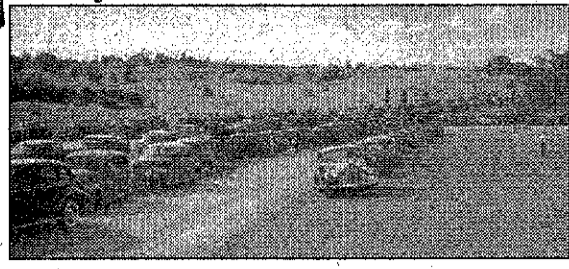
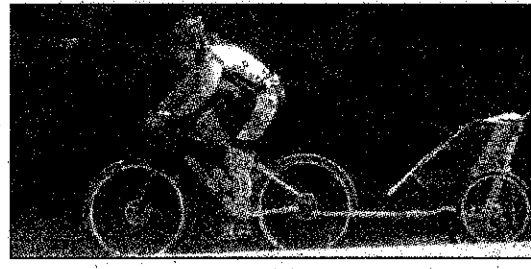


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Rowe House repair costs too high for chamber

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

One of Westland's oldest historic homes apparently will not be restored as quickly as local officials had hoped.

The 1837 Rowe House, awaiting repairs in a fledgling historic village on Wayne Road south of Marquette, was expected to receive a \$50,000 makeover.

The project was to receive funding from the Westland Chamber of Commerce, which had planned to move from its Ford Road office to the Rowe House.

But chamber officials have dropped their plans after an architect estimated the Rowe House repairs at \$144,000 — nearly threefold what the chamber was willing to spend.

"The bottom line is that it was great idea, and had the price come in closer to the mark we

were looking to spend, it would have been doable," chamber President Lori Brist said. "Unfortunately, it was going to be too expensive of a project."

The Rowe House — a Greek revival-style building — has received a new roof since it was moved late last year from its former site on Marquette, near Newburgh.

Still, the Rowe House and another historic home — the beloved Octagon House — need extensive repairs at a time when the city has little money for such projects.

Brist indicated that the chamber will likely renovate its current office on Ford Road east of Newburgh, rather than face a Rowe House repair bill that is simply too costly.

"We've got prime Ford Road frontage," she said.

On Thursday, Mayor Sandra Cicirelli held out hope that city and chamber officials still might

be able to work out a deal.

"In my mind, I think it still might be doable," she said.

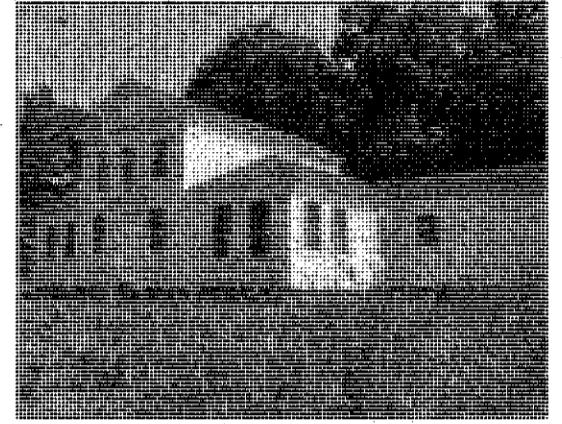
Cicirelli indicated that the city might be able to use some of its own workers — and possibly students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center — to make some Rowe House repairs.

That, she said, would reduce renovation costs and potentially make the project more affordable for the chamber.

"If we can get the cost down in the ballpark (of earlier estimates), then we'll probably approach the chamber again," Cicirelli said. "I think the numbers scared them a little bit — understandably."

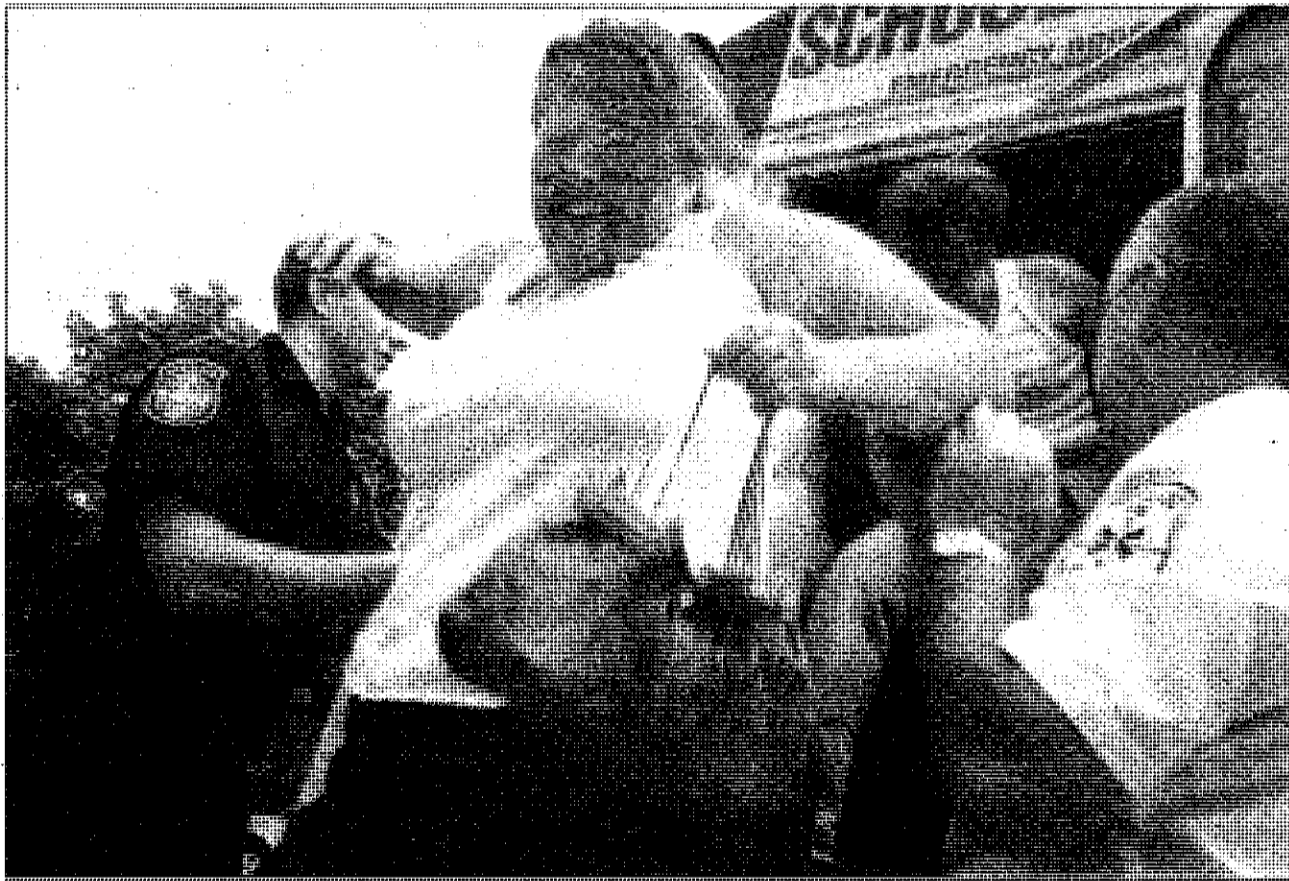
Even if the project proves unworkable, Cicirelli said, the Rowe House will eventually receive the repairs it needs.

"It will just be a slower process," she said.



Rowe House, as it looked in 1983, is has been moved to the city's historical park where it's awaiting much-needed repairs.

Seeing smoke



PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

School bus driver Jessica Walsh exits a smoke-filled bus with some help from the Westland Fire Department during a safety training seminar at John Glenn High School.

Seminar stresses school bus safety

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Thick smoke billowed from a Wayne-Westland school bus Tuesday, prompting an evacuation.

No one was injured. Still, it might seem odd that some of the evacuees smiled as they escaped out the back door of the bus.

And there were no emergency sirens, no fire trucks rushing at break-neck speed to reach the "burning bus" at John Glenn High School.

That's because the incident capped a bus safety seminar that Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Riley and Assistant Chief Dennis Wysocki brought to a training session for Wayne-Westland transportation workers.



Bus drivers wait for the word to evacuate their smoke-filled bus during safety training seminar.

PLEASE SEE SAFETY, A5

Vote locks in loan to pay for cleanup of Cooper School

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

The last remnants of the old Cooper Elementary School will likely be hauled away this week, clearing the way for environmental tests on the former landfill site.

"The good news is that we're on target with this site," Mayor Sandra Cicirelli said.

With the school now demolished on Ann Arbor Trail east of Middlebelt, work crews were expected to haul away cement slabs from the old basement last week, she said.

Next, environmental tests will be done to determine any possible cleanup efforts. Those tests also will reveal whether the site is feasible for new development.

Barring any unforeseen problems, Westland city leaders and Livonia school district officials expect that the property will be suitable for a medical office building, a senior citizen apartment complex and a golf driving range — as proposed by Jonna Companies of Southfield.

Cicirelli indicated that it's too early to say when new development might begin on the site, which was closed off in 1991 amid fears that the land was unsafe for children.

In a related development, the Westland City Council has

PLEASE SEE COOPER, A5

Man holds up bank inside grocery store

A lone bandit robbed a bank branch Wednesday inside the Farmer Jack store at Warren and Middlebelt roads, police said.

The incident happened about 4:30 p.m. at Best Bank, and the man fled with an undisclosed amount of money, police Sgt. Chris Benson said.

"One white male produced a note stating that he had a gun," the detective said.

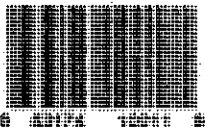
The robber never revealed the gun.

Police brought in a police dog from Garden City, but the dog lost the man's scent behind the Farmer Jack store, Benson said. That indicated that the man may have gotten into a car, he said.

The robber was described as a white male, 5-foot-10 to 6 feet tall and weighing about 200 pounds. He was described as possibly being in his mid-40s. He wore a white baseball cap, a blue Polo-style shirt and blue jeans.

Anyone who has information about the incident is urged to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600.

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Blood drive

The Bova VFW Post 9885 will host a blood drive 2-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, at the post hall, 6440 N. Hix, Westland.

Walk-in-ins are welcome, although appointments are strongly recommended. Due to the large number of afternoon appointments at the June blood drive, some walk-ins had to be turned away.

To schedule an appointment, call the post at (734) 728-3231, post surgeon Terry Dana at (517) 521-5646 or blood drive chairman Larry Tebor at (734) 377-8329 and leave your name, telephone number and desired appointment time.

All donors will be placed in a drawing for three free games of bowling at Vision Lanes on Ford Road in Westland.

Preschool sign-ups

The Willow Creek Co-op Preschool is now enrolling for the 2005-2006 school year. It offers parent-tot and 2-, 3- and 4-year programs. Call (734) 326-0078.

Health extravaganza

Join Spectrum Community Services Child Care Center for its Fun Fair and Health Extravaganza 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at the child care center at 28303, Joy Road, Westland.

The event offers fun for the whole family and ensure that children receive timely health screenings. There will be free kindergarten physicals, entertainment, games, prizes, face painting and more.

Spectrum Community Child Care Center provides a safe environment for children while meeting their social, emotional, physical and intellectual needs. For more information, call (734) 367-6755.

Rewards program

Shoppers at Westland Shopping Center have until Sunday, Aug. 28, to take advantage of the back-to-school cotton promotion that offers the opportunity to receive \$25 towards the purchase of a new pair of denim jeans.

While supplies last, shoppers need only present receipts from cotton merchandise purchases totaling \$200 or more to the Westland Customer Information Booth to receive the \$25 mall certificate good towards a new pair of jeans. The shopping center is at

Warren and Wayne Road in Westland. For more information, call the Customer Information Center at (734) 421-0291.

For the health of it

The Westland Chamber of Commerce will have its annual Health & Business Expo 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Westland Shopping Center.

As the major sponsor, the mall will offer health and business participants an opportunity to display their goods and services in a high-traffic environment.

Others involved include Nancy Barrons, business sponsor from Standard Federal Bank, and St. Mary Hospital, health sponsor.

Organizers are looking for business and health-care providers to participate in this year's event. Tables are \$125 for chamber members, \$175 for non-members and \$75 for nonprofit groups.

For more information or to reserve a spot, call (734) 326-7222.

Gardening program

The William P. Faust Public Library will host a program on earth friendly gardening 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway north of Ford.

The speakers will be garden consultants Nancy Szerlag and Jeff Ball who will cover such topics as perennial flowers for falls, mulches and compost, managing weeds without chemicals and landscape design ideas.

The program is free and sponsored by the City of Westland. To register, call (734) 467-3198 weekdays or register by e-mail at LFDean@aol.com.

5th Annual Benefit

Keith's Muffler & Brakes will hold its fifth annual car and motorcycle show for the benefit of the American Cancer Society and breast cancer research at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, at the Westland Auto Mall, 1208 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

In addition to cars, trucks and motorcycles on display, there will be a 50/50 raffle, music, hot dogs, pop and popcorn available.

The benefit starts at 10 a.m. For more information, call (734) 722-7900.

Helping out

Members of Grange 389 will be helping the Plymouth Oddfellows with a fund-raiser and membership drive Friday-Saturday, Sept. 9-10.

Friday evening, the organization will be holding a spaghetti dinner 5-7 p.m. at the Oddfellows Hall, 344 Elizabeth, Plymouth. And on Saturday, they will be selling fresh doughnuts 9-11 a.m. and holding a flea market 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. The cost is \$35 for a 10-by-10-foot space. Call Sharon at (734) 722-4857.

Medicare seminar

Bruce Kaufman, the president of Supplemental Health Benefits Agency, and Stacy Smith, consultant pharmacist with Specialized Pharmacy Services, will speak about Medicare Part D in a program offered by Westland Convalescent Center on Thursday, Sept. 22.

The topics answer such questions as what is Medicare Part D, who is eligible, how can seniors save up to 75 percent or more on prescription drug medications and when can seniors start using this program.

Participants also will learn how the federal government subsidy will eliminate monthly premium payments and what EPIC is and how will it affect their income.

The program will be 2:30-4:00 p.m. at the convalescent center, 6137 W. Warren, between Wayne and Central City Parkway in Westland.

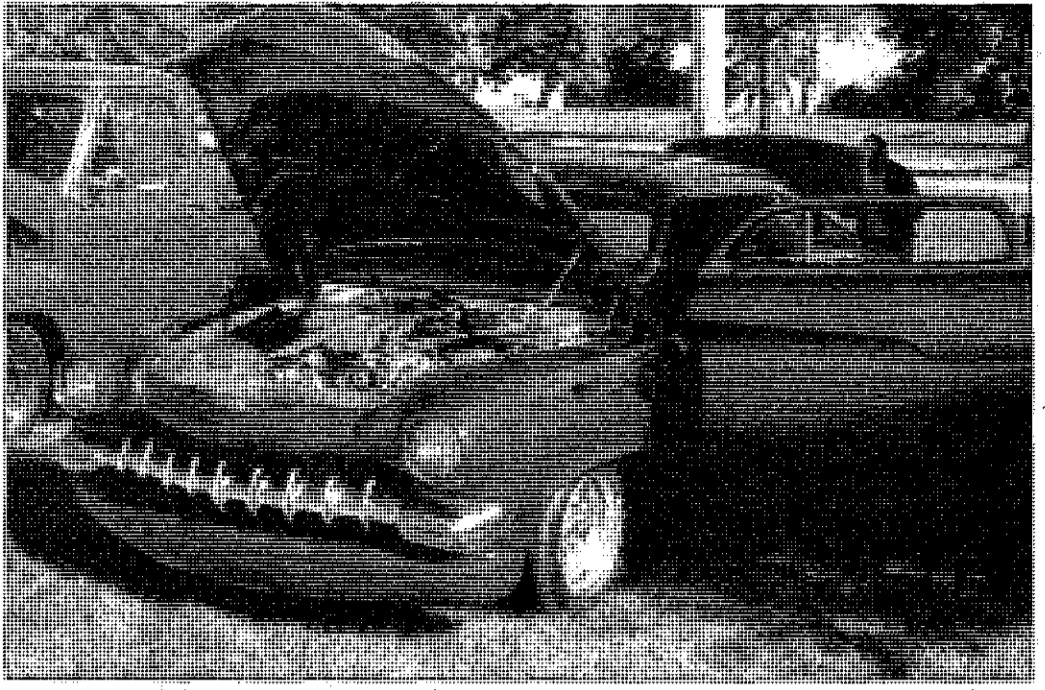
People interested in attending can call Judy Bianchi at (734) 728-6100 to sign up.

Women of Achievement

Nominations are being accepted for the YWCA of Western Wayne County's 2005 Women of Achievement Awards. The awards recognize outstanding women throughout western Wayne County in the categories of arts/communications, business/industry, government/law, professions, senior woman, volunteer service and young woman.

To nominate an outstanding woman you know, call the YWCA Women of Achievement Department at (313) 561-4110. Deadline for nominations is Sept. 30.

Nominees will be honored at the 14th Annual Women of Achievement Luncheon Oct. 27 at the Dearborn Inn. The program begins at 11 a.m. with a silent auction, a new portion of the luncheon. The awards presentation begins at noon.



FILE PHOTO

The hoods will be up and the windows down for classic and custom cars and trucks in the first annual Hines Park Cruise and Car Show Saturday, Aug. 27.

Classics take over Hines Park

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

It's been seven years in the making, but when the classic cars roll into Hines Park Saturday, it will be the first of what Joseph Langa envisions as the eventual grand finale of the car cruise season.

"I want to capitalize on it being the last of the car cruises," he said. "People who are tired of the Woodward cruise are looking for something different and this is going to be it."

The first annual Hines Park Cruise and Show will be 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the field next to the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center on Hines Drive just south of Ann Arbor Trail, with a six-mile car cruise from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive happening 3:30-4:30 p.m.

The show is sharing the park with people taking advantage of the weekly Saturdays in the Park when Hines Drive is closed to vehicular traffic from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The closing will be extended an hour to accommodate the car cruise.

Langa, a Redford resident, is president of the Rolling Thunder Car Club which is sponsoring the event. He anticipates having 100 cars competing in 16 categories - everything from open rod, closed rod, convertible and factory muscle to custom, Euro, Mustang and special interest. There also are categories for 1950s, 1960-69 and 1970-79 street machines and original restored, trucks and race/track.

Registration for the car show closed last week, but Langa is still accepting non-competitive registration. In fact, before you pile in your car and head for the park to cruise, take the time to call Langa and preregister or show up at 10 a.m. Saturday to register. It costs just \$15, not much to spend considering that only cars that are registered and in the car show will be able to cruise Hines Drive.

There also will be goodie bags for the first 100 cars registered as well as dash plaques and trophies and music by Full Tilt.

Langa is starting small, but is foreseeing the car show and cruise quickly becoming a popular cruise destination. He also believes that of all the cruises this one is the most historical in that it uses the road established to take parts from the mills to Henry Ford's Rouge factory.

"Hines Drive carries more history than Woodward Avenue," he said. "When you look at it, the Rouge Corridor is the most historical. If you're going to do something auto, do it with the history."

Langa is a veteran of organizing car shows. He did his first show as a participant in 1971 before moving into customizing in 1974. Three years later he was doing custom shows.

He helped found the car show at Wilson Barn in Livonia and has done shows at Livonia and Wonderland malls, Schoolcraft College and a "big one" at the West Eight Mile Armory in 1983.

"I know thousands of car owners, if not by name by their cars," he said.

Langa and the county are taking baby steps with the show and cruise, but with such a different concept, Langa believes it will become a picnic in the park. People will be able to bring food and blankets and sit and watch as the classics roll by in a "flowing cruise." With the many grassy areas even participants will be able to pull over and look around.

"I'm trying to establish this as the last official car cruise," said Langa. "There's the Gratiot cruise, Fort Street cruise, Telegraph and Woodward cruises. This will be the furthest as a westside cruise."

To register for the first annual Hines Park Car Show and Cruise, call Joseph Langa at (313) 533-6397.

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District puts out welcome mat for students

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

For those kids still counting, it's three days - not counting today - until the bell rings to start of the 2005-06 school year in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Teachers will report back on Tuesday, however, many have already been in and out of their buildings, getting rooms ready for the first day.

Students report on Thursday for a full day classes, and according to Superintendent Greg Baracy, they'll find a lot has been done during summer vacation.

"I want to extend warm welcome back to students to students," he said. "The schools look very well with new parking lots and mechanical work that's being done right up to the threshold of opening."

The improvements, like artificial turf on the high schools' football fields and parking lot expansion and repaving at Elliott Elementary, are being paid for with money from the district's building and grounds and sinking funds.

"The one building I looked at looked wonderful," said school board trustee Martha Pitsenbarger about the cleaning schools have undergone this summer. "People have come up to me to tell me how great our buildings look."

Registration has all but been completed at most of the district's high schools and middle schools.

At Wayne Memorial High School, incoming ninth-graders are registering 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Monday, with orientation for freshmen and new students scheduled for 6 p.m. The annual report will be



Emilie Blair and her sister, Meg, gladly helped kindergarten teacher Anne McKolay decorate bulletin boards in her classroom at Schweitzer Elementary School.

presented at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and will be followed by an open house at 7 p.m.

At John Glenn High School, all that remains to be done before the bell sounds Thursday morning is ninth-grade orientation and open house, both slated for Tuesday, Aug. 23.

Adult summer registration continues through Friday, Aug. 26, at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and Aug. 29-Sept. 21 has been set

aside for late registration and schedule adjustments.

Students have been registering for classes since mid-August for the alternative high school and adult education programs at the Tinkham Learning Center, with registration for the adult program available 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon Friday through Sept. 16.

The alternative high school program will have its open house 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Also on tap this week:

■ Adams Middle School sixth-grade and new student orientation and open house are all planned for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23.

■ Franklin Middle School's annual report, open house and new student orientation for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23.

■ Marshall Middle School is offering late registration 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23. The open house is planned for Thursday, Sept. 1.



Jennifer Ferris filled her bulletin board with stars to showcase the students that will be in her kindergarten class at Schweitzer.

■ Stevenson Middle School will have its open house at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24.

Parents of elementary-aged children can register at their local school between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Only a parent or legal guardian with proper paperwork can register a student.

To register, parents need to provide their child's original birth certificate with raised seal, current immunization record and three proofs of residency, including a current mortgage or lease agreement or tax statement or a residency affidavit, if the family is living with someone.

The person with whom the family is living must sign a Support of Residency Consent Agreement in the district's department of instruction and provide three proofs of residency.

The other proofs can include a cellular statement, current bank or credit card statements, utility bill, current health or auto insurance document, current IRS information, current

employment record, current court document or moving company statement.

Kindergartners will need a completed physical form, which also is recommended for sixth- and ninth-graders and students new to the district.

For children in need of immunizations, Oakwood Healthcare System is offering a free childhood immunization clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, in the Surgical Center main lobby of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne.

Children eligible for the clinic must either be an American Indian, enrolled in Medicaid, have no health insurance or have a health plan that doesn't cover immunizations.

Parents must bring their children's immunization records. For more information, call Lisa Rutledge at (313) 586-6492.

As for the school year ... "Hopefully it'll be great year for everybody," said trustee Steve Beecher.

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- B**
Clarice Behler
Behler, 70, of Plymouth, died Aug. 16.
- F**
Rudolph Albert
Fritz, 91, of Westland, died Aug. 15.
- L**
Harold Lundquist
Lundquist, 82, of Farmington Hills, died Aug. 15.
- N**
Jay Reed Newell
Newell, 66, of Westland, died Aug. 15.

For the Record appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric* newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in *Passages* on page C4.

- P**
James G. Piper
Piper, 83, died July 29.
- Kathleen Poole**
Poole, 97, of Westland, died Aug. 16.
- S**
Albert Otto Sakcriska
Sakcriska, 72, of Canton, died Aug. 16.
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MHS adoption event Bikers' poker run pumps \$10,000 into hospital set for Aug. 27-28

BY WAYNE PEAL
STAFF WRITER

Pet lovers can find a new friend Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Southfield Municipal Complex.

And if they don't they can always come back Sunday.

Hundreds of dogs and cats will be available for adoption both days at the 14th annual Michigan Humane Society Animal Care Fair.

"If someone doesn't find a dog or cat they don't absolutely love on Saturday, they can always come back the next day when we'll likely have a whole new collection of pets available for adoption," MHS spokeswoman Amy Popp said.

The event is free. Adult pets, as well as kittens and puppies, will be available for adoption on the spot. Adoption fees are \$115 for dogs four months and older, \$225 for puppies and toy breeds. Cat adoption fees are \$60 for adults, \$75 for kittens four months or younger.

The regional retailer Pet Supplies "Plus" also will maintain a tent at the fair, allowing new pet owners to stock up on supplies with proceeds benefiting the humane society.

The Southfield location, on Evergreen, just south of I-696, is a natural for the fair.

"It gives us great freeway access, plus it's a very large facility," Popp said of the pavilion, which is located inside the Southfield Municipal Complex.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

The MHS Animal Cops, familiar from their appearances on the Animal Planet cable series *Animal Cops: Detroit*, will be on hand to

greet visitors.

Former Detroit Tigers pitcher Milt Wilcox, a member of the 1984 World Champions, also will be there with his dog, Sparky.

The Rude Dogs Flyball Team and the Southfield Police K-9 Unit will also give demonstrations throughout the fair.

While it isn't the MHS' biggest adoption event - that honor goes to the Meet Your Best Friends at the (Detroit) Zoo event set this year for Sept. 24-25 - the local event is still significant.

More than 2,000 pets have been adopted and nearly \$1 million raised since its inception in 1992.

"We're hopeful this year will be our most successful Animal Care Fair yet," MHS Events director Tricia Brosnahan said in a statement announcing this year's dates.

The MHS is based in Southfield and cares for some 100,000 animals each year at its shelters in Rochester Hills, Westland and Detroit.

Its newly opened Westland facility, the Berman Center, is considered one of the nation's most state-of-the-art animal care centers.

In addition to pet sheltering and adoption programs, the MHS also provides emergency animal rescue services, delivers veterinary care and investigates reports of animal cruelty.

Additional information on the fair, or on other MHS programs and services, is available by visiting the MHS Web site www.michiganhumane.org or by calling (866) 648-6263.

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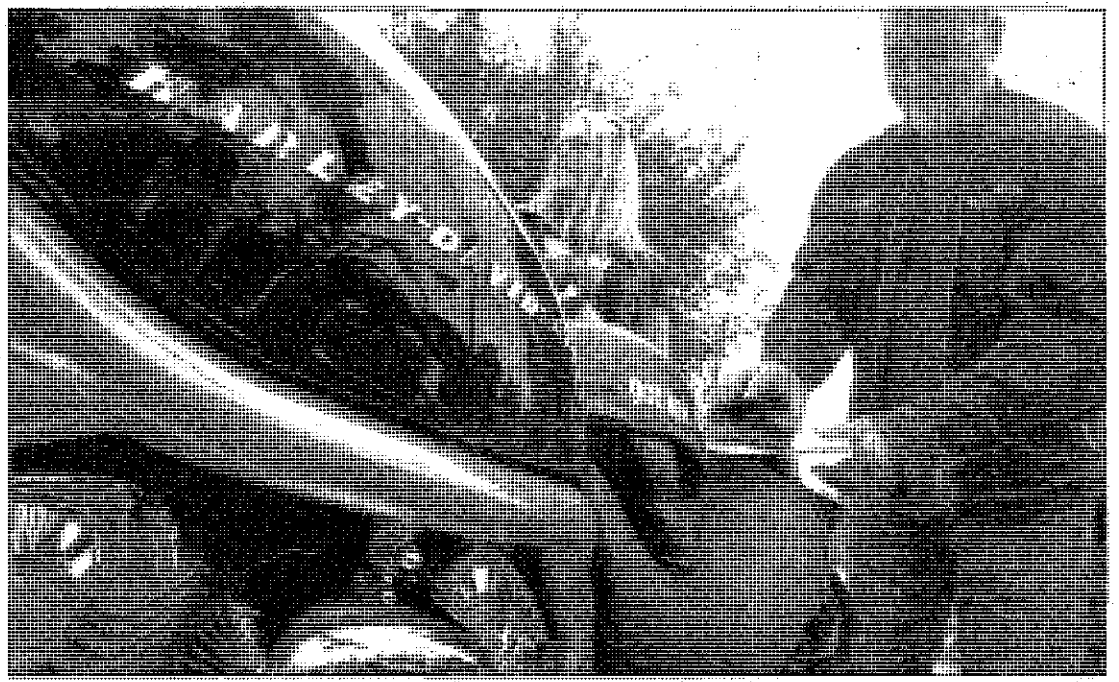
Motors were rumbling and the Southern Steel Band played as more than 200 bikes were rolling in Sunday for St. Mary Mercy Hospital's second annual Hawgs for Hearts Motorcycle Poker Run.

The event raised about \$10,000 for cardiovascular services at the hospital.

The ride began at Motor City Harley-Davidson & Buell in Farmington Hills, and riders made three poker card draw stops along the four-hour route before winding down at St. Mary Mercy Hospital where they received commemorative bandanas and a blessing of their bikes by the Rev. Luke Iwujji of the hospital's Spiritual Care team.

The bikers made stops at Bobber Down in Whitmore Lake; Smitty's Damsite Inn in Hell, Michigan; and JR's Iron Grille, in Brighton.

They enjoyed food, entertainment, awards, and their chance to win the grand prize, 2005 Harley-Davidson 883 Sportster motorcycle,



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Amy Nelson of Troy and Kris Landis get all their gear together to start out on the benefit ride to Hell, Mich., and back, as a fund-raiser for St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

donated by Motor City Harley. Brothers Mike Chetcuti of Livonia and Lawrence Chetcuti of

Westland were the lucky winners of the motorcycle. They shared the cost of one \$20 raffle ticket.

"I've never won anything in my life," said Mike Chetcuti. Now they have to figure out how to share it.

ACHIEVERS



Tomchuck

The Westland resident will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Wayne State University in Detroit.

Tomchuck, 20, is studying romance languages (French) at WSU. A graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Redford, he is plays the guitar and sings and has performed at open mic nights at the Coffee Bean in Plymouth.

He also does weekly tutoring at Freedom House in Detroit, does some work for Habitat for Humanity and is a regular Red Cross blood donor. He has worked as line cook at

Amantea Restaurant in Garden City.

NSCS is the nation's only honors organization offering membership to first- and second-year college students, recognizing outstanding academic achievement.

Two Westland men won honors in the Michigan Trucking Association's recent Michigan Truck Driving Championship.

Eric Louwers placed third in the four-axle tractor trailer competition, and Edward O'Mara also placed third in the three-axle tractor trailer contest. Both men are employees of employees of Con-Way Central Express.

Another Con-Way employee,

Ron Looks of LeRoy, was the overall winner and grand champion, coming in with the highest point score.

Keith D. Maddox, Kameron A.J. Potts and Alexander T. Thacker recently attended the Summer Youth Program at Michigan Technological University.

The students explored engineering, science and technology, computers, environmental studies and outdoors, business and arts and human sciences during the week-long program. They not only explored career and academic areas that may not be included in their studies at school, they also experienced a mini-version of college life.

Five Westland residents have been named to the Dean's List for the winter 2005 semester at Grand Valley State University.

The students - Richard M. Kloeckner, Kristin McGowan, Rebecca J. Rogozan, Dawn R. Stecker and Claire A. Walsh - maintained a 3.5 grade point average and were enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. The honor is noted on their official records.

Aaron Tomchuck has accepted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

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Grant pays for supplies for teen health clinic

Starfish Family Services has been awarded a grant from the Metro Health Foundation for the agency's Inkster Teen Health Center.

The \$7,000 grant provides funding for the purchase of medical supplies and coverage of lab fees. The Starfish facility provides primary care and medical advice for teens and the children of teens in a confidential community setting inside Inkster High School.

Medical treatment and advice is administered by a licensed nurse practitioner, in cooperation with Oakwood Healthcare System, which has experience dealing with children and teens to address their medical needs.

Children ages 10-21 are serviced at the health center, with or without insurance. Children of teenaged parents, regardless of age, also receive treatment.

The Inkster Teen Health center also offers on-site counseling, as well as referrals for more intensive mental health services. It also is conducting the new SHAPE (Strong, Healthy and Physically Energized) program, an initiative geared to help African-American female teens in the Inkster/Wayne County area who may struggle with weight issues.

"Starfish Family Services is



Sheree Askew (left), director of adolescent services, and Lauren Kazee (right), manager of health services, both at Starfish Family Services, receive the Metro Health Foundation grant from Jacqueline Majors, a foundation trustee.

fortunate to have the support of the Metro Health Foundation, and other valued partners, to support the work that our agency provides through the Inkster Teen Health Center," said Ouida G. Cash, chief executive officer at Starfish. "This type of collaboration makes it possible to provide medical services and advice to children who other-

wise may not receive the treatment they need."

Metro Health Foundation is a private Detroit grant-making foundation supporting Michigan organizations in health care and health-related fields.

Starfish Family Services, a human service agency based in Inkster, has been in operation for nearly 40 years. Last year,

it served 7,000 at-risk children and adults throughout southeast Michigan through a variety of programs based on its unique Family Success Model, including Head Start, the Starfish Training Kitchen, Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center, Lifespan Clinical Services and Safe Stay Nursery and Respite Center, among other programs.

COOPER

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voted to approve a \$1 million loan agreement with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality - money that will help pay for work on the site.

The loan will complement a \$1.3 million state grant that the Livonia district received for the project.

Cicirelli called council vote an important step to ensuring that the state loan will be secure and protected from any spending cuts in Lansing.

"We're trying to lock in that money and make sure it does stay available for the city of

Westland," she said.

Westland will have five years to pay off the loan without accruing any interest. Even if the city went beyond that time frame, it would only pay 2 percent in interest, Cicirelli said.

The mayor indicated that the city should be able to pay off the loan within five years by simply using tax revenues generated by the new development. "We're easily going to capture enough money to make that payment," she said.

Any loan money not spent on the Cooper site may be used on other land in Westland that may need testing and cleanup, Cicirelli said.

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SAFETY

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"I think it was a great success," Riley said.

Fire officials taught bus drivers how to react during traffic accidents and how to help children get out safely during a fire.

Fire officials brought in a smoke machine that belched non-toxic, vanilla-scented smoke as they simulated an engine fire.

"It's the same type of machine that deejays use to smoke up a dance floor," Riley said. "We put it in the front of the bus and simulated an engine compartment fire. The bus was loaded with drivers so that they had an idea of what would happen."

In such a fire, he said, bus drivers should open the side passenger-boarding door to let smoke escape, all the while steering students toward the

rear emergency exit.

"It can make the difference, quite frankly, between life and death," Riley said.

Dennis Gregory, Wayne-Westland transportation director, said the district has 80 buses that are driven by 130 workers.

"We put about 15,000 miles annually on each bus," he said. "That's 1.2 million miles a year."

"I'm happy to say we have not had a serious bus fire," Gregory said. "Hopefully, we'll never encounter anything like that."

Still, he said Tuesday's seminar can help drivers be better prepared, should they have a bus fire.

School buses also have push-out windows and roof hatches for escape, Gregory said, and students at every school participate each year in evacuation drills.

"The safety of our students is our No. 1 priority," he said.

CLUBS IN ACTION

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Toastmasters

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) teaches public speaking at the club's weekly meetings 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road, next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 414-3401 noon to 8 p.m.

The Dearborn Dynamic Toastmasters meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 N. Merriman in Westland. Visit www.toastmasters.org.

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College food, wine event benefits scholarship fund Hines Park Grow Zones help improve the environment

Most students going on to higher education need some form of financial aid and students at Schoolcraft College are no different. While tuition may be reasonable at the two-year institution, many Schoolcraft students from throughout western Wayne County couldn't afford an education without some form of financial aid.

That's the message planners for this year's Culinary Extravaganza want the business community and others to hear. The annual food and wine event, set for Sunday, Sept. 25, is designed to raise money for student scholarships while showcasing restaurants, pastry shops and wine and food vendors throughout the metro area.

Sponsors are still needed for the 2005 Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza Sept. 25. Sponsorships range from \$300 (bronze) to \$5,000 (platinum). All sponsorship levels include event tickets, signage before and at the event and in the program.

"Much of the financial success of the Extravaganza is attributed to the generosity of our sponsors," said Conway A. Jeffress, president of



John Santieu of Garden City tries one of the many dessert vendors' samples during last year's Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College. Ian Tamm, of Elite Sweets in Livonia enjoys the attendees' reactions to their excellent creations.

Schoolcraft College.

Since it began in 1991, the extravaganza has raised more than \$1.2 million to support student scholarships. Students such as Monica Ajlouny, Doris Brown and April Richards are benefiting from the scholarship fund.

After graduating from Schoolcraft, Ajlouny plans to attend Wayne State University and major in education. The

mother of an eight-year old daughter, Ajlouny works three part-time jobs in the summer and two during the school year to help pay her college expenses.

Brown, who started her college career recently, plans to complete a degree in early childhood education and teach preschool. She works full-time while attending Schoolcraft.

Richards, the mother of four, works part-time and attends school. She will receive an associate's degree in health information technology and plans to earn a bachelor's degree in health care or health administration.

For sponsorship information call (734) 462-4400 Ext. 5008.

Co-chairs for this year's event are Elaine Koons and Abe Munfakh. Tickets for the Sept. 25 event are \$50 per person. For more information, go to www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation.

If you've noticed that some parts of Hines Park are looking a little scruffy and overgrown, it's not because of the county's budget problems.

Wayne County Parks and the Wayne County Department of Environment are working on a collaborative effort to improve water quality in the Rouge River while diversifying wildlife habitat, increasing passive recreation, expanding environmental education opportunities and increasing flood storage capacity along Edward Hines Parkway.

"We have set up no mowing of Grow Zone areas of the park, except in higher activity areas used by the public as recreation space - no picnic grounds or jogging areas," said Kurt Heise of the Department of Environment.

In Grow Zones grass is allowed to grow naturally and wildflowers have started to grow.

"Hines Park was created as a flood plain and it's important to provide for water that overflows," Heise said. "Tall grass holds water and provides a habitat for animals and bugs,

good bugs. It improves wildlife and is really good for the environment."

The goals of the Grow Zone Strategy are to provide several environmental and economic benefits that include:

1. Reduce stream bank erosion, sedimentation and nutrient pollution to the Rouge River by allowing the grasses and other native plants to filter out excessive nutrients that come from fertilizers, goose droppings and road debris. The roots of the plants help to keep the soil from washing into the river or stream during rain events, thus preventing stream bank erosion and sedimentation pollution.

2. Increase floodwater storage capacity and increase the rate the floodwaters recede along Hines Drive. Larger plants have deeper roots encouraging infiltration and larger plants use more water faster than small plants.

3. Increase the diversity and types of habitats and natural areas for wildlife. Many beneficial animals make their homes or find their food in the taller native plants (including butterflies, birds, frogs and toads).

4. Provide more recreational opportunities such as bird watching, natural area hiking, environmental interpretation and outdoor environmental classrooms for students and scout groups.

5. To reduce maintenance costs for Wayne County Parks by reducing the area of park land that is mowed intensively.

6. To comply with several major activities of the federally mandated Storm Water Permit and to assist local communities with their storm water permits.

7. Reduction of harmful emissions including carbon dioxide and ozone precursors. An EPA study found in metropolitan areas, up to 33 percent of pollutants are attributable to lawn equipment.

8. Reduction in costs associated with large scale mowing operations.

Signs are being placed in Grow Zone areas.

The site planning, preparation and planting is being supported by two Clean Michigan Initiative grants Wayne County was awarded by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Sodexo Corporate Services executive chef Justin Gregg serves Michelle Annarino of Farmington Hills and Debbie Hiltz of Livonia a serving of red, white, and blue dyed rice and meatballs during last year's Schoolcraft College Foundation's Culinary Extravaganza.



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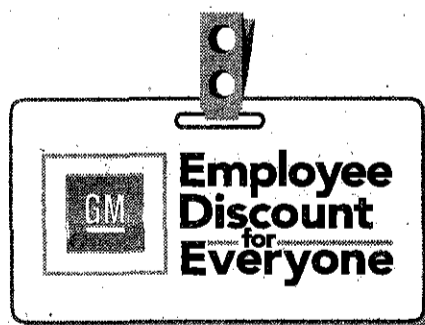
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Young poets show considerable talent

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Talented young poets abound in the Westland community, as evidenced by winners in the library's recent teen poetry contest.

"We have it every year," said young adult librarian Rory Bielak. The event drew 40 entries in this its fifth year, up considerably from the six the first year.

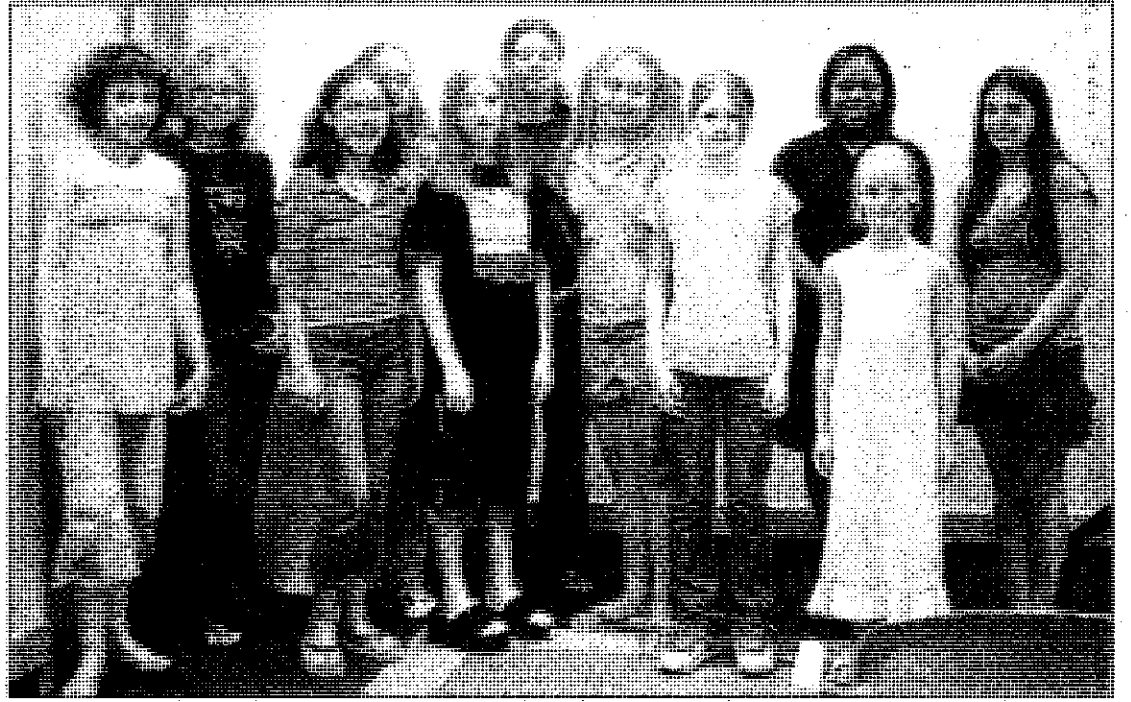
"I just think it's a wonderful form of writing," said Bielak, also a published poet.

This year's winners at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland are divided into middle school and high school, which Bielak said helped to encourage younger teens to enter. The Friends at the library have been a big help with their support, she added, and English teachers, library staffers and teens without entries were among judges.

"It's pretty competitive. It's really grown," Bielak said.

The 2005 high school winners are Rebekah Parrish, first; Marissa Flores, second; Dayna Anderegg, third, and Grace Anderson, Katie Kalajian and LaBreshia Hardy, honorable mention.

The middle school winners are Liliana Gonzalez, first; Mary Parrish, second; Lauren Gallant, third, and Niki



Poets Mary Parrish, Rebekah Parrish, Niki Williams, Dayna Anderegg, Juliana Stewart, Marissa Flores, Becca Lawrukovich (teen judge), Lauren Gallant, LaBreshia Hardy, Liliana Gonzalez and Katie Kalajian are talented writers who gathered recently at the Westland library.

Williams, Tiffany Allen and Juliana Stewart, honorable mention.

Poetry was read, with some young poets reading their own work and Bielak reading others at the Teen Advisory Board meeting on Aug. 17. Prizes, gift certificates from Borders and journals, were given, with the honorable mention students

receiving cloth bags.

"These kids are quite serious about it," Bielak said, adding that some write about relationships, with some about outdoors and nature.

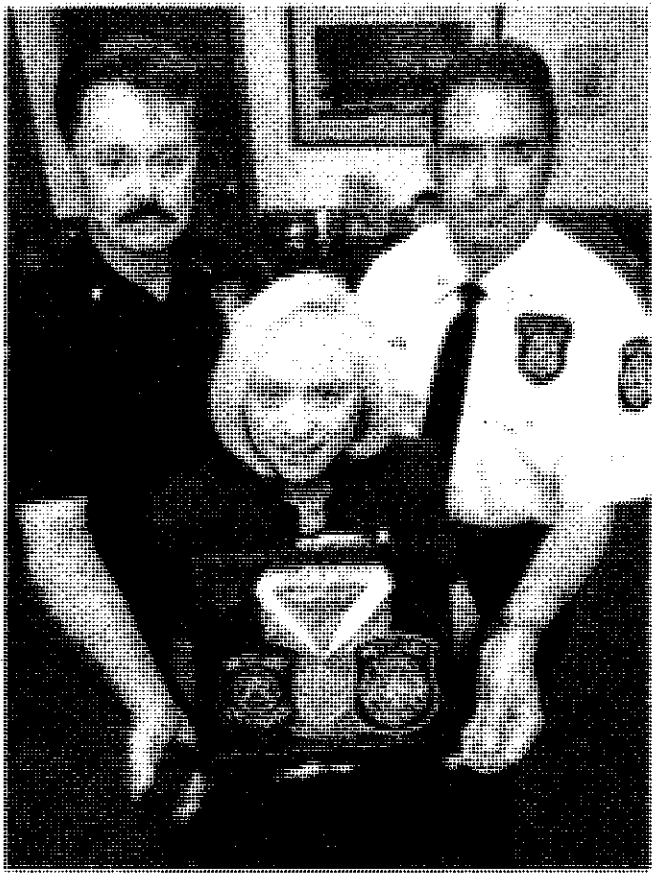
And the younger poets' work often is amusing - "They tend to be funny. One is about a skunk," Bielak said.

Older students tend to have

deeper thoughts, such as in "Gone," the first-place winner for high school.

"Poetry among teens is just so popular," Bielak said. "It really gives them a way to express themselves."

It was unusual to have entries only from girls this year, she added, noting boys have written in the past.



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Chips are down

There's always been a bit of competition between the police and fire departments, but it gets serious this week with the Battle of the Badges blood drive. Westland Deputy Police Chief Marc Stobbe and Fire Chief Mike Reddy show blue and red chips that their respective officers are passing out in hopes of bringing in the most blood donors. At stake is the Battle of the Badges trophy, held by Mayor Sandra Cicirelli. The blood drive will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Bailey Recreation Center. Call Cicirelli's office at (734) 467-3200 or see any police officer or firefighter.

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Worried about peer pressure? Alex Flinn wrote *Breaking Point* about Paul, a misfit, who enters an exclusive school only because his mother works there.

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Or, how about a student in your class who chooses to hum *The Star-Spangled Banner* every morning after

the principal demands over the intercom for silence? Find out through this amazing documentary novel, *Nothing But the Truth* by Avi, how a minor incident turns into a national scandal.

Vampire High by Douglas Rees takes a goth look at high school when Cody, who has just moved, enters a school where the students appear pale and eerie, and where he (gulp!) is guided around the campus by a wolf.

As part of the *Jennie McGrady* series, Patricia Rushford deals with a mysterious fire that destroys the Trinity Center - home to her church and school. Rumors are flying regarding a neo-Nazi group and a boy who hasn't spoken since the fire. Will

Jennie solve this one?

On a lighter note, Francine Pascal's *Sweet Valley High* series offers a lot on love-struck high school students who experience the rollercoaster ride of dating.

And don't think it's too early to be thinking of prom. Nancy Springer edited *Prom Night*, all original tales by various authors who describe every aspect of that special night.

And, we mustn't forget the classic, *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles, which explores the antics and concerns at a boy's boarding school during the early years of World War II.

So, before entering school, check out the library to get you in the mood whether you are walking with trepida-

tion or as one of the shiny, happy people.

Read for School: 6:30 p.m. Aug. 23 for ages 5-7 and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 23 for ages 8-10. Celebrate the school year with a story and a craft. Advance registration required.

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Livonia battle over Wal-Mart gets bogged down in racism

U-h-oh. It seems whenever Wal-Mart moves its big guns (make that stores) into a community, it raises the hackles of residents.

In its early years, Wal-Mart was criticized for building stores on the outskirts of small rural towns and ultimately destroying local businesses. In recent years, it has moved into suburban communities where it has been criticized for being anti-union, paying low wages, providing cheap health care, having an unfair control of markets, being environmentally irresponsible and much more.

The world's largest retailer is at the center of controversy in Livonia, where it wants to move from its store on Middlebelt and I-96 to a new 200,000-square-foot store at the old Wonderland Mall site at Plymouth Road and Middlebelt being developed by Schostak Brothers & Co. The developer plans to replace the long-dated traditional mall with a new retailing center anchored by Wal-Mart and Target big box stores.

Residents have many serious concerns. They have criticized Wal-Mart's maintenance of its current store, a problem that Wal-Mart acknowledges and promises will not be repeated in their new superstore. Concerns have also been raised about Wal-Mart's employment practices and potential traffic problems at the busy intersection.

But again and again, the real issue for many of those who attended informational meetings on the project was race, thinly veiled with euphemisms but clear enough to anyone who has lived in metro Detroit for any amount of time.

Following an *Observer* story on the meetings, we received a letter from a "very, very angry" and anonymous Livonia resident who complained that we had the temerity to quote "word for word" what was said. The letter writer went on to admonish us, "I think this is WRONG that a newspaper that represents the city of Livonia would print or even allow an editor to write a story like this."

It is not our job to sugarcoat reality or to make people look or seem better than they are. When people choose to speak at a public forum, we try as honestly as we can to present what happens and what is said at that public forum.

Here are some of the things that were said. "Take it down I-96. I don't need it the hassle you're going to bring in. You're not doing this for my community, you're doing it for the city (of Detroit)."

One woman suggested the store would attract "trash to my neighborhood." Another worried about the "demographics" of those who work or shop there. And another said "the people shopping there are not from my neighborhood and those coming in are committing the crime."

Yes, Wal-Mart may attract some Detroit shoppers (who have limited retail options in the city). The store will also attract Livonia shoppers interested in low prices no matter the retailer's numerous sins. In the end, Livonia is a developed urban area that needs to constantly refurbish and replenish its commercial areas.

Many of those in attendance at the meetings, including those who oppose a Wal-Mart store, were taken aback by the racist tone of several of the speakers.

It is an issue and one that creeps into conversations about any number of regional concerns whether it's developing a mass transit system, control of the water and sewer system, or the development of a shopping center.

Too many people in suburban Detroit are willing to hang themselves on their own petard.

The census stigmatized Livonia with a statistic. In 2000 it was the "whitest" city with a population above 100,000 in America. In some ways, it has had to defend a reality that said nothing about the attitudes of the people who live in the city (the majority for reasons that have nothing to do with race).

In May, Livonia's courtly, soft-spoken mayor Jack Engbretson went on radio to defend his city against the attacks of Adolf Mongo, a political consultant to Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. Mongo cited Livonia as a city that African-Americans were afraid to enter. Mayor Engbretson told radio listeners, "I'm very concerned about this because a lot of people heard these statements that just aren't true. If we didn't respond a lot of people would assume that they are true. But nothing could be further from the truth."

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Opponents to Wal-Mart need to concentrate on traffic and building concerns and distance themselves from those who inadvertently cast a sheen of nobility on Wal-Mart.

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Free legal training to aid victims of domestic violence

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While domestic violence cuts across all races, ages and socioeconomic groups, it most often involves men abusing their female partners. The Department of Health and Human Services estimates that four million women suffer abuse each year in the United States. In Michigan, domestic violence programs receive more than 55,000 crisis calls annually.

On Aug. 25, the State Bar of Michigan and the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence are sponsoring a free statewide training seminar for all attorneys interested in offering pro bono representation to domestic violence victims.

Lawyers will be trained through a combination of a live video presentation, as well as on-site discussions with area judges and attorneys, who will talk about local practice and procedure. The live video presentation will be telecast in the morning at six locations - Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University, Oakland Community College, Saginaw Valley State University, Wayne State University and University Center in Gaylord.

In exchange for the free training, each lawyer agrees to provide at least 30 hours or three cases of pro bono representation to domestic violence victims within a year. This will be the third time we've offered this training - more than 600 attorneys have participated in our last two seminars.

If you suspect that a friend, relative or someone you know is being abused, don't be afraid to offer help. You might save someone's life.

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Here are some suggestions:

■ Approach the person in an understanding, non-blaming way. Tell her that she is not alone, that there are many others in the same kind of situation.

■ Acknowledge that it is scary and difficult to talk about domestic violence. No one deserves to be threatened, hit or beaten.

■ Share information on help available, including emergency shelters, counseling services, safety planning and legal advice.

■ Offer support as a friend. Be a good listener. Encourage her expression of hurt and anger. Let her make her own decision, even if it means she is not ready to leave the abusive relationship.

■ Inform her about legal protection. Go with her to circuit court to get a personal protection order to prevent further harassment by the abuser.

In an emergency situation, call 9-1-1 or your local law enforcement agency. Otherwise, call the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence at (517) 347-7000 or the National Domestic Violence hotline at (800) 799-7233 and get contact information on service providers in your area.

Nancy J. Diehl, chief of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Trial Division, is president of the State Bar of Michigan.



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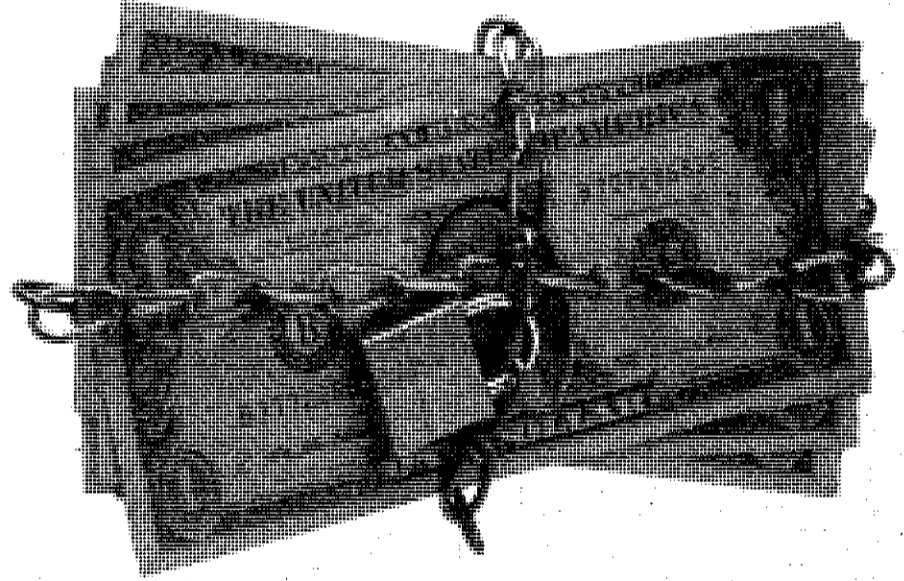
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