2014 Livonia/

Garden City CROP Walk is set for Sunday, Oct. 5, starting at Rose-dale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. Walkers can choose routes from a half mile up to 4 miles. Ice cream will be served at the end of the walk.

Donations also are accepted at [cwsglobal.org](http://cwsglobal.org). Click on the "find a walk" link and select "Livonia/Garden City Walk."

## RELIGION CALENDAR

### JULY CROONING IN THE COURTYARD

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. July 31  
**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City  
**Details:** Sing-along and karaoke event; bring your own chair, instruments  
**Contact:** 734-427-3660

### MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 26  
**Location:** Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, Redford  
**Details:** Free festival with Christian music by This Fire Within, The Repeat Offenders, Bekah Greenman, Aaron Lucas and Co., Connor Roy, Heavenly Embers and more. Crafters and vendors 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Contact:** 313-937-2424; [www.HosannaTabor.org](http://www.HosannaTabor.org)

### OUTDOOR WORSHIP

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

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Time/Date:** 5:15-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 28 through Aug. 1  
**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** For 4-year-olds through grade 5  
**Contact:** [www.connectingwithgod.org](http://www.connectingwithgod.org)

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. July 28-31  
**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne  
**Contact:** 734-728-1950

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Time/Date:** 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. July 28 through Aug. 1  
**Location:** Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia  
**Details:** "Wilderness Escape" VBS will give youngsters a taste of what it was like to live in the Israelite camp with Moses. For kids in grades K-5. Registration is \$15 per child.  
**Contact:** [mthopechurch.wordpress.com](mailto:mthopechurch.wordpress.com)

### YARD SALE

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 26  
**Location:** Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** Runs rain or shine and includes gently used items, craft supplies, baked goods, and baskets—ready for gift-giving—with cat, comfort, car, soothing and child-pleasing themes. Proceeds fund mission team trip  
**Contact:** Mary at 248-471-1322 or Melissa at 734-466-8694

### AUGUST FREE STUFF GIVEAWAY

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to noon, July 26; rain date is Aug. 2  
**Location:** Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** The church plans to give away gently-used clothing and shoes, toys, children's items, furniture, collectibles, appliances, household items, and more  
**Contact:** 248-476-8222

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 4-8  
**Location:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, in Livonia  
**Details:** Open to all kids entering preschool (must be potty-trained) through sixth grade. Includes music, games, Bible stories, science, crafts, snacks and more. Registration fees are \$5 for one child in the family, \$10 for families with two or more children. Families who register before July 27 with receive a VBS music CD  
**Contact:** 248-442-8822; [judy@emmanuel-livonia.org](mailto:judy@emmanuel-livonia.org)

### ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m.

and study at 8 a.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

### Our Lady of Loretto

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** 313-534-9000

### St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.  
**Location:** School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org)

### Ward Presbyterian

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

### FAMILY MEAL

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

### MOMS

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

### Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

### PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

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

### PRAYER

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

### St. Edith Church

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

### St. Michael Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

### SINGLES

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

### First Presbyterian Church

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

### Steve's Family Restaurant

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.  
**Contact:** 313-534-0399

### Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

### SONG CIRCLE

**Congregation Beth Ahm**  
**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat  
**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.  
**Contact:** 248-737-1931 or email [nancyellen79@att.net](mailto:nancyellen79@att.net).

### SUPPORT

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

### Detroit World Outreach

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

### Farmington Hills Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August  
**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group  
**Contact:** 248-433-1011

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### BRISTOL, PATRICIA KING

Age 79, passed away Thursday, July 10, 2014. Patricia was born March 17, 1935 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Edward McCutcheon and Dorothy (Dykstra) McCutcheon. She married William Bristol in 1973. Patricia had lived in Brazil and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She spent summers in Bay View, Michigan. She loved to paint and garden. Patricia is survived by one sister, Laura Smith of Fenton, Michigan; her two children, Laura Hanssen of Denver, Colorado, and Carl Hanssen and his wife Amy; her two grandchildren, Christina Hanssen and Jack Hanssen. Patricia was predeceased by her husband William, and her parents Edward and Dorothy. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Birmingham, Michigan, and Bay View Michigan. Contributions in memory of Patricia may be made to the Little Traverse Bay Conservancy and the National Wildlife Federation. For more information visit:  
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**SCHNEIDER DR. ROBERT P. PINKNEY, MI**

His Legacy... Dr. Robert Phillip Schneider, age 79, of Pinckney, MI, died July 19, 2014, while surrounded by family. Dr. Schneider was born to Jacob and Rose (Morofski) Schneider in Detroit, MI. On June 14, 1970, he married the love of his life, Alice, in Detroit, MI. Dr. Schneider was a family physician in the South Lyon area who loved his wife, children, and going to work to care for his patients. He firmly believed that the doctor / patient relationship was something special. Robert and Alice worked together many years before retiring in 2012. Robert belonged to many medical associations and also on staff at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and DMC. He enjoyed family trips, walking and jogging, and being out on the lake with his dogs. Robert will be dearly missed by family and friends.

His Family... Robert is survived by his wife, Alice; sons, Ronald (June) Schneider of Shreveport, LA, and Jay Schneider of Toledo, OH; Sister Charlotte (Herbert) Feldman; grandchildren, Jeffrey and Jacob; nephews and nieces, Mark, Gary and Jeanette; long-time friend and business associate, Dr. Patrick Brennan; and many special neighbors and friends.

His Farewell... A private Natural Farewell has taken place. Family and friends will gather for a Memorial Service Thurs., July 24, 2014, from 4-5:30 p.m. with Service beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. Memorial donations are suggested to ALS of Michigan. Please leave a message of comfort for Dr. Schneider's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign his guestbook at [www.borekjennings.com](http://www.borekjennings.com)

### In Memoriam



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# LIVONIA BAND SET TO ROCK THE PIKE ROOM IN PONTIAC

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

When Jacob Peetz and Frank Ritz were kids they dreamed about playing in a rock band.

"It was always something we said — let's be in a band, but we couldn't play instruments," said Ritz, 17, who has been friends with Peetz since fifth grade. "He and I played music in eighth grade. I knew four chords."

By their sophomore year, they had chosen a name for their collaboration, Royale, based on a line of dialogue in *Pulp Fiction*, one of their favorite movies, and they began rehearsing in earnest.

When they graduated last month — Peetz from Livonia Stevenson High School and Ritz from Livonia Churchill High School — their music resume included four recorded songs, air play on 89X and several shows in such venues as Token Lounge in Westland and the Pike Room inside The Crofoot, in Pontiac.

"Because we've been friends for so long, when we play music together it just clicks," said Peetz, 18. "We don't have to struggle to make things work."

The pair will be back at the Pike Room, 1 S. Saginaw Street, Pontiac, Saturday, July 25. Doors will open at 7 p.m. Two other bands, Blind Season and The Antycs, will open the show at 7:30 p.m., with Royale taking the stage at around 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Visit [thecrofoot.com](http://thecrofoot.com).

## Collaborating

Peetz is self-taught on drums and Ritz played piano and drums as a youngster, before switching to guitar. They've invited other musicians to play with them, but generally perform as a duo.

Ritz writes all of the songs, fleshing out lyrics by hand and working out the music on an acoustic guitar.

"Honestly, none of the songs would sound the way they do without him," Ritz said, acknowledging their collaborative effort. "They are folk songs when I write them on acoustic guitar. Then he jumps on the drums. They become Royale (songs) because of him and me combining. We have overlapping styles."

Both musicians grew up listening to classic rock. Rush was a favorite of Ritz, but he also liked Kiss, Queen, Bob Dylan and Pink Floyd. In recent years he has added The National, The Front Bottoms, and Neutral Milk Hotel, among others, to his favorites list. Peetz counts Led Zeppelin drummer, John Bonham, and Who drummer Keith Moon among his influences.

"Frank's guitar and vocals are more standard rock and when I play drums I'm more punk rock in my style," Peetz said.

## Excited about performing

Royale played at a friend's neighborhood music festival before landing its first gig at a public venue, Token Lounge in Westland. The professional gig confirmed Peetz's career choice.

"It was unreal. I went from playing in the basement to actually showing this to people," he said. "As soon as we played our first show, that was it. That was what I wanted to do forever. It was so much fun and exciting to play for people. You send your own message out with your music."

Peetz said the "terrible stage fright" he had experienced at school disappeared when he performed on stage.

Ritz said his experience with the Creative and Perform-



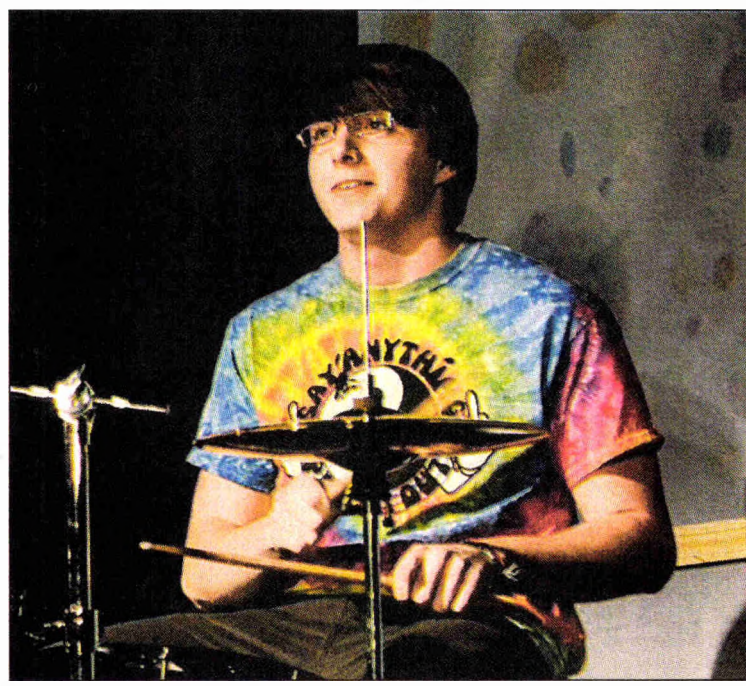
Frank Ritz, Royale guitarist, graduated from Churchill High School in Livonia.

ing Arts program at Churchill helped to polish his stage presence and sharpened his vocal skills. He initially entered CAPA to study filmmaking, but ended up in theater classes, acting and singing in 15 shows. He was president of the thespian society his senior year and directed a drama, in addition to performing in musicals.

He and Peetz both have delayed college to see where Royale might lead them. They're working toward an album and hope to add eight more songs to the four they've already recorded.

"Our goal is to finish it by September and we want to put it on tour in December," Ritz said.

Listen to their single, *Swan Song* at <http://withcheese.bandcamp.com/>. Check out their Facebook page at [facebook.com/royalemichigan](http://facebook.com/royalemichigan).



Jacob Peetz, Livonia Stevenson graduate, plays drums in the band, Royale.

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ANIMALS

#### DETROIT ZOO

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

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

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

**Wild Summer Nights:** Concerts run 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, through Aug. 27, in the Main Picnic Grove and are free with zoo admission, which is reduced to \$6 after 6 p.m. on concert nights. Performers are Jill Jack, folk, July 30; Billy Brandt and the Sugarees, Americana, Aug. 6; The Ragbirds, folk rock, Aug. 13; Candy Band, children's, Aug. 20; and Joe Reilly and the Community Gardeners, children's, Aug. 27

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

#### CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 26-Aug. 14

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

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

**Contact:** 248-473-1859

#### JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

**Time/Date:** Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sept. 11

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

**Details:** "Daily Gratitude: Art, Sport and Cupcakes," features the work of Jessica Kovan. Also opened July 17 are exhibits by glass artists and Teresa Petersen, who creates art from thrift store and hardware shop finds

**Contact:** 248-432-5448

### COMEDY

#### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Thursday, July 24, and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 25-26

**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

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

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



Celeste Lee (left) is Rumpelstiltskin and Corrine Marsh is Tilda in Spotlight on Youth's production of *Rumpelstiltskin*, July 24-27.

#### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

**Time/Date:** 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 25 and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26

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

**Details:** Keith Fields performs; tickets \$18

**Coming up:** Phil Johnson performs stand-up comedy and music, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 31; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2; tickets are \$10 for Thursday and \$18 for Friday-Saturday

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

### FILM

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 25-26, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 27

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** *Belle*, admission \$3

**Coming up:** *Chef*, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 1-2; 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3

**Summer Cinema Series:** All shows at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday; seats \$3. *Jurassic Park*, July 24; *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, July 31; *Back to the Future III*, Aug. 7; *The Nutty Professor*, Aug. 14; *Abbott & Costello in Buck*

*Privates*, Aug. 21; *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, Aug. 28

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

#### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. July 25 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 26

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

**Details:** *The Princess Bride*, \$5

**Coming up:** *Carrie*, 11 p.m., Aug. 1; \$5; *Best In Show*, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, including live improv performance before the film and during intermission and a meet and greet after the movie with Fred Willard, \$6

**Contact:** 313-537-2560

### FUNDRAISER

#### FASH BASH 2014

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

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

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



Jill Jack performs July 30 in the Wild Summer Nights concert series at the Detroit Zoo, in Royal Oak.

fashion show; and \$85 provides access to the Audi After Party on the steps of the DIA. Proceeds benefit the museum's operating endowment

**Contact:** 313-833-5646

### HISTORY

#### KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

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

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

**Details:** The exhibit, "Ancient/Modern: The Design of Everyday Things," examines how inhabitants of the ancient Mediterranean and Near East both resembled and differed from contemporary Americans by juxtaposing ancient and modern objects of similar use and/or appearance.

**Contact:** 734-764-9304

#### PLYMOUTH MUSEUM

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

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

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

**Contact:** 734-455-8940

### MUSIC

#### EMERGENT ARTS

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Monday, July 28

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

**Details:** Ann Dahl plays piano; no admission but tips accepted

**Contact:** 734-985-0875

#### JAZZ@THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

**Location:** Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** On July 29, the Terry Lower Trio with Edye Evans Hyde will perform. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

**Contact:** 734-453-1780 or email [plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com)

#### TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

**Time/Date:** Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Jack Williams, July 25; Mikaela Davis, Aug. 8, Brion Riborn and Barelyon, Aug. 9. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

**Contact:** 734-464-6302

### THEATER

#### EMERGENT ARTS

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. July 25

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

**Details:** Improv mixer will include the troupes Gut Shot, 7 Minutes in Heaven and Legally Problematic. Admission is \$5

**Contact:** 734-985-0875

#### HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7-9 and 15-17

**Location:** 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn

**Details:** *The Good Doctor* by Neil Simon; tickets are \$12 for general seating, \$10 for seniors and college staff, and \$8 for students with ID

**Contact:** [theatre.hfcc.edu](http://theatre.hfcc.edu); 313-845-9817

#### INSPIRE THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 25-26 and Aug. 1-2 and 3 p.m. Sunday, July 27

**Location:** 5767 Executive Drive, Westland

**Details:** *No Stone Unturned*, an original murder mystery comedy in the style of the '40s, written by Joe Davis and Len Fisher; tickets \$10, \$8 for seniors and students

**Contact:** 734-751-7057

#### MOTOR CITY THEATER

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to dusk July 26

**Location:** 27555 Grantland, Livonia

**Details:** *A Renaissance and Medieval Festival* includes free entertainment and games. Wear a costume to receive a free treat

**Contact:** 586-894-8628

# Beets

## FRESH, FUN SUMMER MEALS

**W**hen it comes to summer fare, familiar favorites are always welcome, such as burgers on the grill, sandwiches, salad, lemonade and dessert. But if the tried-and-true choices are getting a little too familiar, maybe they need a makeover.

These deliciously doable ideas start with time-saving, prepared products, such as jarred vegetables and classic bean salads, that provide real homemade flavors. Here's how:

» Elevate burgers from basic to sensational with a dollop of Red Cabbage, Onion & Bacon Jam, made with sweet-and-sour red cabbage, sauteed onions and smoky bacon.

» Need a new sandwich inspiration? Mediterranean Bean & Pita-Wiches are a combination of three- or four-bean salad, vege-

tables, olives and feta cheese stuffed into whole grain pita pockets.

» Trade the traditional greens or potato salad for Herbed Beet & Tomato Salad, an updated combo of colorful sweet-tangy pickled beets, garden-fresh yellow tomatoes and herb vinaigrette.

» What's for dessert? Try Fudgy Beet Brownies, which are made with Harvard beets to keep them extra moist and yummy.

» Lemonade is always a welcome thirst quencher, especially if it's pink. Here's the simple secret: Just stir pickled beet liquid into prepared lemonade — it's pink in a wink.

For additional recipes and serving suggestions, visit [www.auntnellies.com](http://www.auntnellies.com) and [www.readsalads.com](http://www.readsalads.com).

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### MEDITERRANEAN BEAN & PITA-WICHES

Prep time: 30 minutes  
Servings: 6

1 can (15 ounces) READ 3 or 4 Bean Salad  
½ cup crumbled feta cheese  
½ cup chopped tomatoes  
½ cup coarsely chopped baby spinach  
¼ cup sliced celery  
¼ cup sliced pitted black or Kalamata olives  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano or basil  
6 whole grain pita pocket halves  
**Dressing:**  
2 tablespoons reserved bean liquid  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
1 clove garlic, minced  
Black pepper, coarsely ground

Drain bean salad; reserve 2 tablespoons liquid. In large bowl, toss together bean salad and next six ingredients.

For dressing, whisk ingredients together. Add dressing to bean mixture; toss. Fill pita pocket halves with bean mixture.

### PINK LEMONADE

Makes: 2 quarts

Add 2 to 4 tablespoons pickled beet liquid to 2 quarts prepared lemonade; stir. For deeper pink color add additional beet liquid.



### RED CABBAGE, ONION & BACON JAM

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 25 minutes

1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage  
¼ pound bacon (thick cut or regular)  
1 large yellow onion (about 8 ounces)  
2 tablespoons granulated or brown sugar  
2 tablespoons white balsamic or white wine vinegar  
1-2 tablespoons fresh thyme (or 1 teaspoon dried thyme)  
½ teaspoon ground black pepper  
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper (or to taste)  
Green onion or parsley (optional)  
Drain cabbage; reserve liquid.

Cut bacon into pieces (about ½ inch). Cook in large skillet over medium to medium-low heat until browned and crisp. Transfer bacon to paper towel-lined plate; reserve. Measure 2 tablespoons drippings and return to skillet. Discard remaining drippings.

Meanwhile, cut onion lengthwise in quarters. Cut crosswise into very thin slices (about ¼ inch thick). Heat bacon drippings over medium-low heat until hot. Add onion slices, reduce heat to low and cook 5 minutes or until onions begin to soften, stirring occasionally. Stir in sugar, vinegar, thyme, peppers, bacon and ½ cup reserved liquid. Add cabbage and continue cooking over medium-low to low heat 15 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and mixture is very soft and thick, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle with thinly sliced green onion or chopped parsley before serving, if desired.

Serve warm or at room temperature as topping for burgers or crostini, as sandwich spread, condiment for meats or tossed with pasta.

### HERBED BEET & TOMATO SALAD

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Servings: 4

1 jar (16 ounces) sliced pickled beets  
2 medium yellow tomatoes, sliced ½ inch thick  
¼ cup olive or vegetable oil  
¼ cup white wine or rice vinegar  
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh herbs (such as thyme, parsley, basil, oregano or chives)  
1 clove garlic, minced  
Salt and pepper

Drain beets well. Reserve liquid for pink lemonade, if desired. Cut beets in half. Cut tomato slices into quarters.

For vinaigrette, whisk together oil, vinegar, herbs and garlic. Add salt and pepper to taste. Place tomatoes in large bowl. Toss with dressing. Gently toss in beets. Serve immediately or chill.

### FUDGY BEET BROWNIES


Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: Per package directions  
Servings: 24 brownies

1 jar (15.5 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Harvard Beets, not drained  
1 box dark or milk chocolate brownie mix (for 13-by-9-inch pan)  
¼ cup vegetable oil  
2 eggs  
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips or chunks  
Confectioners' sugar (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray bottom of 9-by-13-inch pan with nonstick cooking spray. Place beets in blender or food processor. Puree until smooth; set aside. Combine brownie mix, oil, eggs and pureed beets in large mixing bowl; stir until well blended. Stir in chocolate chips. Pour into prepared pan. Bake as directed on package, checking after shortest recommended baking time. Remove from oven; cool. Lightly dust with confectioners' sugar, if desired.

Note: Package sizes may vary according to brand.





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CONTEST INSIDE

# CHRISTMAS

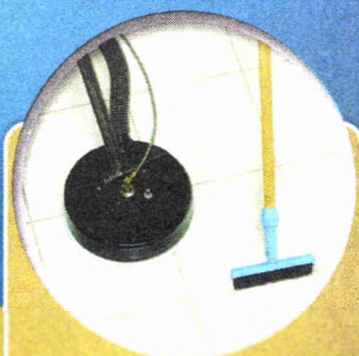
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Santa Claus, a.k.a. as Paul DiDonato of Redford, is the winner of the Life in Go - spring expo - Christmas in July cover contest. **Read his story on page 6.**



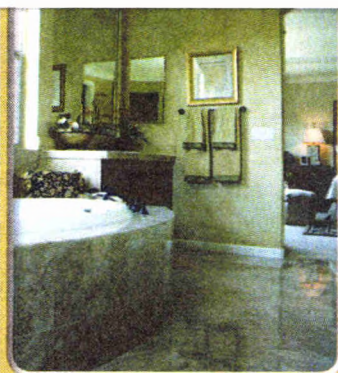
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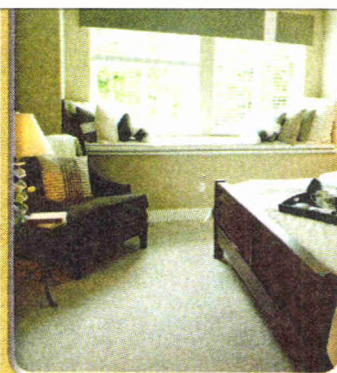
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An avid history buff, Milford attorney

Jack W. Bolling is passionate about keeping the past alive for future generations.

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As an estate/legacy planner, Bolling has trademarked his approach to the estate planning process and accompanying legal services as Legacy LifeLines™. This process includes three steps: 1) counseling and plan design; 2) funding of the revocable living trust; and 3) an on-going maintenance plan that is unique to Bolling's practice.

Bolling encourages his clients to think beyond their financial matters and look into their own life's fulfillment by asking themselves questions like: What really matters most to me? What would I really like to accomplish? What legacy do I really want to leave behind?

These important life questions are all the more reason that Bolling has expanded his practice to include Medicaid planning.

He believes that estate planning and Medicaid planning go hand in hand.

"Through proper planning, it is possible to provide for your long-term care while preserving assets for you and your loved ones," Bolling said. "Why should you give up something that you've worked your whole life for when your spouse becomes ill?"

Bolling is also an accredited VA attorney and can help people who have either served or whose family member has served in the U.S. military. "There are many veterans' programs available, but you need to know who to ask and what to ask," Bolling said. "I am the person who can help you sort through these issues."

While helping people on a one-to-one basis with their legacy planning, Bolling reaches an even broader audience as a guest columnist for Gannett Newspapers, including The Milford Times. He is also a guest speaker for many local

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Bolling is pleased that his practice is now housed in a 130-year old Victorian home at 334 Union St. in downtown Milford, which has been renovated to the period of time in which it was built.

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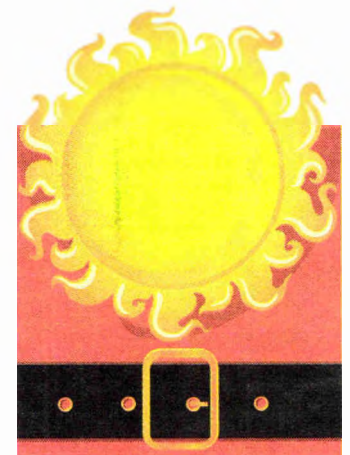
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# Count the icons to win great prizes

Welcome to another edition of Christmas in July. As the dog days of summer stretch on lazily, we invite you to enjoy the rest of the season and try your luck at our contest. Search carefully each page in this special section for the holiday icon pictured here. Then fill out the entry form (at left) or go online to the Facebook link at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

The holiday icon can be found scattered throughout the section pages – in stories or headline or photos, even the advertisements. Count all the icons you spot and enter the total number for a chance to win some fabulous Christmas in July prizes. All those with the correct response will be entered into a random drawing.

Winners can select from a long list of cool prizes, including a pair of tickets to see the legendary Tony Bennett in concert, Friday, Aug. 15, at Freedom Hill Amphitheater in Sterling Heights. Other prizes include a paring and trimming knife set from Cutco Kitchen in Novi, a \$50 gift card from Meijer, six gift certificates worth \$25 each for Schokolad Chocolate Factory in Northville (good at that location only) and three gift certificates from MassageLuXe Spa



(each worth \$89) for a one-hour massage or LuXe facial plus 15-minutes HydroLuXe massage. Certificates are good at Novi and West Bloomfield locations only.

Ten other prize winners will receive a pass to Emagine Theatre and a coupon from Buddy's Pizza.

The deadline to enter is midnight Monday, Aug. 4. So put on your reading glasses or get out your magnifying glass and find all the holiday icons for a chance to end your summer with a terrific prize ... and Merry Christmas in July.

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**W**ho hasn't seen the commercial on television touting a product called Just For Men? Simply comb in the substance and - presto! - gray hair fades back to a natural color.

Paul DiDonato, though, does exactly the opposite ... he dyes his flowing beard white.

That's just one of the tricks of the trade for DiDonato, a 73-year-old retiree. He took the time to outfit himself April 29 in his Santa Claus apparel and attend Life in Go, the spring expo at Schoolcraft College in Livonia sponsored by *Observer & Eccentric Media*.

While there, he was photographed as one of the entrants in a contest to appear on the cover of this special section, Christmas in July. DiDonato received the most votes in a Facebook poll conducted on the hometownlife.com website. He also won a \$100 gift card from Meijer.

In all honesty, DiDonato thought entering the contest would be good for business. He started appearing as Santa Claus four years ago, after attending the Charles W. Howard Santa Claus School in Midland, where he took the three-day course to learn the ropes. He's now a member of the Michigan Association of Professional Santas.

"It taught me how to interact with the kids," DiDonato said of the school. "It teaches you a lot ... how to act in public and how to act in private."

After retiring from his career as a tour bus driver, DiDonato was looking for another way to stay active and playing St. Nick seemed like a good fit.

"I'm kind of a ham to begin with," said DiDonato, who's lived in Redford since 1965. "I used to tell a lot of stories and jokes as a tour bus driver. I got along well with people."

DiDonato reckoned entering the *O&E* contest would give him a platform to reach more people in the area in hopes of expanding his opportunities to play the Jolly Old Elf.

"I thought it'll put my name out there a little bit more," he said. "I have a fairly busy December, but



Paul DiDonato of Redford, who attended the famous Santa Claus school in Midland and makes area appearances as the Jolly Old Elf, was the winner of the *O&E Media* online Christmas in July photo contest. **BILL BRESLER** | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

I'd like it to be even busier."

DiDonato has made appearances at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, Providence Hospital in both Novi and Southfield, assisted-living facilities, churches and even private parties. He gets a great deal of satisfaction spreading joy during the Christmas season.

He's been married to Jill for 27 years and they have five adult children and five grandchildren. Each Christmas Eve, they travel to Cleveland, where DiDonato gets to play Santa for the extended family before returning home to celebrate the holiday.

But it's not just a one-month job when you have "the look." DiDonato was recently on a trip to Mackinac Island and decided to wear his red coveralls. You can guess the rest.

"As soon as we got to the ferry dock, it started," he said. "Kids would all want to get their pictures taken with Santa. They would leave their parents and just run up to us. Our visit took twice as long, but I like that."

"Kids give you a great big hug and it just leaves you with a good feeling," he added.

DiDonato still has some openings between Thanksgiving and Christmas if anyone is looking for a degree-holding Santa Claus. He can be reached at [santapaulsin-redford@gmail.com](mailto:santapaulsin-redford@gmail.com). He also has a "hot line" to the North Pole that children can call anytime during the year if they wish to chat with Santa: 313-402-9686.





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Research all of the parks in your town and visit each one. Your kids will love pointing out their favorite attractions at each

location. When the activity is over, have each child pick their favorite park so you can visit regularly.

Be sure to load up on sunscreen, drinking water and bug spray. Also, make sure you have a map or smart phone handy to help you navigate to the next park.

Make it memorable by taking a picture at each stop. Those treasured moments can be printed and pieced together into a summer scrapbook they'll cherish for years.

#### Make a splash

Backyard water games are synonymous with smiles. Enjoy the classic warm-weather activities of water balloon fights, squirt gun wars, playing on a slip and slide and, as always, swimming in an outdoor pool. Younger kids will love ice excavating, too. Simply freeze plastic toys in a large bowl and let them chip away at the ice.

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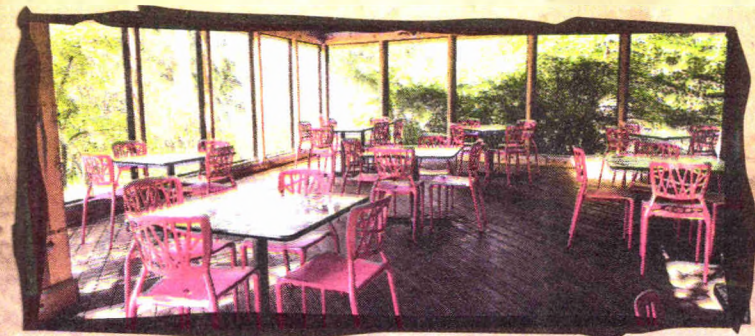
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# Some home improvements can improve your health

**S**mall changes to your surroundings can have a strong impact on mood and overall health, say experts. A relatively new movement in design and construction, called “designing for health,” aims to make homes and communities have positive impacts on the way people live, work and play.

“Encouraging movement, social interaction and physical health can address problems like obesity and our increasingly sedentary lifestyles. Thoughtful design and home improvements can solve these issues,” says Cyril Stewart, president at Cyril Stewart, LLC, and member of the American Institute of Architects’ Design and Health Leadership Group.

Spaces that promote movement – walkable and livable communities – are an idea gaining steam, as noted by the AIA’s most recent Home Design Trends Survey.

Want to foster healthy, active spaces in your own home and community? Stewart is offering a few tips:



**Adding porches, patios or balconies improves access to the outside world providing great health benefits.** ZSTOCK - FOTOLIA.COM

## Extend the home

Adding porches, patios or balconies improves access to the outside world. This provides great health benefits, ranging from maximizing natural light to extending living spaces.

## Add strategic seating

Strategic seating is another interesting trend design professionals are employing to encourage movement in and around a home or community.

For example, public seating in the middle of spaces that mix residential, dining and entertainment establishments ensure people need to get up and walk to those services before enjoying them.

## Sleep-friendly bedrooms

Ensure your bedroom promotes healthy sleep by making it a tranquil place. If possible, avoid sleeping in a room that is along a busy street.

Install soundproof windows and use drapes. And leave the entertainment center out of your bedroom.

## Breathe quality air

An easy, but often overlooked solution for ensuring better health is keeping air quality high. Fresh air aids sleep and lessens the occurrence of diseases like asthma. Simple ways to improve air quality include:

- » Finding the optimum setup to promote fresh air flow and ventilation in a building

- » Regularly replacing and cleaning filters on air conditioners and heating systems

- » Confirming radon and carbon monoxide detectors are present and in working order

These are just a few examples of how design can affect health. For help implementing these ideas or to find recommendations for your home or community, an architect can help you decide what would work best. To find an architect in your area, visit <http://ArchitectFinder.aia.org>.

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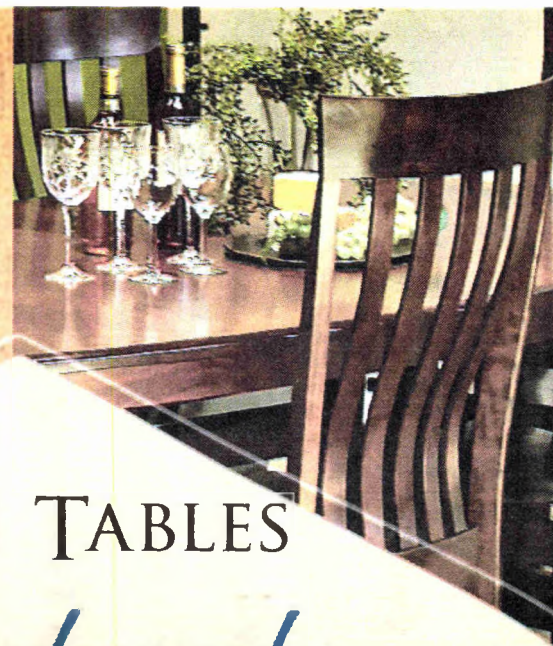


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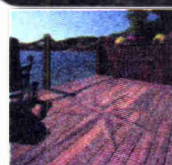
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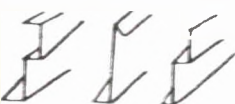
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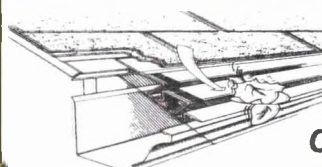
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# Quick, easy ways to add curb appeal to your home

Looking to add curb appeal to your home and improve your outdoor living spaces? A complete overhaul of your home's exterior or an addition can be costly and time-consuming. However simpler answers can achieve the desired affect.

## Beautify

There are few ways to add curb appeal to a home more quickly and effectively than by simply adding awnings to its exterior. Awning fabrics come in hundreds of fade-resistant solid and stripe patterns that can complement any siding, brick or stucco exterior, making them a versatile option for both functionality and beauty.

By selecting neutral colors and awning frames with simple clean lines, an awning can add a contemporary look. For more traditional homes, consider a complementary color or pattern to add life and visual interest to your exterior.



## Add shade

Shade can help you substantially save on cooling costs. Trees and shrubbery can both beautify your home and add natural shade, but since there are times you may prefer more sunlight, consider customizing your control of shade and light with awnings.

Fabric awnings or exterior shades can save homeowners as much as

\$200 annually by reducing the load on air conditioners, according to a study by the Professional Awning Manufacturers Association.

"If you're adding awnings to your home, stick with a reputable, licensed firm to ensure the best quality product and service," says Greg Schmieler, chairman of PAMA.

More tips and free information about adding awnings to your home can be found at [www.AwningInfo.com](http://www.AwningInfo.com).

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## Extend living spaces

In the backyard, consider adding visual interest and improving your outdoor living space with a retractable or fixed-frame canopy and some great patio furniture. There are so many styles available that color coordinating these elements is easy.

These trimmings can extend the time you can enjoy the outdoors by providing cooling shade and visual comfort on the hottest and brightest days, plus shelter and protection on cooler and rainy days. Updating your deck, patio or yard is a much more affordable option than a home addition.

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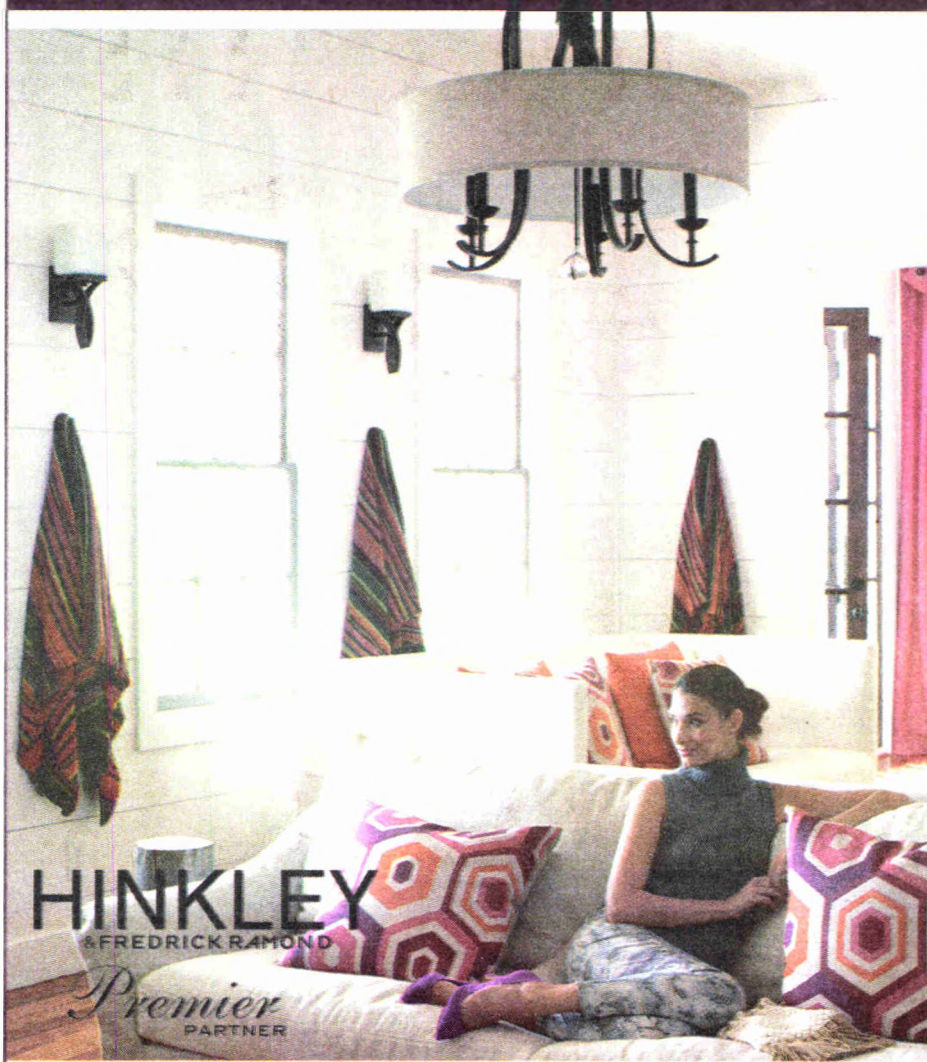
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## Add appeal, save on your remodeling project

For those who wish to make updates to their home, the kitchen is a great place to begin. According to the 2013 Cost vs. Value report from *Remodeling* magazine, a minor kitchen remodel should recoup up to 75 percent of total remodeling dollars, based on the value of the home increasing. When focusing on this important part of the house, many homeowners are looking for ways to add luxurious and modern touches without breaking the bank.

"Whether you want to splurge on cabinets, counter tops, appliances or floors, homeowners are finding they really can have the kitchen they've always wanted by doing their research and learning about the many high-quality, yet cost-effective alternatives that exist in home remodeling," said Trisha Schmitt, vice president of VT Industries.

From small fixes to bigger projects, the experts at VT Industries provide these ideas to make kitchen updates without emptying your pocketbook.

» **Counter tops:** Serving as an integral piece of your kitchen space, the addition of new counter tops can easily become the priciest part of the remodel project. Homeowners like the look of granite and real stone, but want a durable and affordable alternative that helps them achieve the look they desire with the budget they have. A new alternative for counter tops is the Capture Collection from VT Dimensions. This affordable design element mimics the beauty and strength of stone materials at a fraction of the cost.

» **Back splash:** To add a sleek and modern touch to your kitchen space, consider adding a new back splash. Typically made from ceramic, glass or stainless steel tile, a back splash is an affordable option for those who want to add an understated change or a small pop of color as an accent. When compared to other remodeling projects, this one is quick and easy.

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ers or cabinets has an outdated appearance, invest in some of the new options available at your local hardware store. Change out old, brushed stainless or gold knobs and pulls with the newer, on-trend styles offered in pewter or bronze.

» **Porcelain tile flooring:** If you want the look of stone flooring without the hefty cost, check out the many offerings of porcelain tile. This sturdy, chip-resistant surface is easy on the wallet and can provide long-lasting beauty to your kitchen floors for many years.

To get the most from your remodeling dollars, homeowners are encouraged to do some digging and find out the best deals and alternatives available. For more tips for updating your home, visit [www.vtdimensions.com](http://www.vtdimensions.com).

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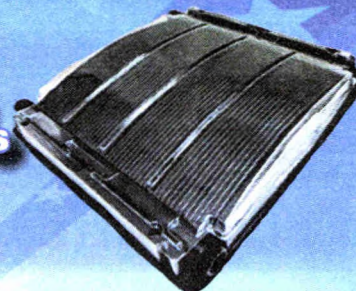
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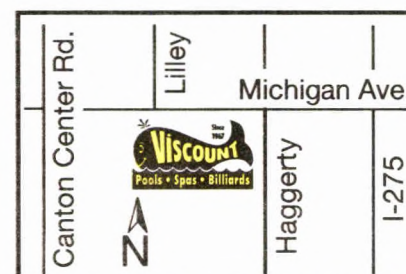
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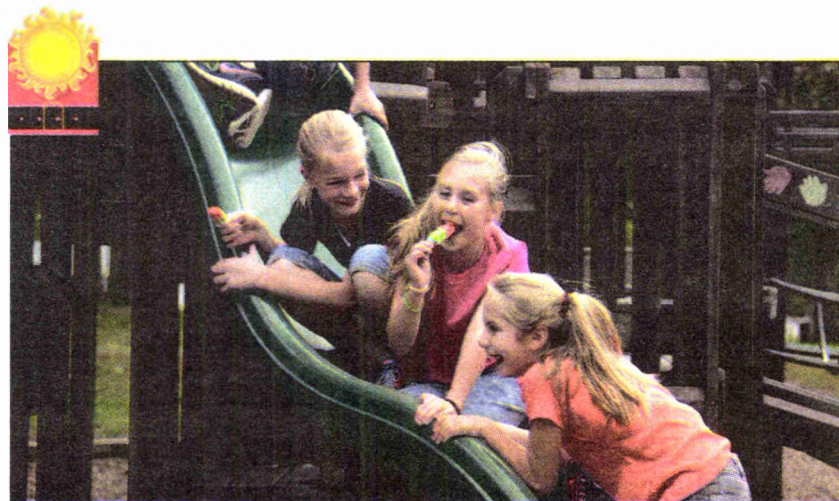
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Make it memorable by making a game of water activities. Whether it's a water balloon toss or squirt gun tag, kids will be more involved when you throw in some friendly competition. Be sure to have a lot of summer-themed prizes, such as cool beach towels, sunglasses or splash balls.

### Catch a cool movie by car

Relive the nostalgia and simplicity of seeing a movie at a drive-in theater. Your kids will love the experience of catching a movie under the stars and, because many allow you to pack your own summertime snacks and beverages, you'll love the savings. Your family can view a movie that's just to their liking, with many venues offering blockbuster hits, while some even bring back the big-screen classics from your own youth.

Be sure to bring plenty of lawn chairs, pillows, blankets and bug repellent for the whole gang.

Make it memorable with each family member dressed in their favorite '50s or '60s drive-in attire or in a costume that represents the movie.

### Score a home run

A visit to the local baseball field is a wonderful way to teach your

little ones about America's favorite pastime, while also encouraging an active lifestyle. Invite their buddies along so you can have a whole team or just practice catching, pitching or batting with a couple of players.

Be sure to bring plenty of sunscreen, drinking water, hats, baseball gear and a cooler packed with delicious treats, such as Bomb Pops, the official sponsor of Little League baseball and softball.

Make it memorable by creating your own cheer section. Some kids may be too young to play, but they can still participate as cheerleaders for their brothers or sisters. Make sure your squad is complete with handmade cheer signs and pom poms for them to wave about proudly.

### Create a family masterpiece

Get crafty with the kids and let them create their own giant mural – on a bed sheet. Simply lay an old one out on the lawn and let the kids paint away. They will love to proudly hang up their creation in the basement rec room or any other place where they play.

Be sure to supply kid-safe paints, brushes, sponges and other items around the home for tracing shapes and designs. Also, make sure everyone lathers on plenty of sunscreen so they don't get burned while making their art.

Make it memorable and encourage your kids to tell a summer story through their artwork. Allow them to draw inspiration from a recent trip to the lake, the mountains or a family reunion.

With a few kid-friendly ideas, you can create memories that will last a lifetime. For other fun ways to enjoy summer, visit [www.BombPop.com](http://www.BombPop.com).

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## Homeowners and home builders see value in 'smart' appliances

When you think of "smart technology," you may think of your smart phone, tablet or vehicle, but soon you may also think of such household appliances as your dishwasher, refrigerator or laundry pair.

Home building professionals nationwide increasingly are working with manufacturers to install smart appliances into new and remodeled homes, in light of new government standards, technology advances and a focus on energy efficiency.

"Smart appliances provide greater convenience, reduce energy consumption and help people live a more sustainable lifestyle," says Maureen Sertich, North America sustainability lead at Whirlpool Corp., which manufactures Whirlpool, Maytag, KitchenAid, Jenn-Air and Amana appliance brands. "These transformative technologies allow consumers to learn about their energy use and connect to their appliances online to actively manage their home's energy consumption."

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 13 percent of the energy used in a typical home can be attributed to just four common appliances – the refrigerator, dishwasher, clothes washer and clothes dryer.

But that will soon change, as leading companies take steps to improve upon energy-efficient

designs of these four appliances, with the added assistance of smart appliance technology.

For example, Whirlpool Corp. recently launched 6th Sense Live technology, which allows homeowners to control appliances from their computer or smart phone. For instance, homeowners can activate their washer's fan for forgotten wet clothes and the refrigerator will send a text message when the power supply has been disrupted so people can know if their food is safe to eat.

Smart appliances from these pioneering brands can also track energy consumption and connect to the "smart grid," a modernized electric grid being rolled out nationwide that uses communications technology to more effectively manage electricity demand. This means that, with consumer permission, the appliance can respond to utility signals asking it to postpone or cutback operations when energy demand is high or more expensive.

This year, one of the nation's largest production home builders, KB Home, is collaborating with Whirlpool Corp. to roll out these smart-grid ready appliances to all KB Home communities nationwide. More information on smart-grid-ready and sustainable appliances can be found at [www.SmartGrid.gov](http://www.SmartGrid.gov) or [www.Whirlpool.com](http://www.Whirlpool.com).

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Learning more about smart technology for your home can save you money and make your home more planet-friendly in the process.

# What to know when redoing your home's flooring

Whether you're purchasing a home or remodeling your current one, floors are perhaps the biggest piece of your home investment puzzle. They're also the literal base from which all other design choices are made.

You may think you know exactly what you're looking for, but innovations in home flooring have expanded and improved options.

Before making a major home improvement decision, do your research.

## Carpeting

Carpets are cozy, but can be difficult to maintain if used in areas subject to stains and moisture. If you have pets or children, consider avoiding carpet entirely.

If you do carpet your home, use dark colors to create a cozier feel and lighter colors to make spaces feel larger. Planning ahead? Strong, bold colors may limit your future options when repainting walls or changing furniture.

## Engineered flooring

Wood-based engineered flooring has come a long way from its mid-1990s introduction to the U.S. As recently as five years ago, faux wood flooring looked just that – fake. Now they've actually become a preferred look for many homeowners, thanks to design improvements.

"Today's engineered floors have the beauty and durability of solid wood and are available in every color and style you can walk upon," says Tom Wood, president of Atlanta-based franchisor Floor Coverings International. "For the budget-conscious, they can provide a solid long-term investment and resale value."

Engineered flooring is composed of wood layers stacked cross-grain and bonded together under heat and pressure. This process makes them stain-resistant and more durable where



Floors are a foundation and a focal point in every room. From hardwood and tile to durable engineered wood floors to luxury vinyl planks, there is a beautiful and sturdy floor out there for every home.

pets' claws and children's toys are concerned. Additionally, they're built to resist humidity and can be installed on any level of your home – even a basement.

Eco-friendly options on the market include laminate made from recycled wood fiber, bamboo, cork, natural linoleum, sisal fiber area rugs, seagrass and coir mats (made from coconut husks), along with stones, tiles, carpeting and natural wood.

## Hardwood

Regular sweeping is generally all that's needed to keep hardwood flooring looking great in the short term. However, periodic refinishing and repairing may be required. Additionally, footsteps and ambient echoes can cause rooms with hardwood flooring to be noisy. In general, wood flooring is not recommended for rooms subject to moisture exposure.

If you do plan to use hardwood, consider sustainable options. For example, Floor Coverings International offers hardwood flooring that's certified by the nonprofit Cradle-to-Cradle Silver, is eligible for green building Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design credits and meets Greenguard Environmental Institute's indoor air quality requirements.

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## Easy DIY projects for fun summer moments

With warm weather here, now is the time to tackle those seasonal do-it-yourself projects. By getting a jump-start on your home improvement projects list, you'll ensure a summer full of family fun.

The experts at True Value know that the best summer moments are earned. Here are a few DIY project ideas and tips from the True Value DIY Squad to help earn the satisfaction of a job well done.

### Yard cleanup

Can you see it now? A sunny day, cool grass and a perfectly landscaped yard you completed in the spring. Small landscaping projects such as edging and mulching can make a huge difference in the way your yard looks. Edging offers functional benefits by separating the garden from the rest of the yard and keeps plants healthy in the gardening bed. Mulch improves the soil quality by allowing more water and air movement through the soil.

"Even if you live in a warm climate, your grass is likely looking brown or tan, rather than green," says Danika Herrick, blogger for Gorgeous Shiny Things and a member of the True Value DIY Squad.

"Yard improvement doesn't have to be daunting. Simple weekend projects like edging, mulching or even fertilizing give your lawn the nutrients and updates it needs for strong roots and a lush green appearance that will last all

summer long."

### Backyard gatherings

Extend the dining experience outdoors – everything tastes better alfresco with family and friends. If you haven't had a chance to fire up your grill this season, dust it off and then take a close look at all of its components to make sure everything is in proper working order.

Check hoses for cracks or damage, inspect burners and gas tubes and tighten any loose screws and bolts before firing it up for a well-earned backyard cookout.

### Family memories

Perhaps the greatest benefit of getting ahead of the game with do-it-yourself projects is earning extra family time in the summer. With a focus on DIY yard work now, your yard will be prepped for fun activities that will allow the whole family to get involved. Time spent with the family on an epic water balloon battle or even backyard movie nights maximizes use of the yard, keeps the family entertained and makes memorable summer moments.

For more DIY advice and weekend project inspiration, visit [www.TrueValueProjects.com](http://www.TrueValueProjects.com), [www.Facebook.com/TrueValue](http://www.Facebook.com/TrueValue) and [www.Pinterest.com/TrueValue](http://www.Pinterest.com/TrueValue).

With a bit of effort now, a summer of outdoor fun and relaxation can be yours.

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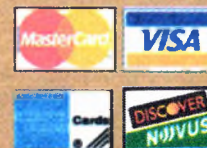
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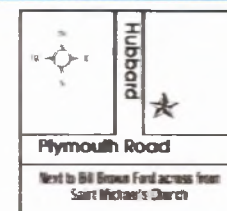


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# Three easy ways to make summer cherries last all year long

There are few things more quintessentially summer than cherries, which provide a powerful, bite-size health boost. Packed with antioxidants, beta-carotene, vitamin C, potassium, magnesium, iron and fiber, they can keep busy families charged for those active summer days.

A tasty treat at breakfast, dinner or even happy hour, the very best cherries are available now, but that doesn't mean it's the only time you can enjoy summer's succulent fruit.

"Now is the time to take steps to preserve those delicious cherry flavors you can enjoy all year long," says Chris Romano, produce buyer for Whole Foods Market, which strives to provide high-quality, plump and sweet cherries in their stores.

Here are three easy preservation techniques:

» **Frozen:** To freeze cherries, remove pits and stems and then spread in a single layer on a parchment-paper-lined baking sheet. Once they're frozen solid, transfer to a freezer-safe container.

» **Dried:** To dry cherries, remove pits and stems and then spread on a parchment-paper-lined baking sheet or on an oiled rack fitted into a rimming baking sheet. Bake at 200°F for several hours (possibly 6-8), until cherries are dried and wrinkly.

» **Syrup:** Preserve cherries in the fridge for one to two weeks by making a quick skillet jam or syrup to drizzle over pancakes, ice cream or even into sparkling water for a refreshing summertime

drink. Follow the following recipe to make 1 2/3 cups of Cherry Syrup.

## CHERRY SYRUP

1 1/2 pound cherries, stems removed  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon lemon juice

1. Combine cherries, sugar and 2 tablespoons water in a large saucepan and place over medium heat. Cover and cook until bubbling, about 4 minutes. Uncover and continue to cook, stirring frequently until cherries are very soft and starting to fall apart, about 30 minutes more. Allow to cool.

2. Place a strainer over a bowl. Pour in cherry mixture. Press down on cherries with a wooden spoon to extract as much juice and pulp as possible. Discard solids. Stir lemon juice into syrup. It will keep refrigerated a week or more.

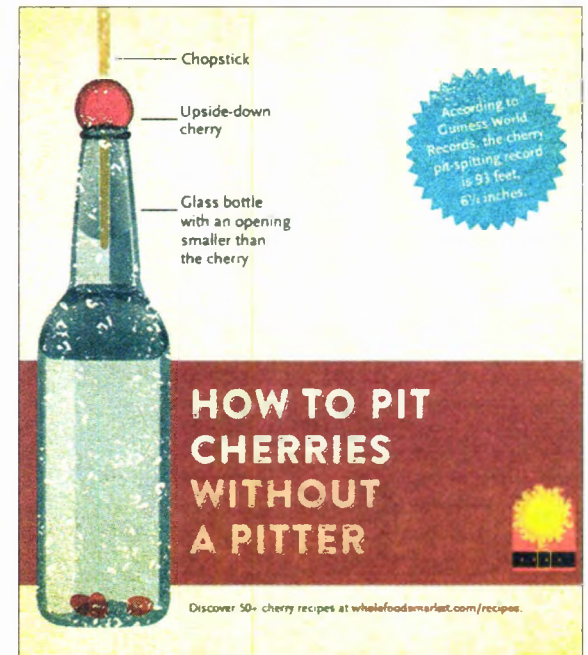
## How to pit a cherry

Want to quickly toss some cherries into a bowl of cereal, on top of ice cream or into a salad? Making cherry pie? There are several ways to pit a cherry quickly.

Cherry pitters make easy work of it, but cherry lovers can also use a glass bottle with an opening smaller than the cherry and a chopstick. Simply place the cherry stem side down in the glass bottle and punch the chopstick through the middle.

For more tips and ideas for using fruits and vegetables, visit [www.WholeFoodsMarket.com](http://www.WholeFoodsMarket.com).

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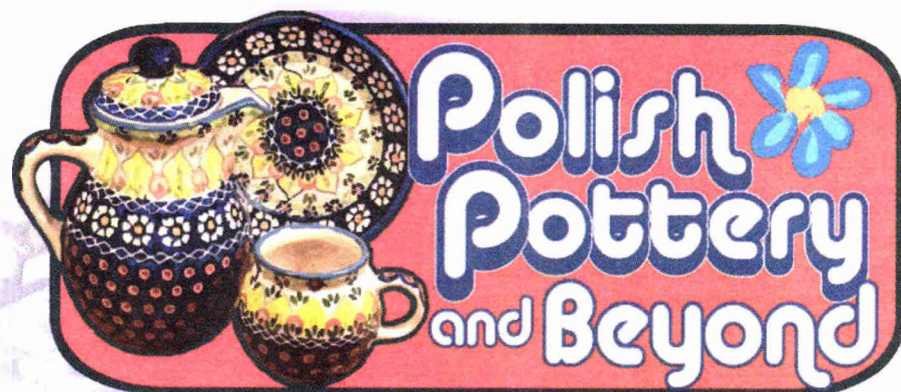
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# A perfect pair for patio dining

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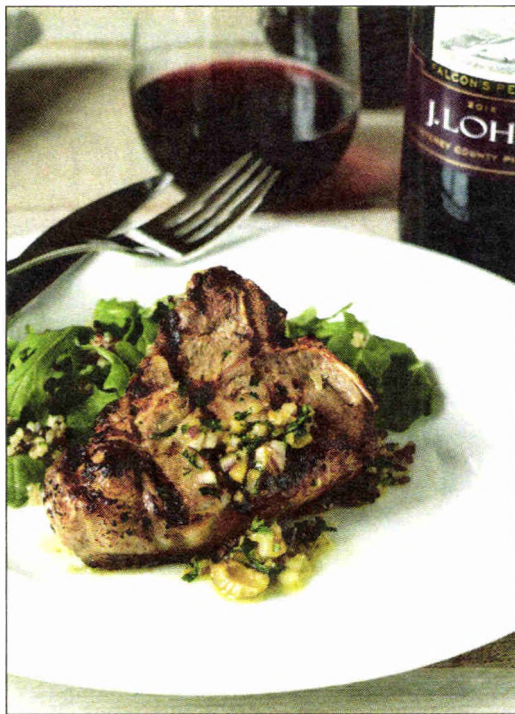
## A flavorful pair

Experts recommend pairing grilled lamb with a rich, structured pinot noir.

"Aim to match the distinct flavor of lamb with a full flavored wine," said Steve Peck, red winemaker at J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines, the California coast family-owned winery established in 1974. "Our Falcon's Perch Pinot Noir pairs perfectly with lamb. Made from grapes grown in the Arroyo Seco region of central Monterey County, a cool climate region with a reputation for producing world-class pinot noir, this wine features aromas of wild strawberry, cherry, rose petal and dried herbs, with a deep, earthy character – perfect for summer sipping with tender, grilled lamb."

Devoted locavore, Chef Jesse Griffiths of Austin's Dai Due Supper Club, recommends marinating lamb chops overnight with yogurt and citrus. This tenderizes the meat and adds a bright flavor that complements the smoky char from the grill.

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## GRILLED AMERICAN LAMB LOIN CHOPS WITH YOGURT, ORANGE AND OLIVES

Serves 4 to 6

1½ pounds American lamb loin chops, 1 to 1½ inches thick

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

3 tablespoons plain yogurt, low fat or whole milk

Juice and zest of one orange, divided

4 cloves garlic, finely chopped and divided

1 small red onion, finely chopped

¾ cup finely chopped green olives

¼ cup coarsely chopped flat leaf parsley

¼ cup extra virgin olive oil, plus more for grill

1. The day before serving, pat chops dry and season with salt and pepper. Lay chops in shallow non-reactive pan such as 8-inch square baking dish. Combine yogurt, half of orange juice and zest and half of garlic in small bowl. Whisk ingredients together and pour over chops, turning once to coat both sides with marinade. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

2. Remove chops from refrigerator 30-45 minutes prior to grilling to allow meat to come to room temperature. Heat gas or charcoal grill to medium-high. Remove chops from marinade and allow most of it to drip off. Lightly oil grill and arrange chops over heat. Grill three minutes, turn each chop 90 degrees and cook for another three minutes or until chops are nicely charred. Flip chops and cook on other side for about six more minutes, turning halfway through. They should still be pink inside. Remove chops from grill and let rest while making sauce.

3. Combine remaining orange juice and zest, chopped garlic with onion, olives, parsley and olive oil in small bowl. Stir well to combine; spoon sauce over each chop and serve immediately. Enjoy with glass of pinot noir.



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To watch a heated competition hosted by Lilly, including a sizzling steak challenge, tune into *BBQ Pit Wars: The Kingsford Invitational*, airing on Destination America. See if you can handle the



Grilled New York Strip with Virginia Bacon Brown Butter Sauce and Balsamic Drizzle

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¼ cup balsamic vinegar

1. Season both sides of steak with salt and pepper. Allow steaks to sit for 30 minutes at room temperature.
2. For butter sauce, take 1 tablespoon each of butter and bacon and sauté in pan to render fat out of bacon, browning and crisping it. Drain fat from pan, leaving bacon. Add remaining 1 tablespoon of butter to sauté pan with bacon and brown butter over high heat.
3. For balsamic drizzle, place vinegar in sauce pan and reduce to ¼ cup or until it coats spoon.
4. Set up fire for direct grilling with Kingsford charcoal. While grill heats, remove steaks from refrigerator to come to room temperature.
5. When briquets are burning hot, pour coals into bottom grill and place grate on top. Once grill has reached 700°F, place steak on grill and cook for approximately 6 minutes, then flip. Cook approximately 6 minutes more and then flip again. Cook for about 5 minutes more, flip and cook until steak reaches an internal temp of 126°F for medium rare steak.
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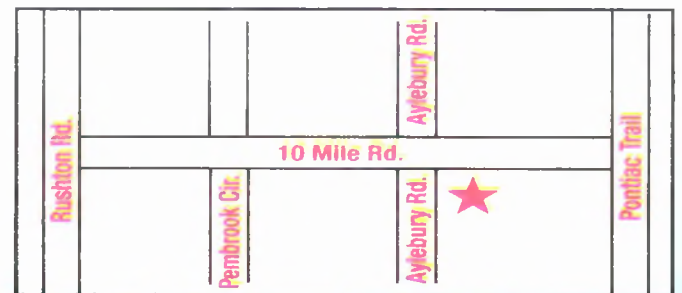
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# Shortcuts for summer breakfast

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Get your family off to a strong start with a wholesome breakfast each day this summer with these time-saving tips:

» **Aim for balance.** The best way to start the day is with a complete meal that covers most – if not all – of the food groups to give your body the boost it needs. Work to incorporate proteins, grains, fruits and dairy every morning.

» **Save time and add flavor.** You can enjoy a flavorful breakfast with protein and shave minutes on preparation and clean-up with meats that just need quick heating, such as Jimmy Dean Delights Fully Cooked Chicken Sausage Links and Patties.



Jimmy Dean Delights Fully Cooked Chicken Sausage Patties can help trim your cooking time.

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» **Carve out weekend prep time.** Dedicating a little time on the weekend can make weekday mornings run more smoothly. Do the prep work for your family's favorite

breakfast foods, so minimal extra work is needed each day. Stem a carton of strawberries, slice a melon and pit some cherries for quick servings of fruit.

» **Find recipes that do extra duty.** Mini quiches, frittatas and even breakfast burrito fillings are tasty breakfast options that allow you to pack multiple food groups into a single menu. Many of these items can be prepared ahead of time and kept frozen. Pre-diced frozen veggies and fully-cooked meats, such as Jimmy Dean Delights Fully Cooked Chicken Sausage Links and Patties, can help trim your cooking time even more.

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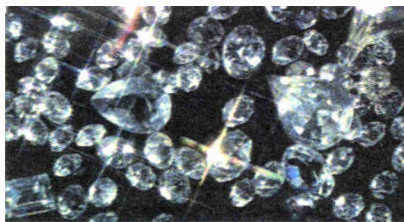
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## Great for grilled fare



Murphy-Goode  
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Based in Sonoma County, Murphy-Goode Winery is all about good wine, good times and good deeds. The wine producer is a partner with Operation Homefront, a national non-profit organization that provides emergency financial assistance to military families and wounded warriors. The winery's red blend wine, Homefront Red was launched in 2013 to support veterans and military families in need, with 50 cents from each bottle sold benefiting the organization. To date, Murphy-Goode has raised more than \$400,000 for the cause. A blend of Syrah, Merlot, Petite Sirah and Zinfandel, the wine boasts juicy black cherry and raspberry flavors complemented by toasty vanilla notes. Each glass ends in a long finish, making for a food-friendly wine that pairs well with grilled dishes. Available nationwide, this robust red will be a hit at your next barbecue or outdoor event. For more information, visit [www.murphygoodewinery.com](http://www.murphygoodewinery.com).

## Refreshing anytime pick

From crunchy, cool salads to succulent seafood, warmer weather inspires its own impressive menu. If hosting a summer gathering, or if you need to bring a wine to enjoy and share as a guest, consider the bright, fresh and crisp flavors of La Crema's Monterey Pinot Gris. The winery has dedicated more than 30 years to exploring California's finest cool-climate vineyards and chose Monterey as the perfect region for growing its new Pinot Gris. Cool winds and fog help the wine develop a natural, juicy palate with notable complexity and minerality. With aromas of white peach and subtle floral hints, it pairs beautifully with all the flavors of summer. For more information, visit [www.lacrema.com](http://www.lacrema.com).



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Cambria Estate Julia's Pinot Noir

### A happy, summer hostess gift

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Known for stylistically distinct bottlings, the winery focuses on small-lot practices, highlighting individual vineyard parcels, clones and soil types, as well as wine-making techniques. The namesake of proprietor Barbara Banke's youngest daughter, Julia's Pinot Noir is richly-textured, with aromatics of dark fruit and spice. It's a lush Pinot Noir any hostess would be happy to receive. For more information, visit [www.cambriawines.com](http://www.cambriawines.com).

### Savor seafood pairings

A coastal inspired menu is a great way to please guests and showcase the fresh flavors of the season. Be sure to pair your favorite shellfish, shrimp and other seafood dishes with a wine that's as equally pleasing, such as the Matanzas Creek Sauvignon Blanc. With a storied history in Sonoma County, the winery has established a reputation for producing Sauvignon Blanc that is crisp, vibrant and bursting with fruit. With flavors strongly influenced by the coastal influence of the Pacific Ocean, this Sonoma County wine is a nod to the region's extraordinary volcanic soils and wide daily temperature range. Heighten your dining experience with a harmonizing glass of Matanzas Creek Sauvignon Blanc, which serves up a sense of delicacy, mouthwatering fruit and balanced acidity.



Matanzas Creek Sauvignon Blanc

For more information, visit [www.matanzas-creek.com](http://www.matanzas-creek.com).

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### FLAVORFUL PAIRING PARTNERS

No matter what ingredients you use, there's a perfect wine to complement every meal. This helpful pairing guide features three popular varietals for your next summer soiree:

#### SAUVIGNON BLANC

- » **Meats and fish**  
Lighter entrees such as shellfish, sushi, sole and chicken
- » **Fruits and vegetables**  
Citrus fruits, melons, green apples and asparagus
- » **Sauces**  
All light sauces, such as citrus sauce
- » **Desserts**  
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- » **Meats and fish**  
Pork loin, chicken, veal, shrimp, crab and lobster
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Avocado, potato, butternut squash, apples and peaches
- » **Sauces**  
Creamy, mild and buttery sauces, pesto and tropical salsas
- » **Desserts**  
Apple, pecan and key lime pie; yellow and pound cake



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#### PINOT NOIR

- » **Meats and fish**  
Roasted chicken, tuna, filet mignon, lamb and mild sausages
- » **Fruits and vegetables**  
Roasted tomatoes, mushrooms, figs, cherries and dried fruit
- » **Sauces**  
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- » **Desserts**  
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## Five ways to enrich your lawn and garden this summer

You may not recognize honey bees beyond their black and gold stripes, but bees and other pollinators play a vital role in our environment. Bees pollinate more than 16 percent of flowering plant species, including those found in yards, landscapes and parks in our communities and across the country.

Government officials and scientists agree bee health is a complex issue dating back to the 1800s. Research points to multiple factors affecting bees, such as pests, parasites, climate change and nutrition problems.

Fortunately, even home gardeners can promote bee health by maintaining pollinator-friendly lawn and landscapes and incorporating plants that provide an essential habitat.

"Gardeners can make conscious decisions to purchase flowers or plants that increase opportunities for bees and other pollinators to enrich our environment," says Aaron Hobbs, president of Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment. "One way we can promote bee health is by creating an inviting habitat and an abundant source of food to ensure bees can meet their nutritional needs to survive and thrive."

With that in mind, RISE is offering tips for maintaining bee-friendly lawns and landscapes:

» **Plant native flora.** Growing native flowers and plants will

adapt better to where you live and provide a familiar food source to local pollinators.

» **Include diverse flower colors and fragrances in your garden.**

Bees are especially attracted to flowers in shades of purple, blue, white and yellow, while butterflies like red and purple.

» **Provide water and sun.** Pollinators love visiting a sunny location with a source of fresh water nearby.

» **Read and follow label instructions.** Be responsible by always reading and following all label instructions when using any pesticide product. Make sure to choose the right product for your problem and apply it correctly.

» **Plant generously.** A large amount of flowers is more attractive to pollinators than single plants.

Pollinators play an important role in a healthy environment. Promoting bee health around your lawn and garden can make a difference.

To learn more about the many factors affecting bee health and how to promote their long-term existence, visit [www.DebugtheMyths.com](http://www.DebugtheMyths.com). You also can join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter with #BeeResponsible.

There are many simple steps you can take to be part of the solution in your own backyard and community.

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## Smart ways to make the most of summer with your pets

With warmer weather finally arriving, it's time to get smart about making the most of summer with your pet. To keep pets energetic and active during the summer months, take a proactive approach to protecting them from health hazards.

Warmer weather can trigger problems for pets, such as heat stroke, dehydration, sunburn and flea and tick outbreaks.

"After this cold winter, I can't wait for the weather to heat up," said Wendy Diamond, chief pet officer of *Animal Fair* magazine. "The best way to prevent flea and tick infestations and other potential warm-weather health problems is to plan ahead. Your pet will appreciate your thoughtfulness and you'll both have a happier summer."

### Tips for a healthy summer

As the weather heats up, follow Diamond's tips to ensure your pets have a healthy and safe summer:

» **Drink up:** Encourage your pets to drink extra water so they don't get dehydrated.

» **Watch for hot spots:** Look for shade and try to avoid heated surfaces like sidewalks, sand and asphalt as they can burn delicate paws. Also, walk your dogs early in the morning and at night to avoid the hottest times of the day.

» **Hang loose:** Avoid trimming your pet's hair shorter than an inch as this can lead to sunburn. If your pet is naturally short-haired or you have to cut their hair short to keep them cool, make sure to use pet sunscreen to protect against sunburn.

» **Check home base:** Walk the perimeter of your backyard to check the fence for areas that need to be repaired.

» **Go on the offense with fleas and ticks:** Fight pests proactively to save time, money and hours of scratching. Choose a product that is easy to apply like Adams pet products. The Adams line of Spot



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On treatments, home sprays and many other flea and tick control products also kill flea eggs and larvae that may be hidden in bedding and carpets. Killing flea eggs and larvae prevents them from growing into biting, breeding adult fleas.

"My motto: Why wait for our pets to tell us when they're in trouble by panting or scratching when it is easy and smarter to get ahead of the issues," Diamond said.

The makers of Adams products have launched the Smart Pets Contest, where you can upload a picture or video of your smart pet's story. The grand prize winner will receive \$15,000 or a Smart car. For more information about the contest, visit [www.smarterpetcare.com](http://www.smarterpetcare.com).

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A clean, maintained pool will help you get most from those carefree days of summer. GETTY IMAGES | BLEND IMAGES

## Pool Maintenance

# 101

Simple tips to keep your pool clean

**F**or many homeowners, there is nothing better than inviting over friends to cool off from the sun's warm rays in the comfort of their own backyard pool.

But as every pool owner knows, keeping the pool clean and maintained for everyone to enjoy can take a bit of work. Here are some ways to keep your investment in shape all season long.

### Keep up with shrubs

If your backyard pool sits near trees and bushes, be sure to keep them trimmed throughout the season. This will help avoid additional debris from flying into your pool, which can create extra cleaning work for you. If possible, consider replacing these plants with those that create less of a mess.

### Clean the surface often

Get rid of unattractive stains at the waterline with a quality surface cleaner. For best results, use the cleaner with a pool brush and rub from the top of the waterline to a few inches below the mark.

### Check levels regularly

Be sure to monitor your pool's chlorine and pH levels at least twice a week. The best time to do this is in the evening and several hours after the last swimmer has left the pool. If a rain or wind storm has occurred, wait about eight hours before testing.

### Reduce maintenance duties

Besides providing increased comfort to swimmers, more homeowners are choosing salt-water chlorinated pools for ease of use and reduced maintenance. If you're looking to spend less time keeping your pool maintained, consider installing a salt-water chlorination system, which eliminates the need for buying, storing and handling chemical chlorine. Saltwater chlorinated pool owners also enjoy the benefits of less irritated skin and eyes, as well as a significant cost savings versus their chemical chlorine counterparts. To learn more about saltwater chlorinated pools, visit [www.swimincomfort.com](http://www.swimincomfort.com).

### Run filtration system daily

Water in constant movement is less likely to collect debris, such as dust, body oils and bacteria. Be sure to run your filtration system as much as possible throughout the summer to keep water as clean and clear as possible.

### Keep equipment tidy

Pool skimmers are used to pick up yard debris, insects and other undesirable items that can fall into the water. While skimming the pool is typically needed before every swim, you should also clean the skimmers on a weekly basis or as needed.

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“From interior décor projects to a fresh coat of paint, there are plenty of ways to make a big impact in a room for under \$100,” says Carmen De La Paz, 3M spokesperson and former host of HGTV’s *Hammer Heads*.

With that in mind, De La Paz, an interior designer and DIY expert, has some tips to help inspire project ideas:

» Refurbishing a home can be expensive and tiring. Don’t replace perfectly good furniture when there is no need. Instead, consider refreshing a tired chair, table or coat rack with a coat of paint.

» Make a big impact by painting an accent wall in your home. Consider using complementary color to the palette of the space. Whether you want to enhance the size of a room, draw attention to a new furniture piece or just add a little flair, an accent wall is a simple way to make it happen.

» Paint a fresh design element like a pattern or a stripe to change the look of a room. You don’t need to turn to a professional service for sharp, crisp paint lines. With a high quality painter’s tape, such as the new ScotchBlue Painter’s Tape with Advanced Edge-Lock Paint Line Protector, you can get super sharp paint lines. This tape provides

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» Spice up your room with a DIY wall art project, such as this one from the Nesting Place blog.

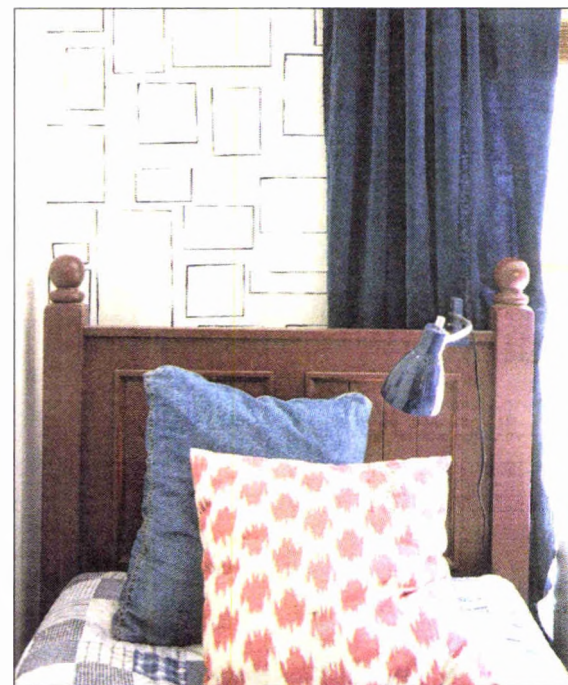
First, tape off rectangles with high-quality painter’s tape. The shapes can be varying sizes and shapes to create an interesting wall effect. Apply your creativity to have the shapes fill your wall space.

Remember, there are no rules, so at this point, get experimental and tape a design that looks appealing to you.

After taping, choose a single paint color and trace the painter’s tape. For a bolder effect, pick two complementary colors and alternate tracing the rectangle shapes. Alternating colors will achieve a brighter, bolder look. Take into consideration what the room will be used for as that can help set the tone for the pattern and colors.

Also be sure to let the paint dry enough so that it’s dry to touch before carefully removing it.

Feeling inspired? Channel that creativity this summer by submitting your own home refresh project for under \$100 and you could win \$5,000 to put toward a home makeover. Visit [www.ScotchBlue.com/homecontest](http://www.ScotchBlue.com/homecontest) to enter the “Home of ScotchBlue Painter’s Tape” contest by July 15 or to learn more and see official rules.



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