

LETTERS

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had a great time and hope we can do it all again some day (maybe even with mom, too).

Kim, KJ, and Jessie, 6, Kieber Garden City

My favorite place for my Daddy (Don Lobb) to take me is the dinosaur museum (Museum of Natural History). Happy Father's Day!

**Rebecca Lobb, age 5
Jonathan Lobb
Westland**

My Dad, George Donald Potter, came to America from England, in the early 1920s. He had only been able to go back once, before 1978. In 1978 he wanted to take a trip there and wanted me and my two sons, Don and John, to go with him.

It was a most wonderful trip. England is very beautiful and loaded with history. We went to some old castles, including St. Michael's Mount. I know my Dad was happy to see and be where he grew up again. It's a part of my life that has special memories.

I am so glad we took my sons. They had a good experience. They even went down in a coal mine there. We went to a zoo, saw some different animals and went to Gwennap Pit and Stonehenge.

It's a trip my son Don will always remember, as I know my son John did, until he was taken from us. Going on this special trip with the Grampas, seeing where he grew up and being with some of his family. It's a memory to treasure.

My Dad was a good person, devoted to his family. Our lives were happy. Both Dad and Mom were the best.

**Dora Sirinea
Garden City**

We've looked through all the woods. We've looked under everybody's hoods. But we haven't found a Dad, as good of the one we have. And you've done everything for us, you've done more than any other father does; you are always there. Even though Mommy had another baby, we'll always be your baby girl. Look through all the moon. And you'll see soon, you are the best! We'll always be your baby girls, because you'll be the best Dad in all worlds. Happy Father's Day, Dandy.

Nikki Karnesky, age 10

Every weekend you've taken us somewhere fun. And in March you took us to see our new baby sister being born in the warm spring sun. Now baby (Kayla) makes three, but now I know how much you'll always love me. Daddy, you really are the greatest Dad that I could ever have.

Nikki, Kayla and Lauren (age 9) Karnesky

I love my Dad because he makes time to do things with me. We had a birthday party for my first American Girl doll Kristina, and my friends and I did activities and ate food from the 1800s. My Dad dressed up and pretended to be my "Pa," which was very fun. He videotaped us playing games (which was the only thing we did that wasn't from the 1800s).

My Dad is also funny and always making us laugh. But the thing I love most about him is that he always puts other people before himself (and that's a hard thing to do) but he does it wholeheartedly. I really love him a lot!

**Alyssa Parkyn, age 10
Livonia**

I love my Dad because he spends time with me. He takes me to the park and plays ball with me. I like it when my Daddy and me work on wood projects. I love my Dad because he cuddles with me. He's the best Daddy in the whole world.

**Mariah Parkyn, age 7
Livonia**

Me and Dad (Peter Chernavago) go to the park. I love my Dad.

**Jill Anna Chernavago, age 6
Redford**

Our father, Wally Beers, is a loving father of seven and grandfather of 11. Back in 1987, my father suggested that my large family create a co-ed softball team (The Co-Eds). As part of the Livonia Parks and Recreation Co-ed Softball Program. Our team consisted of six siblings, their spouses and other extended family members. Basically, our entire family made up the team. Dad was very competitive and played softball all of his life, so we knew what we were in for!

Dad coached, played and ran our team for about 10 years, until we decide there wasn't enough competition for us (or maybe it was that the average age of our team was approaching 40!). We had many hours of fun together as a family on those Sunday afternoons at Bicentennial Park in Livonia. Our extended family cherishes those special times we had together, being a part of our co-ed team for so many years. We have truly been blessed to have such a wonderful, caring, Christian man to call Dad! We love you, Dad!

Janice Beers, Kathy Komender, Janice Croodon, Karen Beers, Gordon Beers, Mary Beckley and Brian Beers

When I was 7 years old I made a doll house with my Dad. My grandma had given it to me for my birthday (a do-it-yourself doll house kit). We built it and decorated it together just him and me. It took us five weeks to complete. At the end we brought it up from the basement and showed my Mom and brother. They were surprised at how well it turned out.

Now I am 9 years old and I still play with it. Each time I play with it I remember the fun I had assembling it with my SUPER Dad!

**Kelsey Anderson, age 9
Canton**

I remember a fishing trip with my Dad. When I was 8 years old we went together to Lake Michigan. We were having a race and I caught a bigger fish before he did! My Dad helped me reel it in. I fell backwards and he helped me keep my balance. We had a great time.

**Mirjana Loga, age 9
Canton**

One of my best times with my Dad is when he took me fishing and canoeing for the first time.

It was OK that we didn't catch any fish. We had lots of fun.

**Justin Dotson, age 4
Livonia**

Being the youngest of three, and the only daughter, there was not much alone time for my parents and I. But we found something that my brothers had no interest in - fishing. On weekend mornings we would be found on Lake St. Clair, trying to catch some perch or walleye. In all the years that we went fishing there was only one time my father and I went home. Neither of us caught the catch of a lifetime, but to me it meant more than any fish I could have caught for this was the only time we ever spent alone.

What a beautiful memory, just the two of us, in our little fishing boat, spending quality time together. This memory will last a lifetime.

Shelia MacLons

My best time with my dad is when he takes me for a motorcycle ride.

**Andrew Broyles, age 3
Livonia**

My name is Aaron Kevin Hunt I am 14 years old, and I attend Stevenson Middle School in Westland. I'm writing you referring to your article in the *Westland Observer*. Father's Day is just around the corner and I couldn't think of a better way to say my dad than to let him know how thankful I am to have such a good Dad.

I would have to consider myself the luckiest kid in the world because if it wasn't for my Dad I wouldn't be where I am now. I love go karts nationally and he does it all. He also works six to seven days a week about 12 hours a day at Chrysler and comes home and keeps the house up to par. Kids at the track wouldn't be as fast as him. If it wasn't for him because he is always helping other people out, too.

He is always positive cheering me on to another victory, and is always adjusting things to make me faster. He is just an all around great guy. He keeps my Mom happy and with all the work he does he still shows her how much he cares about her, and my other brother and sister, too. I really hope that I grow up and have a lot to offer like my dad.

Aaron K. Hunt

My best time with my Dad is when he took me to the movies to see *Spiderman*. It was great! Happy Father's Day.

**Love, Brandon Kreher, age 4
Livonia**

There are so many things that my husband, Mike Larson, likes to do with our children that it's kind of hard to pin point a specific "favorite" time.

Our daughter, Jayme, who's 7 years old and in the first grade loves when we go camping. We also have a son, Jake, who recently turned 4 years old. Our favorite time for camping is in Ludington. Jayme and her Dad spend a lot of quality time together when

they hike around the campsite which is near Lake Michigan. I would have to say that Jayme's favorite time with her Dad is hiking every summer at Ludington State Park.

Kimberly Larson

I love it when my Dad sets up the tent in the basement and plays camping with me. I love you, Dad.

**Nicolas Mazzardi, age 4
Livonia**

I don't really have a special outing with my Dad, but I do know why he is special to me. My dad is special to me because he loves me and I love him. To me, that's the most important reason. He is very helpful, kind, considerate and caring. He is brave, strong and responsible. He doesn't say mean things and tries not to get angry, and he always tries to understand if you need help or if you have a problem. He always tries to be there for you when you need him.

When him and my mom went to Mexico for a week I missed him (and my Mom) a whole ton. That is why I think my dad is special. Even though he might not win any awards he is still my dad, Derek Pennington, and to me that means he's the best!

I know that not everyone has a Dad, so I will love and cherish (and listen to) him forever and ever! I love you dad. #1 Dad.

**Jessica Pennington, age 10
Livonia**

My best time with my Daddy is when he puts his legs up on the entertainment center and I sit on his legs and sometimes jump off them. Happy Father's Day.

**Love, Kayce Ziemba, age 3
Livonia**

My best time with my Dad is when he takes me to the video store. I like to rent Power Ranger movies with him.

**Nathan Ward, age 3
Westland**

It may not sound like fun, but it certainly is fun for me when I go food shopping with my dad. My two younger brothers stay at home with my mom. At the store my dad buys me chips! Tuesdays is my day alone with my Dad. He is a great Dad!

**Omair Alsayroubi, age 6
Canton**

My favorite time is when my Dad took me to the car show. I saw lots of cars.

**Parth Patel, age 4
Livonia**

Dad, Our #1 fan in whatever we do. He's always there cheering and encouraging, too.

He works two jobs (he's a very busy fellow) and hardly ever gets to lay his head on a pillow. He drives us here and drives us there; picks up, drops off and takes us everywhere. Could that be why he sometimes says we drive him crazy? He mows the lawn, takes out

the trash, fixes the toilets and even gives baths. And though it seems there is always much to do. He always takes the time to say "I love you." So today on Father's Day our wish for you, is that you'll get a day of rest and relaxation too. Happy Father's Day. We love you.

**Kelsey, Keene, Kendyl and Kyrle Weasley
Redford**

I liked it when me and my Dad went up to the store to buy some peanuts. And I like it when he takes me to the mall.

**Justin Alton, age 4
Livonia**

I am writing this letter hoping that it will get published because we want everyone to know that we think our Dad ROCKS! Our favorite time spent with our Dad was when he took us trout fishing last summer. We went to a trout farm and fished all day. In all we caught 13 fish. Our Dad put the bait on our fishing lines because we were afraid of the squirmy worms.

Our Mom packed a picnic lunch that we ate while the workers weighed and cleaned our fish. We all liked fishing because we learned how to do something new and because we spent time together. My brother, Brock and I are lucky to have such a great Dad! Happy Father's Day, Dad. We love you.

**"Caesars and Brock-o" Diamond, ages 9 and 6
Livonia**

One of my favorite times with my Dad is when he took us to the movies to see *Age*. We ate yummy popcorn! Happy Father's Day, Dad.

**Love, Nicholas Jamar, age 4
Livonia**

The day right after the last day of school my Dad (Rod), my uncle (Theodis) and my dog (Caesar) and me went on a big trip. We left at about 10:30 a.m. On the first day we stopped in Wisconsin. The next day we stopped at a KOA campground in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

I liked the next day after we saw the Badlands and Mt. Rushmore. They were both amazing sights. On the next day we headed for Yellowstone National Park. We stopped at this amazing site called Devils Tower. It was a huge rock. The next day we got into Yellowstone and got a campsite.

The first day in Yellowstone we saw deer, bison and elk. We also saw hot springs. The first night and the second morning it rained. The second day was wet and cold. Guess what we saw Old Faithful.

It was very cold that night. WE had pancakes the next morning.

On the third and final day we saw many fascinating things. We saw a really huge and fat grizzly bear, coyotes and a female elk that was trying to attack a man with two dogs.

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