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**Voter help**

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is offering assistance to Canton voters before they cast their ballots Aug. 7.

The candidates forum that took place on July 19 for the Canton Township Trustees and District 10 Wayne County commissioner is now on Canton's cable channels. Canton Cable will air the forum every day up until the election at 4:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Comcast's Channel 12, Wide Open West's Channel 10 and AT&T's Channel 99.

The League is also offering an online voter guide to all Michigan voters. Visit [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) to read and compare candidate responses to relevant issues. [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) also helps voters find their polling place, check voting hours, learn about ballot measures, and read tips about voting in Michigan.

Find information about federal, state, county and township office seekers at [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).



The candidates forum will air on Comcast, Wide Open West and AT&T.

**Road advisory**

As if drivers in the Canton area didn't have enough traffic problems...

CSX Transportation will perform crossing repairs on Haggerty Road (between Koppernick and Joy Road) in Canton Township. The scheduled closure will be from Monday, July 30, to Friday, Aug. 3.

The detour route will be Ford Road to northbound I-275 to Ann Arbor Road

back to Haggerty Road.



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**Teens in fatal crash were 'wonderful young ladies'**

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Two teens killed early Tuesday in a two-car accident in Canton are being remembered as "wonderful young ladies" and Belleville High School graduates who had attended Van Buren

Public Schools since their elementary years.

Canton police identified the two women as Brooke Kennedy, 18, and Danielle Beavers, 19, both of Belleville.

Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Michael Van Tassel issued a statement Tuesday

saying the district "is deeply saddened to learn of a tragic automobile accident" that killed the teens shortly after 2 a.m. Tuesday in the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Canton Center.

"Both of these wonderful young ladies were members of the Van Buren School fam-

ily since elementary school," Van Tassel said. "Our hearts and prayers are with their families and friends at this terrible time."

Grief counselors will be available at the district's administration building, 555 W. Columbia,

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As people line up outside to pick up food, volunteers bow their heads for a brief prayer.

**Hitting the mark**  
Ministry expects to reach million mark

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Amid an effort to raise money to buy the warehouse where it helps hundreds of area families, Canton-based Open Door Ministry is expected next Thursday to surpass the one-million-pound mark for food it has distributed this year.

That signals the earliest in

any given year that the food pantry has reached the one-million-pound threshold since it began helping hungry families in 2003 from a sprawling warehouse on Lilley south of Michigan Avenue.

Open Door Ministry last year didn't distribute its million-pound of food until Aug. 24 — a sign Director Steve Darr said indicates many families across metro Detroit

continue to struggle against tough economic times.

"We are ahead of last year's pace," he said. "We are up from 410 families each week to 460. (We have) more food but more people to serve." The latest figures put Open Door Ministry on target to distribute 1.8 million pounds of food this year, compared to

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**County hopeful shrugs off Hatch Act claim**

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A formal complaint alleging Republican Wayne County Commission hopeful Shannon Price may have violated a federal law that restricts political campaigns by certain government employees has fueled a heated dispute between Price and GOP primary election rival Richard Convertino.

Price, constituent relations director for state Attorney General Bill Schuette, shrugged off the allegations Monday and accused Convertino, a Plymouth attorney, of mudslinging as

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Convertino



Price

**Concours a showcase for Canton motorcycle dealer**

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

John Horner knows motorcycle dealers who have no interest in fielding a display at the Concours d'Elegance because it's "just a car show."

Horner, owner of BMW Motorcycles of SE Michigan in Canton, disagrees. That's why Horner will be at the annual show Sunday at St. John's in Plymouth Township, where Concours will be staged for the second straight year.

Horner will have three BMW

motorcycles — a 2012 BMW Cycle 5100RR, 2009 BMW Cycle Sport and 2012 BMW Cycle 1300S HP — available for viewing.

"It's not just cars, it's bikes," said Horner, who said Concours organizers added the motorcycle show some five years ago. "I've been involved a long time, so when they wanted me to display, I was happy to."

Besides, the Canton resident said, even if one grants the premise it's "just a car show," one has to look at the kinds of cars on display. Horner

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John Horner, owner of BMW Motorcycles of SE Michigan in Canton, has been riding for some 25 years.



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All entries must be received by mid-



night July 31.

Winners will be selected at random from all correct entries.

## COMPLAINT

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the Aug. 7 primary draws closer.

"This is just dirty politics at the 11th hour," Price said. "This is the reason I'm running — to get rid of this kind of politics in Wayne County."

Convertino rejected claims he knew his former paralegal specialist, Patrick Nyenhus, who worked a 10-month stint for him ending in August 2009, was filing a complaint earlier this month with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) implying Price violated the federal Hatch Act, which prohibits political campaigns by federal, state and local government employees who oversee federal monies.

"I fully support that he is in violation of the Hatch Act," Convertino said, though he said he only learned of Nyenhus' complaint after it was filed. Convertino blasted accusations by Price that he was involved in the effort.

### 'Utter nonsense'

"It's patently false and utter nonsense," Convertino said, adding that Nyenhus "is not part of my campaign."

Canton residents Price and Convertino are battling for the GOP nomination in the 10th District, which includes Canton and the Plymouths. The primary winner will face the Democratic nominee

— either Wayne County real property appraiser Matthew Fiems or retired labor mediation supervisor James Amar — in the Nov. 6 general election. Nyenhus, a Dundee resident and University of Toledo law school graduate who was taking his bar exam this week, doesn't live in the 10th District. He said he didn't tell Convertino he had filed the OSC complaint until after he submitted it around July 11.

In it, Nyenhus alleges Price "performs duties in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by federal funds" that go through Schuette's office. Nyenhus said if any of Price's salary comes from federal dollars, he shouldn't wage a political campaign.

It isn't clear when the OSC might issue its findings in Nyenhus' allegations.

Nyenhus cited Price's duties responding to constituent requests, complaints and inquiries and his meetings with local business, community, civic and political leaders throughout southeast Michigan. Moreover, he singled out Price's involvement in Schuette's Cyber Safety Initiative, an Internet safety education program aimed at combating cyber bullying.

### No Hatch

Price responded that his efforts aren't a violation of the Hatch Act.

"I'm not paid with federal funds, and I don't manage anyone with federal funds," he said. "Therefore, I do not have a Hatch Act violation."

Price said that before he launched his candidacy, he had discussions with Schuette and others to ensure his campaign passed legal muster.

Convertino accused Price of blatantly campaigning with officials such as Schuette by his side.

Rusty Hills, public affairs director for the state Attorney General's Office, defended Price's decision to seek a county commission seat.

"There is absolutely no prohibition whatsoever," Hills said. He said the entire public affairs division, which encompasses Price's position, is paid from "general fund, general purpose dollars. Our division is not involved with federal dollars whatsoever."

Hills called Nyenhus'

allegations "baseless" and said Price might give Schuette's constituents ways to contact people affiliated with the Cyber Safety Initiative, "but that's (part of) what his job is."

Nyenhus provided a copy of an e-mail he received from OSC attorney Corinne Seibert of the Hatch Act Unit confirming receipt of his complaint and stating "a file has been opened."

### Fed question

"The process of investigation can take some time," she wrote, "depending upon the specific facts of the case and balancing the large caseload that I currently am handling. Once we arrive at a determination as to whether the subject is covered by the Hatch Act and whether a violation has occurred you will be notified in writing of the outcome. Only once jurisdiction has been established and a violation has been substantiated would it be appropriate to discuss what, if any, disciplinary action may be appropriate."

Gisgise Davila Gendreau, Michigan Department of State spokeswoman, referred all Hatch Act questions to the federal government.

Meanwhile, Convertino accused Price of campaigning while fulfilling his duties as a paid employee of the state Attorney General's Office, calling Price's actions "improper" and "unethical."

Price said he has broken no laws and he believes the OSC findings will support his assertions.

"This is nothing more than (Convertino) trying to drum up bad media in the last days before the (primary) election," Price said. "It's clear what his motives are."

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- Talented and Gifted, Third Grade (limited to 20 students and testing is required) at Dodson Elementary
- International Academy, Ninth Grade (limited to 10 students) at Plymouth High School

Accepting applications beginning July 16. The deadline for applications is 4 p.m. on July 31. Applications can be completed on the District website at [www.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us)



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# Savens: Jobs, education top priorities

State Rep. Dian Slavens of Canton is seeking a third term representing state House District 21. She recently offered the following thoughts on various issues:

**Observer: What do you decide to run for State Representative?**

Slavens: I had concerns about what was going on in Lansing. I am a mother and a grandmother who is invested in my community. I have 3 children whom I wanted to be able to have a career here in Michigan after they graduated from college. I was concerned about the availability of jobs in this state and wanted to make sure that we were contributing to an environment where we can encourage job creation. I was concerned about the funding for our schools, and I wanted to make sure that we

## THE SLAVENS FILE



Slavens

**Name:** Dian Slavens  
**Hometown:** Canton Township  
**Family:** Married to Mark Slavens, three children, Molly, Darnay and Patrick. We also have a grandson, Evan.  
**Profession:** Current State Legislator, HD-21  
**Education:** Associates Degree in Allied Health, Certified Respiratory Therapist  
**Previous public-sector experience:**

Respiratory Therapist

**Community involvement:** Volunteering in Plymouth Canton Community Schools, former Sunday School teacher at Geneva Presbyterian, and former Girl Scout leader

**Phone/website:** (734) 612-6974, DianSlavens.com

are providing a 21st century education for our kids. I am running for reelection to continue my work in the State Legislature to ensure all children in Michigan are healthy, well-educated, and encouraged to build their adult lives in our state.

**Observer: What are the three**

**biggest issues facing Michigan?**

Slavens: I believe that we need to focus on job creation. We need to support small businesses and make Michigan attractive to green businesses. We need to stand up for middle class priorities by fighting the attacks on our public schools

and by making sure that School Aid Fund money is restored. We also must repeal the unnecessary tax on our seniors' retirements.

**Observer: Education is always an issue in this race. Has the state handled funding, curriculum and other education issues the right way? What would you do differently?**

Slavens: We need to handle the issue of school funding. I believe that cutting \$470 per pupil was harsh and in direct opposition to the needs of Michigan, our schools, and our students. Our K-12 funding should not have been slashed to pay for higher education when we must invest in education at all levels. We should use the rainy day fund and put money back into schools to prepare students for the 21st century.

**Observer: Every politician**

who runs for office says they can "work with anyone across the aisle," yet it never seems to happen. What can be done to get the parties to work better together?

Slavens: I have been known to work on both sides of the aisle. For example, one of the many bills that I worked on with Republicans was the bill I introduced to ban lifetime health care benefits for legislators. I sought and received tremendous bipartisan support. Unfortunately, since the republicans have been in control of all three branches of government, they are often unwilling to work with Democrats and to take amendments from Democrats.

**Observer: What makes you the best choice for the job?**

Slavens: I've spent the past 10 years working to bring jobs and improve the quality of life for the people

of our community in Belleville, Canton, and Van Buren. My experience and desire to continue this hard work, sets me apart.

I have been an advocate for "Buy Michigan First." I have pushed for more transparency in government and to ban lifetime health care for legislators. I have pushed for — and will continue to — and I have pushed for — an aggressive job creation strategies. My first bill signed into law expanded Michigan's first-in-the-nation incentives for companies that make advanced batteries, like those found in hybrid and electric vehicles. Because of this ground-breaking plan, eight world-class companies plan to invest at least \$4.4 billion in Michigan and create nearly 8,000 jobs for our workers.

# Newcomer stresses education in state rep race

Kiz Ahamiojie is looking for his first elected office in the Aug. 7 Democrat primary for the seat in the 21st House District. He recently took the time to answer a few questions about his candidacy:

**Observer: What do you decide to run for State Representative?**

Ahamiojie: I choose to run for State Representative to be a voice for everyday people, a voice on issues that matter to them. There is so much division in Lansing that party politics supersedes common sense. As a Lansing outsider, I will be that sense of reason and voice for regular folks.

**Observer: What are the three biggest issues facing Michigan? How would you address them?**

Ahamiojie: Jobs, Education and Housing. I would encourage expanding markets for Michigan products, diversify our economy and invest or support infrastructure spending such as the bridge to Canada. These will create more jobs. I will take a holistic approach to education; I will encourage getting rid of what does not work and emphasize what works. Why has high

## THE AHAMIOJIE FILE

**Name:** Kiz Ahamiojie  
**Hometown:** Farmington Hills, now living in Belleville  
**Family:** Wife and two children  
**Profession:** Banking and Finance  
**Education:** Bachelor's degree in Public Administration and Master's degree in Business Administration  
**Previous public-sector experience:** Ahamiojie None  
**Community involvement:** Member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, registers with Van Buren Soccer Association.



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school graduation rate gone down? What could be done differently? With housing, I will encourage all stakeholders to come to the table, a foreclosed home affects individuals, lenders and communities alike, we have to reach a win-win solution.

**Observer: What strengths would you bring to the House of Representatives that set you apart?**

Ahamiojie: My first strength is that I am not a Lansing-insider; I am running with the drive and enthusiasm that comes with newness. Secondly, I am an everyday person that lives the everyday life—student loans, underwriter home, concerned about quality

of education for our children. Thirdly, I will vote based on the merit of issues, although party is important, I will objectively consider issues, put the people first and vote accordingly.

**Observer: Education is always an issue in this race. Has the state handled funding, curriculum and other education issues the right way? What would you do differently?**

Ahamiojie: We can't keep throwing good money after bad money when it comes to education; there is the tendency to think more money would solve all the problems we have with our education system. We have to address the inefficiencies and

operational cost in our education system. I encourage the state's approach to funding. I encourage our curriculum to be geared towards more science and math, incentivize our higher education students to get more degrees in math and science, just like most kids from China and India.

**Observer: Every politician who runs for office says they can "work with anyone across the aisle," yet it never seems to happen. What can be done to get the parties to work better together?**

Ahamiojie: We need to look at issues based on the cost and benefit to the people and not

based on politics or party identity. As an individual that considers himself a conservative democrat, I will easily work with individuals on either side of the aisle; I am for the growth of the middle class just as I support cutting taxes for businesses, individuals and making government leaner and more efficient.

**Observer: What makes you the best choice for the job?**

Ahamiojie: I live the everyday life and understand what the everyday person is going through. How can one represent people when one

doesn't feel what the people are feeling?

I am not a Lansing-insider; I am simply running to be a voice, make things better and easier for the regular folks that need a voice. Finally, I am the best choice because I do not let party politics cloud my judgment; it will be about what works for the people of the 21st district; job creation, less government spending, protection of peoples 2nd amendment rights, diversifying the economy, creating a conducive business environment and great schools with common sense funding.

## Chicks 4 Charity to offer scholarships

**Details:** Woman's Life Chapter 827-Chicks 4 Charity will be offering a \$500 scholarship(s) for part time students and \$1,000 scholarship(s) for full time students to women residing in Canton and the surrounding areas that are looking to transition back into the workforce. Applicants must be attending an accredited Michigan college, university or trade school in the

fall of 2012. Preference will be given to women that demonstrate financial need, education/training needs, and those who are involved in the community.

**Contact:** For additional information please contact Zlatina Dimova at dimova.zlatina@gmail.com. Applications must be postmarked by July 1st, 2012 and winners will be notified by August 1st, 2012.

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## Senior fends off purse snatcher

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Score one for a feisty, 70-year-old woman who thwarted a strong, would-be robber from seizing her purse inside a Canton store.

Canton police say the incident happened around 7:30 p.m. Monday inside the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road.

A police report gave the following account:

The woman was reaching for an item on a shelf in the toy department when she felt someone tug on her shoulder-strap purse. She clung to it, refusing to give in to a suspect much larger and younger than she was.

A struggle ensued, and the woman lost her footing, fell to the floor and struck her head — yet she never released her purse to her attacker.

Rather, she screamed and fought to draw attention from other shoppers — causing the assailant to flee the store after some witnesses yelled at him to stop.

The suspect fled in what police described as a white, four-door Buick with rusting fenders. The 70-year-old woman was taken to a Canton medical facility for treatment for minor injuries after she struck her head.

A police report described the suspect as a black male, possibly 6 feet tall, in his late 20s or early 30s. He had a goa-

tee and a mustache and wore brown shorts and a black Tapout T-shirt — often worn, police say, by men who engage in strenuous physical activity.

A police report indicated the incident was being investigated as an attempted robbery.

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## CRASH

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10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. today (Thursday) on a walk-in basis, Van Tassel announced.

Kennedy and Beavers died at the scene of the accident, Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

The women were passengers in a yellow Chevrolet Cavalier that was headed south on Canton Center when it was struck broadside on the passenger side by a white Monte Carlo traveling east on Michigan Avenue, Schreiner said.

"The two young ladies appeared to have been killed instantly," he said.

Both cars were driven by male drivers who spoke with police before they were taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospi-

tal in Ypsilanti for non-life-threatening injuries, police said. The Cavalier was driven by a 24-year-old Whitaker man. The Monte Carlo was driven by a 21-year-old Westland man.

Canton Special Services Sgt. Pat Sullivan said a preliminary investigation indicates that alcohol and speed didn't appear to be factors in the crash.

Sullivan said the three people in the Cavalier apparently had been to a social gathering in a Canton, while the driver of the Monte Carlo is believed to have been on his way home from work.

Police were continuing to investigate the accident, Canton Detective Tim Wright said any charges would be decided by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

At the hour when the

accident occurred, motorists traveling along Michigan Avenue typically have a flashing yellow light, while traffic on Canton Center has a flashing red light.

"We're going to allow the Accident Investigation Team to do a full investigation before we come to any conclusion," Schreiner said.

After the crash, Sullivan said, authorities routed traffic around the crash scene partly by using area parking lots.

He said the roadway was reopened shortly before 8 a.m., nearly six hours after the incident.

Friends of the killed teens have been placing flowers and balloons on a utility pole near the scene of the accident.

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## CRIME WATCH



### Gun and pot

1. Canton police located a stolen unloaded handgun, rounds of ammunition and two Mason jars of marijuana after approaching a suspicious vehicle near the parking lot of the McDonald's restaurant in the 40200 block of Michigan Avenue.

The incident happened on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 18.

Noticing suspicious activity, police approached a blue Ford Escape and ultimately spoke with a mother, her adult son and a third male a police report said. Police officers were told the trio was going to Camp Dearborn.

Police noticed the odor of marijuana and asked to search the vehicle. The son admitted he had smoked marijuana earlier in the day.

The son continued to interfere with the investigation, the report said, resulting in him being taken into custody for interfering with police.

A search of the vehicle revealed a black bag that contained a 40-caliber Smith & Wesson handgun stolen out of Redford, two magazines with rounds of ammunition and the jars of marijuana.

According to the police report, it was learned that there had been a sale of marijuana.

The investigation was continuing with possible charges pending.

### Unattended child

2. Canton police are reminding parents not to leave their children alone in a vehicle, especially during a summer marked by scorching, dangerous temperatures.

The latest incident happened shortly before 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, in a parking lot near the Dunham's Sporting Goods store in the 41900 block of Ford Road.

Police learned the child had been left unattended for an estimated 10 minutes. The car was shut off and all windows had been rolled up.

Police found the child buckled in a car seat — crying and sweating. The mother returned to the vehicle and unlocked it and was questioned by police.

A police report indicated she was cited for leaving an unattended minor in the car.

### Intruder alert

3. A secretary who came to work Monday morning at a law office in the 7200 block of Sheldon Road found the front door glass had been broken one. A police report indicated the incident was one of several recent business-related break-ins.

Nothing appeared to

be missing from the law office.

### Electronics theft

4. A woman who returned to her residence in the 40900 block of Annapolis Circle in the Academy Point mobile home park southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty, to learn that someone had broken in and stolen various electronic equipment. She found the door unlocked and open when she came home.

### Batteries taken

5. An employee of the Walmart on Ford Road east of Lotz contacted police shortly before midnight Monday to report that a secured cage outside of the store had been broken into with approximately 20-25 batteries stolen. A lock on the cage had been broken and an empty pallet was found where the batteries have been located.

The investigation was continuing.

### Apartment damage

A woman who lives

6. In the Canton Crossings apartment complex southeast of Joy Road and I-275 told police she returned home around 12:30 a.m. Monday to find that her bedroom window had been broken out. The screen door on the patio also was open, which she said she always closes.

No entry was made into the apartment. Management was arranging to repair the broken window.

### Home invasion

7. A vacant home in the 39800 block of Edmunton was broken into sometime prior to July 9, and the intruder or intruders took a furnace evaporator condenser, according to a police report.

Someone had kicked in a side garage door of the home, according to a contract employee who was maintaining the HUD house.

A air-conditioning unit also had been taken.

Compiled by Staff Writer Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

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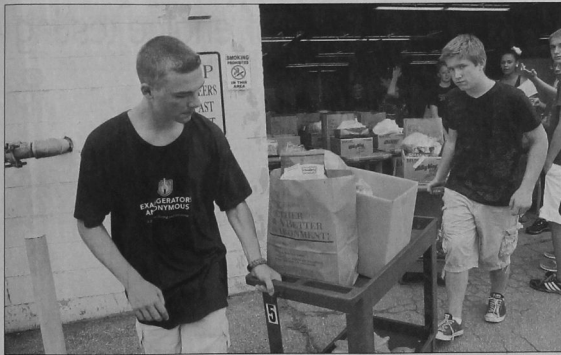
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Volunteers John Sanders, of Belleville, and Jeremy Martzloff, of Canton, roll carts of food out to the dients of the food bank.

## MILLION

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1.5 million last year.

An offshoot of Canton's Connection Church, Open Door Ministry has drawn widespread support from other churches and a small army of volunteers who help the food pantry distribute food Thursday evenings to families in need.

One of those helpers has been the Canton Community Foundation, through which donors have been instrumental in providing financial support and amenities such as a walk-in cooler. "Through this tough economy, we have so



Director Steve Darr speaks with a client waiting for food.

many hungry residents in Canton (and elsewhere) that are really invisible to us," CCF President Joan Noricks said. "Our neigh-

bors are hungry, and Open Door Ministry has stepped up to the plate to be there and make sure there is fresh food for our friends and neighbors."

As it fulfills its mission, Open Door Ministry had a scare this year when the owner of the 48,600-square-foot warehouse decided to sell the building.

However, the owner, Greif Inc., dropped its selling price from \$1.1 million to just \$290,000 for Open Door Ministry, which could have been forced to dramatically scale back its services if it had to move to a smaller and more costly home.

Open Door organizers have raised over \$600,000

toward the \$290,000 goal, closing a deal to buy the building amid confidence they can generate the income they need to pay it off.

To donate to the effort, go to [www.opendoorfood-ministry.org](http://www.opendoorfood-ministry.org) or send a check payable to Open Door Ministry, 4301 S. Lilley Road, Canton, MI 48188.

Also, the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, 4661S Michigan Ave., is sponsoring a Free-admission Family Fun Fest 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 28, that includes numerous activities, a silent auction and raffle prizes.

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## SHOWCASE

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points to last year's exhibit of Indy 500 cars.

"It's not just 'cars,'" Horner pointed out.

"There are interesting cars, cars that are a slice of history. These are cars that are technically superior and historically significant."

Horner said Concours organizers decided several years ago to add a "super bikes" flavor to their "super cars" show. Horner, who had worked for Volkswagen, had been involved long enough that organizers soon had his name and asked him to help organize it.

This year, BMW Motorcycles is the only bike dealer displaying. He said it's good for business, even though not a lot of business gets done at the site. The display does, however, generate business in the Michigan Ave., dealership on occasion.

"We don't count on it to bring in business, but it has," Horner said. "We talk to a lot of people, and they ask a lot of questions. People say, 'I didn't even know BMW did bikes.' Well, they do, and they have since before they got into cars."

Horner did it the other way around. After working for Volkswagen, he decided he wanted his own business. The expense kept him out of the auto world, but he could manage the cost of a motorcycle dealership, and landed at BMW

Motorcycles.

"I couldn't afford a car dealership," said Horner, whose shop has grown to become the eighth-largest BMW dealer in the country through June 2012. "I could afford a motorcycle dealership, so that's where I went."

The dealership is an extension of his love for motorcycles. He's been riding them for 25 years, always BMWs. He likens them to riding in open sports cars.

"You're there in the environment ... You can smell the rivers, you can smell the ponds, you can feel the dragonflies," he said, laughing. "You can smell when you're within a mile of a pig farm. You're not just in an air-conditioned box, riding by."

"You have to pay attention and do it right," he added. "You don't have a lot of time for extraneous thought. It's not like you have time to text."

As he gets ready for his fifth Concours, Horner said he's happy the event has moved to Plymouth Township. He said the environment at St. John's is better than it was at Meadowbrook. The layout is better, he said, as are the amenities for the spectators.

Above all, though, he said the "attitude toward Concours organizers and spectators" is better. "Sometimes it seemed Meadowbrook wasn't all that happy to have us," Horner said. "St. John's seems happy to have us."

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### CHILL OUT

**Date/Time:** Monday, July 30, 7 p.m.

**Location:** Rotary Park, Pavilion #1, on Six Mile between Farmington Road and Merri-man in Livonia

**Details:** Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox hosts an outdoor town hall to discuss current issues affecting Wayne County taxpayers and take questions from the audience. Free root-beer floats and Boston Coolers will be served.

### CLASS REUNION

**Date/Time:** Friday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m. to midnight

**Location:** Laurel Manor, 3900 Schoolcraft, Livonia

**Details:** Combined 1982 Plymouth Canton/Plymouth Salem 30-year reunion. Deadline to order tickets is Aug. 1. Tickets can be ordered thru: <https://sites.google.com/site/cantonsalem1982>, or [www.facebook.com/groups/cantonsalem1982](http://www.facebook.com/groups/cantonsalem1982) or [cantonsalem1982@gmail.com](mailto:cantonsalem1982@gmail.com) for \$45 per person. Dinner, dancing, D.J. provided.

### POM CLINIC

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

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

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

**Contact:** Pre-register at [www.cantonchieflets.com](http://www.cantonchieflets.com); call (734) 397-1782 for more information.

### TINY TOTS

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

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

**Contact:** Sheila Johnson, preschool director, (734) 453-5464, Ext. 27, or email [sheila.johnson@ussalvation-army.org](mailto:sheila.johnson@ussalvation-army.org)



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# New airport project reduces sounds of engine testing

It's going to be a little quieter in around the Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) with the addition of a steel structure that will reduce engines sounds.

Members of the Wayne County Airport Authority, operator of DTW, joined officials of neighboring communities Tuesday in inaugurating the airport's new, \$11 million Ground Run-Up Enclosure. Engineered by the Livonia office of C&S Companies in of Syracuse, N.Y., and designed and constructed by Blast Deflectors, Inc., in Reno, Nev., the three-sided, steel structure on the airfield is lined with acoustical absorbing paneling designed to significantly reduce

noise when jet engines are tested after maintenance.

"We always talk about the positive impact that the airport has on the surrounding community, but those closest to the airport will tell you there are some less-desirable impacts as well," said WCAA Interim CEO Tom Naughton. "To the degree we can mitigate the noise impact of the airport on our neighbors with initiatives, such as this new GRE, the airport authority is committed to do so."

After making repairs, airlines regularly "run-up" aircraft engines for testing purposes before the aircraft are returned to service. This testing requires airlines to run

engines up to full-power for periods of time ranging from a few minutes to an hour, generating noise up to the equivalent of an aircraft take-off throughout part or all of that time period.

With the new GRE, airlines will taxi aircraft into the three-sided facility to conduct nearly all run-ups. Engine noise will largely be absorbed by the more than 2,000 acoustical panels lining the structure, while the remaining noise will be directed upward rather than outward into surrounding communities. Prior to the GRE opening, airlines performed these tests inside the facility while the remaining noise will be directed upward rather than outward into surrounding communities. DTW's new GRE occupies nearly 90,000 square feet and rises 42 feet high, allowing it to accommodate aircraft as large as Boeing's 747-8. Most aircraft types that will use the GRE will



Airport and local officials are dwarfed by a Delta Air Lines A-330 in the new \$11 million Ground Run-Up Enclosure dedicated Tuesday at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The twin-aisle, wide-body aircraft, which is used on long-haul international flights, fits easily inside the GRE.

be able to turn around inside the facility while operating under their own power, reducing the need for diesel-powered

aircraft tugs and additional personnel required for tug operations.

The facility also incorporates steel cladding specially-engineered to avoid interference with airfield radar and radio frequencies.

"The Wayne County Airport Authority has laudably engaged in continuing efforts to minimize disturbances to the residents of southeastern Michigan, while at the same time acting as a job provider and economic engine for the entire region," said State Rep. Doug Geiss, D-Taylor.

"This new ground run-up enclosure will significantly reduce the level of noise caused by night-time maintenance, and its construction provides further testament to the commitment of the airport authority to the citizens of Romulus and surrounding communities."

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

provided 80 percent of the funding for the \$11 million GRE project, which included Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation of 8 percent.

With more than 32 million passengers in 2011, Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport is Michigan's busiest airport and one of the world's leading air transportation hubs. Service is provided by 11 scheduled passenger airlines and three scheduled cargo carriers. DTW offers more than 1,200 flights per day to and from nearly 150 destinations on four continents.

DTW is operated by Wayne County Airport Authority, which also operates nearby Willow Run Airport, a corporate, cargo and general aviation facility. For more information about Metro Detroit's airports, visit [www.metroairport.com](http://www.metroairport.com).

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# Power of attorney forms good for parents of college-bound kids

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

Parents who have children getting ready to go to college need to make sure that they do some important things with regards to personal and financial matters. One area that is extremely important is powers of attorney.



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

When your child is ready to go to college, they are at least 18 years of age which means they are a legal adult. As a legal adult, they have legal responsibilities, but as the parent, you find that your rights are dramatically diminished.

In that regard, two documents I strongly recommend obtaining are a medical durable power of attorney and a general durable power of attorney. From a medical standpoint, if something happens to your child when they're away at college, as the parents, you have no legal rights.

I've heard many stories where a child has a medical issue and the parents are kept in the dark. I've heard horror stories where children are injured at school

and the parents are forced to go to court to get medical information. The last thing anyone should want to do is to go to court when there is a medical emergency. Therefore, before your child goes away to college, make sure that they sign a medical durable power of attorney.

### Do it yourself

You don't have to pay anyone to do a medical durable power of attorney. You can do it on your own. There is a free fill-in-the-blank form available to print on my website. It's a simple and straightforward form and I recommend it for parents with a child going away to school and also if you have any adult children that are your dependents. Remember, we live in a crazy world and just because you're the parent and you provide the financial support for your adult child, doesn't mean you have any rights.

Another type of document that you may wish to obtain for your college student is a general durable power of attorney. This power of attorney will allow you to handle your child's affairs above and beyond medical. It could be dealing with a financial institution or even with their university. Once again, if there was some sort of accident and your child could not handle his/her own affairs, hav-

ing a general durable power of attorney would allow you to step in without getting judges, courts and lawyers involved.

### Insurance

When I went to college, the most expensive thing that someone owned was a cheap stereo. Today, that is no longer the case. Kids have computers, cell phones, iPads and all sorts of valuable stuff.

The question is whether or not you need insurance on these items. If you do, now is a great time to talk to your homeowner's agent to see if those types of items are covered. Sending a child to college is not as easy as it used to be. That is why now is a great time of the year to do the things that are needed so you're not rushing at the last moment. I know with these temperatures it's hard to believe that Labor Day is little over a month away. And before you know it, you'll be packing up your loved one for college. Don't procrastinate; the time to get it done is now. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [money matters@hometownlife.com](mailto:money matters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit his website at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

# Museum's Kids Kamp focuses on Wild West

Wild West Days Children can experience aspects of the Wild West at the Plymouth Historical Museum during the second annual History Kids Kamp 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 4.

Museum officials are encouraging kids to wear their cowboy/girl duds as they will get their pictures taken to put in a western-style frame. Annie Oakley and her partner, Frank Butler, will talk about their exploits, and snacks will be served from a real period chuck wagon.

There will be a scavenger hunt to entertain and educate while they search for clues to solve a puzzle. Children will play games and participate in races, will be branded (fake tattoo), and can shoot a Red Ryder BB Gun in a safe shooting gallery. Every child will be given a commemorative badge to wear for the day and a bandana.

The event is part of the Plymouth Historical Museum's present exhibit "Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies," highlighting the inaugural gowns of 14 presidential first ladies.

Tickets are \$30; alternatively, the purchase of a new or renewed Daisy membership to the Plymouth Historical Museum (value \$50) will allow two children to attend for free.

The target age for children is 6 to 12 years old; however, children under 6 will need to be accompanied by an adult. Visit the Museum's website at [www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org).

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# Setting the 'Foundation'



The Canton Community Foundation recently handed out two dozen scholarships, worth more than \$18,000, to help students reach their educational goals.

## CCF scholarships help students reach education goals

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

There are soccer practices and basketball practices and hip-hop dance lessons to worry about, in addition to juggling two part-time jobs and figuring out how to make ends meet.

And somewhere in there, Jennifer Gryzmala is trying to make a better life for herself and her three children.

Gryzmala, a Canton resident, got a little help recently, when the Canton Community Foundation rewarded her with the \$1,000 Canton Women's Connection Scholarship.

It was one of the 24 scholarships, totalling more than \$18,000, handed out as part of the annual CCF scholarship program.

And it comes in handy for the Canton mom, who also received a \$500 scholarship last year.

"They're crucial," Gryzmala said of the scholarships. "I'm a single mom with three kids. I take out a home loan to pay for the rest of it, but I don't need another bill. Every little bit helps, and I'm very appreciative of what they offer."

### Helping out

The foundation's scholarship program has been helping students reach similar goals since its inception in 1990.

This year's total of just more than \$18,000 brings the total into the \$500,000 ballpark in terms of funds handed out to students.

Foundation President Joan Noricks said the joy comes for foundation members when students who thought, "Oh, a \$500 scholarship isn't that opportunity to college students to get on with their lives."

"In the last few years, we're hearing a lot of input back that it helped spur students to finish college, or that 'somebody cares about me,'" Noricks said. "You just never know what these scholarships are going to accomplish. We're very proud to be able to offer that opportunity to college students to get on with their lives."

The scholarships must be working. Gryzmala graduated Eastern Michigan University in May with her bachelor's degree in social work. She'll be back at EMU this fall, working toward her master's degree.

It's all part of her plan to become a social worker herself.

"I really enjoy helping others," Gryzmala said.



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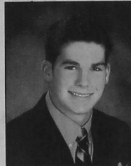
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"I've been in tough times myself, and there have been wonderful social workers who have helped me. There have also been social workers that haven't been so helpful. "I want to make a difference," she added. "Where there's a will

there's a way to find the next chapter in your life."

### Not discouraged

Gryzmala said she's been putting her resume out, hoping to find a full-time social work job that would let her give up the two part-time jobs she

has now.

A full-time job might help her juggle her schedule, which at the moment sees her up at 6 a.m. and often not back to bed until midnight or later as she struggled to be a mom and a bread-winner.

She hasn't found anything yet, but she's not discouraged.

"Where there's a will there's a way," she said. "I want to better my family, I want to move on and be successful. I don't want to struggle. And if I can do it, I know someone

else can do it."

Herve Nonga was awarded the \$750 Dustin Piepsney Scholarship, established by Piepsney's parents, Bill and Amy, three years ago on the first anniversary of the death of their son, who was found dead behind their Canton home in December 2008.

Nonga, a 2012 graduate of Salem High School, was excited to win the scholarship because it's going to help him become the first member of his family to go to college. He's headed to Michigan State University, most likely to study human biology.

"I was a bit surprised," said Nonga, whose parents came to the U.S. from Cameroon in 1990. "I honestly didn't think I'd get this one. I felt really proud of myself, like I actually accomplished something. Being a first-generation college student, I felt really proud.

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

**Village Market:** When David graduated from Scottsdale Culinary Institute, Le Cordon Bleu in Scottsdale, Ariz., we decided to open a catering business. The love of the movie "Tommy Boy" prompted us to name the company "Fat Chef in a Little Coat Catering." It just took off from there! We set a business plan that in 5 years we would have a store front to serve more customers. Finding the location in Cherry Hill Village just felt like home to us. We have both been in food industry combined over 30 years. We love food and people.

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

**Village Market:** Our family moved to Canton 26 years ago from Saginaw. Canton is home and we love the community. We have been involved in Canton activities. We have been blessed and love to give back through our time and talents.

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

**Village Market:** We love fresh food! There is nothing like fresh vegetables or the taste of fruit fresh from the market. We were raised by a family that loves to eat and serve others.

**Observer:** How has it changed since you opened?

**Village Market:** It's amazing how wonderful people truly are. We have support from our friends, family, neighbors, and so many businesses throughout the Detroit Metro Area - especially Canton. We have been voted #1 for



Work went on in the kitchen as Village Market by Fat Chef, located in Canton's Cherry Hill Village, got ready for Saturday's grand opening.

Catering for the WDIV Channel 4 Best of the Best for 2010, 2011 and are in the running again this year.

**Observer:** How has the recent economy affected your business?

**Village Market:** The economy has been hard on many businesses, but it has prepared us to be more aware of the values provided.

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

**Village Market:** Explaining are self-deprecating business wime to everyone is a blast! We truly enjoy creating a fun work environment and the name represents our personalities completely.

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

**Village Market:** If you have a dream, follow it. Set goals and stay focused on them. Be realistic when setting your goals too. Although we knew it would be alot of sweat, time, and lack of sleep to accomplish what we have to this point, it was worth it all. You have to work hard. Above all, as our Aunt Sharon has told us many times: "Don't forget the little guy."

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

**Village Market:** We are hoping to grow with the Canton Cherry Hill Village. We love the people, the community, and their hospitality. We feel like we are finally home.

## Research your next car online

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

The World Wide Web is often the starting point for many purchases, including cars. Aside from picking where you live, choosing the right car may be the most important decision you make.



Tech Savvy  
Jon Gunnells

You can eliminate much of the stress associated with sticker shock by beginning your vehicle search online. And it doesn't matter if you are buying new or used. There are a variety of websites that have been helping consumers save time and money for years.

If you are trading in a vehicle, your search starts with a familiar name: Kelley Blue Book. Since 1995, KelleyBlueBook.com has provided approximated values and resources for those looking to buy, sell or trade vehicles. The site offers reviews, car listings and research tools such as vehicle history reports, which have been made popular by CarFax.com commercials.

Of course, the blue book isn't the only comprehensive web source for new and used cars. Cars.com offers many of the same features and allows users to build or find their cars by searching specific makes, models - even minimum and maximum price ranges. The site also lets you find dealers, review car dealers and receive approximate price quotes on any vehicle you build or find.

You might already favor a particular brand or model and, in that case, you can always visit your automaker's website directly. Just about every automaker features an interactive website where consumers can build their new rides down to the

floor mats and cargo nets. Users can choose their own colors, engine sizes and trim levels, while navigating through incentives and other money-saving rebates.

With automotive websites and even Cars.com, users can even request free quotes on the new or used vehicles in which they are interested. But if you prefer a dealership doesn't get your phone number, email address or both, you can always just compare the prices on Edmunds.com. Edmunds has many of the same features as the other sites discussed above, but also has a fun feature where you can compare multiple vehicles in which you may be interested.

Whether you've done enough research to start your own online automotive site, or have just gotten started, you can always request a free quote online from a local dealer using an automotive site or third-party resource like Cars.com. If you prefer not having your voicemail and email bombarded, you may want to skip this step and simply visit the local dealer and focus on the deal: the test drives.

There are even some startups devoted to helping consumers. One such site is New York-based Mojo Motors. Mojo Motors is a car site that tracks inventory and price changes of used cars, so buyers don't have to visit multiple dealers. The service is not available yet in the Detroit area, but is a unique tool that could only be made possible with the power of the Internet. And who knows, the site or a similarly helpful resource may be available to aid you in your vehicle search.

Jon Gunnells is a social media planner at a Detroit-based advertising agency. He can be reached at jonathan.gunnells@gmail.com. Follow him on Twitter @JGunnShDW.

### VILLAGE MARKET BY FAT CHEF

**Business Name and Address:** Village Market by Fat Chef, 50419 Independence, Canton

**Your name:** Steven Hulett, general manager, and Chef David Hulett (co-owners and brothers)

**Your Hometown:** Canton  
**Business opened:** We actually started 5 years ago this month as Fat Chef in a Little Coat Catering, LLC - with a 5 year plan to open a store front. With that said - Village Market by Fat Chef had its Grand Opening this past Saturday, July 21.

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- Freight from the manufacturer must be included separately, if applicable, or will be the responsibility of the bidder.
- All specifications are stated as minimum specifications. Any deviation from the specifications as listed must be submitted in writing.
- Dealer agrees to arrange for warranty repairs and pay for any costs involved in transportation to a repair facility.
- Equipment must be invoiced and delivered no later than August 27, 2012 and set up and ready for use no later than August 29, 2012.
- Manufacturer shall include with delivery of equipment, a line sheet that will accurately reflect all components/parts of the equipment.
- Dealer will include with delivery a copy of the parts and service manual for all components of the equipment.
- Food Service Equipment purchases are exempt from all taxes, including state and federal.
- The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any irregularities in bidding and is not bound to accept low bid.
- Bids shall be binding for a minimum of 30 days from the date of opening.
- Bids are due in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education Office, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on Friday, July 27, 2012 at 10 a.m.
- Detailed specs of the equipment and the bid form can be picked up at the School Board Offices, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. Qualified Bidders must return their bid in the School Districts Bid Form.
- Envelope containing bid is to be clearly marked Food Service Equipment Bid 1
- District will be responsible for plumbing and electrical of new equipment. Bidder is responsible for delivery, installation/assembly and set in place.

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Linda Langnesser, CMC  
City Clerk

Published: July 26, 2012

## OUR VIEWS

### Slavens earns nod in 21st District

Dian Slavens is seeking her third — and final — term representing the 21st State House District, which includes most of Canton.

We believe Slavens, a Canton resident, has earned another term, and we recommend her to voters in the Democratic primary on Aug. 7.

For the first time as an incumbent, Slavens faces a primary challenge. Kiz Ahamioje, a Farmington Hills native now living in Belleville, is an earnest, intelligent young man whose biggest concern is education. But he's never been politically active, and jumping all the way to the state House is a big political leap. This isn't the time for that much-on-the-job training with the issues facing the state.

Slavens, on the other hand, has already covered that learning curve. She's respected by leaders around the district, and she has proven she can work well with others, even those with a different party designation after their name.

She reached across the aisle and found bipartisan support for her bill to eliminate lifetime health care for state Legislators. Her bill would have included current members of the Legislature, but Republicans eventually approved a measure that started with "future" leaders.

Her detractors point out it was easy for her to do that, because her husband is a Wayne County Circuit Court judge with full health care. Our response would be this: Lots of people have a chance to do the easy thing and don't do it. We believe Slavens was sincere in her effort.

Slavens has also been a big supporter of public education, and has fought hard to protect the school aid fund. She's lost many of the battles, because Gov. Rick Snyder and the Republicans are pushing through their measures, but she stands in their slugging.

Slavens is in touch with the residents in her district, she votes her conscience with the best interests of her district in mind and she's a woman of strong character.

We believe Dian Slavens deserves re-election in the Aug. 7 primary.

### Price, Amar for county seat

One thing is abundantly clear among the four men running in the Aug. 7 primary for the newly drawn 10th Wayne County Commission District: They all want Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano out.

But the performance of the county executive isn't the only problem facing the commission, and we believe Republican Shannon Price and Democrat James Amar display the better sense of the issues.

Price, a former county Republican Party chairman who lost in the Republican primary for the 21st state House seat four years ago, wants a thorough audit of county finances, an online county "checkbook" open for viewing by the public, and a charter amendment that would give the Board of Commissioners the power to impeach the county executive. Price also favors a lower overall tax rate (hardly an exclusive position in an election year) that could help lure businesses, rather than targeted tax breaks, and a streamlined, 90-day permitting process for businesses.

Price wants Ficano out of office, but favors an impeachment proceeding over the recall effort started by his primary opponent, attorney Richard Convertino.

Convertino, for his part, is strident in his desire to get rid of Ficano, placing it as a higher priority even than his own election. That makes Convertino, a smart and accomplished man, the kind of one-issue candidate we're not sure would fit well on the commission.

James Amar, a retired labor mediation supervisor from Plymouth Township, gets our nod in the Democratic primary. Amar is the one guy who didn't hit the campaign trail kicking and screaming about getting rid of Ficano.

Amar thinks Wayne County must take "difficult steps" to correct its finances while investing in programs and incentives to spur development and job creation. He has several ideas he says could improve the economy: a drive to increase tourism; incentives for the movie industry; and the further promotion of the Aerotropolis business park. He's seen union issues from both sides, and has a long history of labor negotiations we think will come in handy as a county commissioner.

His opponent, Mark Piems of Canton, has been a real property appraiser for Wayne County for eight years. While Piems is a bright guy, we think someone less attached to the current county structure would fit better in the commission seat.

We recommend Republican Shannon Price and Democrat James Amar in the Aug. 7 primary for the 10th Wayne County Commission District seat.



Price



Amar

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"Not bad. We just (recently) got back from vacation, so I'm coping OK."

Stephanie Harris  
Canton



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Shannon Williams  
Belleville



"It's not as bad as last year."

Roslyn Williams  
Now



"It's not that bad."

Andrea Pillow  
Romulus

## LETTERS

### Supports Price

On Aug. 7, Canton residents have the opportunity to vote for Shannon Price for Wayne County Commissioner.

As a real estate agent, I recognize that we need to maintain the quality services that our community offers. Mr. Price, who is currently bringing up two children in Canton, realizes the importance of taking care of our roads and parks to take care of current residents and attract new families to the area.

As county commissioner in the 10th District, Mr. Price promises to fight for accountability of the dollars we send to the county, support responsible spending policies, and restore integrity to the Wayne County Commission.

Erin Williams  
Canton

### Amar right choice

The voters in Canton Township will have the opportunity to elect a Wayne County Commissioner for the new 10th District beginning with the Aug. 7 primary. Jim Amar, a Democrat who is running for that seat, has excellent credentials and is someone the electorate should send to downtown Detroit to represent the residents of Canton Township.

As a labor mediation supervisor coupled with a depth of managerial experience that included writing and developing budgets for the Michigan Employment Relations Commission, Mr. Amar clearly understands the framework of financial responsibility that is demanded to oversee the administration of public funds for a government entity.

Jim Amar is widely known and highly regarded in professional circles for his integrity and reputation for bringing people together and forging positive relationships. Some candidates are informing the public of what they will do if elected. Jim Amar recognizes that regardless of the sincerity behind a candidate's promise to do something a commissioner has to get a majority of the other 14 members of the Wayne County Commission to agree with him or her on achieving certain goals for the residents of the 10th district.

This task will take a bridge builder and Amar has a solid record of successfully applying his mediation and facilitation skills in solving problems between organizations with diverse interests.

His emphasis on economic growth and development for the county is the correct avenue to travel that will ultimately benefit the residents of Canton Township, the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Anne Pluff  
Westland

### Why the rush?

I have been a constituent of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter and am delighted he will not be representing anyone or anything but himself from now on. Aside from the incredibly stupid renomination petition issue, McCotter

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announced he would resign from his House of Representatives seat six months before his term ends. Why not just jolly up and contribute minimal effort from now until Dec. 31 and help his successor in the transition? But not Mr. McCotter.

I have to proudly confess that I had never voted for him. Not that I knew he was a nut, but that he was much too conservative me. He was obviously a bright guy but I sensed he didn't have any touch with real people. The first contact I had was last winter when I emailed his office about the 2012 Medicare premium that would be deducted from my Social Security check. I never received a response. The second — and last — contact was an email request for a copy of the president's 2012-13 budget. Two weeks after my request I received an email response from a staffer who referred me to a government website. I ignored the response because I didn't want to print hundreds when the staff could have easily just sent me a copy through the U.S. Postal Service.

The circumstances of Mr. McCotter's earlier-than-needed departure from Congress generates another more immediate problem. Because state law required a primary and general election (which will be held along with the scheduled Nov. 6 election), it will cost taxpayers in his district an estimated \$650,000 in additional local funds. The reason is that his 11th Congressional is far different than the newly-reappointed district when a new representative will be elected Nov. 6.

Aside from Mr. McCotter's well-deserved ridicule, he should also pay for the \$650,000 election costs from his own funds.

It's the minimum action he could take for his soon-to-be gone constituents.

As a retired community editor, I have observed hundreds of elected officials in action. All had a degree of ego but nearly all had a sense of public service. They wanted to make a difference in the lives of their constituents, even as risking their political future.

It is clear that Mr. McCotter consulted no one but himself in

deciding to quit six months before he would have left office anyway.

His departure and the circumstances preceding it are a well-deserved embarrassment.

Leonard Poger  
Westland

### Good riddance, McCotter

Before anyone in the 11th Congressional District can start some kind of fund-raiser for our ex-Representative to Congress, Thaddeus McCotter, because of the pain to his family and the fact he now has to find a job, let's remember a few things.

Mr. McCotter goes home with a pension and full medical coverage for him and his family. This is die in spite of the fact that he ran for president and supposedly wrote a TV pilot during the last few months of his term. Is it any wonder that letters have shown what difficulty citizens in his district had contacting him and obtaining any response? Now he has to start looking for a job, just like hundreds or thousands of his constituents have had to do.

In his letter of resignation, he states he is unwilling and unsuited to become a lobbyist.

This all came about after nearly 10 years as a Congressman and additional years in politics he could not handle the simple job of properly registering for an office he had held and was likely to continue in for as long as he lived.

Good riddance to an unqualified individual who did not deserve to hold office. We are now living in a district with no representative in the House. One thing is for sure: His successor won't have to do much to beat the record of T. McCotter.

Gerald A. Folgmann  
Livonia

### Rise and fall of McCotter

Thaddeus McCotter's fall from grace certainly is a strange tale to tell — the most recent chapter being his abrupt resignation, which will cost taxpayers over half a million dollars in a special election.

The story began with Thad's meteoric rise from obscurity into public office, fueled mostly by his only claim to fame, namely being related to Joan McCotter. His disgrace was just as sudden and inexplicable, an extreme exercise in tragic-comedy.

What followed next was a bizarre chain of events beginning with an ill-advised Don Quixote envisioned presidential run that lasted the better part of two weeks, then a bonehead snafu in not submitting required ballot signatures, then a decision to be a write-in candidate (which was immediately self-vetoed) and eventually ending in his resignation.

Clearly Thad's ship of state had lost its directional rudder and was sailing wildly.

Hopefully this will be the last of the news shockers regarding the poor sod.

As for his future career, perhaps he could tune up his guitar and join some band that befits his "cool factor."

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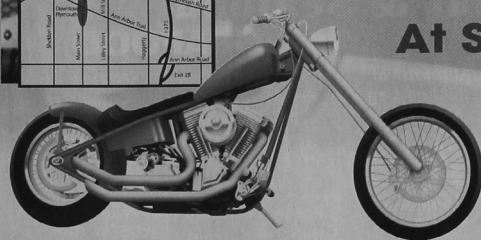
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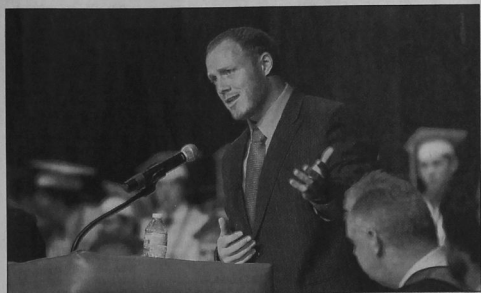


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## The fallout



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Livonia Clarenceville alum and Tennessee Titans linebacker Tim Shaw, speaking last month at the 2012 graduation, gave his views on the recent controversy at his alma mater Penn State University.

## Former Nittany Lion Shaw responds

In light of the Jerry Sandusky child abuse scandal and the NCAA's severe sanctions that were handed down Monday against the Penn State University football program, Livonia-Westland Observer Sports Editor Brad Emons talked Tuesday with Livonia Clarenceville grad and former Nittany Lion linebacker Tim Shaw.



Brad Emons

The 28-year-old Shaw, a special teams standout and back-up linebacker for the Tennessee Titans, is entering his sixth NFL season after being drafted in the fifth round in 2007 by the Carolina Panthers.

Shaw played all five of his seasons (2002-06) at Penn

State under the late coach Joe Paterno after a storied prep career at Clarenceville where he set MHSAA records — at the time — for career rushing yards (7,611) and touchdowns (131).

Shaw, who earned his bachelor's degree in management from Penn State, has one mission and charitable work in his community.

He shared his thoughts and views following the recent findings by the Freeh Report and the unprecedented NCAA penalties.

**After a day to reflect, what are your thoughts and emotions? Have they changed at all?**

"My emotions have calmed down a little bit, but I'm still angry and frustrated, and I'm still a little bit baffled and confused about the sanctions and just the way everything continues to go.

One former Penn State

**player was asked about the death penalty, and he said, 'It was more being like in a coma.' Did the NCAA jump the gun?**

"Oh, man. It's a tough thing to comment on because my comments aren't going to do anybody any good. I feel strongly that the decisions that were made (by the NCAA) are not going to accomplish great things or maybe the purpose of what they were trying to do. I don't know what the purpose was. I tell you the truth, I think myself, and I would, many people in this world, I would give up every single win that I ever had if it would mean that one child not be abused or hurt, but you know what? That's not the way this world works. And people would give up a lot of things in the world if we could trade for that, but we can't. So taking away those

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## Festival 4-miler Founders: Matthews 1st across

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

The way things are going, they may have to name a street after Angela Matthews some day in Farmington.

The 28-year-old from Westland captured her fourth straight Founders Festival 4-mile race women's road race title with a time of 22 minutes, 39 seconds.

Meanwhile, 21-year-old Emery Piteel of Richmond was the men's and overall winner for the third straight year in 2010 as he edged Highland's Mike Camilleri by eight seconds.

The top finishers in the men's and women's masters (40-and-up) were Steve Menovick (21:56) of Grand Lodge and Velda Balmer (27:07) of Richmond, Va.

Matthews, an assistant track and country coach at Beverly Hills Detroit County Day, cruised to victory over 18-year-old Katelyn Cliff, who was runner-up in 24:49.

"I like running out there because that's where I mostly train in that Farmington area," said Matthews, a 2002 Lutheran High Westland grad. "So I'm familiar with the race course — all the people in my group basically train out there.

"I train with New Balance — the Paul Aufdenberg and Dave Peterson group — who were all out there. It's great to have a group of people to run with. It just makes me feel better as a runner."

Matthews, who ran collegiately at Concordia University (Neb.), was two seconds faster than her 2011 time of 22:40. She averaged 5:40 per mile. "I didn't feel it was very fast, but I was kind of training through the race and looking further down the road at the Crim (Aug. 25 in Flint)," said Matthews, who works as a technical editor

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## Ex-MU golfer eyes U.S. Am

Former Madonna University golfer Brett Quitiquit (Highland) added another notch to his impressive golf resume by recently earning a spot in the 112th U.S. Amateur Championship.

Quitiquit, the 2009 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference medalist and 2010 NAIA National Championship runner-up, fired rounds of 70-68 for a 36-hole total of 138 and finish second in the qualifier, July 18, at Bay City Country Club.

"I knew coming into the qualifier that you had to play two good rounds and I did," Quitiquit said. "It is a grueling qualifier because you have to play two rounds in one day and it tests you both mentally and physically.

"Playing in the U.S. Amateur is a dream come true for me, and my biggest golf accomplishment since finishing runner-up at the NAIA National Championship."

The U.S. Golf Association (USGA) sponsored event will be Aug. 13-19 at Cherry Hills Country Club in Cherry Hills Village, Colo.

## St. Clair gets coaching job

University of Memphis recently named Livonia Stevenson High grad and former University of Michigan catcher Royce St. Clair as an assistant coach in women's softball.

"Royce's addition to our staff was a step in the right direction for Memphis Softball," Poole said. "She brings good knowledge of the game, a competitiveness that comes from playing at the highest level, and an understanding of what it takes to be the best. Royce has great contacts around the nation, which will aid in recruiting for our program."

"It's exciting," St. Clair said. "Being only 23 years old, it's a great opportunity to get into a tough profession. I'm thankful that coach (Natalie) Poole thought enough of me, and I'm excited to get started full time here."

St. Clair, a 2010 U-M grad, was a member of three Big Ten championship teams and was a two-time All-Big Ten selection. She played the 2011 season with the Akron Racers of the National Pro Fastpitch League and served last as a volunteer assistant at Memphis.

## High Velocity camp is 'hoops heaven'

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

The minutes ticked down to just a few before another day of a youth basketball camp at High Velocity Sports in Canton came to a close and camp instructor Dominique Washington brought youngsters in for a huddle.

Washington's team was up 45-44 in a scrimmage, and he wanted to make sure players stayed on task during the stretch. "Make good passes, find open players and no threes," Washington said. "Layups only. They have to foul us. Anytime we get touched it's a 1-and-1."

The Plymouth Christian Academy varsity boys basketball coach said talking Xs and Os and reminding youngsters about the situation on the court will help them when they play middle school and high school

basketball — as virtually all of the 50 campers in the four-week summer training camp will experience.

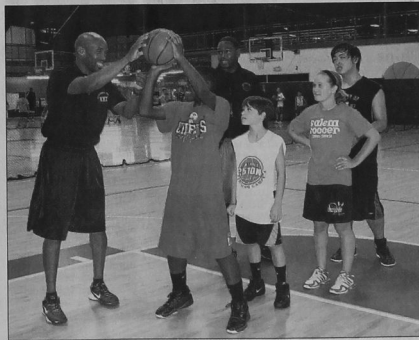
Co-hosted by the Plymouth Canton Force and Triple Threat Training (the latter company started by former pro cager and Canton resident Troy Coleman), the camp provides those going into grades three-eight in 2012-13 a chance to sharpen their skills.

Plus, they can improve strength, conditioning, agility, pick up important tips and have some fun in the process. About 65 percent of campers are from Plymouth or Canton, but other Observerland communities are well-represented.

**Eager to improve**

"I wanted to be a better basketball player, like how to make my dribble get better, how to shoot

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JOHN KEMSKI

Summer basketball camp instructor Troy Coleman (left) helps 12-year-old Noah Brown of Plymouth with proper free-throw technique during a camp session last week at High Velocity Sports. Waiting in line for their turn are Ethan Rottell (10, of Plymouth), Leah Tardiff (12, of Plymouth) and (far right) Zhending Hu (14, of Canton). Also pictured is instructor Dominique Washington.

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# Payzant, Katta sweep pivotal Rams' sweep 5-4 playoff win yields Zanesville trip

Michigan Rams pitcher Josh Payzant came through in the clutch notching both wins and Brandon Katta went 6-for-8 at the plate Saturday in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League double-header sweep of the Michigan Cobras, 4-3 and 6-2, at Bicentennial Park.

The Rams' sweep forced a one-game playoff Monday night at Livonia's Ford Field for the top two 20-and-under teams in the CLB, as they posted identical 18-16-1 records. (See related story.)

At stake was a trip to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association regional at stake, July 27-29, at Zanesville, Ohio. The regional champion then advances to the AAA-B National Tournament, Aug. 5-11, in Johnston, Pa.

Payzant, a Livonia native who plays for Jackson Community College, got the victory in relief as the Rams pulled out a 4-3 nine-inning victory to stay alive in the race in the

opener.

Payzant then pitched the first 3.2 innings to pick up the victory in the nightcap and Wayne State University lefty Jeff Sorenson (Livonia Stevenson) closed it out with 3.1 innings of scoreless relief in a 6-2 Rams' triumph.

Katta, who went 3-for-5, had a walk-off game-winning RBI single scoring Payzant as the Rams beat a league time limit to defeat the Cobras in Game One. Miles Sorise added two hits and RBI, while Justin Sherman also knocked in a run for the Rams.

Chris Gebara led the Cobras going 3-for-5 with a double and RBI, while Marc Zughaba also knocked in a run. Payzant recorded the final four outs — all on strikeouts — in relief of Donnie Eaton, who pitched 2.2 innings after taking over for starter Mitchell Patterson.

Cobras starter Ben Singer went eight innings allowing just three runs on seven hits. Reliev-

er Dan Saier took the loss.

In Game Two, the Rams scored three runs on five hits and never looked back as Katta and Sherman each went 3-for-3 with an RBI apiece. Eaton also added two hits and an RBI, while Dominic Jamett, Garrett Gordon and Trent Drummeller also knocked in runs.

Eric Glanz led the Cobras' seven-hit attack going 2-for-3, while Gebara knocked in two runs. Cobras starter Justin Hicks, who took the loss, went five innings, allowing 10 hits and four walks.

**KNIGHTS 1, RAMS 0:** On Friday, Ty Wilson pitched a complete-game, four-hit shutout and led the Rams to victory over Michigan Knights (2-1-0) to a victory over the Michigan Rams (16-16-1) at Ford Field.

Wilson struck out nine and walked only one in outlasting Rams starter Evan Piechota (Steverson/Madonna), who scattered six hits and struck out four over six innings. Mitch Kozlowski went 2-for-2 and scored a game-winning run in the third inning for the Knights. Justin Sherman went 2-for-2 in a losing cause.

## COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

A three-inning victory. "Then, we win the second game (6-2) in a thriller, only to get to a playoff and win today."

What gave the Rams a chance going into the weekend was the Bulls and Cobras playing to a tie giving Berryman's team a mathematical chance. "Up against the wall is an understatement," Berryman said. "Great comeback."

In the one-game playoff, the Rams built a 5-1 lead through five innings as Justin Sherman, Donnie Eaton, Zach Zott and Brand Katta each drove in a run.

The Cobras, however, made things interesting with three hits and three runs in the top of the sixth of Rams reliever Evan Piechota (Madonna University).

A two-out muffed ball in right field led to the Cobras' three-run uprising.

"You drop a fly ball, you drop a fly ball ... sometimes it just happens," said Berryman, who has taken the Rams

to seven AAABA Nationals.

Piechota, who retired the side in the top of the seventh, pitched the final 2.2 innings in relief of starter Keith Paslean to pick up the save. The Livonia Stevenson High grad struck out four and walked only one while allowing two hits.

Paslean, who notched the victory, went the first 4.1 innings allowing one run on two hits and four walks while striking out three.

Meanwhile, Marc Zughaba went 2-for-3 with an RBI to pace the Cobras' offensive attack.

Losing pitcher Jake Paulson went the first five innings, allowing three earned runs on five hits and three walks. He struck out three before giving way to reliever Dan Saier, who pitched a scoreless sixth inning.

After the game, Berryman picked up three Cobra players — Jake Paulson, Matt Priebe and Justin Hicks — for his expanded AAABA playoff roster heading to Zanesville.

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# Fames singe Livonia Concealed Security in semifinal

An early 4-0 deficit proved fatal to Livonia Concealed Security, with the squad falling 6-3 to the Cincy Flames in Sunday afternoon's semifinal of the 2012 National Wood Bat 16U World Series at the University of Cincinnati.

"We made a nice run," Livonia Concealed coach Lou Pirronello said. "There were 48 teams and we were probably a

## SANDBOLT BASEBALL

base hit or two away from taking us to the championship game, but we fell short. But they're a very good team."

Sunday afternoon's no-hitter by John Slater (Southfield) propelled the team into the Final Four, but the loss to the Flames ended the team's champi-

onship bid with an overall tournament mark of 5-1. Cincy, it was 4-0 after two innings against Livonia Concealed starting pitcher Alex Deyonker (Livonia Franklin), who departed with what Pirronello called a sore arm.

Livonia Concealed rallied to cut the deficit to 4-3 in the top of the third. Anthony Diponio (Dearborn Divine Child) tripped

in two runs and scored on a wild pitch.

But the Flames came back with single runs in the fourth and fifth against Diponio, who came on in relief of Deyonker in the third.

Collecting two hits for Livonia Concealed was Sean Ritchie while the other hits were Diponio's triple and a single by Austin Stevens (Livonia Stevenson).

On Saturday, Slater dominated the Illinois Sparks, throwing a no-hitter, walking two and striking out eight as Livonia Concealed rolled to an 11-0 win and ticket to the semifinals.

Four runs in the first set-up by Slater's seven-run fourth turning the game into a five-inning mercy contest.

Diponio and Zack Schmitzke (Divine Child)

each went 2-for-3 while Slater went 1-for-2 with a run and two RBIs.

Earlier Saturday, Livonia Concealed defeated Team Cincinnati 9-0, scoring in all five innings of the shortened game.

Alec Padilla went the distance, pitching two hits and four walks while fanning 11 batters.

Stevens drove in two runs with a single while Ritchie doubled in a pair.

## CAMP

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more and Caleb, said 11-year-old Cole Patterson of Farmington Hills, a middle school point guard next season. "I like passing the ball to each other, making good passes."

According to Garden City's Robbie Moyers, 14, he found out about the summer camp after starting individual training in 2011, mostly with Coleman. Now, Robbie is pumped up about bringing his enhanced skill set to the ninth grade team at Garden City High School. "I think you need to work on everything more and more to get better," said the 5-8 point guard

for the PC Force 14U team.

For that, he credited both the camp and Triple Threat Training — which includes Washington and Madonna University assistant men's basketball coach Adam Kerfoot among instructors.

"I went to this one (camp) last year, too," Moyers said. "I did training with Troy (Coleman). Mostly, I came here to do a High Velocity league when I was little and then I found out they had trainers and I went to the camp."

When the current camp ends, Robbie plans on signing up for a Sunday league at Madonna, for kids entering grades five-12. But Kerfoot said the summer camp at High

Velocity is a "great start" for those players who want to make a competitive splash.

"We like to show them some new things," Kerfoot said. "This is getting them ready for their school year, whether middle school or high school. We're all experienced players that have played competitively at the college level. So we know what it takes to get to that point and we're trying to give them all the tools they need."

Leah Tardiff of Plymouth said the sessions have been everything she thought they would be. Except for the fact she's the only female in the camp.

"I didn't realize it was an all-boys camp," said the

12-year-old, who will be a point guard this winter for the Pioneer Middle School eighth-grade team. "I thought there'd be some girls here. But it's really fun. I'm learning really good passing drills and dribbling. It's really interesting. I like it."

Leah said the camp's trainers have done a good job of not making the three-week sessions too heavy with instruction. "They want us all to have fun, and increase our knowledge of the game."

So far, she's enjoyed various stations (ball-handling, free-thru shooting, layups, passing, defense and dribbling). But the latter station is her favorite because she loves to dribble the ball

between her legs and fool whoever is guarding her.

## On a mission

Coleman, 41, who played more than nine years professionally, said he started Triple Threat Training in 2006. The product of Detroit St. Alphonsus quickly enlisted Washington and his company and its mission to help kids with a passion for basketball has soared.

"For me, it was a tool to help me get through college, help me play pro ball and it gave me a lifestyle," Coleman said. "So I want to give that back to the kids, give them a chance to become better basketball players to help them become better people."

"I'm finding out that no matter what sport it is, if the kid is intense they give their all. When you give them something to be engaged with they learn easily."

As far as Washington is concerned, the kids are soaking the knowledge up like a sponge.

"I've seen kids who are very skilled," said Washington, who was a prep basketball star at Salem. "You tell them to drop back into a 3-2 zone, eight-year-old kids drop back and know their position."

"They know what help-side (defense) is. A lot of high school kids don't know how to do that."

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## SHAW

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things ... the punishment here doesn't fit the crime. And I'm not saying there's a good punishment or a equal punishment that fits the crime here. But in my opinion, Jerry Sandusky needs to be punished. And in my opinion he is. And Joe Paterno ... if they were problems of a lack of doing something, those people need to be punished. I believe those people are. Joe Paterno ... but he can't be punished any longer. And, you know, it's not that he can't defend himself for what actually happened. I believe — just knowing Joe as I did — I believe there's no way that he could have known what we think he knew. There's no possible way that he could do that and walk around every day knowing

that. I just know Joe too well for that. I just don't believe it. My personal feelings are just that.

"No," he, the victims are the most important. But my problem with this is that it's deviated so far, and this does the victims no good whatsoever. So therefore, what purpose is this serving? I'm really struggling with that and struggling with that and what is the agenda of the NCAA? They had to create new sanctions? They had to make up new things? I just don't understand where all that comes from. If it isn't that death penalty (closing the program down), then I don't know what it is. It certainly has done a lot, a lot of damage to the program of Penn State football."

**The Fresh Report — have you been able to read it, decipher it or have any opinion on it?**  
"I haven't, but to tell you the truth — from what I

hear — is that there's a lot of holes in it. Do I have all the information? No, I don't. But I don't believe that man (Louis Freeh) does either. I believe there needs to be an investigation on the investigation from what's been going on."

**Of the people you know in the Penn State program, how crippling is this to the school, and then the football program?**

"I love Penn State. I really do. I love it to the full of days, and our feelings are a sadness, a sadness for what has taken place there. We couldn't think there could have been a worse thing that could have happened at Penn State. And for us to be associated with that

really hurts us, and we don't like that. It's definitely stifled us right now and brought it down. I'd say, to its lowest point. And what that can do is give us an opportunity to stand up as an institution, as alumni, as a brotherhood of Penn State, and really bring it back. All we can do is move forward. We don't do those decisions. We don't make appeals. We don't do that stuff anymore. OK? We're all just men and all we can do is bring that morality and making great decisions every day about what's right and wrong, and trying to improve society and improve ourselves. I think the current Penn State players can do that. The current Penn State coach-

es can do that — because ultimately they've done no wrong and they're really suffering in that. Everybody has kind of come to me about comments I've made as if I'm not sympathetic to the (child abuse) victims. The victims are the No. 1 priority here, but when people ask me other things, then I'll speak on those other things. Now you're making Penn State football players victims in this as well. Obviously it's not equivalent to those abused children, but it's a new side to the story and a new ramifications of people's actions."

**Do you think the decision by NCAA was based more on the court of public opinion and a media groundswell?**

"Absolutely, no doubt about it. I would love to see due process take its course, and I don't believe that it will. Ever the former president at Penn State (Gra-

ham Spanier) has said there are holes in the Fresh Report and a lot of things are going to come out in the (perjury) trials, and some offer the opinion that NCAA has overstepped its bounds here: (Response) "Absolutely. And this is where it becomes a problem. I can sit here and admit I don't know. I don't know all the information and I don't make the decisions, but why can no one else admit that, and they don't? All the information is not out there and that all the truth is not out there yet. So, I don't understand why people can't admit that. Hey, guess what? We care about the punishment right now when we don't have the information. But they (the NCAA) don't do that and don't admit that. That's something that's beyond my mind. Hey, I'm just a coach. I'm a punishment player, but that's something I don't understand."



With a lakes freighter in the background, the Genesis sailboat crew harnesses the wind on Lake Huron.

# Setting sail

## On Genesis, Lee family excels as crew

By Dan O'Meara  
Observer Staff Writer

When the Lee family of Farmington Hills goes out on the boat, it's much more than a day of fun on the water.

It's a serious and competitive sailing endeavor, and Paul Lee has taught his three children to be good sailors, too.

Lee has guided his sailboat Genesis to consecutive victories in the annual Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island Race with the help of Elliot, 16, Rhys, 14, and Adriana, 12.

Genesis won in the PHRF D Class last year and, following a switch by many boats from the longer course around Cove Island to the Shore Course, the PHRF F Class this year. PHRF is the acronym for Performance Handicap Rated Fleet.

Paul Lee, who has been sailing since he was 6, has missed only a few Mackinac races since 1985. It was the sixth, fourth and second for his children, respectively.

"They're solid sailors now," Lee said. "It used to be, when they were 10, they were along for the ride. They're no longer along for the ride. They do their full watches."

"They're driving the boat, trimming the sails, whatever needs to be done. They do their fair share. Now some are starting to boss around their uncles."

Elliot, Rhys and Adriana have been part of the junior sailing program at the Detroit Yacht Club since they were 8. They became such regulars the boat was affectionately termed *The Floating Daycare* for other members.

Paul Lee, 45, recalled son Rhys (pronounced Reese) first Port Huron-to-Mackinac race four years ago.

"I had a rule of thumb, if it's going to be windy, they shouldn't go at 10 years old," he said. "The weather report was it was going to blow like 25 (mph). At 15 the water starts to get wavy."

"I said: 'Rhys, I don't want you to go, because you'll be throwing up for two days straight.' It was against my better judgment, but he talked me

into it, I let him go. Sure enough, he threw up for two days straight (and spent much of the time asleep below deck).

"By the time we got to Mackinac Island, he woke up and said he was ready to do it again. It was the best thing in the world."

The Genesis crew also included Lee's brother, Thom, of New Jersey; Philip Bagley and Ben Clayton, both of Farmington Hills; and David Cockell, William Bruslow and Emily Simon, all from the Grosse Pointes.

### Tight race

Genesis was in a pitched battle for much of the race with the *Liberty*, a boat owned by Robert Bent of North Street. Genesis finished just past 9 a.m. on July 16 with an elapsed time of 44 hours, 18 minutes, 16 seconds.

Lee's team won based on a corrected time of 44:59:48. The *Liberty* finished one minute ahead of Genesis in elapsed time of 44:17:19, but it's corrected time with handicap was 45:24:22.

"We were neck-and-neck with them for 36 hours," Lee said. "It was like a knife fight in a phone booth."

"It was a difficult race the whole way. It's constantly racing, constantly paying attention, trimming sails and making the boat go in the right direction all the time."

"When you do it right and the other boat is doing it right, then it's up to the wind."

Lee made a gutsy, tactical move at one point, choosing to sail a narrow strait between the mainland and a small island to save time and reduce the sailing angle. It worked and put Genesis in the lead.

"If you ask most people, they'd say it was a stupid thing to do, but it worked," Lee said. "It was rocky and there was less than five feet of water in some spots. With GPS telling us exactly where to sail, it seemed to me a pretty fair risk."

### Bigger issue

Lee faced a major dilemma at the end of the race — one that dealt with sportsmanship and

gnawed at his conscience.

The finish line was changed this year, and there were new rules in place. Genesis passed the Round Island Lighthouse to the port side instead of the required starboard.

"We didn't take any shortcuts," Lee said, adding the lighthouse was 100 yards from the finish line. "We were right there with the *Liberty*. They owed us about 23 minutes because of our handicap. As soon as we crossed, I knew we had won the race."

Then he learned of the lighthouse issue. It was a small infraction that didn't affect the outcome of the race, but race officials said Genesis hadn't sailed the course properly.

"(Bent) said: 'I'm not going to protest you, because I don't want to win that way,'" Lee said.

"It was a simple mistake. It was a small technicality. 'At the same time, it left the ball in my court. What was the right thing to do? I was struggling with the idea 'Do we get the flag or keep our integrity and withdraw? If we accepted the flag, it was going to be tainted. The whole crew was completely demoralized for the better part of the day.'"

### A resolution

Lee went before a jury of race officials that day. It found the instructions were vague and misidentified the lighthouse. The Genesis was penalized 10 minutes, which still left Lee's boat with an advantage in corrected time.

In a display of sportsmanship, Lee and Bent agreed to cut the two flags in half and stitch the opposite pieces together. Thus, each boat will have half a first-place flag and half a second.

"What that might mean half a victory in the race, it represents a full victory for Lee as a sailor and sportsman. "I have garbage bags full of flags, so another flag is really not that important to me," he said. "Earning the respect of your competition is most important. If you get a flag without getting the respect of your competitors, you've won nothing."

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Lion scholarships

The Canton Lions gave \$500 scholarships each to William Askew II and Sydney Liedel Sunday during the Canton Lions Football Picnic at Heritage Park.

Askew recently graduated from Plymouth High School, where he was on the varsity football and boys track and field teams. He is going to Central Michigan University, where he will continue his track career.

Liedel graduated this year from Canton High School, where she was a football cheerleader. She will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.

Both Askew and Liedel were with the Canton Lions for five years.

### Hole-in-one club

On July 21, Jeff Sternik, of Livonia, used a 7-iron to ace the 155-yard, No. 16 hole at the Reflections Golf Course at Garland Resort.

Sternik, accompanied by his son Tyler, along with Mike and Fred Alonzi, carded a 42 for nine holes.

### Meteors hold golf outing

The Westland Meteors youth football and cheer program will stage a golf outing Sunday, Aug. 5 at Fellows Creek Golf Course, 2336 S. Lotz Road, Canton.

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### Hawk golf outing

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

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

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

### Farmington girls swim tryouts

The Farmington High School girls swim and dive team is looking for interested girls to join the team.

There are no tryouts, and everyone will get a chance to compete.

Practice officially begins

Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Farmington High. For more information, contact coach Driska McCullough at (248) 561-2090.

### GCHA signups

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

### GCYBSA tryouts

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association will be hosting several tryouts for travel and competitive teams in the coming weeks.

All of the tryouts will be held on Saturdays at Canton High School's varsity field and a \$10 fee will be required.

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

Pre-registration is strongly suggested and info can be found at [www.gcybsa.com](http://www.gcybsa.com). For more information contact [dkraff1@hotmail.com](mailto:dkraff1@hotmail.com) or [cortti@canton-mi.org](http://cortti@canton-mi.org).

## RACE

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at Am General in Livonia. "It was a tempo-type effort, but that's what I was figuring I would do. "I really didn't want to bluster anything right now because I don't want to peak too early."

Matthews, a former

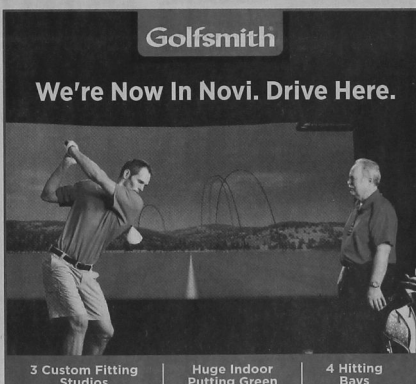
Detroit Free Press Half-Marathon winner who also represents Elite Feet in Brighton, was coming off a third-place finish in the highly competitive Brian Diemer AmeriKan SK Race held in Cullerville with a time of 17:35.

Matthews hopes to better her time of 59:54 from a year ago in the prestigious Crim, which placed

her 12th overall among females and second in her age group for the 10-miler.

"Obviously a lot depends on the conditions," she said. "I like to be around 59 (minutes) or 58. I could be a minute off, but I feel pretty strong this year."

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## Moldovan nets title in Midwest Section

By Brad Emmons  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonian Bianca Moldovan won all eight of her matches in straight sets to capture the Girls' 18 singles title at the USA/Midwest Section Open Championship held this week at Tipton Lakes Athletic Club in Columbus, Ind.

The 15-year-old, who will be a sophomore during the fall at Livonia Stevenson High, defeated Lauren Golick of Westlake, Ohio, in the finals, 6-2, 6-3, after outting Elizabeth Zordani of Lake

est III in the semifinals, 6-4, 6-2.

On July 15, Moldovan played in her first pro event at the \$10,000 USTA Women's Hospital Classic in Evansville, Ind. where she got into the qualifying draw with no ranking and took two matches before 15-year-old Californian Meridith Xepoleras kept her out of the main draw with a 6-2, 6-4 triumph.

Earlier this month, the unseeded Moldovan reached the quarterfinals of the USOPN Sectional Qualifying event in Mason, Ohio where she fell to eventual tourna-

ment runner-up and No. 2 seed Veronica Corning of Beverly, Mass., 6-1, 6-0. It's been a highly productive summer for Moldovan, who was also coming off a first-place finish in the USA/Midwest Section Level 1 Closed Junior Outdoor Championship last month in Indianapolis.

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# FC London spoils Michigan Bucks' run

By Brad Emmons  
Observer Staff Writer

## SOCCER

The old adage "It's tough to beat a team three times" did in the Michigan Bucks Sunday night in the Premier Development League's Central Conference championship.

The Bucks, the Great Lakes Division champions, were stopped by Forest City London, 2-1, in the final at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac. After beating the fourth-year Ontario club twice during the regular season, the Bucks came out flat and dug themselves a two-goal hole before making a spirited comeback that just fell short in stoppage time after Nate Boyden's 25-yard drive was tipped away by London goalkeeper Reece Richardson (five saves).

The victory moves upstart London into the PDL's coveted Final Four next weekend at a site to be determined.

Forward Martin Lange, a native of Germany, figured in the 67th minute with the first coming in the 21st minute when he set up English native Jordan Ayris.

Lange then scored what proved to be the game-winner in the 67th minute on a close left-footed drive that Bucks goalkeeper Adam Grinwis (three saves) had no chance on.

"I think I have to give London the credit for that," said Bucks head coach Gary Parsons, whose team finished 17-3-2 overall. "They didn't give us a lot of time to play. We made a couple of adjustments late in the first half, and at halftime, which I think helped. They (London) were dominating the midfield in the first half and they were just playing a little sharper than we were."

London was simply controlling play throughout the first 65 minutes of action.

"Their one-touch passing was on the money and our one-touch passing was a little off," Parsons said. "We talked about

that stuff at halftime and I thought we were able to climb ourselves back into the game in the second half from a standpoint of territory and getting chances. Then we made the blunder on the set piece. I told the guys at halftime that we weren't going to get shut out. I said, 'We just can't give away another one,' and we gave away another one before we had an opportunity to get a goal."

During the regular season, London lost to the Bucks by scores of 2-1 (on June 29) and 1-0 (on June 15).

"It's the first time we've gone to the Final Four, a lot of good omens and we're just looking forward to it," Painter said. "The first two games we played them were very good games - we certainly were not outplayed. Michigan's a great team. We made it a little nervous giving them that goal that got them back in the game."

"That Bucks goal came from Tommy Catalano (Oakland University) during the 74th minute off a pass from Anthony Grant, who had subbed in for forward Stefan St. Louis in the 60th minute.

"Until that point we played fantastic, we executed really well," Painter said.

Meanwhile, Gary Parsons subbed in two players during the second half to try and re-energize his team, which was coming off a 1-0 semifinal victory Saturday night over the Real Colorado Foxes.

"We made a replacement in the back where Stewart (Givens) came off and Sebby (Harris) slid over to the right and Justin (Sass) came into the middle and that helped us a lot down that (right) flank," the Bucks coach said. "I thought Zach (Steinberger) did a good job in the middle and Anthony (Grant) gave us good energy up at the point as well. Stefan (St. Louis) had played the full 90 the night and gave us

60 tonight. The bench did a nice job when they came in. They regenerated us and gave us an opportunity to try and get the extra goals. We got one and couldn't quite get the other one."

The Bucks, trying for their fourth PDL Final Four since 1996, made a furious comeback, but London held on.

"We got that dreaded two-goal lead and sat back a little bit," Painter said. "It was a great goal that they scored to get back in the game and once it becomes 2-1 they're sending a lot of guys forward. They have the momentum, they have the energy, so that helps them. It made it a little bit nervous for us, but we're just happy to survive."

London also held dangerous Bucks midfielder Nermin Crmick - who notched the game-winner the night before versus Colorado - in check.

"We were aware of Nermin and knew the type of player he is," said Painter, whose team ousted defending conference champion Thunder Bay (Ontario) Chill, 1-0, on Saturday. "He's a very skillful, fast player. Players like that we just try and take away time and space. We did that very effectively. We had one nice run, but we took away his time and space and I think he got a little frustrated. We knew we had to defend him well and not let him run on us with the ball."

Meanwhile, Parsons knew Sunday's conference final would be the most daunting of all the matches his team would encounter this season.

"We play these guys all the time and I told my guys: 'This is going to be the hardest game we've had all year because it's very difficult to beat a team three times,'" he said. "They always play tough and they always play good defense. They always press. They're always a difficult team to beat."

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State medalists at the Michigan Women's Golf Association State Championship at Timber Ridge Golf Club in East Lansing include (from left) Division 1 medalist Darr Stocker, D1 overall low net winner Donna Benford, D2 overall low net winner Pat Shelton of Farmington and D2 medalist Ruth Wilson.

## Shelton among MWGA medalists

Farmington's Pat Shelton was Division 2 overall low net winner at the Michigan Women's Golf Association State Championship July 21-22 at Timber Ridge Golf Club in East Lansing. Shelton was among 45 women participating. She finished with a two-day net score of 139 and was among four MWGA state medalists.

The field was split into two divisions of two flights each. In D1, two positions were tied and winners were determined by score-card matching.

Division 1 medalist and MWGA state champion with a 153 low gross total (75-78-153) was Darr Stocker of Flint. Linden's Donna Benford captured D1 overall low net honors

with a 145. In D2, the low-gross medalist with a 94-90-184 was Ruth Wilson of Chandler, Arizona. Other Observerland golfers included Canton's Lu Stockton (99-100-199) and Livonia's Kathy Brennan (106-96-202), both in D2.

In D1, flight one, Northville's Alicia Weber tallied an 80-78-158 score. The MWGA is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, established to promote amateur golf competitions and educational clinics for Michigan female amateur golfers of all skill levels.

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## Blue Angels 1st

The eighth-grade Livonia Blue Angels capped off a successful summer season with a perfect 5-0 record at the American Youth Basketball Tournament July 7-8 in Rochester. The Blue Angels finished the year at 31-4 including wins at the Pinckney March Madness tournament and the Big Cat Summer League. Members of the Blue Angels include (top row, from left): Tom Smulsky, Konan Paul, coach Tim McGillivray, John Andoni, Logan Ryan; (front row, from left): Connor Stars, Matt McGillivray, Michael Gris, Troy Branton and Austin Petrie. (Not pictured is Jake Fanning and coach Pat Fanning.)

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# Couple talks about renewal at church workshop

The Rev. Kevin Harbin and his wife, Ellen, will speak at "God's People Unleashed: A Time of Renewal," 7 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 29, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, in Livonia.

Ellen Harbin, a graduate of Bentley High School in Livonia, met her husband in 1986 at a Clarenceville United Methodist Church men's softball game. Two years later they were married.

Kevin was an account execu-

tive for WMUZ Radio at the time he felt called into the pastoral ministry. Five years later the couple left for seminary. They'll hold a workshop, 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at the church. Cost is \$10 and a free-will offering will be taken to cover the cost of lunch. Registration is required for the workshop. Call (248) 474-3444 or e-mail the church at [clarencevilleumc@att.net](mailto:clarencevilleumc@att.net). The church is located at 20300 Middlebelt, near Middlebelt and Eight Mile.



Ellen and Kevin Harbin

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

### ADULT ACADEMY

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

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

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

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

### CLOTHING BANK

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

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

**Details:** Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need (734) 404-2480.

### COMMUNITY FUN DAY

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

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

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

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

### RUMMAGE SALE

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

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

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### BLOKER, RAYMOND E.

1/19/1922 - 7/14/2012  
Born January 19, 1924 in Fremont OH, the only child of Raymond E. and Helen Bloker (Nec Overmyer). He was married to the former Betty Kerns in June 1947, shortly after they both graduated from the Ohio State University.



Employed as a financial analyst and accounting manager by the Ford Motor Company in Cleveland OH and Dearborn MI for 33 years, he retired from Ford in August 1981. The Blokers resided in Plymouth MI for 39 years, enjoying many winters in Naples FL, where they moved fulltime in 2003. In December 2011 they moved to Gainesville FL. Ray was a Veteran of World War II serving as a navigator of an B47 Air Force B-17 bomber and flew 30 bombing missions over Germany and occupied Europe from May to August 1944. Shot down in enemy territory and rescued, Ray was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart for his service in Europe. His favorite recreational pursuits were golf, following all sports activities of the Ohio State Buckeyes, and duplicate bridge where he had attained the ranking of Bronze Life Master. Ray is survived by his loving wife Betty, daughters Sherry Bloker of Chico, CA and Sue Kelman (Mark) of Micanopy, FL, son Raymond E. Bloker III (Judy) of Los Gatos CA and grandsons Brett Kelman (Guam), David Friedlander (Chico, CA) and granddaughter Lane Kelman (Micanopy, FL). Grave site Services and Military Honors will be held on Friday, July 27th, 2012 at 11:30am at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. Services are under the care of Forest Meadows Funeral Home, 725 NW 23rd Ave., Gainesville, FL 32609 (352) 378-2528. Please sign his guestbook at [www.forestmeadowsvh.com](http://www.forestmeadowsvh.com)



### EDDINGTON-CULBERTSON JANET L.

Of Dexter, formerly of Plymouth, passed away on July 17, 2012 at the age of 71. She was born in Plymouth September 16, 1940 to the late Charles and Iole Woodard. Janet grew up in Plymouth and attended Plymouth High School. She would later marry Jack Culbertson in Hawaii and remain married to him for the next 31 years. In 1988 they would move to Dexter. Janet is the dear mother of Sheila (Lynn) DeCar, Thomas Edgington, Greg Edgington, Cheryl (Jerry) DeVola, Alexander (Michelle) Edgington, Mark (Kathy) Culbertson and Kathleen Culbertson. She was the proud grandmother of 16 and is also survived by 8 brothers and sisters. Janet loved to travel all over the country. However, her favorite destination was Hawaii, which she visited several times. A funeral service will be held Saturday, July 21, 2012, from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 249 South Main St., Plymouth. Burial took place at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Arbor Hospice Foundation 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-9144 or to the family of Janet L. Edgington-Culbertson. Share memories at [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)



### KOS, RAYMOND

Age 82, of Howell, MI passed away on July 23, 2012. He was born August 31, 1929 in Cutchogue, Long Island, New York to Mikola and Albina (Rusak) Kos. He is survived by his two daughters, Tamara (Ash) Elsalas of Springfield, VA and Carolyn (Jason) Cooper of Oceanville, CA. Loving grandfather of Bethany, Zackary, Alexander, Timothy, Haley, Marian, Madelyn and siblings Cairn, Jeanette and Chris. He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Lynn (Abby), his siblings Stella, Chuck, Louise, Adam, Francis, Edmond and loving granddaughter Sophia. The family will gather with friends Thursday, July 26, 2012 from 11-1 p.m. with a Healing Farewell Service at 1 PM at Brook Jennings Lamb Chapel in Howell. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Wounded Warriors. Please have a message of comfort to Raymond's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign his guestbook at [www.brookjennings.com](http://www.brookjennings.com)

### PECKENPAUGH, DONALD HUGH

1928 - 2012

Donald Hugh Peckepaugh, former Superintendent of the Birmingham, MI public schools, passed away on Monday May 14, 2012 at the age of 83. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Mary Frances (Marfran) Peckepaugh, and two daughters, Ann Peckepaugh Becker (David) and Eve Peckepaugh. He also leaves two grandchildren, Jeremy Martin Becker and Steven Joseph Becker. He was predeceased by his father, George Martin Peckepaugh, his mother, Thelma Anderson Peckepaugh, and his brother, the Reverend Howard Dudley Peckepaugh. He was born in East Chicago, Indiana on August 11, 1928. He received his three degrees from the University of Chicago. Bachelors degree in 1948, Masters in 1954, and Doctorate in 1968. Don was Superintendent of the Birmingham public schools from 1972 to 1978. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 1 at Smith Crossing Senior Living, 10501 Emilee Lane, Orland Park, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made in his memory to the Morton Arboretum ([www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org)) or 630-968-0074.

### PENROD, MICHAEL ANTHONY

Age 27, of Westland, July 21, 2012. Beloved son of Lynne Loving brother of Nicole (Manuel) Ruiz, Kenneth, Valerie and Ronald Penrod and James, Farrah, Steven and Brandon Hjeltness. He is also survived by his girlfriend Jessica Whigg. He was preceded in death by his father James and his sister Breanna Hjeltness. Funeral service is Saturday, 1:00 PM, at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation is Thursday, 6:00-8:00 PM & Friday, 12:00-8:00PM. [www.michiganmemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.michiganmemorialfuneralhome.com)

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Detroit's Shrine Highlanders entertain at the Highland Games last year in Livonia.

## Family-friendly Highland Games bring Scotland to Livonia

The 163rd Highland Games returns Friday-Saturday, Aug. 3-4, to Greenmead in Livonia, bringing with it a few changes in the popular "Wee Bairns" children's area.

"We have a nice 'golf' area this year since Scotland is where golf began," wrote Patty McKinnon, in an e-mail to the Observer. "We are also going to have some history plaques posted around the area to help educate and inform a wee bit more about our Scottish heritage."

Youngsters will get a chance to learn about St. Andrew's and Rampant Lion flags at this year's Wee Bairns. Favorite activities, such as the sack races, small caber toss, and the Wee Bairns Clan Parade will return, along with live "animals of Scotland."

"Probably our No. 1 attraction would be Nessie the Loch Ness monster paying a visit throughout the day," McKinnon wrote. "Two favorite areas are the catapult and the coloring of the shields. Also the tattoo tent and the storyteller are popular. Every child leaves with some type of goodie including a Nessesie pin to remember their fun day with us."

The children's area will be



The Kreeleers are among the bands that will perform at the Highland Games in Livonia.

open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, July 4.

### Getting started

Grown-ups will kick off the games on Friday, Aug. 3, with the annual Ceilidh or pre-games party. The event will run from 5-11 p.m. and will feature entertainment by Carl Peterson, Prydein,

The Kreeleers and Mudmen, as well as food and beverages. Tickets are \$15 in advance only. Children under 5 are admitted free. Tickets are available through Etix.com.

Admission to the games, sponsored by the St. Andrew Society of Detroit, is \$10 in advance and \$15 on Saturday, Aug. 4. Children

under 12 are admitted free.

The activities schedule includes:

- Amateur athletics, starting with weight throw at 9:15 a.m. and continuing throughout the morning with weight stone put and other contests.
- Piping and drumming competition will begin at 9 a.m. Hear massed bands perform during Welcoming Ceremonies at noon.
- Youngsters compete in the afternoon and a "Pipe Down" closes the Highland Games at 6:45 p.m.
- Highland dance competition starts at 9 a.m., with dancing scheduled throughout the day.
- Pro athletes take to the field at 12:15 for hammer throw. The action continues throughout the afternoon with caber toss, and weight throw.
- Border collies will demonstrate duck and sheep herding at 10 a.m.
- Visitors can sign up to hurl a haggis at 3:15 p.m.

The event also will include living history presentations, a tug-of-war, a genealogy tent and vendors with Scottish items for sale. Scottish food and drink also will be available.

For more on the Highland Games, visit [www.highland-games.com](http://www.highland-games.com).

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**Time/Date:** Through Aug. 24  
**Location:** Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** "Fire and Ice" exhibit features photos by Royal (Roy) Severs. Severs was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2001. His now-limited mobility, however, has not put a damper on his love for photography. He often uses a vehicle to get him to his subjects, whether on land or water.  
**Contact:** (248) 473-1800

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**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit  
**Family Sundays:** 2 p.m. Sundays storytelling, performances, free with admission  
**Exhibits:** Patti Smith: Camera Solo, shows performer Patti Smith's photographs, through Sept. 2. Five Spanish Masterpieces features works by Picasso, Goya, Velazquez, El Greco and Dali, through Aug.

19; Picasso & Matisse exhibits all of the museum's drawings and prints by the two artists, through Jan. 6, 2013  
**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org  
**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL**  
**Time/Date:** Exhibit runs through July  
**Location:** 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** "Behind the Lens 5" includes more than 100 photos taken by Pioneer Middle School 8th graders during a trip to New York City  
**Contact:** (734) 416-4267

VILLAGE THEATER

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through July 31  
**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton  
**Details:** Photos by Bruce Griffin, former staff photographer at "Detroit Metro Times"  
**Contact:** (734) 394-5300

Comedy

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, open mic 8 p.m. Tuesdays,



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**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mike Damba, through July 21; Dwayne Gill, July 25-28  
**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

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

KT Tataru, Aug. 23-25  
**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak  
**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

Dance

FAIRLAKE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

**Time/Date:** 7:30-10:30 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** Lyskawa V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights  
**Details:** Singles an couples

dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments  
**Contact:** Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500  
**MOON DUSTERS**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday, dance lessons 7-8 p.m.  
**Location:** Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests. \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members  
**Contact:** Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

for ages 4-12 and free for age 3 and under. Students with ID pay \$7. Sunday-Thursday  
**Contact:** (734) 453-8300  
**PENN THEATRE**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 27-28 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 29  
**Location:** 760 Pennington Ave., Plymouth  
**Details:** "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," \$3  
**Coming up:** "The Avengers," 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3 and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5; "Men in Black 3," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12

**Summer Cinema:** All shows screen at 11 p.m. and 7 p.m. "The Rookie," Thursday, July 26; "Raiders of the Lost Ark," Thursday, Aug. 2; "Batteries Not Included," Thursday, Aug. 16; "Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit," Thursday, Aug. 23; "Muppets from Space," Thursday, Aug. 30. Tickets cost \$3  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

Film

COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

**Time/Date:** Gates open at 7:30 and movies start at dusk; open nightly through Sept. 2  
**Location:** 14900 Beck, Plymouth  
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## The Goodness of Grapes

Grapes have been enjoyed for their taste and beauty for thousands of years. And today's scientific research keeps on showing that grapes are more than just a pretty fruit — they're also very, very good for us.

In fact, over a decade of research suggests that grapes help maintain a healthy heart and may also help defend against a variety of age-related and other illnesses. Studies are ongoing to uncover the links between grapes and heart health, eye health, brain health, joint health, cell health and preventing certain cancers.

Of course, grapes aren't just healthy, they also taste great: crisp, juicy and sweet. Kids love them. And, they're convenient, making them truly a Super Snack. Eat them by the bunch, or toss them into recipes like these.

To learn more about the health benefits of grapes from California, and to get more delicious ways to enjoy them every day, visit [www.grapesfromcalifornia.com](http://www.grapesfromcalifornia.com) or [www.facebook.com/GrapesFromCalifornia](http://www.facebook.com/GrapesFromCalifornia).



### HEALTHFUL GRAPES

**Keeping Cells Healthy**  
Grapes of all colors — red, green and black — are natural sources of polyphenols, which appear to help protect the health and function of our cells. Grape polyphenols:

- Have antioxidant properties, which can help protect against cell-damaging free radicals.
- Can influence the communication between cells that support key biological processes.

### MY HEART BELONGS TO GRAPES

Numerous studies suggest that consuming grapes and grape products may contribute to heart health in a number of ways. Eating a variety of grapes may help:

- Improve blood flow
- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce oxidative stress
- Decrease inflammation
- Improve blood lipids

### Mediterranean Grilled Chicken and Grape Skewers

*These quick-to-fix skewers can also serve as appetizers.*

*Makes 4 entrée servings*

- ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, fresh minced
- ½ teaspoon red chili flakes, crushed
- 1 tablespoon oregano, fresh minced
- 1 tablespoon rosemary, fresh minced
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1 pound chicken breast, boneless and skinless
- 1 ½ cups California green seedless grapes, picked from stem and rinsed

- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice, fresh

In small bowl combine olive oil, garlic, chili flakes, oregano, rosemary and lemon zest. Whisk together marinade.

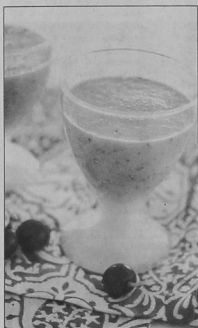
Cut chicken into ½-inch cubes. Alternate chicken and grapes and thread onto 12 skewers.

Place skewers into a baking dish or pan large enough to hold them. Pour marinade over skewers, coating each one. Marinate for 4 to 24 hours.

Remove skewers from marinade and let excess oil drip off. Season with salt.

Grill until chicken is cooked through, about 3 to 5 minutes on each side.

Arrange on serving platter and drizzle with additional olive oil and lemon juice.



### Breakfast-To-Go Grape Smoothie

*Jump-start your day with this easy all-in-one drink.*

*Makes 2 1/3 cups*

- 1 ½ cups frozen California grapes
- 1 banana, sliced
- ½ cup vanilla or honey lowfat Greek yogurt
- ½ cup grape juice

Combine all ingredients in a blender and blend for 1 minute. Serve immediately.



### Grape and Salmon Power Salad

*Fresh grapes are just one of the "super" foods in this hearty and heart-healthy salad.*

*Makes 6 servings*

- ¼ cup puffed barley
  - 3 cups firmly packed kale leaves, torn and sliced into ribbons
  - 1 cup halved, red or black seedless California grapes
  - 8 ounces cold, cooked salmon, skin and bones removed
  - ½ cup walnuts, lightly toasted, coarsely chopped
- Dressing**
- ¼ cup fresh squeezed lemon juice
  - 1 clove garlic, mashed
  - ½ teaspoon salt
  - ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
  - Pinch cayenne pepper
  - ½ cup extra virgin olive oil

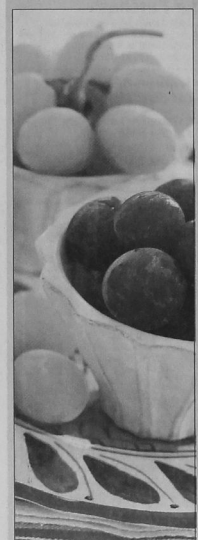
Cook barley according to package directions, or in plenty of lightly salted boiling water for about 35 to 45 minutes until it is plump and tender, and still slightly chewy. Drain and cool.

Tenderize kale by blanching it in boiling water for 2 to 3 seconds or cooking in the microwave for 1 minute. Rinse in cold water to stop cooking, and squeeze dry. Fluff and uncrimp dry kale pieces with your fingers.

In a medium bowl, mix together barley, kale, grapes, salmon and walnuts.

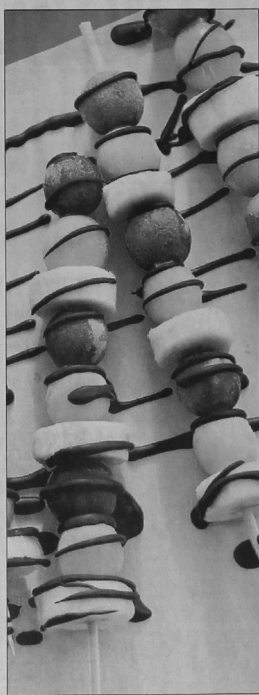
To prepare dressing: In small bowl, whisk together lemon juice, garlic, salt, pepper and cayenne. Gradually mix in olive oil.

Pour onto salad and fold gently to combine. Serve immediately or refrigerate.



### SEEING IS BELIEVING

Research from Fordham University, funded by the California Table Grape Commission, suggests that grapes may reduce the risk of blindness related to age-related macular degeneration. In laboratory studies, grapes offered significantly more retinal protection than the much-touted lutein, and prevented blindness.



### Frozen Grape and Banana Skewers with Chocolate Drizzle

*These delightful frozen treats are healthy, too.*

*Makes 4 servings*

- 2 firm ripe bananas
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- ½ cup red grapes (about 16)
- ½ cup green grapes (about 16)
- 8 10-inch wooden skewers
- 1 ½ ounces dark chocolate (50 to 70 percent cocoa solids), finely chopped

Line a baking sheet with wax paper. Cut the banana into ½-inch-thick rounds. Place in small bowl and toss gently with the orange juice.

Skewer fruit, alternating two grapes for each piece of banana, and place fruit skewers onto lined tray.

Place chocolate in small microwave safe bowl. Microwave for 1 minute, then stir well, and microwave another 10 seconds if necessary to melt chocolate.

Using a spoon, drizzle melted chocolate onto fruit skewers.

Place the tray in the freezer for at least 2 hours. Once frozen, skewers may be transferred to a sealable plastic bag where they will keep in the freezer for up to a week. Allow to soften at room temperature for 5 minutes before eating.

*Courtesy of Family Features*



## Tips on buying and financing your first home

For many younger Americans, the dream of owning their first home is alive and well. But for others, it's still an elusive dream.

Only five years ago, it was relatively easy to finance a home, but the Great Recession and the mortgage market's meltdown have made it difficult for many people to qualify for home loans. The shifting state of home values and prices has complicated matters. In some markets, values have plunged by more than 40 percent. While that has created once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for younger people to enter the real estate market, others have taken a more cautious approach, waiting to see if prices continue to fall.

When you're ready now or will be down the road, buying your first home takes preparation. Here are some tips from FindLaw.com, the nation's leading website for free legal information, on how to get started.

Save aggressively for your down payment. Many first-time homebuyers seek a mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Association, which insures loans made by lenders for qualifying homebuyers. The program allows buyers to put down as little as 3 percent of a home's cost. However, if the home you want to buy doesn't qualify for the program, you'll need to obtain a conventional loan, which will require you to put down anywhere from 10 to 20 percent of the purchase price as a down payment to qualify for a mortgage.

Get your finances in order. Lenders are now taking a closer look at debt-to-income ratio (percentage of monthly income that goes toward debt payments) and housing-to-income ratio (percentage of monthly income that goes toward hous-



ing payments). In general, responsible lenders follow the 28/36 percent rule — no more than 28 percent of your monthly income should go to housing costs, and no more than 36 percent of your monthly income should go to debt (including auto loans, credit cards and other loans).

• **Clear up your credit report.** Your credit score is critical to a mortgage application. The higher your score, the more likely you can qualify for a mortgage and obtain favorable terms (a lower down payment and lower monthly payments). By law, you can request one free credit report per year through one of the three major credit bureaus, Experian, Equifax and TransUnion. You should request your report to review your score and correct any mistakes well before you apply for

a mortgage.

- **Don't apply for credit.** Keep in mind that a mortgage lender is determining your ability to pay back a mortgage up until the minute you sign the mortgage papers. In general, it's not a good idea to take on more debt such as an auto loan or a new credit card within a year of buying a home.

- **First-year expenses.** First-time homebuyers can be so focused on trying to put together a down payment that they sometimes forget about the expenses that go into setting up a household. You should consider putting away an additional \$5,000 to \$10,000 for expenses such as a lawnmower, furniture and basic decorating, and for potential repairs involving your furnace, air conditioning, water heater and other appliances.
- **Shop around.** It's impor-

tant to shop around to get the best home possible for your dollar. And likewise, it's critical to shop around for a mortgage, too. Get at least three to four proposals from different mortgage lenders before deciding on the best offer.

- **Don't expect your dream home.** Many first-time homebuyers purchase what's called a "starter" home or a "fixer-upper." While these are often relatively small and need some repairs, they're also an opportunity to enter the real estate market and build sweat equity. To spot a starter home, look for one that needs some love and attention in a neighborhood with houses that are well-maintained or being remodel-

- **Hire an attorney.** If you purchase a home directly from the seller without the assistance of a real estate agent, an experienced real estate attorney can help you write up a purchase agreement, according to FindLaw.com. Some sellers may be interested in this option, because it can save them thousands of dollars in commission fees. A real estate attorney also can counsel you on dealing with legal problems that can arise during the process of buying a home, such as during the title search.

- **Home inspection.** Even if you've come across the deal of a lifetime, never buy a house without a home inspection. An inspection will alert you to potential problems that may not be obvious to a person buying his or her first home. It also may be useful if you need to sue the seller for concealing problems with the home.

To learn more about how to buy your first home, visit [www.FindLaw.com](http://www.FindLaw.com).

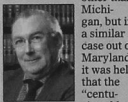
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## Father could be in trouble with lender

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: My father financed the purchase of land with a lender who has had him sign a promissory note, secured by a standard deed of trust and also by a deed in lieu of foreclosure, which granted the lender title to the property on default in order to avoid foreclosure of the deed of trust. My father has defaulted and now the lender has recorded the deed in lieu without commencing foreclosure. Do you think he has an argument?

A: It appears that this is, obviously, in a state



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other than Michigan, but in a similar case out of Maryland, it was held that the "centuries-old principle"

against clogging the equity of redemption meant that a deed in lieu of foreclosure given at the time of loan origination that had the effect of denying the mortgagor (your dad) the right to redeem the property was not a valid transfer of property. This principle still has the support of most states, including Michigan, as well as the Restatement of Property - Mortgages. The rule is designed to prevent the loss of property by forfeiture by an impetuous mortgagor. Since the mortgagor's equity of redemption is inseparably connected with the mortgage, "it cannot be waived or abandoned by any stipulation of the parties made at the time of the loan transaction, even if it is embodied in the mortgage."

Q: I hear Singapore is a good place to live in a condominium and/or invest. What do you know?

A: Singapore is clean and beautiful. Do not bring tobacco and liquor into the country or you will be fined greater than the cost of the item. Real estate is expensive. Office space near Orchard Road, goes for \$6,000 (or more) a square foot for purchase. Residential real estate continues to appreciate at pre-2008 U.S. gold coast levels.

The cost of a condominium in the city for a one bedroom might cost between \$400,000 and \$1 million. Cars are discouraged, but there is very little crime and no observable police on the street, but plain-clothes police and cameras are everywhere. Singapore is a beautiful and cosmopolitan melting pot of a country with shopping mall practically on every corner.

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 9-13, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

7257 Emerson Dr	\$185,000
1320 Hawthorne Dr	\$285,000
4304 Hunters Rdg	\$268,000
5000 Jackson Ln	\$230,000
1730 Marlowe St	\$110,000
7922 N Lilley Rd	\$53,000
172 Queens Ave	\$255,000
121 Queens Way	\$150,000
45884 Stonewood Rd	\$185,000
46069 Saltz Rd	\$70,000
42524 Saratoga Rd	\$51,000
39746 Scottsdale Dr	\$75,000
44070 Southampton Dr	\$142,000

2283 Town Center Rd	\$330,000
2928 Wakefield Dr	\$236,000
1729 Wentworth Dr	\$152,000
2500 Woodmont Dr W	\$146,000
6745 Woonsocket St	\$188,000
GARDEN CITY	
1115 Deering St	\$70,000
29047 Elmwood St	\$23,000
30277 Leona St	\$65,000
11334 Sheridan St	\$30,000
32326 Sheridan St	\$92,000
LIVONIA	
35574 Ann Arbor Trl	\$168,000
14254 Berkwick St	\$76,000
19059 Boulder Dr	\$309,000
20819 Buntingwood Dr	\$150,000
16450 Fremont St	\$75,000
9043 Gillman St	\$101,000
22711 Hees St	\$116,000
15617 Hidden Ln	\$246,000
18404 Irving St	\$45,000
8904 Livville St	\$145,000

31173 Lyndon St	\$95,000
19177 Meadowlark Dr	\$77,000
19824 Burr St	\$90,000
20220 Osmus St	\$155,000
19249 Parkville St	\$120,000
36301 St Andrews Dr	\$268,000
15750 Sussex St	\$137,000
14693 Taylor Blvd	\$163,000
28839 W Chicago St	\$103,000
29044 Westfield St	\$90,000
31661 Wyoming St	\$119,000
NORTHVILLE	
47016 Curtis Rd	\$195,000
39660 Dun Rovin Dr	\$242,000
39795 Dun Rovin Dr	\$345,000
255 E. Grand St	\$76,000
16883 Yellowstone Dr	\$455,000
PLYMOUTH	
624 Arthur St	\$190,000
265 Blank St	\$275,000
41415 Crabtree Ln	\$176,000
649 Herald St	\$170,000

12560 Lighthouse Ct	\$379,000
15100 Plymouth Xing	\$253,000
49481 Pointe Xing	\$169,000
973 Ross St	\$104,000
REDFORD	
14695 Breakfast Dr	\$138,000
14186 Breakfast Dr	\$139,000
19149 Kinloch	\$45,000
16516 Kirtland	\$35,000
WESTLAND	
2567 Barns Dr	\$168,000
8322 Danne St	\$83,000
2009 Eastport St	\$73,000
2112 Elbridge Ct	\$19,000
31238 Geraldine St	\$60,000
362 Glenwood Rd	\$13,000
7459 Hater St	\$84,000
36110 Hazelwood St	\$26,000
5161 Julius St	\$28,000
33177 Lanchashire St	\$90,000
35499 Pheasant Ln	\$64,000
7622 Woodview St	\$32,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 26-30, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
21180 Coryell Dr	\$122,000
30133 Downing Pl	\$300,000
16027 Elizabeth St	\$121,000
16180 Elizabeth St	\$110,000
30250 Woodhaven Ln	\$152,000
BIRMINGHAM	
11500 Birmingham Blvd	\$317,000
1566 Humphrey Ave	\$105,000

327 Southfield Rd	\$117,000
525 W Brown St	\$400,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1854 Lone Pine Rd	\$175,000
2100 Canterbury Rd	\$610,000
102 Endicott Rd	\$650,000
4228 Wabek Lake Dr S	\$121,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
3730 Sandy Creek Ln	\$417,000
1680 Standish Ct	\$650,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	
4860 Greenview Ct	\$214,000
441 Low Bank Ct	\$270,000
5881 Turnberry Dr	\$400,000
DARLINGTON	
21042 Laurelwood St	\$80,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
25501 Branchford Rd	\$185,000

20704 Canterbury Ct	\$192,000
2124 Oak Valley Dr	\$217,000
20801 Randall St	\$62,000
30478 Scotchdale Ct	\$147,000
FRANKLIN	
32660 Colony Hill Dr	\$294,000
MILFORD	
964 Abbey Ln	\$164,000
1158 Hillside Dr	\$120,000
3130 Katie Ln	\$30,000
2605 King Ranch Dr	\$207,000
215 Millford Meadows Dr	\$280,000
NOVI	
30740 Ardmore Ct	\$59,000
50516 Billie Dr	\$54,000
50769 Calvert Isle Dr	\$499,000
50805 Calvert Isle Dr	\$534,000
39498 Country Ln	\$74,000
25972 Island Lake Dr	\$430,000

51244 Luke Ln	\$209,000
27847 Middleton Dr	\$154,000
27880 Middleton Dr	\$149,000
27884 Middleton Dr	\$150,000
27912 Middleton Dr	\$155,000
44660 Midway Dr	\$217,000
SAULT STEPHEN	
20508 Carrigane Ln	\$40,000
22726 Spvglass Ln	\$314,000
SOUTHFIELD	
21422 Avon Ln	\$12,000
21979 Dunis Scotus St	\$65,000
19880 Fairfax St	\$19,000
24632 Harden Ave	\$75,000
34177 Harriet St	\$29,000
24661 Lupton Blvd	\$36,000
28287 Red Leaf Ln	\$40,000
WILMINGTON	
9464 Marina Dr	\$50,000

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Weichert, Realtors-Cass Realty expands to Novi

Broker/Owner Ron LaCasse of Weichert, Realtors-Cass Realty in Dearborn has announced the company's expansion to Novi. LaCasse has named Steve Barnes, a top-notch manager, "to take the reins at the second office, located at 42020 Grand River Avenue, Suite A, Novi. Barnes will direct all activities, beginning with an agent recruiting roll-out to serve the high-end market just 20 miles north of Dearborn headquarters. He can be reached at (248) 412-4040.

Barnes is no stranger to management or to Novi. He owned and ran a business

of his own for 25 years; specifically, an investment company that bought, renovated and resold properties in Detroit. He has been licensed in real estate for 38 years, as a broker for 36 of those. A resident of the city since 1974, he has been "cognizant of the growth and quality of the area which boasts a premier school system, among other things," he said. Following the investment company stint and prior to joining LaCasse, Barnes returned to the suburbs and to sales with an independent agency. He and LaCasse worked together previously and have been friends for some 15 years. Barnes called the move to the Novi Westchert post, "a good match and a great opportunity."

**Seminar on Tuesdays**  
A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is

6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, ext. 33.

#### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Participants will discuss what they have learned. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at (313) 277-4168.



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