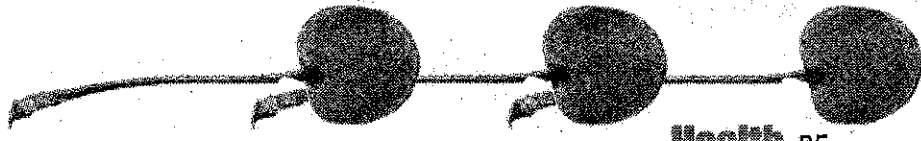




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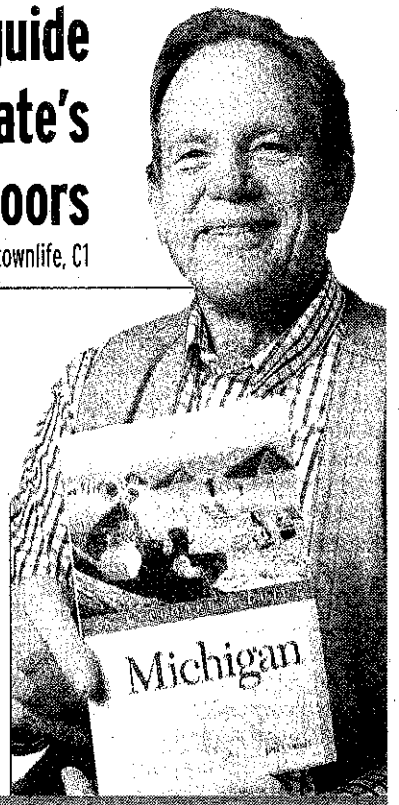
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## In the paint

### Makeover makes way for library programs at Dorsey Center

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In what could potentially lead to a Westland library satellite branch, new programs will be unveiled this summer at the Dorsey Community Center, a building in the heart of the city's Norwayne neighborhood.

The center, on Dorsey east of Venoy, already is receiving decorative painting, including panda bear images, in an area where a children's storytime program will debut during an open house slated for 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, library Director Cheryl Napsha said.

Library employees involved in children's programming will read to youngsters and help them with arts and crafts projects related to the books, all part of this summer's theme of Catch the Reading Bug.

As early as September, library officials hope to move six computers with Internet access to the Dorsey Center, allowing adults to develop resumé-writing and job-hunting skills in the largely low-income neighborhood that first sprouted up as housing for wartime factory workers in World War II.

Many Norwayne residents don't have easy access to the main library on Central City Parkway north of Ford. "We're really interested in serving that neighborhood," Napsha said.

Mayor William Wild has indicated possible support for an eventual satellite branch at the Dorsey Center, although the library board hasn't yet committed to a full-scale project. Officials say summer programs are a start.

"We kind of wanted to start small to gauge the participation level, with hopes it could grow into something more — possibly even a satellite location," Wild said Friday.

Library board members, employees and a professional painter have worked to spruce up two rooms and a hallway "that feels like a room" at the Dorsey



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Westland public library employee Mary Beth Fixler works on taping off a window as she and some of her co-workers renovate a room at the Dorsey Center to be used for library programs.

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WILLIAM WILD, mayor

Center, Napsha said.

"It's not going to be a branch, but it will be a program area," she said.

Library books and other materials haven't yet been allocated for the center, where the city's housing-assistance programs also are based.

Napsha has worked with Joanne Inglis, the city's housing and community development director, to start the pilot programs like the children's storytime project.

"She has been really awesome about everything with this partnership," Napsha said, adding that the mayor's vision for the Dorsey Center got the project rolling.

The public will be invited to the open house, scheduled for 4-5:30 p.m. June 25. Other times for storytime programs will be announced later, Napsha said.

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Westland library circulation employee Diane Mehl paints along a doorway at the Dorsey Center, which is being spruced up for library programs.

## Civic League bingo benefits Goodfellows

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With families increasingly hammered by job losses, foreclosures, soaring gas prices and spiraling debt, a charitable Westland group already has started raising money to provide relief at Christmastime.

Westland Goodfellows, which used to rely on post-Thanksgiving newspaper sales to buy Christmas gifts for needy children, started raising money Wednesday from weekly bingo games at the nonprofit Wayne-Ford Civic League, on Wayne south of Ford.

Doors open at 9 a.m. Wednesdays with games starting at 10:45 a.m. and ending just before 2 p.m., said Vic Barra, league president and Goodfellows board member. The first day of bingo cleared \$1,543, he said.

"It's another one of the civic league's efforts to support the community," Barra said.

The Goodfellows organization each year helps hundreds of local families whose children otherwise might not have holiday gifts. Its annual campaign is No Child Without A Christmas.

Goodfellows President Jim Rachwal embraced the league's efforts to help.

"We think it's a fabulous thing. It's a community organization returning a favor back to the community," Rachwal said. "We wouldn't be able to operate, if we didn't have donations."

Due to a prolonged economic downturn, demand for help has increased while the ability of many donors to give money has declined. That has left Goodfellows struggling to find other ways to raise funds.

"This will bring in revenue year-round and allow us to do more than we could do with just two days (of selling newspapers)," Rachwal said.

Some Goodfellows volunteers still want to sell newspapers to keep the tradition going, but Barra said that fund-raising method has become increasingly risky as motorists have started driving more aggressively over the years. Bingo games could potentially allow police officers, firefighters and other volunteers to curb those activities, he said.

Rachwal commended Barra for seeing a need and stepping up to help.

"He really took the bull by the horns and made this happen," Rachwal said. "We can't say enough thanks to Vic Barra."

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## Energizer: Westland woman in running for Hall of Fame

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Determination, perseverance, never-quit spirit ...

Those are the qualities that describe Helen Ontko of Westland, according to Cori Zgliczynski of the St. Mary Outreach Center in Wayne.

"She's a bundle of energy," said Zgliczynski. "She does so much, I'm just awed by her."

And so are the people at Energizer who picked Ontko as one of 100 semifinalists for its Energizer Keep Going Hall of Fame.

Zgliczynski nominated Ontko for the Hall of Fame for her work with the center's Bolde Food Depot. Ontko, 79, volunteers at the depot two days a week and helps with shopping to stock the depot's shelves. She is also involved with the church, volunteering at church events and making meals for those in need.

"I think I'm the oldest volunteer," she said. "I've been working here six days a week. I'm here two days doing the front desk and then I'm out on the



Helen Ontko of Westland will soon find out if she will be a finalist for the Energizer Keep Going Hall of Fame.

other days looking for deals." Zgliczynski started working at the center for five years ago and worked with Ontko in the depot until she moved upstairs in the building at Sims and Second in Wayne to help with furniture and clothing. It was

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## Annual rally showcases 13 restaurants

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dining out at 13 restaurants needn't be a budget-busting dilemma.

Just ask Brookellen Swope, Westland Chamber of Commerce president.

For just \$20, food lovers can sample cuisine from Italian to Mexican during the chamber's fifth annual Restaurant Rally, a popular event scheduled for 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 29.

It's a mouth-watering, dining-out adventure that guarantees a full tummy but not an empty wallet.

"With all of the spectacu-

lar restaurants that we have, I believe that there will be something for everyone," Swope said.

More than 200 of the 500 tickets have been sold, she said, and "I anticipate selling out early."

To join in, call (734) 326-7222. Restaurant Rally participants will wear special T-shirts that will serve as their tickets to eat. They'll be assigned a starting restaurant, and they can hop aboard a trolley to make the rounds to all 13 places — or they can drive themselves.

At \$20 for 13 stops, the price is right. That averages

around \$1.54 for each place.

This year's lineup includes 12 Westland locations and one Garden City restaurant, Dario's Italian Eatery. Westland stops will include Applebee's, Ashley's Beer & Grill, Beaver Creek, Buffalo Wild Wings, Famous Dave's, Lakeshore Grill at Macy's, LongHorn Steakhouse, Malarkey's Irish Pub, Marvaso's Italian Grill, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Starbucks Coffee Co. and Texas Roadhouse.

To help keep costs down, the chamber has received help from local businesses, including major sponsor Antoinette

Martin of Ameriprise Financial, trolley sponsors Co-op Services Credit Union and Michigan Chiropractic Specialists' Amanda Apfelblat, and corporate sponsor TDS Metrocom. Numerous other companies and people became business sponsors.

"This event provides participants with the opportunity to sample some of the area's finest foods and enjoy lots of fun and laughs," Swope said, adding that last year's Restaurant Rally "drew rave reviews from those who participated."

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TSA golf outing

The Senior Alliance will hold its 2008 Golf Classic Friday, July 25, at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course. The 9 a.m. shotgun start will kick off a day filled with raffle prizes, food and the Ficano Cup, given each year to the winning foursome. Contact Jaclyn Kochis, program specialist, at (734) 727-2060 to reserve a spot. The event is also the last time to purchase a ticket for TSA's "Rock'n Raffle" to win an autographed, zebra-print, Ted Nugent guitar. The raffle supports The Holiday Meals-on-Wheels Program. Tickets for this raffle are \$5 and will be available until Friday, July 25,

by contacting Kochis.

Retirement planning

Learn how to make your retirement dreams into reality at this retirement planning discussion on at 7 p.m. Monday, June 9, at the William P. Faust Public Library. Join Andrew Gagne, an associate finance advisor, to discuss what investments fit your unique dreams and goals. Find out what retirement means to you, what your personal plan is and what your options are. For more information or to reserve your seat, call the library at (734) 326-6123. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, between Ford and Warren Road.

Ice cream social

The public is invited to an ice cream social at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, at Ashford Court Senior Residence 37510 Joy, west of Newburgh, Westland. Entertainment will be by "The 4 Decades," a local Barber Shop Quartet. Seating is limited; call Ashford Court for reservations and directions at (734) 451-1155 by Monday, June 16.

Summer safety

Enjoy the food and games and have fun at the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour's second annual Summer Safety Event, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at the church, 29425

Annapolis at the corner of Middlebelt, Westland. For more information, call (734) 728-3440.

Condo meeting

The Westland Condominium Organization will host a meeting with condo owners and Mayor William Wild at 7 p.m. Monday, June 9, in the clubhouse of Woodview Condominiums. The mayor is expected to address how city services are allocated to condo owners and associations including road maintenance, street lights and watering of rights of way. He also will answer questions.

WCO represents more than 52 condominium associations,

and it provides a forum for networking. It also coordinates events, referrals and resources relating to contractors, property management, attorneys, insurance companies and other issues. Association board members are encouraged to bring a list of contractors, property managers and insurance providers to compare and rate for group distribution.

For more information, contact WCO President Ed Turnquist at eturnquist@sbcglobal.net or call (734) 354-8743.

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, June 9, at the Westland Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford.

Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month.

Residents who have any comments or concerns, can also

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contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888)-737-5325 or at (517)-373-2576.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford Monday, June 9.

He will be at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland 9-10 a.m., then move to Redford for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone at (517) 373-1707; or by e-mail at [SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov).

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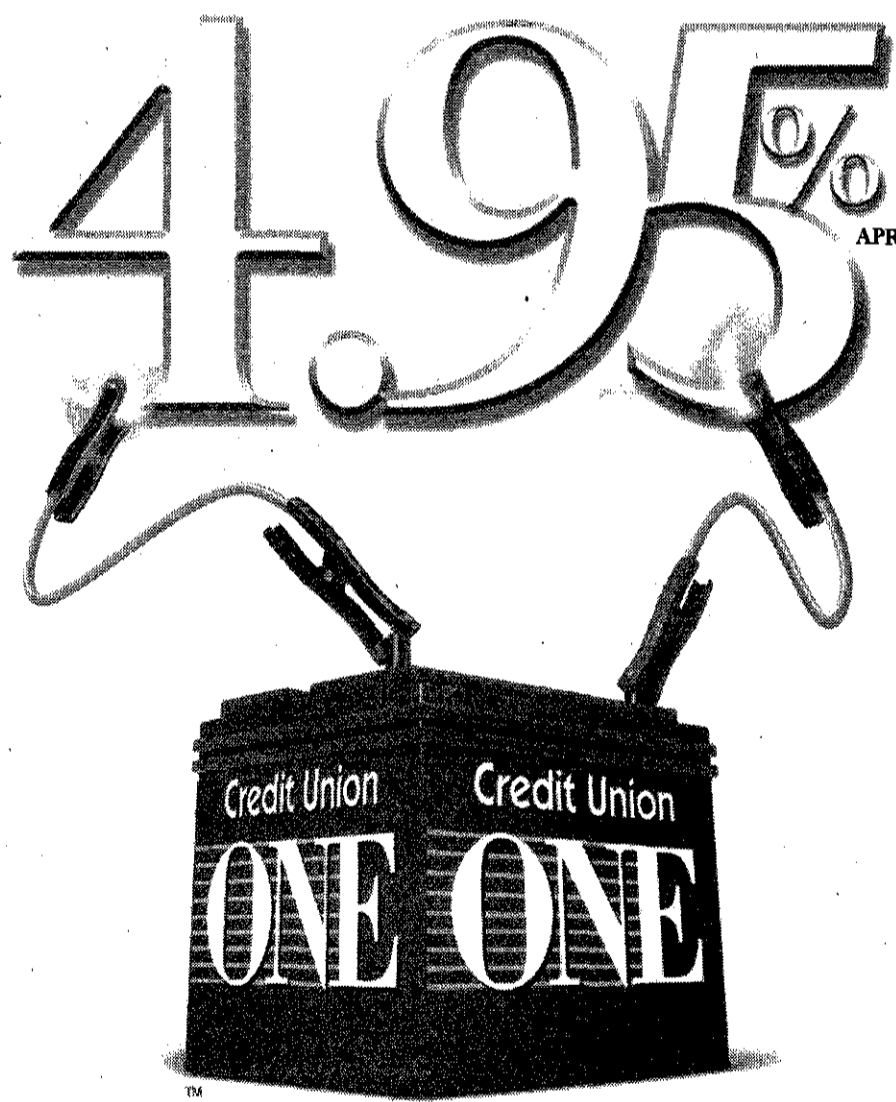
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# Westland Rotary honors top students

The Westland Rotary honored its scholarship winners at a Thursday, June 5, luncheon.

This year's winners are: ■ Joshua Bradley of Wayne Memorial High School, who will attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor to study medicine. He is the son of Carol Ann Bradley and David Bradley Sr.

■ Stephanie Hornbeck of John Glenn High School, who will attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn to study biological sciences. Hornbeck is the daughter of Sheryl Hornbeck.

■ Terri Samland of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, whose home school is John Glenn. She lists Washtenaw Community College as her choice. She wants to go into graphic arts, and is the daughter of Gloria Samland and the late Ronald Samland.

■ Maria Caprice Allen received the Arlene Douglass Memorial Scholarship. She is a student at John Glenn and will study elementary education to become a kindergarten teacher. She will attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is the daughter of Carla and Gilbert

Allen. The Arlene Douglass Memorial Scholarship, separate from the three Rotary scholarships, is given in memory of a longtime second-grade teacher at Schweitzer Elementary in the Wayne-Westland district who was the wife of Rotarian Don Douglass, a retired John Glenn administrator. Don Douglass serves as scholarship chairman for the Rotary effort.

"We are involved with the future of young people and we're involved in education," he said. "Rotary tries to help out young people."

The students and their parents appreciate the help, Douglass said, adding the graduates also receive other scholarships. "They plan on working, too," to supplement college costs, he said.

The Rotary golf outing and Mardi Gras support the scholarship program. Each student received \$1,500 to be credited to their college account when they register.

"They're all good kids," Douglass said.

Rotarians assist with judging for the scholarships, which are based on academics, extracurricular involvement, community involvement and financial need.

By Julie Brown

# ONTKO

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Ontko's "laser-like focus" that caught Zgliczynski's attention. "She wants the center and the depot to be a success," said Zgliczynski.

The depot gives out some 250,000 pounds of food to people living throughout western Wayne County. Many of the clients come from the Norwayne subdivision and Inkster, but the needy also are coming from communities like Garden City, Redford, Livonia and Canton. According to Ontko, the center sees more than 20 families a day.

"We give families food in two-month intervals," said Ontko. "We're a small place, we're self-sufficient, we don't get any state or federal assistance."

Ontko shops for the best deals that can keep the shelves of the depot stocked and meat in its nine freezers. Tomato and zucchini plants were given out to members of the St. Mary Parish to generate fresh produce during the summer months.

"People think about the poor at Thanksgiving and Christmas, but the poor still have to eat the rest of the year," Ontko said. "In the summer, we look at the shelves and wonder what we can do."

The depot purchases food through Gleaners, but each truckload costs \$10,000. Even with fund-raisers, it can only purchase truckloads twice a year. But if Ontko gets picked as a Hall of Fame finalist and

gets the most online voting, she could win a cash prize of \$10,000 as well as \$5,000 to her favorite charity. It's not hard to guess what it will be.

"That \$5,000 is half way to buying a truckload of food," she said. "If I win, we might be able to do an extra truck this year."

Ontko will find out this weekend if she has made the cut. If she did, online voting at www.energizer.com/halloffame will start at noon on Thursday, June 12, and run through 11:59 p.m. July 25.

In fact, when Zgliczynski mentioned the Hall of Fame,

Ontko wasn't all that keen on it. Her mind changed quickly as soon as she heard about the \$5,000 donation.

"I told Cori to go for it," she said.

Energizer launched the Keep Going Hall of Fame in 2006 as a way to share some of the most inspiring, encouraging and funny stories of Energizer Bunny spirit. This year's 100 Keep Going Hall of Fame semi-finalists are being honored for "their energetic accomplishments and determination and unstoppable spirit, just like the Energizer Bunny."

"We all know people like this — ordinary people with extraordinary stories and unstoppable energy," said Betsy Laako, Energizer director of marketing. "We are excited to honor these unsung heroes through the Keep Going Hall of Fame."

And so is Ontko. "We have practically empty shelves right now," she said. "I shop with coupons to get the stuff we need. Maybe that's why they think I'm the Energizer Bunny."

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# Westland resident makes pitch for NASA on Capitol Hill

A Westland resident currently living in Austin, Texas, went to Capitol Hill last month to show her support for a robust space exploration program.

Samantha L. Snabes, a graduate student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn traveled with 35 students and 111 other representatives on behalf of Citizens for Space Exploration

(CSE), to support space exploration with a goal of investment in NASA set at 1 percent of the federal budget.

"It's a huge honor to be here, I think it's a privilege," said Snabes of the opportunity to be in Washington, D.C. "As an underserved youth, I'm living the American dream through resources that NASA has pro-

vided. My entire life, I have endeavored to be an astronaut and to work with NASA not only to receive an education but also to see NASA's spin-offs first hand.

"This technology makes a difference in people's lives through biology and health-care."

Snabes, who is completing her second year of a master of business administration degree in international business, joined other undergraduate and graduate students from colleges and universities across the nation to inform elected officials of the importance they place on the space program. Their majors included astrophysics, aerospace engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, math and physics.

Snabes, the daughter of Ellen Celmo, is a 1999 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. The Coalition for Space Exploration, in conjunction



Samantha Snabes, a graduate student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, was among students who spoke recently in support of more funding for NASA.

with the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's Aerospace Advisory Committee, sponsored Snabes. The program and its many initiatives relate directly to their future careers. The students wanted to ensure that their representatives were aware not only of their support of NASA but also of the electoral influence that they and their fellow

students and faculty carry. "The significance of CSE's annual visit to Washington cannot be underestimated," said Bob Mitchell, president of the partnership. "By meeting personally with these decision makers in Washington, we are better able to impress upon them NASA's scientific, technological, and economic impact that affects us in so many positive ways."

Coalition for Space Exploration is a collaboration of space industry businesses and advocacy groups organized

to help educate and inform the public about the value and benefits of space. It works with elected officials, corporate and individual contacts to ensure continued political and public support for the nation's space programs, particularly the International Space Station, the Space Shuttle and the new Constellation Program.

CSE is comprised of a diverse group of small and large business representatives, students and teachers, and county/municipal officials and employees.

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  - 1214- Yameka Rainer- bags, boxes, sofa
  - 1224- Sammy Williams Jr- tv, sofa, bedframe
  - 1268- Charles Saad- speaker, mattress, boxes
  - 1296- Thomas Hibler- boxes, totes, bike
  - 1298- Dionne Simms- boxes
  - 1338- Kenisha Mabone- bookcase, boxes, sofa
  - 1352- Teya Willis- washer, weights, boxes
  - 1360- Scott Ford- bike, tv
  - 1412- Jim Diana- bags, boxes, totes
  - 1452- Custom Designs By Simon- bags, boxes, totes
  - 1468- Linda Riley- sofa, loveseat, vacuum
  - 1544- Be Da 1st Inc- boxes, chair, vacuum
  - 1550- Be Da 1st Inc- boxes, mirror
  - 2044- Cindy Mondy- bags, totes, mattress
  - 2388- Jerry Taylor- totes, tv, exercise equipment
  - 2402- Latoya Hicks- totes, clothing
  - 2464- Nicole Turner- bags, mattress, totes
  - 1114- Angela Kolhagen- boxes, bags, totes
  - 1412- Jim Diana- boxes, bags, totes
  - 1468- Linda Riley- sofa, loveseat, vacuum
  - 1102- Wael Mokhles- bags, boxes, tv

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- Personal property described below in the matter of:
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  - 5097- Rhonda Evans- mattress, dresser, box
  - 2075- Ruth West- grill, dresser, couch
  - 3009- Denise Smithson- boxes, chair, table
  - 3046- Deanna Eighmey- table, box, bag
  - 3075- Kenneth Phillips- bike, chair, cabinet
  - 3076- Mike Sagi- dresser, bag, box
  - 4049- Antoine Williamson- clothes, box, bag
  - 4051- Antoine Murry- box, bag, tote
  - 5057- Nena Gonzalez- bags, box, mattress
  - 6055- Debra Bynum- freezer, boxes, bags
  - 6059- Judith Ryan- bike, tools, boxes
  - 6091- Donald Faulkner- box, bag, tote
  - 7017- Vikki Hood- box, bag, tote
  - 7019- Tiffany Scott- box, bag, tote
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# Lower-income investors can benefit by 0 capital gains tax

Dear Rick: I read that capital gains rates are reduced this year. In fact, someone told me you can actually pay no taxes on your capital gains. Is this true?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

provide an opportunity for children who have appreciated securities to sell those investments this year. Potentially, they can sell the investment this year and recognize no

amount for children is \$1,800. In addition, in 2008 the rules with regard to the kiddie tax changed. Under the new rules, the kiddie tax applies to children who are under 19 or full-time students under age 24 if they are claimed as dependents. Therefore, the key to having the capital gains tax free and avoiding the kiddie tax is to keep a child's investment income below \$1,800.

creates an excellent planning opportunity. Therefore, don't delay in taking advantage of this great opportunity. Dear Rick: I heard you say at the Observer & Eccentric Senior Expo that certificates of deposit were a good short-term but not a good long-term investment. I am a conservative investor and I cannot afford to lose my money. I have a \$75,000 CD coming due next month and I won't need the money for another couple of years. Is a CD OK?

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only issue is comfort level. In that regard, just take a step back and look at how different the world is today than when it was just 10 years ago. All of us are now using more technology than ever before, whether it is direct deposit of checks or bill payment services online.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

For taxpayers who are in higher tax brackets, their capital gain rate and tax on qualified dividends is 15 percent. Unfortunately, there is no reduction in taxes for those taxpayers. Because of the reduction in capital gain rates for low-income taxpayers, this could

taxes. In fact, you can turn around and re-buy the same investment if you choose. The wash-sale rules deal when you have losses, not gains.

In selling appreciated securities for children, one issue to consider is the kiddie tax which is the tax on a child's investment income. If a child's investment income is above the annual threshold amount, that income is taxed at their parents' highest bracket. For 2008, the threshold

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The event objective is to provide annuity information to help attendees make best case retirement and estate decisions. Most people don't know where to start, what to do, or who to call when it comes to making well-researched, retirement planning choices. Unfortunately, without proper understanding of today's complex financial tools, the consumer may simply avoid these tools altogether or may even be persuaded into making a

wrong decision which can also have painful consequences.

The panel presenters include: Eudora Adolph, Financial Growth Engineer, AverTrust Advisors; Marc Melamed, Estate Planning Attorney, Maroko and Landau; Al Plecha, CPA; Tony Pappas, senior vice president, John Hancock; Dawn Impellizzeri, vice president, Transamerica Capital.

Panel discussion topics will

partially include:

- What are the differences between variable annuities and fixed or index annuities?
- When and for whom are these financial tools appropriate and when are they not?
- How does an annuity help fund retirement and provide for heirs?
- How does an annuity impact taxes?
- Annuity contracts have fees, penalties, step ups, payouts, and benefit riders that either cost or benefit the owner. What do these terms mean?
- What questions should one ask if invited to an annuity sales presentation to evaluate what is being presented?

There will be time after the panel discussion for attendees to speak with the presenters, request additional information, and register for detailed sessions. Annuity sales materials will not be available at this event, but further educational resources from government agencies will be provided to attendees.

There is a fee of \$10, payable at the door by check, payable to Sigma Financial Corp., to cover the costs of printing and room fees.

Congressional candidates meet in forum

The Democratic candidates for the 11th Congressional District will participate in a candidate's forum at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Livonia attorney Joseph Larkin and former Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall will participate in the forum sponsored by the Livonia Democratic Club.

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According to the survey, the average cost for lodging in North America is \$164 per night, double occupancy, based on the most recent published rates for AAA Approved accommodations listed in the AAA TourBook guides. For two adults traveling and dining together in AAA travel experts recommend \$80 a day for meals, not including tips and beverages.

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OUR VIEWS

## Report offers a dynamic view of Michigan's promise

The Center for Michigan, a public policy organization founded by Philip Power, former owner of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, has released a challenging report on Michigan's economic and political future: "Michigan's Defining Moment: A Common Ground Agenda for Michigan's Transformation."

The centrist group's report focuses on what Michigan needs to do to build on its resources to become a major economic center again. The decline in the domestic auto industry, trade policies that drained manufacturing jobs from the state and political squabbling over tax policies have made Michigan the first casualty in a weakening national economy.

The report sets out three guiding principles for turning Michigan around: 1) A talented and globally competitive workforce; 2) A vibrant economy and great quality of life; and 3) Effective, efficient and accountable government.

The last point emphasizes a running theme in this report, that Michigan has been damaged by partisan bickering at the expense of dealing with the state's problems. Michigan

has been deeply hurt by the dependence of the two major political parties on constituent groups that tend to place their particular agendas above the interests of the state as a whole. While we support and understand the need for political parties, around which people with common beliefs can rally, we agree with the report that for far too long, Michigan has been sacrificed to the political process.

The report, based on meetings with residents across the state, offers some dynamic ideas for improving K-16 education in the state and retaining graduates; supporting economic development and entrepreneurialism; creating vibrant urban centers and preserving Michigan's natural resources, particularly its water; rebranding Michigan as the North Coast; developing government accountability and promoting bipartisan leadership; and revising the state's tax structure to address the continuing structural deficiencies in the state budget.

To read the report in full and to participate in the process of revitalizing this great state, go to [www.thecenterformichigan.net](http://www.thecenterformichigan.net).

LETTERS

### Lobby for tax on beer, wine

I choose not to sermonize about the effects of experimentation of alcohol by teenagers in order to fit in with the "cool crowd." If we could be sure that a teenager could take it or leave it then we could attribute this daring attitude as part of growing up. But in many instances a teenager might like the taste and resulting effect alcohol has on his inhibitions and decides to continue life in this euphoric state. He might observe TV and movie ads glorifying the lifestyle of drinkers and rather than sit on the outside looking in, he would decide to join in on the fun.

Therein lies the beginning of a life of addiction that will adversely influence his future and everyone associated with him.

Let all of us sober citizens unite and insist that our legislators demand that the beer and alcohol industries be taxed equitably just as we did with the tobacco industry. We can only achieve this by putting pressure on our elected officials to enact laws that will benefit our next generation rather than perpetuate the addiction that prevails with many of their parents.

Diana Hage  
Westland

### Thanks for article on donors

On Mother's Day in the Hometown Life section you published an article by Linda Chomin entitled, "A Mother's Love." My family was the focus of that article, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Chomin and the *Observer and Eccentric Newspaper* for the wonderful presentation of the facts regarding the need for blood cell and marrow donors and providing a forum to make others aware. We were also able to share the locations of the many free registry drives that occurred in our area. Several people said that they joined the donor registry because of the article.

I would also like to thank the many businesses in Northwest Livonia that allowed us to post flyers in their establishments about the donor registry drives. Several people also mentioned seeing the flyer in a store or restaurant and following up to register at one of the drives listed. The strong community support was overwhelming, and you will never know what an important role you played. I hope our community will support your establishments as much as you supported this cause.

Finally, I would like to thank our family and friends who gave so unselfishly of their time and energies in organizing registry drives, distributing flyers, and working at the drives. Thank you all so much for your efforts. I was unable to participate, but based on the results it's apparent you gave it your all.

As a result of the donor drives organized by our small group, nearly 700 new potential donors joined the marrow registry giving renewed hope

to those in need of blood cell and marrow transplants. (Including the Ford Motor Co. drives being held across North America, I am confident the number of new registries will exceed 1,000.) We may never know if someone who joined the registry during these drives was a match for one of the over 6,000 people in need, but know that because of your efforts, the possibility that someone's life will be saved is very real.

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. (For more information on joining the marrow registry or the most recent list of registry drives in your area, please visit [www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org) and click on "join".)

Deb Rusnock  
Livonia

### DNC using unfair tactics

As a voter in the Michigan Democratic primary, I was appalled by the unfair tactics exhibited by the Rules Committee of the DNC and their biased and partisan ruling. I was also disheartened by the willingness of the Michigan Democratic leadership to compromise with this committee, thus ignoring the voices of Michigan voters. Thanks to Gov. Blanchard for being one of the only voices of reason.

Since it has been acknowledged by our Michigan leadership that this primary was flawed, and it was the intention that our votes would not be counted, I have a few questions regarding this issue:

If it was the intention of the MDP to hold a primary without counting our votes, why were we not informed of their intent? I believe that some progressive media outlets were putting that information out, but to my knowledge, it was not official.

Why, in a state in such a precarious financial situation, would the taxpayers be billed for a primary that was meaningless and unofficial. Why were we duped into voting if our votes did not count?

If the Florida primary date was changed by the Republican legislature of that state, why did the DNC rules committee penalize the Democratic voters? I find it unusual that the National Republican Party did not sanction their voters in that same primary.

It has become obvious to many of us that the Democratic Party, as a whole, is terribly flawed and will remain divided throughout this election cycle no matter who their candidate will be. As a lifelong Democratic activist and volunteer, I have become very disillusioned with the tactics of my party and do not feel motivated to continue to volunteer. Why would any so-called rules committee member have the audacity or hubris to disenfranchise my vote and allocate it inaccurately?

Mary Young  
Canton

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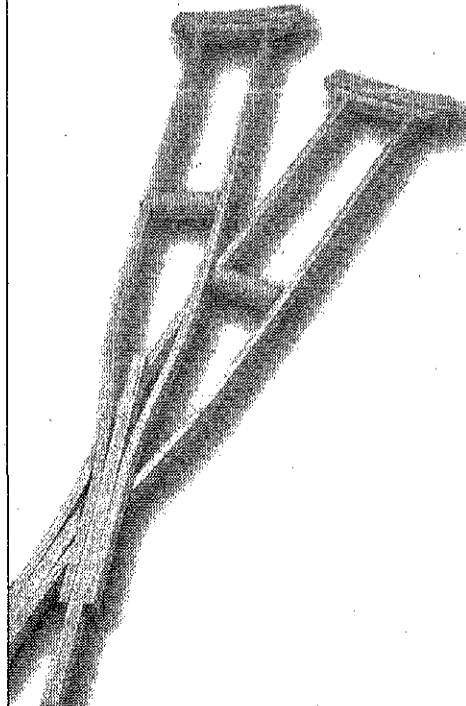


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# Graduation is father-daughter event

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Erin McNally received her college degree Saturday, it was from someone she knows very well — her father, Patrick McNally, the president of the Wayne County Community College District's Western Wayne Campus.

"It's kind of cool, it's kind of exciting," said McNally who received an associate of applied science degree in veterinary technology. "Some people think it's strange, but I'm excited."

The ceremony was held at Cobo Hall in Detroit and according to her mother Tammy, it was hard to tell who's more excited — Erin because she is done with her education or Patrick who

"enjoys the commencement because he gets to see all the colors of the different colleges."

This isn't the first time Patrick McNally has participated in his daughter's graduation ceremony. As a member of the Garden City school board, each year he joins his fellow trustees in presenting diplomas to Garden City High School graduates. He was there to present his daughter her diploma in June 2005.

"I'm sure he'll try to slip her a little message, maybe slip in a little kiss," said Tammy

McNally. "Erin will probably try for the kiss, she tried it at her high school graduation and was successful."

McNally decided to attend WCCCD because of her father and discovered the veterinary technology program. She finished school on April 30 and has been spending the month of May studying for her state and national boards that she'll take June 20 in Lansing.

"It's an excellent program, I try to promote it whenever I can," she said. "I went to the community college because it's cheaper to take your basic



In 2005, Erin McNally got a kiss from her father, Patrick McNally, as he, as a Garden City school board trustee, presented her with her diploma. She's hoping to do it again Saturday when her father, the president of Wayne County Community College District's Western Wayne campus, presents her with her college degree.

classes there. I heard about this program and I love animals, so I decided to take it."

There was around 10 family members and friends on hand Saturday to capture the Kodak moment, Tammy McNally said. Where they positioned themselves

depended on whose face they wanted in the snapshots.

"It's totally amazing when you think about him being able to give her her degree, it's so special," Tammy McNally said.

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On page 3 of the 6/8 Best Buy® ad insert, we mistakenly stated "Geek Squad® setup is included when you buy any HDTV, plus get free delivery and recycling." The ad should have read "Geek Squad setup is included when you buy any DLP HDTV, plus get free delivery and recycling." This offer is only available for DLP HDTV purchases. We are sorry for any problems and regret the error.



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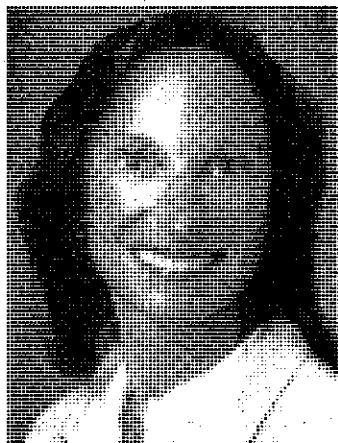
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## ACHIEVERS

Laurel Frizzell, the daughter of Curtis and Shariene Frizzell of Garden City, recently received her bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She had a 3.48 grade point average overall and graduated with distinction. She also was on the Dean's List.

A 2004 graduate of Garden City High School in 2004, she is currently employed by Dr. James Sockolosky in Westland and has been offered a position with the Garden City Family Resource Center.

Named to the Dean's List in recognition for superior academic achievement during the winter 2008 term at Madonna University in Livonia were Garden City residents Tara Bialkowski, Maureen Bielski, Sara Bourgoin, Jennifer Carr, Makeia Collier, Dava Domanski-Nielsen, Samantha Domingue, Kristen Forster, Andrew Kaetz, Melissa Lutz, Allison McDonnell, Jill Merritt, Kellie Meyers, Denise Perdue, Kevin Schwartz, Rachael Sims, Kelli Siwik, Cara Skiver, Carrie Spears, Shelley Stanek, Emilee Thren, Tara Trey, Amanda Williams and Paula Wilson.

Westland residents named to the Dean's List included Hadi Albarchini, Dawn Andrus, Jacqueline Bonett, Tiffany Borchardt, Anthony Borowski, Cory Boutin, Marie Bowles, Andrea Burston, Kristin Campanella, Lindsay Caswell, Corey Chase, Shannon Clarke, JoAnn Conner, Emily Coombs, Christopher Cosselmon, Darcy Dauphin, Lindsay Dixon, Phillip Dougher, Kristie Fields, Sandra Forslund, Sean Fox, Nicole Gansley, Lorraine Getkin, Timothy Girard, Andrew Grantham, Alan Hagedorn.

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Named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Olivet College were April Cnpps of Garden City and Tiffany Pattenau and Olivia LaFortune, both of Westland. To make the Dean's List, the students had to be full-time and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

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## Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

**Dr. Sheldon Smith fits special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.**

By Elena Lombardi

Most of us take things like reading, watching TV or playing cards for granted. But poor vision from conditions like macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes or cataracts makes these tasks difficult or even impossible. When people have insufficient vision to do the things they want to do, they have low vision.

Today Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers many of these people have been seeking. Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"People don't know there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals."

Patients often end up using weak, clumsy hand-held magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same telescopic devices surgeons

use during operations," says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are."

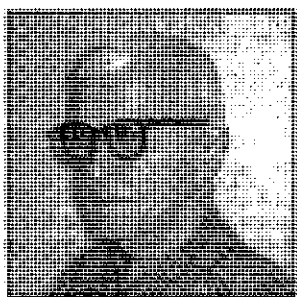
Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Telescopic glasses primarily focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery. Telescopes can also be adapted to closer tasks like playing cards or computers. "Telescopes can even help people meet the driver vision requirement" Dr. Smith explained.

Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Leo Hakola, age 85 of Livonia, Michigan saw Dr. Smith last May.

Macular degeneration, cataract, stroke and double vision were causing reading and driving problems. Dr. Smith prescribed a complete low vision system which included telescopic glasses for driving and special prismatic glasses for reading. The entire cost was \$2789. Leo said "the telescopic driving glasses really help me see traffic lights and street signs down the block. And reading is much easier and single now with these special reading glasses. I am glad I found you, Dr. Smith."

In addition to the spectacle vision aids, Dr. Smith offers training to help people accomplish their daily activities. Visual aids help patients use their remaining vision to its fullest capacity while rehabilitative training improves the patient's



Leo Hakola wearing telescopic driving glasses

ability to carry out necessary independent activities. And of course safeguarding present vision levels is crucial. Sun filters and nutritional supplements can improve vision and prevent further loss.

"Each patient has a unique amount of vision and their own goals," says Dr. Smith. "I am committed to helping patients do what matters most to them and improving their quality of life."

Special reading glasses start at \$600 and custom telescopes can cost from \$1800 to \$2,500.

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## Young Rams finding their way in Collegiate loop

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Rick Berryman remains in the "get-acquainted stage" with his 20-and-under Michigan Rams baseball team.

The 13th-year manager returns only two players off last year's squad - infielders Frank Persichino (Macomb Community College) and Nick Plinka (Livonia Stevenson/Madonna University).

"We're completely rebuilt, I'd say right now we're young and

feisty," said Berryman, whose Rams are off to a 2-2 start in the eight-team Michigan Collegiate Baseball League following an 8-3 setback Friday night to the 22-and-under Michigan Bulls at Ford Field. "It's a good thing they have jerseys on because it's a who's, who for a such young group."

Berryman has guided the Rams to five trips to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa. His teams have reached the AAABA regional

### BASEBALL

three times (winning once); earned five appearances in the American Amateur Baseball Congress World Series; and made three trips to the National Amateur Baseball Federation Tournament (including a third-place finish).

If the Rams advance this year, they will get a direct seed into the AAABA Nationals (Aug. 10-16).

Former Ann Arbor Pioneer

standout Derek Mosher (Western Michigan) will be the Rams' primary reliever, third baseman and designated hitter.

"He's our hardest thrower and he'll be our closer," Berryman said of Mosher, who helped Pioneer reach the 2005 Division 1 state high school final.

Meanwhile, Wayne State's Brett Shanko leads the mound corps which also includes MU's Bret Spencer (Northville), Kalamazoo College's Ben Schroeder (Stevenson), lefty Colin O'Connell (Spring

Arbor), Edgewood (Wis.) College's James Bertakis, Adrian College's Matt Tuttle (Stevenson) and Oakland University's Dan Augustine and Aaron Wick.

Wayne State's Brett Mazmanian and recent addition Brett Herman (Spring Arbor) will handle the catching duties.

Rounding out the infield is Joe Barnes (Grand Rapids CC), Wick, Mosher, Plinka and Persichino.

Please see **RAMS, B2**

## Signelines

### Younce honored

Adrian College senior catcher Alexander Younce (Livonia Churchill) was named a Rawlings/American Baseball Coaches Association Midwest Region Gold Glove winner.

The Westland native started 41-of-42 games this season for the Bulldogs, who finished with a school-record 36 wins along with a fourth-place finish in their inaugural appearance in the NCAA Division III World Series.

Younce committed only two errors in 206 chances for a .990 fielding percent. He was also credited with 182 putouts and 22 assists while nailing 10 base stealers.

### Celtic prevails, 2-0

Second-half goals by Cam Cameron (47th and 65th minutes) carried Canton Celtic F.C. to a 2-0 win over host Carpathia Club Kickers in the USASA National Amateur Cup game played Sunday in Sterling Heights.

Assists went to Knox Cameron and former Livonia Franklin High product Steve Finneran as Celtic F.C., coached by Dave Hebestreit, advances to the regional, June 27-29, in Bowling Green, Ky.

The regional champion advances to the national finals next month at the Starfire Sportsplex in Seattle, Wash.

### Sidor All-Region

Madonna University first baseman Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill) and pitcher Jess Irwin (Monroe) were recently named to the NAIA All-Region VIII women's softball team.

Sidor MU with a .378 batting average, including MU with 14 doubles, six triples and was second on the team in homers, along with 46 RBIs.

Irwin re-wrote the single season pitching record book in just her first season as a Crusader with a 1.03 and 24 wins. Her 275 strikeouts surpassed the old mark of 182 set by Erin Brockert (2006) and puts her just 51 punch outs away from taking over first place in the career record book.

The Crusaders finished the 2008 season at 37-14-1 and were crowned the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season and tournament champs.

## Time to 'Tip' your cap to Smathers

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tip Smathers last week jokingly recalled how long it took to get through an interview in 1967, a necessary step to win Redford Union's junior varsity boys basketball coaching job.

The applicant impressed then-varsity coach Dave Mattingly enough to land the position. "He's a talker, that's why it took so long."

Smathers, retiring at age 62, might have wondered at the time if that interview would ever end. But it was well worth it, because seemingly in the blink of an eye, 40 years on the scene as a teacher and coach at Redford Union have come and gone.

"Others have told me that one day you'll get this feeling that that's enough," Smathers said. "A lot of teachers get it after 30 years and I've done 40."

### IT WENT FAST

Even though Smathers originally pursued a teaching career in order to coach (a prerequisite in the 1960s), "once I got into teaching I loved it."

"And though I went through health and phys ed for my degree, once I started to teach social studies I grew to love history."

Last week turned out to be Tip's farewell to RU.

"It did go by fast," he said. "More recently in the last five to 10 years, if I heard something about an old-timer, there was nobody here to tell. Nobody knew that person." But everybody knows



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Longtime Redford Union softball and basketball coach Tip Smathers fondly looks back on his four-decade career at the high school.

Smathers, who is retiring after a wonderful run as a teacher, and coach - interrupted only by a 1984-85 teaching stint in Texas.

"We went that one year to Texas and saw the difference," said the longtime Livonia resident who now lives in Howell with his wife, Judy. "There

were conflicts and concerns at Redford Union over the years. "But (things were) actually better than they were in Texas. It just felt like home here."

### DIDN'T WANT FUSS

Saturday, Smathers' family treated him to a retirement party that modest Tip prob-

ably wouldn't have minded not happening at all.

"The kids (daughter Karen and son Karl, both Livonia Stevenson alums) have been the driving force behind that," said Tip, shaking his head. "I could have just as easily

Please see **SMATHERS, B2**

## Titans add Spartans' netter

New University of Detroit Mercy men's tennis coach Grant Asher moved another step closer to the start of his first season when he announced Friday the signing of Livonia Stevenson's Gino McCathney and Dean Masuda to NCAA Division I letters-of-intent.

UDM will field a men's tennis team for the first time since 1995 when it takes to the courts this fall.

McCathney and Masuda will both be freshmen on that new squad.

McCathney was an honorable mention All-State player as a junior and again as a

senior, playing No. 1 singles for the Spartans. He was also a two-time All-Observer selection and team MVP during his final two seasons at Stevenson, winning back-to-back regional championships at the same time.

McCathney capped off his career by posting a 19-6 singles record as a senior, earning All-Western Lakes Conference recognition for the fourth time in his career.

Masuda (Dearborn) ended his prep career with a 19-4 record as a senior, earning All-Mega Conference and All-Area recognition.

"Gino and Dean are two

important additions to our team," Asher said. "They're two more local players and they both bring a lot of experience with them to UDM. They're anxious to be a part of building our new program from the ground up."

McCathney and Masuda increase Asher's first recruiting class to six members.

Earlier, the Titans signed Grand Valley State transfer Patrick Troy (Birmingham Brother Rice) along with incoming freshmen Dustin Goldenberg (West Bloomfield), David Stabley (Utica Eisenhower) and Nick Tolomei (Rochester Adams).

## S'craft inks spiker Kerr

Schoolcraft College volleyball coach Rich Lamb is serving notice, literally.

Lamb announced the signing of Livonia Churchill defensive specialist Jordan Kerr to an NCJAA letter-of-intent.

The 5-foot-7 Kerr was a key member of the Chargers' 2007 winter Class A state championship team and helped Churchill reach the 2008 regional - compiling 284 defensive digs and a serve-reception percentage of 88 percent during her senior year.

"I had the opportunity to watch Jordan this fall and was impressed with her strength and athleticism," Lamb said. "She has a surprising serve. It can be vicious."

Lamb added that when Kerr

tried out last winter, all of the Lady Ocelot coaches "were impressed with how she played the game."

Her abilities garnered several honors last year, including: WLAA All-Division, MIVCA All-Region and All-Observer second-team.

She also has excelled on Churchill's varsity softball team (All-Lakes Division and team MVP her junior year) and earned five scholar-athlete awards.

Because of Kerr's solid defensive skills, and postseason experience for Churchill, the coach considers she will make an immediate impact at defensive specialist or libero and "will be an incredible asset as we attempt to make a run at nationals."

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# SMATHERS

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slipped out with nothing done, nothing said."

Such acknowledgement of a job well done seems over-the-top to Smathers simply because he always thought helping kids improve on the court, field and in the classroom were all part of the deal as far as he was concerned.

"Yes we try to do both (mold student-athletes and win)," Tip said. "But the first is obviously more important. It's a lot of fun to win. If you can do both why that's great."

Smathers said he must have hit the target more often than not because "I know a lot of kids and parents have indicated to me they were happy with their experience."

Since the summer of Sgt. Pepper — when RU's superintendent and athletic direc-

tor were named Hilbert and Kraft, respectively — he's been instrumental to that two-pronged mission.

## CAREER COACH

Tip's coached something like 40 to 50 freshman, junior varsity or varsity teams at Redford Union. This spring, he helped varsity softball coach Alan Kruck.

During the 1990s into the early 2000s, he coached 33 sports seasons in a row (girls basketball, boys basketball and softball), prompting Tip to smile about having a very understanding wife.

"I liked each of the sports, the girls basketball, the boys basketball and the softball," he emphasized. "And I enjoyed the kids very much."

"When I did the lower levels, I really got a lot out of that because I got to do fundamentals with them. It's a greater rate of improvement

you see with the younger kids. And that was downright fun."

Meanwhile, Tip — a nickname given to him as a child by his grandmother because of his penchant for walking on his tiptoes; his given name is Homer — said he will greatly miss being around Redford Township.

He cited the high school's athletic, music and drama programs as being the heartbeat of a community for decades.

"There are not a lot of entertainment venues in Redford, so what's happening at the high school has been important and fun for the community," Tip said. "It's been like the central focus, almost."

Smathers also "tipped" his cap to the dedication and support from teachers, parents and other community members over the years.

"It's a small-town feel and here we are, a suburb next to an extremely large city," he said. "It has a great small-town feel to it."

That town is losing a big part of that feeling.

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# W-League Hawks fall to Gaels

BY BRAD EMONS  
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The Michigan Hawks have played to mixed reviews thus far in the United Soccer Leagues Women's League, known as the W-League.

On Friday, the Hawks couldn't hold a 1-0 halftime lead as the Chicago Gaels stormed back for a 3-1 victory at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The Hawks, under new coach Dave Hicklin, fall to 3-3 in the Midwest Division of the Central Conference, while the Gaels are 1-1.

Northville's Danielle Toney (Penn State) scored her second goal in as many games to stake the Hawks to a 1-0 advantage in a game that was delayed 30 minutes at intermission because of lightning.

Chicago, taking advantage of the second-half wind, stormed back on goals by Emily Maynard (Central Florida), Kelly McLaughlin (Iowa) and Jessica Carlson (Illinois State) to earn their first W-League victory and Gaels goaltender Erin Kane (Wisconsin-Milwaukee) held the Hawks

scoreless during the second half.

"The wind was factor the first half, but it was mostly a lack of organization," Kane said. "We picked it up the second half."

On Wednesday, goals by Jessica Boyle (50th minute) and Toney (86th minute) gave the Hawks a 2-0 triumph over the visiting Kalamazoo Outrage in a match played at Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day H.S.

Hawks goalkeeper Shay Mannino (Central Michigan) had to make just one save for the Hawks in posting the shut-out.

Hicklin, meanwhile, took over the coaching duties for the Hawks this season for Doug Landefeld, who is now Director of Operations.

Only four players return from last year's 8-4-1 squad which fell 4-0 in the opening round of the 2007 W-League playoffs to the Atlanta Silverbacks.

The lone returnees include Boyle, Jordan Mueller, Stephanie Crawford and former University of Michigan and Stevenson High standout Melissa Dobbyn, the 2006 W-League MVP.

"We had 15 players today (vs. Chicago), but some are still coming off injuries," said Hicklin, who also coaches for the Vardar Soccer Club. "We've had about two-to-three practices per week. We're going whenever we can. Some girls are still working. It's been difficult."

Toney earned All-Big Ten Freshman honors in 2007, scoring seven goals and adding two assists for the 18-4-2 Nittany Lions, who lost to West Virginia in the third round of the NCAA Tournament.

"She plays with good pace, she's very quick," Hicklin said.

Dobbyn, who completed her eligibility last fall at Michigan, has been rounding back into shape.

"She's a great player, she's been playing with a quad injury," the Hawks coach said. "She's a good soccer player with a good brain for the game. She's one of the leaders."

The Hawks return to W-League action Thursday night at Kalamazoo before returning to play the Cleveland Internationals, 1 p.m. Sunday at Stevenson.

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## RAMS

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The outfield consists of Walled Lake Central product Tim Cross (WMU), Ryan Abraham (Grand Rapids CC), Canton's Shawn Little (MU) and Augustine.

On Friday, the Bulls

improved to 3-1-2 despite being out-hit by the Rams, 10-8.

Winning pitcher Steve Teno went all seven innings, allowing three runs with a walk and nine strikeouts.

The 6-foot-6, 240-pound Tuttle, a freshman member this spring of Adrian College's NCAA Division III World Series team, took the loss.

He allowed four runs on three hits and walked five. Bertakis and Spencer finished up.

Cross and Augustine each had two hits for the Rams, who got the lead-off hitter on in the second, third and fourth innings with a double, but scored only once.

Matt Nickels went 2-for-4 with an RBI to lead the Bulls.

On Wednesday, the 22-and-under Blue Knights improved to 3-2 in the MCBL with a 1-0 triumph over the Rams at Ford Field as former Stevenson player Tony Pounders (Concordia University) drove home Blaine Paden (Canton/Northwood University) with the game-winning RBI single to right with two-outs in bottom of the seventh.

Winning pitcher Justin Barber (Spring Arbor) allowed just one hit, a third-inning single by Barnes, in going the distance. He logged 105 pitches, fanning seven and walking five.

O'Connell, who took the loss, allowed just two hits (both by Pounders), walked two, hit three batters and struck out nine. He threw 107 pitches.

The Blue Knights are coached by Berryman's Stevenson High assistants, Carl Galletti and John Rogatski.

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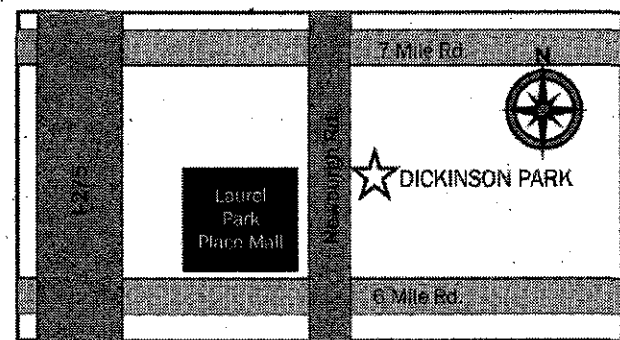


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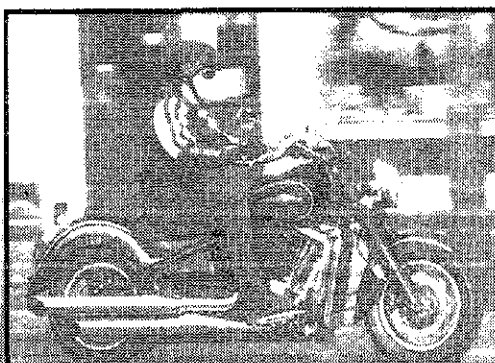
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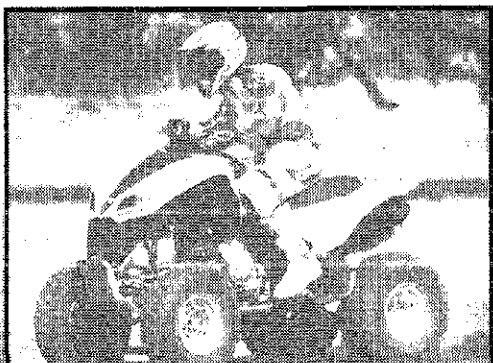
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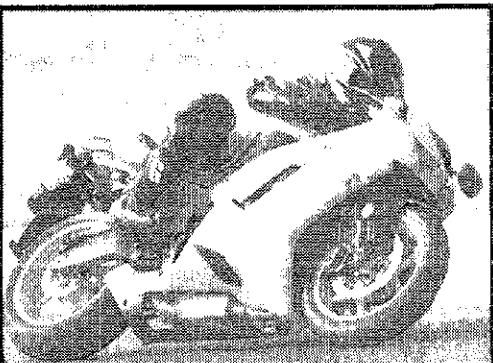
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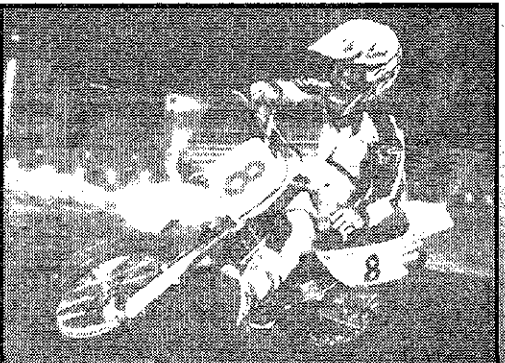
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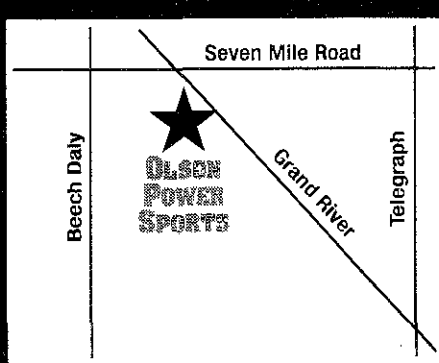
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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### JUNE

#### Lupus loops bike ride

Registration begins 8 a.m. and ends 10 a.m. Sunday, June 8, begins and ends at 25 Mile and Shelby Rd., Shelby Township. Choose from a 18 mile casual ride to a 100K road ride or 17.5 mile trail ride. Benefits Lupus Alliance support groups, community outreach, programs, awareness and research. Registration fees \$18 before June 1, \$25 after. For information or to register, call (800) 705-6677 or visit [www.milupus.org](http://www.milupus.org). A pancake breakfast will be served for all riders at the VFW Hall in Bruce Township.

#### Tour de Cure event

Tour de Cure, the American Diabetes Association's annual cycling event is June 8 at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton. Sign up by calling (800) TOUR-888 or visit [www.diabetes.org/tour](http://www.diabetes.org/tour).

#### Michigan Thyroid Support

The group meets 7 p.m. Monday, June 9, at the Plymouth Library. Guest speaker is chiropractor David Atiyeh. For more information, call (734) 453-7945.

#### Divorce support group

Group discussion; attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225), McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443.

#### Fund-raiser

The Women of Bloomfield (WOB) hosts its 24th Annual Juried Arts & Crafts Show with 65 artists/crafters 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple at Pleasant, Birmingham. The show is a fund-raiser for CARE House of Oakland County and SCAMP. Proceeds to SCAMP will go to summer camp scholarships for special needs children. Proceeds to CARE House go to prevention, intervention and education programming. There will be a 50/50 Raffle, a Bake Sale and Food Booth. For information, call Beverly Allen (248) 737-4160.

#### Diabetes presentation

Diabetes and Your Heart 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Use Main Entrance on Five Mile. For information, call (734) 655-8955. Speaker is cardiologist Syamasundera Zampani, Staff Member of St. Mary Mercy Hospital. No charge, pre-registration not required.

#### Support group

Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS meet 1-3 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, one block south of Ford Rd., Garden City. Speaker is Katherine Gothard, a psychotherapist. The subject is coping with fibro. No dues, donations accepted. Questions call Lucy (734) 462-1768.

#### Awards benefit

The 2008 the Man & Woman of the Year of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Michigan Chapter reaches its culmination when the male and female candidates who raise the most money will be revealed during the Grand Finale celebration June 12 at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The 2008 winners will be announced at 7 p.m. Winners and runners-up also receive a variety of donated prizes. Admission is complimentary, but donations are welcome. For more information, call (248) 582-2900.

#### Free presentations

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is hosting When God and Cancer Meet: the Heart, Mind and Soul of a Cancer Survivor, 5-6:30 p.m. Friday, June 13, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia (classroom 1, enter South Lobby off Levan, and Saturday, June 14, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5305 McAuley Dr., Ypsilanti (Education Center Auditorium). Speaker is Lynn Eib, cancer survivor, patient advocate and author. A book signing follows. For details, call (734) 655-1616.

#### Kids for a cure

Cancer Awareness Fun Walk starting 10 a.m. at St. Michael School (11300 Fairfield St., Livonia), ending at Mies Park 2 p.m. Saturday, June 14. Minimum pledge \$10. Donate \$25 or more and receive a T-shirt. Call Eileen Hogg at (734) 525-9276.

#### People's medical college

Stay Hip and Active presentation on Birmingham Hip Resurfacing System June 21, at MSU Management Center, 811 W. Square Lake Rd., Troy. Pre-registration required. Call (888) DMC-2500 or visit [www.dmc.org/peoplesmedicalcollege](http://www.dmc.org/peoplesmedicalcollege).

#### Golf benefit

The 2008 Gray's Reef Golf Classic that raises money each year for Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF) is scheduled for Monday, June 23, at Oakland University, Rochester Hills with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start, the day includes continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch at Meadowbrook Hall, open bar, silent auction, prizes and dinner. For more information or to register for the Grays Reef Golf Classic, call (248) 353-8222 or visit [www.leukemiainchicago.org](http://www.leukemiainchicago.org).



## Studies show tart cherries may help prevent heart disease

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Mitchell Seymour doesn't let a day go by without eating tart dried cherries. As a University of Michigan research assistant, he's learned about the health benefits derived from a diet rich in fruits and vegetables. The most recent study at the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center showed that tart cherry powder reduced cholesterol, body fat and weight gain — risk factors for heart disease — when obesity-prone rats were fed the supplement along with a high-fat, American-style diet.

Anthocyanin, the bright red pigment in cherries, is a flavonoid known for its antioxidant activity. Antioxidants have been shown to prevent free radicals from damaging cells in the body. Flavonoids are part of a group of antioxidants found in fruits, vegetables, green tea, red wine and cocoa. Cherries, blueberries, cranberries, blackberries, eggplant, red wine and red cabbage are all rich in anthocyanins. Tart red cherries were studied rather than the darker sweet Bings because of the sour fruit's higher levels of anthocyanins.

"We think as a class, anthocyanin-rich fruits and vegetables could be a component for preventing cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Cherries as part of an anthocyanin-rich diet are really helpful," said Seymour, a U-M research associate under the direction of Dr. Steven Bolling, a U-M cardiac surgeon and director of the laboratory. Seymour was senior scientist on the project.

"We're interested in a compound in anthocyanins because of some promising research where it was tested in test tubes for its effect on individual cells. It affected some enzymes related to inflammation and cholesterol."

The latest study at the U-M Cardiovascular Center followed research done on lean rats fed a low-fat diet with or without cherries. The animals who received cherries had lower blood sugar, cholesterol and fat storage in the liver. The findings from both studies were revealed at annual Experimental Biology meetings.

"We were looking at effects of cherry in otherwise healthy animals," Seymour said. "When tested in normally lean rats, we found it lowered cholesterol and triglycerides, basically affected a fat accumulation in the liver, reduced fatty liver. We thought what if we tested this in an obese rat and looked at other tissues and organs."

"In the second study, we found that the dose of cherries, only one percent of the diet from whole cherries, reduced body fat in the abdomen of these animals,

which is an increased risk for cardiovascular disease. We also found reduced markers of inflammation in the plasma. We also found the same thing in the first study, that the cherries lowered triglycerides and cholesterol. These animals were genetically prone to obesity and eating a Western-style diet like humans with saturated fat and cholesterol."

Seymour says previous research, which looked at blueberries containing similar compounds, was encouraging and led to the U-M studies.

"These studies are going to help support the evidence," Seymour said. "At this point, we only have anecdotal evidence. We want to back that up. We think cher-

ries are acting through this particular target for treating metabolic syndrome and could be complementary to standard medical treatment."

The U-M Cardiovascular Center is currently in the midst of studying the effects of cherries on humans in a clinical trial, with results expected this fall. The center is also studying grapes and apples as they pertain to heart disease. Grapes were the first fruit studied by the center, in 2003.

"The cherries first worked in lean animals, but we're talking about impacting humans. We're going to put the cherry to the test from that standpoint," Seymour said. "We have a clinical study

under way now, similar to the first study, with relatively healthy individuals with a dose equivalent to what we gave the rats. We're looking in blood and urine for what compounds are there. For the human study, we're using whole cherries, frozen tart cherries, doing two different doses, 45 cherries, the other 90 cherries or about two cups.

"We need to know the long-term effects. We know the short-term effects. We know you're going to have a lower blood pressure eating fruits and vegetables, but we don't understand the mechanism, how is this working."

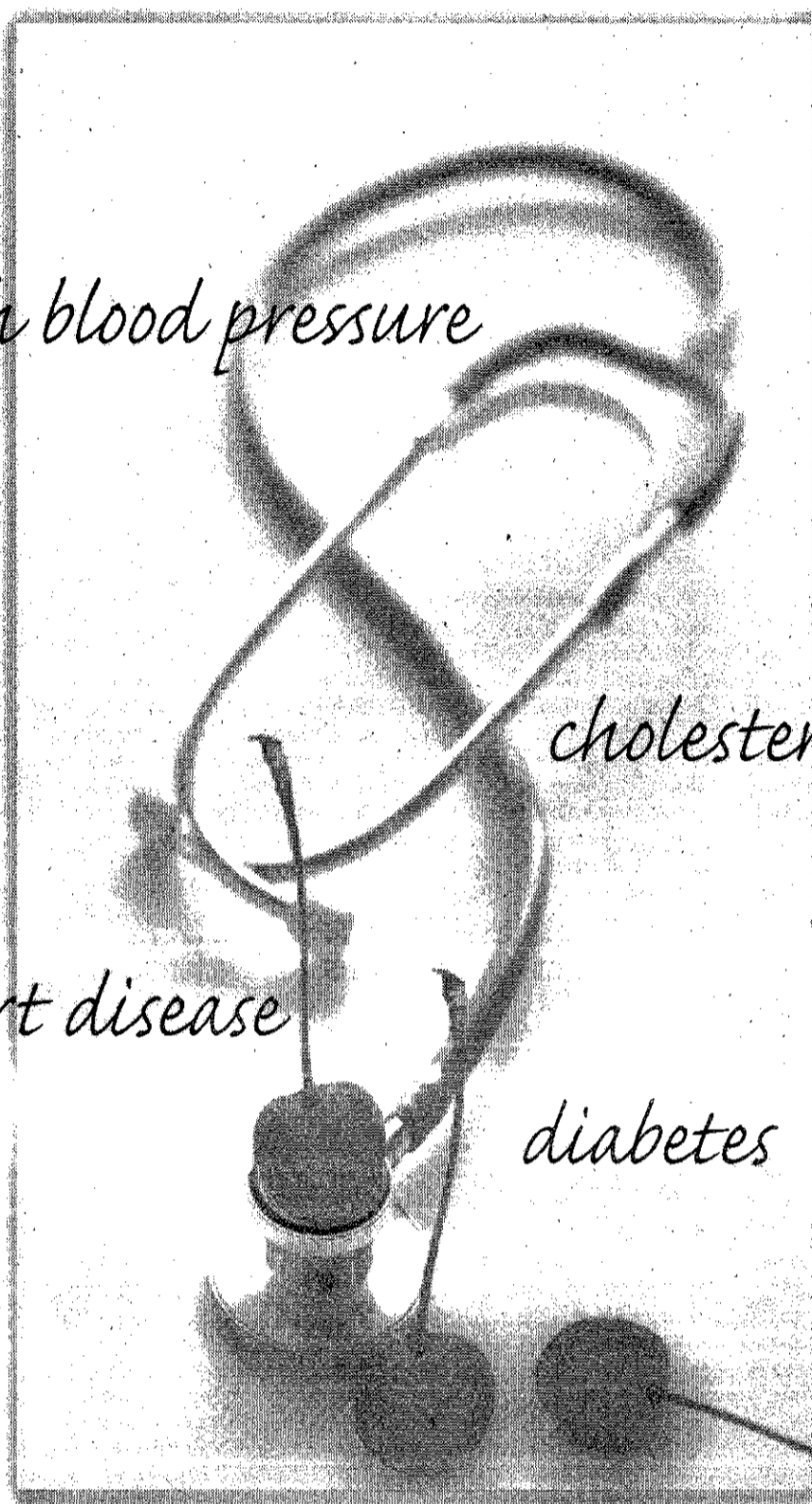
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## HAP sponsors Splash Bash

More than half of the 20.6 million American adults who have diabetes also have arthritis, which often keeps them from being active and controlling their disease.

Health Alliance Plan is encouraging western Wayne County residents with arthritis and diabetes — and others who have trouble exercising on land — to give the pool a try this summer through HAP's free Moms in Motion and Senior Splash Bash classes.

Classes will be held 3-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning June 17 and ending Aug. 21, at the Bailey Recreation Center pool, 36651 Ford, Westland.

Physical activity, such as water aerobics, can help control blood sugar levels and reduce joint pain; however, according to a report in the May 9 issue of *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, people with diabetes and arthritis are more likely to be physically inactive (29.8 percent) compared to those with diabetes alone (20.1

percent). Water aerobics can be ideal for people with arthritis because the buoyancy of the water reduces stress on joints, bones and muscles. Many of the pools participating in this HAP-sponsored program have zero-depth entry, which make it easier for anyone to enter and exit the pool.

In 2007, nearly 5,000 metro Detroiters participated in Moms in Motion and Senior Splash Bash classes, with an average daily participation of more than 500. HAP hopes to continue to grow participation this summer as it has done each year since the program began.

While the program targets mothers and seniors, any adult may participate. Classes are not limited to HAP members. For more information about classes, contact HAP at (313) 664-8420 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Registration is required.

## Canton Internal Medicine Welcomes Robert Stankewitz, M.D.

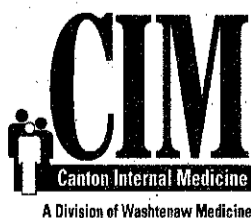


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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE**  
**Sunday, June 8**  
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)  
 Trailblazers vs. Blue Knights (2), noon.  
**Monday, June 9**  
 (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)  
 Blue Knights vs. Mich. Dodgers, 5:45 p.m.  
 Det. Eagles vs. Mich. Monarchs, 8:15 p.m.  
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)  
 Mich. Bulls vs. Trailblazers, 5:45 p.m.  
 Mich. Rams vs. Tecumseh Thunder, 8:15 p.m.  
**Wednesday, June 11**  
 (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)  
 Mich. Monarchs vs. Mich. Dodgers, 5:45 p.m.  
 Det. Eagles vs. Tecumseh Thunder, 8:15 p.m.  
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 (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)  
 Trailblazers vs. Mich. Dodgers, 5:45 p.m.  
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)  
 Mich. Rams vs. Blue Knights, 5:45 p.m.  
 Mich. Bulls vs. Det. Eagles, 8:15 p.m.  
**Saturday, June 14**  
 Mich. Monarchs vs. Tecumseh Thunder at LaCasse Park (Ontario), 1 p.m.  
**Sunday, June 15**  
 (at Livonia's Ford Field)  
 Mich. Rams vs. Mich. Dodgers (2), noon.  
 Trailblazers vs. Monarchs (2), 5 p.m.  
 (at Southfield-Lathrup H.S.)  
 Det. Eagles vs. Mich. Bulls, noon.  
 (at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)  
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**UNITED SOCCER LEAGUES PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE**  
**Tuesday, June 10**  
 (US Open Cup)  
 Michigan Bucks vs. Cleveland City Stars at Pontiac's Ultimate Arenas, 7:30 p.m.  
**W-LEAGUE**  
**Thursday, June 12**  
 Mich. Hawks at Kalamazoo Outrage, 7 p.m.  
**Sunday, June 15**  
 Mich. Hawks vs. Cleveland International at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 1 p.m.  
**INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**Saturday, June 14**  
 Det. Demolition vs. Wisconsin Warriors at Livonia Franklin H.S., 7 p.m.

# Bucks stop there

## Cleveland City Stars to test PDL team in Cup

The Michigan Bucks continued their dominance in the Premier Development League's (PDL) Central Conference by running their 2008 season soccer record to 7-0 with a 3-0 win Wednesday night over the West Michigan Edge at Lake Orion H.S.

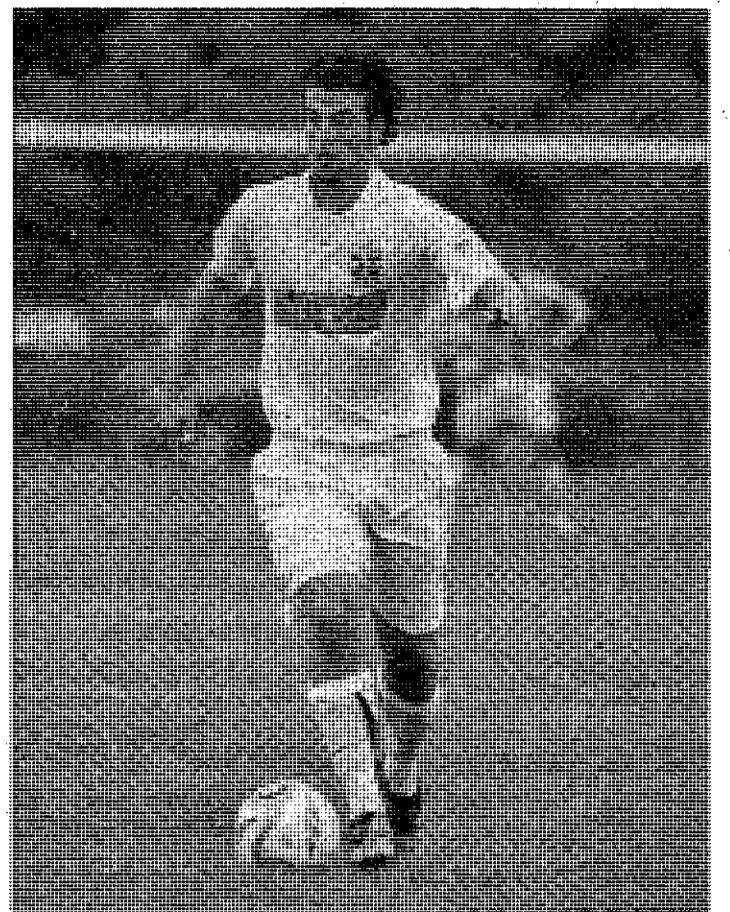
The Bucks completed the regular season sweep of the Edge with their fifth shut-out of the season and moved themselves to the head of the pack of all 67 United Soccer League (USL) teams as the only undefeated side through seven games.

Goalkeeper Steve Clark (Oakland University) again proved himself as one of the league's premier keepers, as he has continued to stifle opponents for the entire 90 minute match.

Bucks coach Dan Fitzgerald went with another group of young Bucks players to tackle the Edge and it took until the 31st minute when Alex Morisset (University of Michigan) took a pass from Zac Scalfidi (Michigan State) and let loose a bomb from 35 yards that caught the side netting to give the Bucks a 1-0 lead.

The offensive-minded home side continued to press for the second goal and pushed forward continuously until the 45th minute when the referee whistled the Edge for a foul 35 yards outside the box. Defensive midfielder Piotr Nowak (Oakland University) took the ensuing free kick which was deflected, but beat Edge keeper Jeremy Clark putting the Bucks up 2-0 going into halftime.

Substitute Bes Bega (Harper Woods) put the game on ice in the 67th



MICHIGAN BUCKS PHOTO

With a deep and talented team, Kyle Russell and the Michigan Bucks are off to a 7-0 start this season, including 4-0-0 in the PDL Great Lakes Division. The Bucks have also qualified for their fourth straight U.S. Open Cup, which begins this week.

minute after receiving a cutting through ball from Doug DeMartin (Mason/Michigan State) which left the Edge keeper stranded.

While resting starters Nate Jafta, Ty Shipalane and Kenny Uzoigwe for Tuesday's US Open Cup match, Fitzgerald's adequate replacements showed that they deserve to play at the PDL's highest level.

"We won this game with players that no one in Major League Soccer has heard of," the Bucks coach said. "But I can promise you, they will. Some of the play that came through from guys that come off our bench was something to behold. There is no question that we have things to improve on, but our depth is incredible. I love the heart I have seen from this team

the past three games - that is something that will be important if we are to do something special in the Open Cup.

As a special offer to Bucks fans, those who buy a ticket to the match on Saturday will receive the same ticket for free to be used in the US Open Cup clash on Tuesday June 10 against the USL's Division 2 Cleveland City Stars also at Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Ticket prices are VIP (\$14), adult reserved (\$10), 15-and under youth reserved (\$5). Children 5-and-under are always admitted free.

To get the most updated information, scores, stats and Open Cup ticket availability, visit the Bucks web site at [www.bucksoccer.com](http://www.bucksoccer.com).

### Patriots football camp

The Livonia Franklin Future Patriots football camp will be from for grades 1-4 will be from 9-11:30 a.m. (Session I) and for grades 5-8 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. (Session II) at the high school.

The cost is \$20 per session. For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity coach Chris Kelbert at [ckelbert@livonia.k12.mi.us](mailto:ckelbert@livonia.k12.mi.us).

### Champ football camp

The Champ Camp football camp for incoming grades 3-9 (fall 2008) will be from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, June 23-25, at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The non-contact camp will be instructed by coach Brad Dickey along with coaches from Stevenson, Livonia Churchill, St. Edith, Our Lady of Sorrows and the Livonia Junior Athletic League.

The cost is \$85 per camper. For more information, or to obtain a registration form, visit: <http://www.bdsports.us>; or call Dickey at (734) 444-5931.

### Diesels football camp

The Detroit Diesels, a minor league football team, along with the Livonia Family-Y, will stage a youth football camp from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 16-18, at Emerson Middle School, located at 29100 W. Chicago, Livonia.

Campers will be divided into the following age groups: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14.

The cost is \$40, which includes camp T-shirt, Diesels season pass (\$48 value) and last day pizza party.

To reserve a spot, call (313) 299-1277; or YMCA members can call Brian at (734) 261-2161.

### Seminoles football camp

The Detroit Seminoles Football Club of the Mid-Continental Football League will stage their first annual youth football camp for ages 8-16 from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, June 28 at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Detroit Lions and University of Michigan color analyst will be a guest instructor.

The Seminoles will play the Monroe (N.Y.) Sting at 7 p.m. later in the day.

For more information regarding registration and general camp information, call Andrew Spry at (248) 563-9597; or e-mail [acspry@oakland.edu](mailto:acspry@oakland.edu).

You can also call Lori Harris at (313) 530-2775; or e-mail [laharris625@sbglobal.net](mailto:laharris625@sbglobal.net); or visit [www.detroitseminoles.org](http://www.detroitseminoles.org).

### Glenn football camp

Westland John Glenn will stage a football camp for grades 5-10 from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 16-19.

The cost is \$50. For more information, call Glenn varsity coach Tim Hardin at (734) 419-2329.

### MU volleyball camps

Madonna University will offer a variety of volleyball camps for the summer of 2008 including elite and general players (June 23-26); setters and youth (June 29-July 2); hitters and defensive specialty (July 7-10).

For more camp information or to secure a spot, call (734) 432-5612 or (734) 254-0698. You can also e-mail MU coach Jerry Abraham at [jabraham@madonna.edu](mailto:jabraham@madonna.edu).

### Madonna hoops camp

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry has announced the 2008 All-Star Basketball Camp, which will take place the weeks of June 16-20 and July 28-Aug. 1 at Madonna.

Among instructors is camp founder Bernie Holowicki.

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The camp sessions will run from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. each day, for boys ages 8-15. Cost is \$175 per week, with checks payable to All-Star Basketball Camp, 42183 Woodcreek Lane, Canton, 48188.

For more information, call (734) 398-5975, (734) 432-5591 or e-mail to [nemenhiser@madonna.edu](mailto:nemenhiser@madonna.edu).

### C'ville boys basketball

The eighth annual Trojan Basketball Kids camp for grades four-nine will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 16-19, at Clarenceville High School.

The registration fee is \$60 and checks should be made payable to: Clarenceville Basketball.

For more information, e-mail boys varsity coach Corey McKendry at [Cmac721@yahoo.com](mailto:Cmac721@yahoo.com); or call Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy at (248) 919-0217.

### Glenn basketball camp

The Westland John Glenn basketball camp for boys and girls in grades 3-9 will be from noon until 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the high school gymnasium.

The cost is \$50 (includes T-shirt if registered by June 14).

For more information, e-mail camp director and varsity boys basketball coach Dan Young at [youngda22@yahoo.com](mailto:youngda22@yahoo.com)

### Future Stars baseball

Livonia Franklin High will stage its Future Stars summer baseball camp for boys or girls exiting grades three-six from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the varsity baseball field.

The cost is \$60 (includes camp T-shirt). The registration deadline is Friday, June 20.

For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity coach Matt Fournier at [mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us](mailto:mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us); or call (734) 968-0499.

### C'ville girls basketball

The Livonia Clarenceville girls basketball camp for incoming grades 4-9, both beginners and advanced, will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the high school gymnasium.

The cost is \$60 (includes camp T-shirt).

For more information, call Clarenceville girls coach Julie Patterson at (248) 219-4127.

### Trojan Baseball Camp

Livonia Clarenceville varsity baseball coach Dan Miller and his staff will stage a youth baseball skills camp for boys entering grades 3-9 for the 2008-09 school year from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the high school diamond, located at 20155 Middlebelt Road (behind the northwest corner of the high school gym).

The \$40 camp fee includes 12 hours of instruction and a T-shirt. The registration deadline is Saturday, June 14. Any late registrations are subject to an additional \$5 fee.

For more information, e-mail Miller at [dmiller@clarenceville.k12.mi.us](mailto:dmiller@clarenceville.k12.mi.us).

### Blazer volleyball camp

Livonia Ladywood will stage a summer volleyball camp from 9 a.m. until noon (grades 3-6) and 6-9 p.m. (grades 7-9), Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the school's gymnasium. The fee is \$100 and should be made payable to: Cameron Reiger and mailed to: Ladywood High School, 14680 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48152. For more information, e-mail [ckompo@yahoo.com](mailto:ckompo@yahoo.com).

### Ladywood hoop camp

The 13th annual Blazer Basketball Camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon (girls grades 3-6) and 1-4 p.m. (girls grades 7-9), Monday through Thursday,

June 16-19, at Ladywood High School, located at 14680 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$90 (before June 2) or \$100 (after June 2). Each camp session will be limited to the first 60 applicants. Each camper will receive a T-shirt.

For more information, call the Ladywood Athletic Department at (734) 591-2323; or e-mail varsity coach Andrea Gorski at [coachgorski@gmail.com](mailto:coachgorski@gmail.com).

To obtain a brochure, download [www.ladywood.org](http://www.ladywood.org).

### Ladywood soccer

Livonia Ladywood will stage a soccer camp for girls only in grades K-9 from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 23-26.

The head instructor will be Ladywood varsity coach Ken Shingledecker, along with his coaching staff and Ladywood players. Goalkeeper training is also available.

The cost is \$100. To register, or for more information, visit [www.Ladywood.org](http://www.Ladywood.org).

### Churchill camps

Livonia Churchill High School is offering a series of 2008 summer camps including:

Baseball (ages 7-14 as of Sept. 1, 2008) - 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Wednesday, June 16-18 (cost \$52 includes; T-shirt);

Boys basketball (grades 5-9) - 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Friday, June 23-27, at the fieldhouse (cost \$81; includes T-shirt);

Girls basketball skills (grades 5-10) - 1-4 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 16-18, at the fieldhouse (cost \$52 includes T-shirt);

Boys football (grades 3-8) - 6-8 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, July 28-30 (cost \$38);

Boys football (grades 9-12) - 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Thursday, July 28-31 (cost \$60);

Girls gymnastics (ages 11-and-up) - 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 16-20 (cost \$81) and June 23-27 (cost \$81) at the fieldhouse;

Hockey skills (grades 9-12) - 9-10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 21-25 and 7-8:30 p.m., July 28-Aug. 1, at Eddie Edgar Arena (two-week cost \$182; includes T-shirt). Enrollment limited to 45 skaters and five goalies (should take 9313).

Boys and girls pole vault (grades 8-12) - each Monday, June 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; Aug. 11, 18, 25; each Wednesday, June 11, 18, 25; July 9, 16, 23; Aug. 13, 20, 27 (cost \$182; includes T-shirt);

Girls fastpitch softball (ages 7-14 as of Sept. 1, 2008) - 9:30-11:30 a.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 16-18 (cost \$37; includes T-shirt);

Girls volleyball (grades 7-9) - 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (seven days) starting June 19-20 (cost \$99);

Girls volleyball (grades 10-12) - 8:15-10:45 a.m. (seven days) starting June 19-20 (cost \$99).

For more information, call Livonia Community Services at (734) 744-2602.

### Suspeck Memorial Camp

The 13th annual Jeff Suspeck Memorial Foundation free basketball camp, open to boys and girls ages 9-14, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 19 at Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia (between Six and Seven Mile roads).

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., courtesy of White Castle Systems, Inc.

The camp is in memory of the former Dearborn Divine Child High standout and Orchard Lake St. Mary's College career scoring leader who passed away in 1994 at age 24.

For more information, call (248) 363-7151 (between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.); or to obtain registration material, e-mail [jsuspeckcamp@hotmail.com](mailto:jsuspeckcamp@hotmail.com).

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## Be honest about long-distance relationship

**My boyfriend is moving to Florida. I don't know if I should wait around for him or if I should move on. I don't want to move on, but I feel like I have no choice. What should I do?**

**Long Distance in Garden City**

I'm so sorry to hear your boyfriend is moving so far away. Losing a friend, boyfriend or girlfriend, can be very hard. Maintaining that relationship from so far away is even more difficult! You need to ask yourself if it's a realistic idea that your boyfriend will return to this area. If he's not planning on moving back in the near future,



Monica Fulton

there may be nothing to wait around for. If moving back is a small possibility, it might be nice to try to maintain a friendship while he's gone.

These days, with MySpace, Facebook, IM and e-mail, long-distance friendships are a little easier to keep. If he moves back, you two can decide to try dating again and see where things go from there.

You both have many years ahead of you and the opportunity to meet many new people in that time. You both might find it difficult to stay committed to each other and you might be setting each other up for "cheating" opportunities. Be honest about the reality you're facing and try not to set impossible and unrealistic goals. Start by being friends across the miles and see where the road takes you!

**My friend had to put her dog down last week. Her dog meant a lot to her and, knowing this, I've made an effort not to talk about the dog or anything related to him. Well, the other day, I heard her talking to another friend. She said I was being insensitive. I was really confused - I've been treating her the same (I never talked about her dog before) and I even gave her my sympathy. I think she might be too sensitive and I'm upset that she talked about me behind my back. What should I do?**

**Lost Puppy Love  
Garden City**

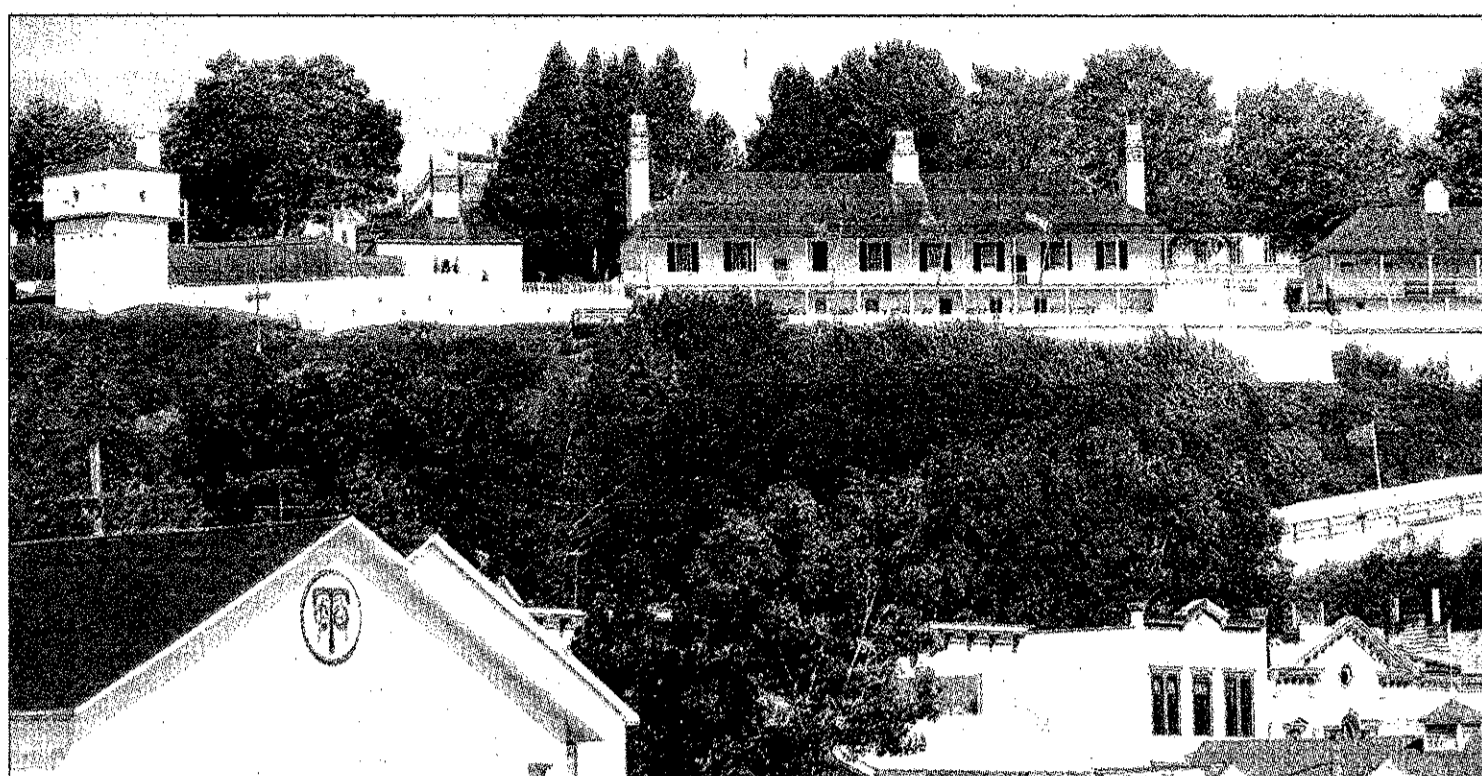
It sounds like you may have hurt your friend's feelings even though you were trying to do the right thing. Sometimes, people do want to talk about how they feel after losing something or someone so important to them. Your friend probably doesn't realize that you were actually trying to help by not bringing up painful memories. As for talking about you behind your back, I think she was feeling very confused about what she thought was insensitive behavior on your part. I encourage you to talk to her and explain that you were just trying to save her from painful memories and that you didn't mean to be insensitive. Let her know that you'll always listen if she ever wants to talk about her feelings and about the loss of her dog.

**I have a problem about a friend with a problem. My friend's problem has to do with food - he's addicted. And my problem with that is that he steals all of my food! Every time I see him, he's scarfing down a cheeseburger. What do I do?**

**Starving  
Garden City**

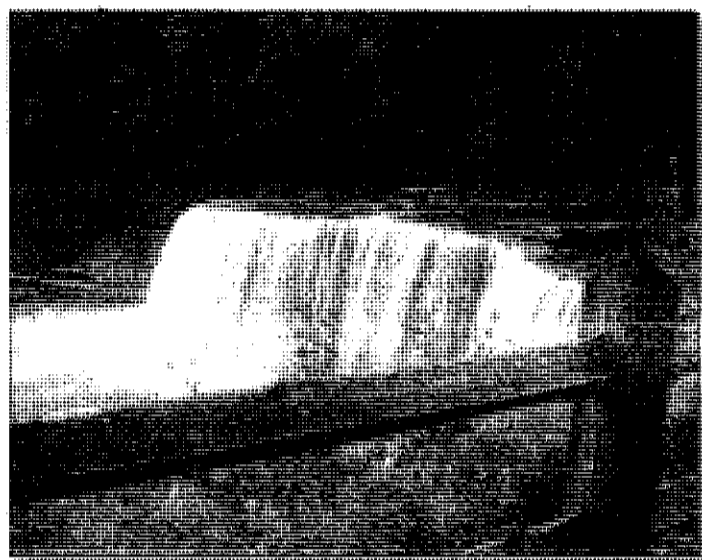
It sounds like there are two issues going on ... your concern for your friend's eating habits and your anger about your friend stealing your food. First, tell your friend to keep his hands off of your food. If he's stealing your lunch food, tell him that he can't eat your lunch anymore. Let him know that you feel angry when he helps himself to your lunch. Second, you can help your friend by letting him know that you are concerned that his eating habits aren't healthy ones. Ask him if there's something else going on that he'd like to talk about. Lots of times, people use food as a way of feeling better when they are under stress or feeling depressed. Invite him to shoot hoops with you or challenge him at a round of Guitar Hero ... exercise and activities not only help keep pounds off, they help us feel less stressed and less depressed. And if his hands are busy playing Guitar Hero, he can't be scarfing down cheeseburgers!

Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She can be reached by e-mail at [monicafulton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:monicafulton@sbcglobal.net).



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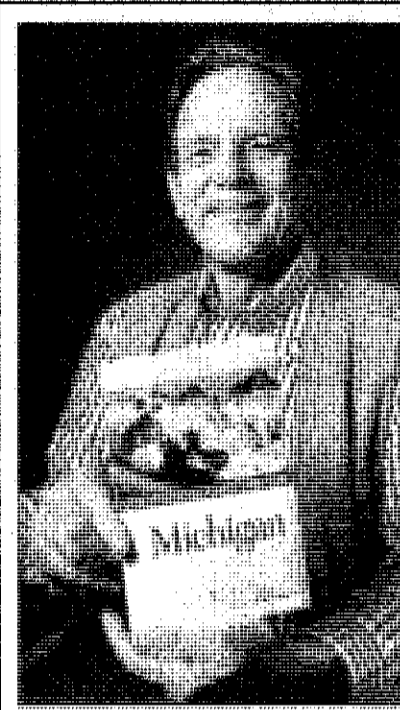
BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jeff Counts has explored all the wild areas of Michigan.

The former *Observer* community editor in Plymouth-Canton and Redford is an avid outdoorsman who has found Michigan a perfect place to hunt, fish, hike, canoe and bike. Now he's spreading the word in his first book, *Michigan*, part of the Explorer's Guide series of travel books.

Counts of Livonia originally proposed a book on the Upper Peninsula and learned something about the book proposal process and book marketing. "You have to do your own marketing research, get online, talk to tourism officials, find out how many people visit

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Jeff Counts has been to every corner of Michigan's two peninsulas to write his new Explorer's Guide Michigan.

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## Tin can sailors

## Old salts gather for bull session

**MICHIGAN BULL SESSION**

**What:** The annual gathering of the Tin Can Sailors  
**When:** Noon registration, 6 p.m. dinner Saturday, July 12  
**Where:** American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Cost:** \$35, includes dinner. Call (734) 425-2590. To register using a credit card, call (877) 846-2267. Deadline for registration is July 5.

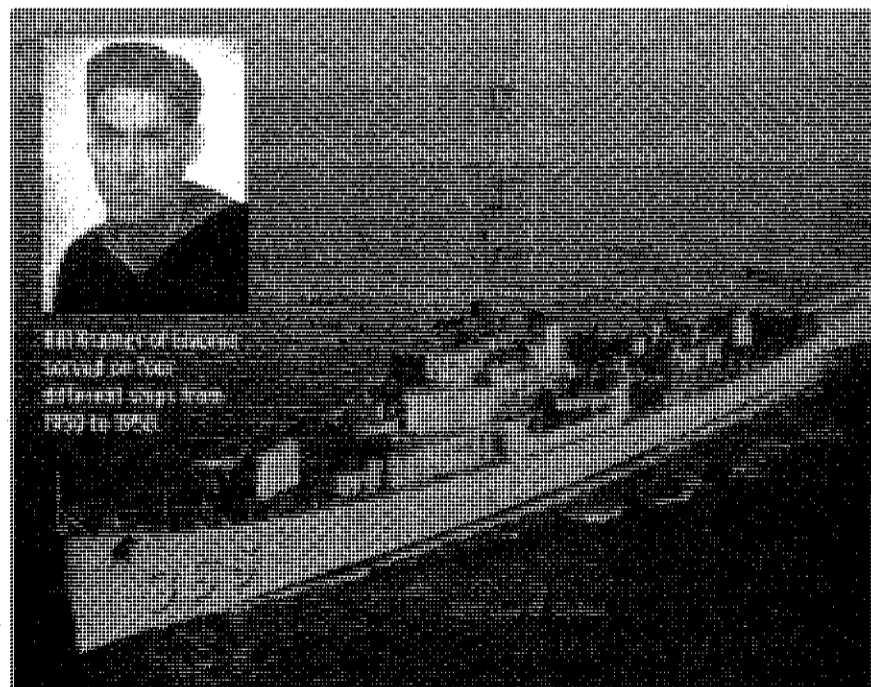
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bill Kramer compares serving on a destroyer to being tossed around like a cork in a bathtub. It's a rare experience sailors have shared since the first warship of this nature was built in the late 1800s.

Once a year, Kramer looks forward to hearing the stories of men who sailed aboard these vessels, but first he has to find them. As chairman of the annual Michigan Bull Session of Tin Can Sailors, Kramer is expecting the usual old salts Saturday, July 12, at American Legion Post 32 in Livonia, but would like to see some new faces. The Tin Can Sailors is the National Association of Destroyer Veterans.

Individual states hold the one-day events for all destroyer sailors regardless of when they served or which vessel they were on. Kramer served on four different ships including the U.S.S. Alvin C. Cockrell from 1950 to 1958. During the Korean War from 1950 to 1953 he helped train the Thai Navy. He's already received calls about the

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Bill Kramer served on the U.S.S. Alvin C. Cockrell. He's calling on all sailors to attend the Michigan Bull Session July 12, in Livonia.

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# Serious piano students happy to play through summer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rie Summers doesn't mind driving all the way from the Lansing area to Schoolcraft College in Livonia. She would do just about anything for her daughter Lisa to study with professor Donald Morelock at the Summer Piano School for students from middle-elementary through high school.

Lisa is especially looking forward to attending the Piano Concertos and Chamber Music program July 7-17. The first session, Solo Piano and Piano Duets, takes place June 16-27. Morelock is director of the summer school that offers intense sessions in music theory and history, composition, sightreading, keyboard technique, and master classes.

"Her piano teacher in the Lansing area was recommending Mr. Morelock," said Rie Summers of Mason.

Lisa began studying piano at age 5 and today takes lessons with teacher Gerardo Ascheri. She learned about the Summer Piano School a couple of

## SUMMER PIANO SCHOOL

**What:** Two sessions for piano students in mid-elementary through high school  
**When:** 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 16-27 (Solo Piano and Piano Duets) and July 7-17 (Piano Concertos and Chamber Music Performance) with hours tailored to individual students  
**Where:** Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

**Tuition:** \$310 per session. To schedule an audition time, call (734) 462-4403

years ago when Morelock judged one of the competitions she entered.

"I liked both sessions last year," said Lisa Summers. "It's been awhile since I was interacting with kids my age who like music. Last summer I starting learning to be more of a performer. Doing competitions and performing is a bit of a different crowd. I've been more conscious of how I present myself. There's a certain way to move."

Lisa needs to learn as much as she

can before applying to the University of Michigan School of Music to study for a degree in music performance.

Lisa enters her senior year in high school next fall. She admits she likes playing piano, because she's the center of attention. The Concertos and Chamber Music Performance session gives her the opportunity to rehearse and perform with a professional string ensemble.

"I like performing, people watching me and showing what I can do," said Lisa who recently won a Lansing Matinee Musicale scholarship. "I'm looking to be more comfortable playing with other people. I'm used to being the solo. I need to work with a quartet."

Anne Greenstein and the piano teacher members of the Farmington Musicale can't say enough about the Schoolcraft College summer school. Greenstein is chairwoman of the musicale's summer scholarship program which provides funding for students attending the Schoolcraft sessions as well as an operetta workshop at the Detroit Opera Theater.

The nonprofit musicale provides free monthly music programs from September through June and is affiliated with the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs.

"If we don't help the younger generation there won't be a future in music," said Greenstein of Farmington Hills. "Last year we sponsored three students, this year two students. We also do a citywide music competition for students (and award cash prizes)."

This year Kate Knoth and Zachary Jirik were selected to attend the summer piano school. Knoth is taught by Susan Coseo of Northville, Jirik by Janice Smith of West Bloomfield. Both teachers are members of the Farmington Musicale. To contribute to the scholarship fund, call (248) 626-7768. For more information about the Farmington Musicale or its teachers, visit FarmingtonMusicale.com. Parkwest Gallery in Southfield is a major donor for the piano workshop.

Smith, a past musicale president, said last year Jirik attended the workshop and although the first day was somewhat overwhelming, by the end

of the session he was so enthusiastic he did not want the workshop to end. His enthusiasm carried over into his piano studies this year.

"We offer these opportunities based on the child's abilities and a recommendation from one of our club's teachers," said Greenstein. "These are talented students."

In addition to registering students for the summer school, the Schoolcraft College music department is signing up young pianists for the fall semester for its' Piano Academy. The Elementary Division offers students in grades 1-4 a one-hour group lesson and a half-hour private lesson once a week. Intermediate Division students in grades 4 and above receive a 45-minute private lesson every week and a monthly master class with Donald Morelock, chairman of the college's music department.


For more information or an interview, call (734) 462-4403. An audition is necessary to enter the Intermediate Division of the Piano Academy.

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including painting, all levels of drawing, and a night class, All Media Painting. Book by demand are the workshops Metallic Gesso & Watercolor


and Gel Monotypes. New is The Warm Glow of Reflected Light, two all-day sessions in August with Gwen Tomkow. Costs range from \$20 for a one day workshop to \$128

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#### UPDATE ON OSTEOPOROSIS

Osteoporosis is the name given to fragile bones. This fragility often occurs in women after menopause when the decrease in estrogen production causes a loss of bone density and strength. A similar process of bone fragility often develops in men at a later age and is related to loss of androgen production.

DEXA imaging is the most common way of assessing bone loss. The DEXA scan evaluates the lumbar spine and both hips and generates a series of scores that a physician uses to determine if your bones have developed osteoporosis.

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Experience shows that at times, the DEXA test fails to show osteoporosis, but the vertebral fracture assessment imaging reveals a fragility fracture has occurred. In such instances, the vertebral fracture assessment finding overrules the DEXA results; then you should receive treatment appropriate for osteoporosis.

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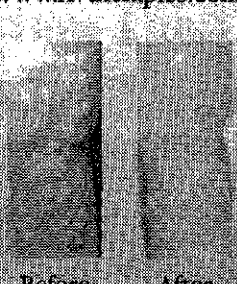
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**GUIDE**

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and what's the potential market for the book," he said.

In the end, the publisher wanted a book that covered the whole state, including Detroit and other urban areas.

The Explorer's Guide publisher asks their writers to veer away from chain lodgings, restaurants and stores to find the unique and local. They pay all expenses, writers are not allowed to take complimentary meals, admissions or lodging.

But Counts wasn't sure Michigan fit the "New England" model of other Explorer books.

"You can't swing a dead cat in New England without hitting a bed and breakfast or a cute little inn or quaint country store," he said.

**DIFFERENT LURE**

While Michigan has its share of B&Bs and quaint stores, it also has towns where the only place to shop is an IGA and the only places to stay are roadside cabins.

Hunting, fishing and boat-

ing used to be the major lures for visitors from outside the state, but Counts says that times have changed.

"Hunting and fishing are down, but even hunting and fishing have changed," he said. "More couples are involved. Hunting and fishing used be Bud and Fred in a bass boat and how much you could fill your freezer or did you get five deer this year. There is still some of that, but now people are traveling for a lesser amount of time but for a better experience."

Counts said a Michigan traveler can be fishing a trout stream one day and attending a wine tasting in Traverse City the next. The state has hip urban communities, pristine beaches, bike trails, vast forests and legendary trout streams.

The book is organized geographically to include every section of the state with interesting facts, places to stay, places to eat for fine dining and casual lunches, recreation opportunities, cultural and entertainment venues, museums and more. In addition to gathering the information and

providing lively commentary, Counts also took the numerous black and white photos. The book also includes maps for each section of the state.

**WANDERING AROUND**

Counts, publisher of the outdoor magazine *Streamside Journal*, has some strong opinions about different parts of the state that he admits don't fit with the views of others.

"My favorites are not the favorites in the book," he said. "My favorites are the quirky places. The publisher lets you be honest."

He says that Traverse City, the urban center of Up North Michigan, is "overrated," but he enjoys the quieter, nearby Lake Michigan towns of Ludington, Manistee and Frankfort. And he loves the UP and devotes a large section to Michigan's rich wilderness land from Grand Marais to the Keweenaw.

Counts said it is the vast amount of public land that makes the UP so special.

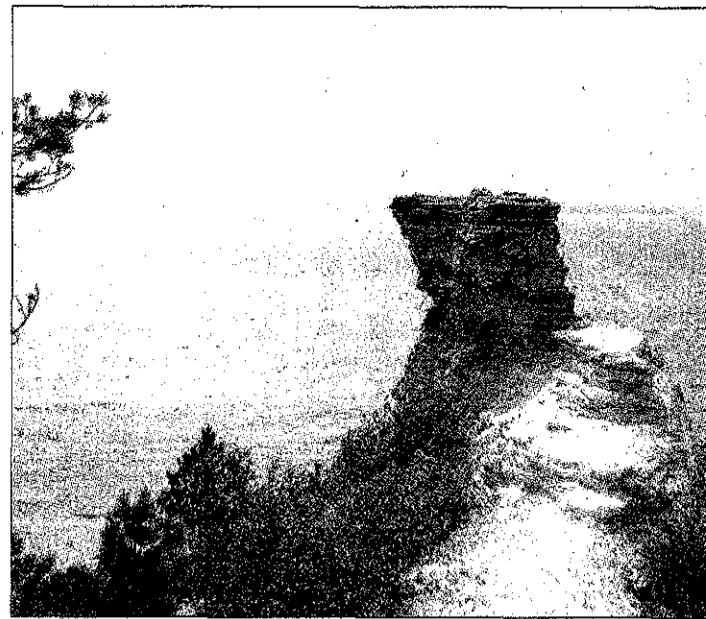
"In the UP we have thousands and thousands of acres," he said. "Nobody around,

the towns are cheap, rent a hotel room or camp. You can bird watch or canoe or camp, mountain bike all over the place. It's that old 19th century thing where you can wander. That's been lost in modern day society."

Counts says the state government hasn't been doing a good enough job promoting the state's recreational resources to other parts of the country and he thinks his book might help spread the word about our special place. "This is a good book to give to any prospective employer because employers are looking for places with a good quality of life," he said.

Counts said he's already started to hear from people about their favorite places that he wasn't able to include.

"I had a 100,000 word limit and at the end I was getting frantic and started to cut," he said.



JEFF COUNTS

Miner's Castle is one of the many striking features along the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore along Lake Superior in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

But he's been taking notes for a second edition. The Explorer Guides are updated every couple of years.

Meanwhile, he'll be making

the rounds for book signings in the weeks ahead and planning some other writing projects.

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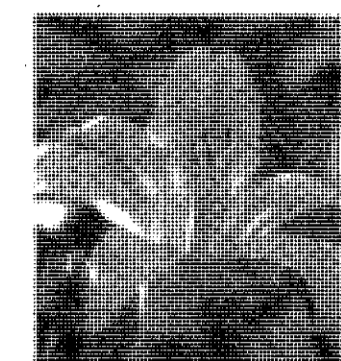
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**ADELINE CLARK BARNES**  
Age 81, died at her home in Birmingham, May 30, 2008. Mrs. Barnes was born March 28, 1927, in San Diego, California. She was active in St. James Episcopal Church, Girl Scouts, AAUW, Stoneycroft Hills Club and the Village Club. Adeline is survived by her husband of 57 years, Frank, children, Martha, Webb and Jane and grandchildren, Joshua and Alessa. Memorial service at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, Saturday, June 14th at 11am. Memorials appreciated to St. James Friends of Music, 355 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, 48009. Arrangements entrusted to:  
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**CAROLYN B. PECK**  
Age 82, June 5, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Roger Peck. Loving mother of Sharon (Glen) Holmes, Bill (Mary) Peck, Linda Peck-Farley, Debra (Steve) Brock, Bob (Laurie) Peck, and Carolyn (John) Thiele. Cherished grandmother of Joe, Jason, Nathaniel, Sarah, Melissa, Leah, Jonathan, Kyle, Ian, and Randi. Great-grandmother of Jacob, Ashley, Nicholas, and Melanie. Dear sister of Louise Galloway. Graveside services were held Friday at Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. Arrangements entrusted to THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington.  
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**JOSEPHINE DUNCHOCK**  
Age 92 of Bloomfield Hills, formerly of Detroit and Hamburg, Michigan, died June 3, 2008, at Clarkston Specialty Health Care Center. Mrs. Dunchock was born February 20, 1916, in Sioux City, Iowa. She was a graduate of South Eastern High School and prior to her marriage to Nicholas Dunchock, she attended Del Mar Beauty School in Detroit and became a licensed beautician. Mrs. Dunchock retired from her active work as a beautician to raise her family. She enjoyed her activity and association with the Our Shepherd Lutheran Church community. Mrs. Dunchock is survived by her daughter, Geraldine Joan (William) Vetter, son, Arnold (Dianne) Dunchock, grandchildren, Dana, Marcia, and Kellie and great-grandchildren, Samantha, Sydney, Tyler, Trevor and Jeri. She is also survived by her sister, Sophie Richards, a niece and nephews. Mrs. Dunchock is preceded in death by her husband, Nicholas. Funeral services were held Saturday at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Birmingham. Interment in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials appreciated to Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, 2225 E. Fourteen Mile Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48009. Arrangements entrusted to:  
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**R. ERIC STANLEY**  
Age 72, June 2, 2008. Beloved husband of Joan. Loving father of Marc (Cynthia), Peter (Dominika) and Richard (Jill). Cherished grandfather of Sara, Anna, Karl, Gareth, Kira, Caitlyn and Evan. Loving son of the late Stanley E. and Mary Stanley. Dear brother-in-law of the late James H. Allen. Eric served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He retired from Ford Motor Company and was a Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Dearborn. A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church (701 Church Street, Plymouth, MI 48170), Saturday, June 14th at 10:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army (16130 Northland Dr., Southfield, MI 48075-9522) and to the Dearborn Kiwanis Foundation: Eric Stanley Memorial Fund (22211 W. Warren, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127).

**MRS. SUZANNE EVA (Volgyesi) HAGEMAN**  
April 5, 1936, Budapest - June 4, 2008, Toledo  
Mrs. Suzanne Hageman of Toledo, OH passed away Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio. She was born in Budapest, Hungary on April 5, 1936 to Dr. and Mrs. Ferenc (Magda Tausik) Volgyesi. She emigrated to the USA in August 1959 to New Haven, CT. In 1962 she graduated with a BS in Medical Technology from the Quinnipiac and took a position in the Clinical Microscopy laboratory at Yale. She met her former husband, John H. Hageman at the Yale School of Medicine. They were married on June 2, 1962 at the Dwight Memorial Chapel by the Rev. William Sloane Coffin. They were blessed with four daughters: Margaret, Martha, Diane, and Kimberly. The family moved to Detroit, MI in July, 1967. Suzanne cared for her family with love and devotion. The family moved to Toledo in 1985. Suzanne completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1990 at the University of Toledo- Medical College of Ohio Consortium. Until 2001, Suzanne worked in several Toledo area nursing homes as an RN. Mrs. Hageman's life focus has always been her education, her career, and her family. She is survived by her former husband John Hageman; daughters, Margaret (Ed) Petrovich, Martha (Don Kirk) Hageman, Diane (Rick) Wickliff and Kim (Dave Felcan) Hageman; eight grandchildren; sister, Vera Ferenczi; sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Volgyesi, Diane Volgyesi, Nancy Ullom and brother-in-law, James Ullom; nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and cousins. Visitation will be held on Monday, June 9, from 12 noon until 2:00 PM at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3077 Valleyview Dr., Sylvania, OH, with funeral services starting at 2:00 PM. Interment will be at the Reformed Dutch Church Cemetery of Claverack, New York. Memorial contributions may be made to Myelodysplasia International Foundation, P.O. Box 310, Churchton, MD 20733. Arrangements by the Walker Funeral Home, 5155 Sylvania Ave. Toledo, OH. 43623 (419)-841-2422. Condolences may be sent to the family at:  
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**MAUREEN A. GALEA**  
June 5, 2008, age 77. Beloved wife of the late Charles. Dear mother of Timothy (Nancy), Ann Moore, Patricia (Gary) Glass, Catherine (Barry) White and Carolyn (Michael) Chico. Also leaves nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Sister of Genie (Gerry) Nehs, Linda Norton and the late Patricia Sanford. Services were held Saturday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at:  
[schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)

**NORMAN OSCAR NORGREN (Norm)**  
Howell, MI, age 63, passed away on June 4, 2008 at home with his wife and sister by his side. Norm was born in Pontiac, MI on November 8, 1944 to Oscar and Agnes (Nampa) Norgren. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from Central Michigan University and earned a Master's Degree from Eastern Michigan University. Norm started his teaching career for one year in Shepherd Public Schools. He worked for the Novi Community School District in the junior high and high school for 41 years as a world history teacher, auditorium manager, boys/girls cross country coach, and "Jack-of-all-Trades". He is survived by his wife, Sheila; his sons, Timothy and Andrew; sister, Jane (Mike) McKie; and grandsons, Gideon and Lincoln. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 14, at 11:00 am at the Borek Jennings Funeral Home in Howell. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Novi Educational Foundation for the Norman Norgren Memorial Scholarship, 25345 Taft Rd., Novi, MI, 48374.



**EARL C. OPPERTHAUSER**  
Age 83. Resident and former Mayor of Farmington Hills, passed away after a long battle with cancer June 3, 2008. Beloved husband of Ann, father of Denise (Michael), Kathy, Steve and Scott (Sheryl). Grandfather of Jason, Joe, Christina, Charles, Chloe, Megan, Brandon, Alex and Heather. Earl was a WWII veteran and earned his law degree after an honorable discharge in 1944. He became involved in his local community serving on the planning commission, drain commission, township board of trustees and two terms as Mayor of Farmington Hills. Services held at Heeney Sundquist Funeral home in Farmington.

**ELIZABETH (Betsy) BENTLEY**  
Age 67; of Rochester, MI; died May 28, 2008. Betsy was a 1959 graduate of Rochester High School and 27-year employee of Rochester Public Schools. She is survived by her mother, Elizabeth Cook, brother, Rev. Robert Cook, Jr., three children, Mark Bentley, Debbie Melekian, Amy Reilly and 4 grandchildren. Memorials gifts requested to Rochester Public Schools, Special Education Program or Old Village School, Northville, MI.

**NANCY J. DAUGHERTY**  
Age 73, of Diamondale, formerly of Plymouth and Livingston County. Mrs. Daugherty passed away on Tuesday in Lansing, following a brief illness. She was born June 2, 1935 in Whitmore Lake, MI, the daughter of Stewart and Virginia (Keebler) Stoll. She married Floyd Daugherty and he preceded her in death in 2002, she was also preceded in death by one son, Ronald in 1978. Nancy moved to Diamondale from the Plymouth area in 2004. Prior to her retirement she had been employed as a press operator with Vica Products in Plymouth for over 30 years. Surviving is one daughter, Debbie (John) Conrad of Charlotte, three sons, Floyd (Debbie) Daugherty of Ohio, Richard Daugherty of Michigan, and Mike (Chris) Daugherty of Twining. Also nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and two sisters, Joyce and Bobbi and two brothers, Jerry and Jim. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 5, 2008 in Brighton and burial followed at Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor.

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**THOMAS PERRY WARD**  
Age 82, died June 3, 2008 peacefully in his sleep. A 1943 WWII Veteran, served as a Flight Engineer and Army Air Corp who fought in Normandy, North France, Central Germany and Korea. Beloved husband of Mary Ann Ward for 37 years. Loving father of May and Jimmy Williams, Uncle of many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Predeceased by his parents William and Lula Ward, as well as his four sisters, Frieda W. Bailey, Ida L. Cappello, Ruth Davidson, and Eleanor Nichols. Services were held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. Condolences and/or contributions may be made to the family via the funeral home. Please make any contributions payable to Mary Ann Ward.

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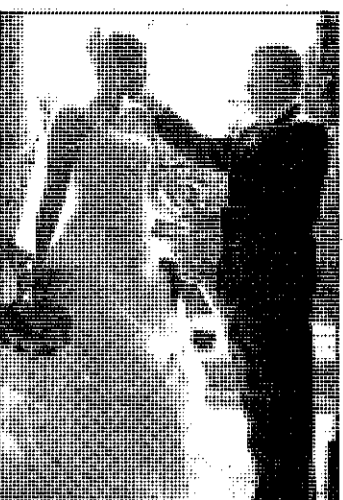
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**Dowedite-Ripley**  
Joyce Dowedite of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Kristin Michelle Dowedite, to David Jeffrey Ripley, son of John and Kathy Nibelink of Grand Rapids and Jeff and Teres Ripley of Sparta. The bride-to-be graduated from Livonia Churchill High School in 2000 and received a bachelor's degree in elementary education and theater from Hope College in 2004. She is enrolled in a masters' program at Grand Valley State University and is employed as a middle school teacher in Rockford. The future groom is a 2003 graduate of Forest Hills Northern High School. He is currently enrolled at Cornerstone University studying business management. He is currently working for Perkins Restaurant and Fredrick Meijer Gardens. A July wedding is planned for Holland, Mich.

**WEDDING**

**Benson-Stone**  
Barrie Elizabeth Benson and Paul Edward Xavier Stone were united in marriage Sept. 22, 2007, at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Lexington, Ky. The Rev. Robert L. Sessum officiated. The bride is the daughter of John K. and Judy B. Benson of Lexington, Ky. The groom is the son of Roger L. and Pamela T. Stone of Canton. Jessica Baldwin of Charleston, S.C., friend of the bride, served as maid of honor. The bride's honor attendants were Ruth Wilson, Amy Graves and Lindsay Bouchard, all friends of the bride; and Erik Benson, brother of the bride. The reader was Jan Gardner, aunt of the bride. Kevin Stone of Farmington, brother of the groom, served as best man. The groomsmen were Tomi Saveski and Joe Rork, fraternity brothers of the groom; Tate Dobbs and Trent Dobbs, friends of the groom. The ushers were Kislaya Sinha, Rich Firth and Ryan Miller. A reception was held at the Bodley-Bullock House. The bride is a graduate of Henry Clay High School in Lexington, the College of



Charleston in Charleston, S.C. and received a master's in business administration from Clemson University. She is employed by Sealed Air Corp., Cryovac Division, in Duncan, S.C. in new business development. The groom is a graduate of Traverse City High School, the University of Michigan and received a master of business administration degree from Clemson University. He is vice president of Acquisitions for TIC Properties in Greenville, S.C. The couple honeymooned in the Mediterranean. They reside in Greenville, S.C.

**Suchners celebrate 60th**  
Bill and Shirley Suchner of Westland are celebrating their 60th anniversary. The Suchners were married June 5, 1948, in Detroit. They have two sons, Bill Suchner of South Lyon and Tom Suchner of Kagal Canyon, Calif. The Suchners live in Westland during the summer and Nalcrest, Fla., during the

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winter. They have traveled extensively during their married life and continue to have an active lifestyle.

**SAILORS**

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event from as far away as West Branch, Indiana and Ohio. "We're looking for any Navy or Coast Guard who served aboard tin cans. In the old days that only covered the destroyer then they built the destroyer escort," said Kramer, 75, of Livonia. "The destroyer is a tin can, it's how you're bounced around. More guys served on destroyers than anything else, but it's for any sailor that served aboard a destroyer, destroyer escort, APD ship which hauls the frog man, or fast frigate which is taking the place of the destroyer. The Bull Session we get together for the camaraderie, yak away, tell sea stories. We sell merchandise too, shirts and jackets with Navy insignias and children's stuff, belt buckles and rank insignias." Kramer delights in spouting off in sea terminology saying a bubblehead is a submariner, snipes an engineer and the poop deck is as far forward as a sailor can go on a ship. It's apparent that Kramer, who was a deputy sheriff for Wayne County for 25 years, never lost his love for destroyers. He belongs to seven Navy-related organizations and twice a year works on a museum ship in Albany, N.Y. The U.S.S. Slater was built in 1943 and is one of seven museum ships around the country which are supported by Tin Can Sailors. Bill Biggerstaff attended his first Bull Session 20 years ago in Jackson. The 84-year-

old Wayne man served during World War II on convoy duty with the Reuben James which was sunk by torpedo off of western Iceland in October 1940. The Sturtevant DD 240 was later sunk in April 1942 off Marquesas Key, Fla., but he survived to spend the next 30 years as a Wayne police officer. Biggerstaff served a total of 42 years in the Navy and reserves as a chief torpedo man. "When the war started all the merchant ships were taking cargo to Europe. The Sturtevant had sonar for submarines so they could drop depth charges on enemy submarines," said Biggerstaff. "There were 60 ships in the convoys. Some had big bombers strapped on the ship. We were taking everything we could to England. They weren't doing too good. They were losing the war and we were in the North Atlantic taking convoys across. This was before Pearl Harbor and German U boats and Hitler sent the Bismarck. "When you think of most of the ships in the Navy, you think of big battleships, but then they started building destroyers, but they're small and they started calling them tin cans even though you're 300 feet long." Biggerstaff likes telling and listening to stories, that's why he's attended not only Michigan Bull Sessions but events in San Diego, Denver and New York. "You meet different people. Once a year they hold the national this year in August in Pittsburgh. You meet a lot of sailors but they're fading

away. They're dying away," said Biggerstaff. "I like the Navy people and they're all old timers like me, but Tin Can a lot of younger guys go to it." Ted King won't be attending the bull session because of his emphysema but enjoys talking about his Navy days as well. When he was younger, the 86-year-old Alpena man served in World War II with Biggerstaff. He remembers the day the U.S.S. Sturtevant was sunk, April 26, 1942. He'd been on the boat 13 months to the day. "There were a lot of German subs in the gulf (off Florida)," said King. "The month of April '42 merchant ships were sunk and the beaches were covered with oil. Miami Beach was nothing but oil." Donald Smith is one of the younger Tin Can Sailors who likes listening to the stories of old salts like King. Smith served from 1960 to 1963 on a destroyer tender, a repair ship, and then a destroyer, the U.S.S. Turner, an escort ship to aircraft ships which is used for close in combat where other ships can't go and for anti-submarine warfare. He's been to the bull sessions four times. He sailed all over the Atlantic, Mediterranean and Caribbean. "It's interesting to talk to people on different ships and different times," said Smith of South Lyon. "Sailors from the late 1930s to early 2000s attend. Some were in the Second World War, Korean War, at Vietnam or around Vietnam."

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**REUNIONS**

**Berkley High School Class of 1958**  
Planning a 50th Reunion, Sept 19-21, 2008. All members of January 1958, June 1958 and January 1959 are invited. At Somerset Inn, 2601 West Big Beaver Road, Troy. Events include: a Friday evening hospitality party, Saturday afternoon tour of BHS and lunch, dinner Party at the hotel on Saturday evening and brunch at hotel Sunday morning followed by a golf outing. Contact: [csingerbhs58reunion.org](mailto:csingerbhs58reunion.org) for access to the web site: [www.bhs58reunion.org](http://www.bhs58reunion.org) or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-5984.

**Bishop Borgess High School Classes of 1970, '71, '72, '73 and 1974**  
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**Brighton High School Class of 1989**  
Planning our 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at

"yahoo groups- brighton high school class of 1989" to get more information.

**Clarenceville High School Class of 1988**  
A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill at [resource@gfn.org](mailto:resource@gfn.org).

**Crestwood High School Class of 1968**  
A 40th class reunion Oct. 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch, (313) 937-3477 or e-mail [CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com](mailto:CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com).

**Dearborn High School Class of 1963**  
A 45-year reunion planned Aug. 1, 2008. Father Patrick O'Kelly Hall, Dearborn. Contact Betsy Cushman at (313) 565-5972 or [ecushman@comcast.net](mailto:ecushman@comcast.net).

**Dearborn Edsel Ford Classes of 1958**  
The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion on Saturday Aug. 2, 2008, at the

Dearborn Country Club. Judy Richards Goerke at (313) 562-9031, [judygoerke@yahoo.com](mailto:judygoerke@yahoo.com) or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 348-9443, [Shirley.peters@villageford.net](mailto:Shirley.peters@villageford.net) may be contacted for further information.

**Dearborn Edsel Ford January Class of 1958**  
A 50th reunion will be held Oct. 3 at the Dearborn Inn. Note the October date and location for the January class reunion. Call Nancy at (248) 851-5257 or Pat at (734) 427-0256 for further information.

**Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1968**  
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#### BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST

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#### HONESTY A MUST

BF, 42, 5'4", 186lbs, shapely, brown/brown, seeking an honest man, 40-50, N/Drugs, who enjoys the good things in life. I like plays, dancing, dining out, good company and working out. ☎256808

#### CLASSY LADY

SWF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. ☎207254

#### BLACK BEAUTY SEEKS...

White Knight. Spontaneous SWF, 35, brown eyes, in search of adventurous, handsome, attractive WM, 25-50, with great sense of humor. I enjoy movies, reading, working out, more. ☎262020

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SWF, 47, with a young heart enjoys cartoons, music, dancing, good food, good fun. Looking for SF, 30-65, with same interests. ☎269376

#### BEAUTIFUL SWF

37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. ☎271683

#### BEAUTIFUL

SWF, 37, beautiful, classy and open-minded, looking for BF, 25-40, race open, D/D free, H/W proportionate. You must be confident with who you are. ☎271860

#### HEART OF GOLD

SWF, 39, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys crossword puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 8+, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. ☎265442

#### TAKE A CHANCE!

SWF, 30, middle school teacher, likes nature, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. ☎263845

#### NURSE

Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. ☎408879

#### LOOKING FOR A COMPANION

Tall, attractive W/WF, 60s, enjoys good conversation, walks, playing board/card games, antiques and more. Looking for honest gentleman, 64-80, with a wide variety of interest to share all life offers. ☎236416

#### VERY LOVING PERSON

Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun. ☎273294

#### STILL SEEKING

SWF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎113198

#### COULD IT BE YOU?

SWF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, always searching, shopping, more. Looking for a SM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. ☎235988

#### HARD WORKER SEEKS SAME

SWF, 44, N/S, mother, seeks old-fashioned BM, 29-49, N/S, homebody to explore all life has to offer! I enjoy reading, bike rides, playing tennis. ☎274519

#### LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

SWF, 42, smoker, seeks WFM, 40s-60s, smoker, who enjoys concerts, relaxing, bowling, dining, time at home. ☎269456

#### HERE I AM GUYS

Loving, sexy SWF, 34, caramel complexion, 5'5", 156lbs, brown eyes, independent, employed, secure. Seeking warm-hearted intelligent, commitment-minded man who wants to share something real. ☎238307

#### PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL

SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. ☎891247

#### STARTING OVER

SWF, with two teens, 5'3", 140lbs, short hair, would like to meet a nice, honest, down-to-earth man for friendship, possibly leading to LTR. Race open. 40-50. ☎277526

#### HELLO

SAF, 49, 5'2", 110lbs, slim and pretty, independent, loving, caring and down-to-earth, loves movies, fine dining, travel and quiet times home. Seeking well-educated SW/AM, 47-55, clean-cut, handsome, independent and warm. ☎240755

#### GORGEOUS SMILE!

SWF, 26, 5'6", 130lbs, slim build, smoker, D/D-free, seeks BF, 18-60, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. I enjoy movies, dining, television, cuddling. ☎257889

#### LET'S GET TOGETHER!

Sexy SWF, 40, N/S, seeks fun and witty WM, 35-50, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎270132

#### IN THIS BOX U CAN FIND...

A 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5'7", 120lbs, long dark curly hair, N/D, N/S, D/D-free, never married, no children. Interested? Call ☎224748

#### GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Good looking SWF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 5'7"-6", 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. ☎147056

#### COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 46, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. ☎230694

#### SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 46-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ☎962317

#### LET'S GET TOGETHER

Sexy, mature, intelligent BF, 35, 5'5", 130lbs, seeks mature, intelligent man, for casual dating and friendship. ☎267624

#### LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE

Hi my name is Lois, I'm a 58-year-old widow with dark blonde hair, blue eyes, and I wear glasses. I have no children but have 3 cats. I enjoy reading, music, old movies, going up north, museums, historical places, quiet evenings at home, gardening and also enjoy a lot of other things and open to many more. I've got a sense of humor, love to laugh, very caring and considerate person. Looking for someone with similar interests, not necessarily the same as mine. Seeking a long-term relationship and see what happens. ☎137067

### WHY NOT CALL?

SWF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. ☎2717234

### HI THERE!

Mature SWF, 50, seeks sexy, handsome SWM, to develop a lasting relationship and maybe more. Let's meet soon! ☎268278

### MUST LOVE WRESTLING!

Full-figured, shapely SWF, 33, lonely, seeks SWM (only) who enjoys wrestling, football, hockey, fishing, going to the movies for friendship first and maybe more. ☎266689

### GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SWF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎963760

### COUNTRY GIRL

Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWFF, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", H/W proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. ☎759645

### ARE YOU HERE?

SWF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest SWM, 58-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. ☎269770

### ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. ☎630808

### LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. ☎210247

### I NEED A LOVE...

Charming SWF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. ☎68059

### READY FOR A FRESH START?

DWF, 47, 5'3", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. ☎92549

### SEEKING MR. RIGHT

Classy SWF, hoping to meet mature SM, 45-60. I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? ☎85794

### SEEKING FRIENDSHIP

SWF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 156lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, party retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. ☎134425

### DO YOU EXIST?

DWF, 58, 5'2", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WFM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. ☎200295

### HELLO THERE

Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. ☎113901

### A WOMAN OF CLASS

SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? ☎271085

### HIDDEN TREASURE

I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+. ☎212790

### FOLLOW THIS HEART

DWF, 59, 5'2", attractive, sincere, lovable, is anything for you. Love life in general, likes doing anything with that someone special. Call me, you won't be disappointed. ☎276729

### LOOKING FOR ME?

Attractive SWF, 54, full-figured, sincere and warm, enjoys reading, cooking, walks, people Seeking loving, good-humored, Christian gentleman, 49-57, 5'11"-6'2", employed, easygoing and kind to share all life offers. ☎249687

### IT'S WORTH THE CALL

SWF, 20, 5'3", 250lbs, hard-working, student, no kids, seeks a cool guy to chill with, get to know, have good times and see where it goes. ☎255979

### FUN & OUTGOING

SWF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. ☎257908

### GET TO KNOW ME

BF, 57", full-figured, brown eyes, N/S, social drinker, looking for a gentleman, 45-60, to share good, clean fun. ☎20735

### SEEKING SAVED MAN

SWF, 27, N/S, seeks a good man, 29-51, N/S, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friendship first. ☎265509

### MEN SEEKING WOMEN

#### SIMILAR INTERESTS?

SBM, 46, 5'11", 200lbs, muscular, creative, no children, enjoys writing, reading, music. Looking to meet a lady, race open, for movies, outdoors, dining and more. ☎276377

#### A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'11", handsome and secure, seeks honest SW/DFW, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

#### LOOK HERE!

Outgoing WM, 46, brown/hazel, 225lbs, likes walks, reading history, fishing, biking, all kinds of movies, bowling, horseback riding, most music, sports, more. Seeking WF, 25-55, to share these interests with. ☎278709

#### SEARCHING FOR YOU

Affectionate DWM, 65, brown hair, N/S, D/D-free, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, The Red Wings. ISO a special lady, 48-59, to share friendship, dates, possible LTR. ☎290969

#### FRIENDSHIP FIRST

SWM, 6', 145lbs, enjoys hiking, kayaking, road trips, walking my dog, music, hanging out with friends and more. Looking for SWF, 18-42, to spend time with. ☎271027

#### BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE

SWM, 46, N/S, good-looking, trustworthy, enjoys boating, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. ☎205048

#### A LOT TO OFFER

SBM, 38, N/S, loves walking, jogging, dinner and a movie, having fun, partying. Looking for SF, 28-70, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎278442

#### LAID-BACK GENTLEMAN

BM, 61, 255lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, nice sense of humor, likes dining out, bowling, some travel and having fun. If you would like to join me, please call. 30-40. ☎278643

#### FRIENDSHIP FIRST

WM, 5'11", 180lbs, works in construction, looking for a woman, 38-55, to go out and do things with. I enjoy racing, the water and more. ☎257001

#### EASYGOING

Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/LTM SWF, for dating and fun times. ☎187814

### LOVES THE OUTDOORS

WM, 78, 5'7", 170lbs, N/S, looking for a lady around the same age, for dinner, movies, travel, tv and walks. ☎276731

### THE ONE TO CALL

WM, 60, brown/brown, tall, slim, secure, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind lady to go out and have a good time with. We'll see what develops from there. ☎277435

### HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING

Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SWM, 44, ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-65, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎968147

### HOPE 2 HEAR FROM U SOON

SWM, 43, in shape, 5'8", 170lbs, brown/brown, looking for older woman 50-60, fit and attractive, easygoing and secure, who knows how to have a good time in life. ☎251226

### FOREIGN FEVER

New to michigan 39, 6'3", white male good sense of humor enjoy sports, concerts, movies, dining out seeks foreign female for dating, possible relationship. ☎253132

### LOOKING 4 A SWEET WOMAN

Hard-working, caring, warm-hearted SM, 47, enjoys dancing, dining, bowling, documentaries and comedy films, cooking, nice times home, laughs and more. Looking for loving, happy lady to share these. Friendship/LTR. ☎253142

### SEEKING EBONY WOMAN

Attractive SWPM seeking BF for dating. New to area and looking to explore the city. Sense of humor, easygoing, attractive, H/W proportionate, affectionate, established, likes to travel. ☎282579

### A GOOD MAN

SM, 45, 5'8", looking for a full-figured female, 25-50, for dating, possible LTR. Race unimportant. ☎264078

### GOOD MAN FOUND

Recently divorced BM, 43, 5'8", 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, nights out, intelligent conversation, weekend trips, seeking easy going, smart, affectionate female. ☎267088

### SEEKING A SLIM GOODIE

Attractive SWM, 43, 5'11", 190lbs, medium build, light complexion, N/S, seeks slender BF, 18-43, who wants to be treated like a princess! ☎267553

### TIRED OF BEING ALONE

SWM, 47, homeowner, looking for some female companionship. Seeking a woman, age open, who wants to meet a good man. ☎266640

### DOWN-TO-EARTH

Slim, hard-working SWM, 48, 140lbs, looking for SF, 33-53, N/S, N/D, for friendship leading to marriage. ☎266674

### COUNTRY BOY-AT-HEART

Hardworking WM, 62", 195lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys comedy movies, horseback riding, soccer, softball, camping and more. Seeking outgoing W/F, 25-45, for dating, possibly leading to more. ☎269231

### NEW TO THE AREA

SWM, 35, 5'11", 200lbs, brown/hazel, smoker, seeks woman, 25-40, for dining, movies, quiet times at home. ☎269861

### LET'S MEET SOON!

SWM, 44, 190lbs, very good-looking, very fit, I have a good job, seeks nice woman, 25-44, to spend time with, leading to serious LTR. ☎247784

### ENJOY LIFE

DWM, 62", 225lbs, we teen son, looking for a N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, medium build, who is ambitious, likes to laugh and have fun. I like walks, bike riding and more. 43-50. ☎276844

### LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT

W/WM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. ☎265340

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# CIRCUMVENTING A NARCISSISTIC BOSS



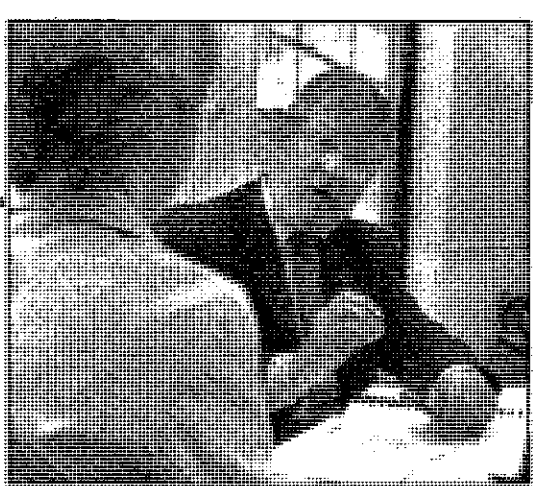
**WORKWISE**  
by Mildred L. Culp

You're bound to run into narcissistic bosses at some point in your career, because they gravitate toward leadership. "Most public leaders have a large streak of narcissism in them or I don't think they'd be able to lead," says psychologist and executive coach Randall White, principal at The Executive Development Group L.L.C., in the Greensboro, N.C., location. "They tend to be perceived as overly ambitious... (with) an it's all about me-quality, becoming extremely harsh with employees."

He maintains that this self-orientation shapes a view of the world that colors everything they do and say. It also sets agenda as theirs alone. Most are task-oriented, "letting the crumbs fall down on employees to make the boss look good," White adds.

David Nour, CEO of BeOneNow Inc., in Atlanta, a coaching firm specializing in relationship economics, points out that narcissists "actually get joy or, perhaps, attention from creating discomfort for others." Also a coach, he believes further that narcissists can be skilled manipulators who think that they can get others to perform by manipulating them. Unfortunately, sometimes the tactic works.

**BEHAVIOR**  
It's easier to avoid the traps than to get out of them, but you have to learn how to spot them. While you might think that conversation alone -- virtual or face-to-face -- can ensnare you, that's not the case. Bill Krug, associate professor in the Organizational Leadership Department of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., reports that bosses with impossible performance demands might well be narcissists, endlessly "nitpicking, no matter what you bring. They're never satisfied. After the fifth change, you bring your original..." and they accept it.



Psychologist Randall White coaches a colleague about narcissistic bosses. A principal at the Greensboro, N.C., location of The Executive Development Group L.L.C., he offers uncommon insight into handling this troublesome type of boss.

Fortunately, there are several ways to get out of the trap. Leaving -- getting promoted or completely moving -- might be an option, if you can get a good recommendation, according to Nour. But there might be compelling personal or professional reasons to keep your job.

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Farmington Hills prosthodontic practice. 32 hr/wk. Mon-Thur. 8-5. Call: 248-626-6656 or Fax resume: 248-626-5023

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

**Radiology Compliance Officer**  
Direct and Manage operations under the guidance of Medical Director. Exp. in Quality Metrics, Compliance and Integrity issues, preferably in Radiology. Technical training and/or Healthcare background desired. Please fax resume in confidence to RadMetrics: 248-723-5225

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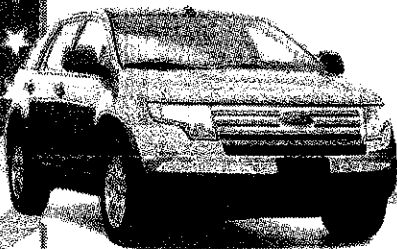


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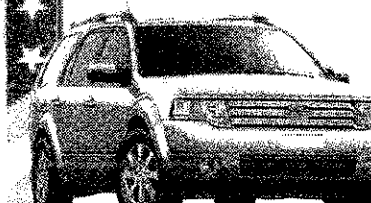


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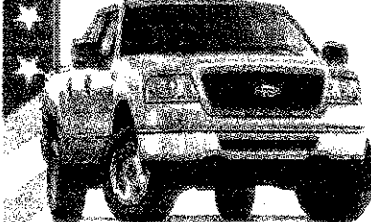


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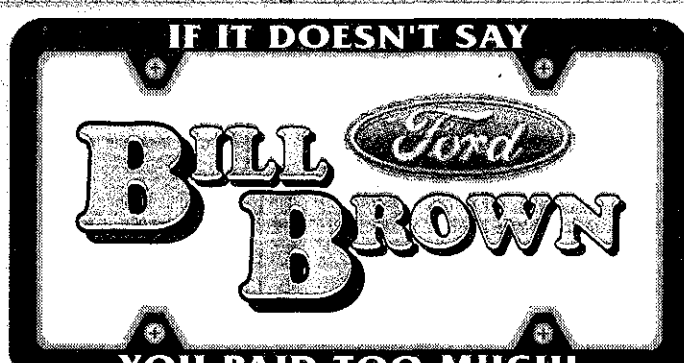
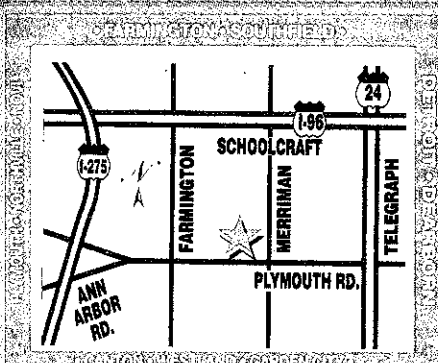
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