

## LOCAL BRIEFS

### **Nice shot! Dutton Farmer sinks last-second 3-pointer during charity game**

Eat your heart out, Stephen Curry. There's a new boss in town and his name is Nathan Fischer, a special needs Dutton Farm member who sank a sweet three-pointer at the buzzer to seal the 46-44 win for the Farmers during a charity basketball outing at Oakland Christian School Feb. 21.

With tense teammates donning candy apple red t-shirts looking on, Fischer flipped the ball in a graceful arc for the winning rainbow swoosh – and the court, as well as the spectators, exploded with cheers and high-fives. The bespectacled Fischer's reaction was priceless, hopping up and down with hand over his mouth as if attempting to contain his excitement.

Expect to see Nathan on TV Monday as Channel 4 WDIV is tentatively scheduling a 'Play of the Day' featurette at 6 a.m. You don't have to wait, however – you can watch the thriller-at-the-buzzer moment on YouTube.

Dutton Farm is a nonprofit organization in Rochester that caters to Oakland County individuals with mental, physical and emotional impairments through a variety of vocational, life skills and healthy living programs, even opening a thrift shop that employs those with disabilities.

### **Wildlife photo exhibit to debut at the Detroit Zoo Friday**

Visitors to the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak will have a special chance to see a collection of photographs from the world's largest wildlife photography competition when the exhibit makes its U.S. debut on Friday.

The Associated Press reports the exhibition – called Wildlife Photographer of the Year – will run through June 1 at the institution's Ford Education Center.

Attendants will get to see the works from this year's winners; 100 images were chosen from roughly 42,000 entries by photographers from 96 countries.

Visit the Detroit Zoo's website for more information.

### **Entries being accepted for VIP passes to Pinball Expo at OU**

Oakland County Moms, a community resource website for southeast Michigan families, is awarding four VIP passes to this year's Michigan Pinball Expo at Oakland University.

For those interested, the process is simple: first, sign up for the website's free online newsletter; then "like" the group's Facebook page; lastly, email [lisa@oaklandcountymoms.com](mailto:lisa@oaklandcountymoms.com) with the subject heading "MI PINBALL EXPO," followed by all your contact information. Don't forget to mention your completion of the first two steps.

Entries will be accepted until April 4, with a drawing and notification of winners scheduled for April 5. Each winner will then receive four VIP passes, which is good for any day of the event.

This year's Michigan Pinball Expo runs from April 9 through April 12 from 8 a.m. to midnight. The annual Expo is a family friendly event that showcases more than 125 pinball machines with no charge for play. Tournament machines are available for any pinball wizard anxious to show off their skills. Machines will also be available for sale. Oakland University is located at 2200 N. Squirrel Road in Rochester.

## **Women's events to benefit Gleaners**

Two Oakland County women will head a pair of women-oriented events to benefit Gleaners Food Bank, an organization aimed at feeding the hungry throughout Southeastern Michigan, the Detroit Free Press reports.

Dawn Rassel of Bloomfield Hills and Beth Gotthelf of Birmingham are working to get more women from all walks of life involved in the efforts to fill empty bellies by hosting the second annual Women's Power Happy Hour March 31, which will also mark the launch of Gleaners Community Food Bank's Million Meal Match Month.

This event will occur at the recently-opened Zenith restaurant inside Detroit's Fisher Building.

The second event – the Women's Power Breakfast – takes place at the Gleaners headquarters, also in Detroit, on April 22.

More information on the Women's Power Happy Hour and Breakfast can be found at the Gleaners Community Food Bank website.

## **Whole Foods, Forgotten Harvest team up for 'Stuff the Truck' campaign**

Oak Park-based nonprofit group Forgotten Harvest is teaming up with three Oakland County Whole Foods Market locations for its 'Stuff the Truck' campaign to help feed the hungry, according to a press release.

On Jan. 31, stationed volunteers will be handing out a "wish list" to Whole Foods shoppers as they enter the Troy, West Bloomfield Township and Rochester Hills stores between the hours of noon and 3 p.m. Anyone interested can then purchase the items and donate them to Forgotten Harvest as they leave. The food collection will then be distributed to over 280 Forgotten Harvest emergency food provider agencies in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties.

More information can be found [www.ForgottenHarvest.org](http://www.ForgottenHarvest.org). Be sure to visit the Whole Foods Market's Troy, West Bloomfield Township and Rochester Hills location's Facebook pages.

## **Fish for free Feb. 14-15, courtesy of the DNR**

Now's your chance to pull that dusty old Gone Fishin' sign out of your garage and put it to good use. This weekend – Feb. 14-15 – any Michigander or out-of-state visitor can fish in any Great Lake or appropriate inland waters for any species of fish, all at no cost, according to a press release.

No license is required. State Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kowall sponsored the law legislating the state's twice-per-year event, which is put out by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The White Lake Republican says this is a unique opportunity to enjoy the state's scenic splendor and natural beauty, as well as a fun chance for winter fishing.

For more information, visit [www.michigan.gov/freefishing](http://www.michigan.gov/freefishing). All fishing rules and regulations still apply.