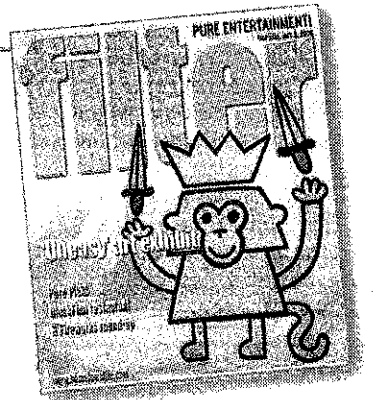


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Westland man accused of stalking teen

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Hunter

A registered sex offender has been charged with stalking a 13-year-old boy who lived a couple streets away from him on Westland's southwest side. Cherokee Lee Hunter, 29, faces a court hearing today (Thursday) on charges of stalking a minor, contributing to his

delinquency and being a second-degree habitual offender. Hunter, who lives on Surrey Heights, is accused of befriending the boy in June on Springer Drive and offering to help him fix

his scooter, police Sgt. Debra Mathews said. "After awhile, the kid became uncomfortable around him," she said. Hunter is accused of stalking the boy between June 8 and 23, at one point going into a backyard where the child lived, drinking a beer and waiting for him to come outside, Mathews said.

"The boy saw him and ran next door and got his mom," who was visiting a neighbor, the detective said. The boy's mother and stepfather warned Hunter to stay away, Mathews said, but he continued stalking the boy by riding a bicycle by his house and sitting outside in his vehicle. The boy's parents went

to police, and Hunter was arraigned June 25 in front of Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos. Hunter was jailed with a \$250,000 cash bond, and a not-guilty plea was placed on record for him. Hunter is scheduled today for a preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. If con-

victed, he could face up to seven years and six months in prison, Mathews said. Hunter already had been placed on probation for a 1997 incident in Wayne in which he was convicted of second-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a 12-year-old girl, Mathews said.

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Student faces trial in fatal crash

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

A Livonia Stevenson High School student accused in the drunken driving death of a Westland man was bound over as an adult on charges of second-degree murder Tuesday following a sometimes emotional preliminary hearing. Daniel Aldo Andreassi, 16, was bound over on all charges by 16th District Court Judge Robert Brzezinski in connection with the death of Anthony Cosenza, 20, in a traffic collision in the early hours of May 18 on the city's northwest side. He is being held without bond at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility. If convicted, Andreassi could spend the rest of his life in prison.

went off shift at midnight and slept in the car until Cosenza clocked out a half-hour later. "Tony woke me up and I put on my seat belt," she said. "We pulled out to get in the left turn lane, I saw the headlights and screamed 'Tony!'" She said she still doesn't remember a lot about what happened afterward other than she was taken to St. Mary Mercy and later to Beaumont Hospital. In tearful testimony, Adams revealed she was unable to work because her right arm is still too damaged for her to write and her broken ribs, bruised lungs and lacerated spleen prevent her from playing with or even holding her children. Most of the high school students called on to testify about a party Andreassi attended the night of the accident danced around the subject. There was great unanimity in most of their stories, but there were few details.

According to Livonia police investigators, Andreassi's Camaro was traveling at 109 mph on Five Mile Road when he struck Cosenza's Mercury Sable broadside as he pulled out of the 1 Under Bar and Grill just after midnight. Cosenza was later pronounced dead at St. Mary Mercy Hospital and his passenger and fiancée Amy Adams, 20, was badly injured. Cosenza and Adams were employees at 1 Under.

Mark Wagner, 15, said he saw Andreassi at the party but did not see him drinking. Wagner testified that he was prone to speeding in traffic. Alex Dupuie, 15, was at the party with Andreassi. He said he had seen him at the beer pong table in the basement of the house, but said he did not see Andreassi playing the game. He said he had warned him not to drive. "I told him not to drive because even when he's sober, he's not the safest driver,"



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Daniel Andreassi and his attorney, Jerome Sabbota, listen to the testimony of witnesses during Andreassi's preliminary examination on charges stemming from a car crash that claimed the life of Westland resident Anthony Cosenza.

Dupuie said. Several of the young men said they asked Andreassi if he needed a ride home that night, but only because they "assumed" he had been drinking and he was not, as one of them testified, "acting stupid." But one of those boys, 16-year-old Alex Gonzales, told a different story in a voice often too soft for the court to hear.

He and his brother — both of whom had been drinking — got a ride home from the party from Andreassi. He said Andreassi had been drinking that night, he had been playing the drinking game, there was beer in the car and he had run a red light on the way back from the party. "He said he didn't care," Gonzales said. "He said he

hadn't cared for three years." The court also heard from drivers in the area the night of the accident who saw Andreassi's silver sports car ram into the Sable. Prosecutor Larry Talon said Andreassi showed the kind of disregard for the safety of others that warranted the severest charges. "He acted with a wanton

and willful disregard," he said. "He doesn't care what happens to anyone else." Judge Brzezinski ruled that the prosecutor's office had made their case well enough to send Andreassi to Circuit Court on the full charges. "This kid was screwing around that night," he said. "He's going to answer for that."

Hampton: County must be responsive

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Hampton

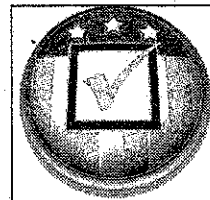
Promising bold, innovative leadership, Wayne County Commission candidate Hilliard Hampton II hopes to make county government more responsive and accountable to the residents it serves. Hampton, a third-term Inkster mayor, believes he can help to achieve those goals while working with other leaders to make county government more cost-efficient and proactive, whether it's fixing crum-

bling roads or remediating Westland's lead-contaminated Central City Park. "My main priority is to streamline county government," he said. Hampton, 54, is among eight commission hopefuls vying to become the 12th District Democratic nominee in the Aug. 5 primary.

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12TH COMMISSION DISTRICT

Today, the Observer begins a series of profiles of candidates seeking the 12th District Wayne County Commission seat, which represents Westland, Inkster and south Livonia. The series will unfold with eight Democrats and conclude with two Republicans. Party nominees will be chosen in the Aug. 5 primary to compete in the Nov. 4 general election. The overall winner will get a two-year term. The job pays \$68,411 a year.



Kaye: County has to protect jobs

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Kaye

Calling illegal immigration a growing threat to U.S. jobs, Wayne County Commission candidate Douglas Kaye has proposed an economic policy that protects union jobs, places more scrutiny on contractors, halts cronyism and punishes companies that violate the rules. Kaye, a Livonia resident, Dearborn attorney and former union building trades worker, has launched an Internet-based cam-

paign at www.douglaskaye.com that he hopes will help him reach out to voters disgruntled with status-quo politics. "The heart and soul of the Democratic Party has been the labor movement," he said. "I feel like we're getting away from that." Kaye, 61, is among eight

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AROUND WESTLAND

Holiday hours

Due to the Independence Day holiday, there will be no rubbish pickup on Friday, July 4. Service will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week. In addition, City offices and 18th District Court will be closed on July 4. Bailey Recreation Center also will be close, however, outdoor pool will remain open.

Meals drivers needed

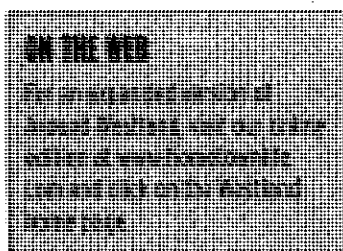
Residents who have the time and available transportation can help the elderly delivering meals to homebound seniors as part of the Meals on Wheels program. The route can be done in approximately 45 minutes, and mileage is paid to the driver. Half the route is a senior high-rise lobby drop-off, the other consists of a condo route.

For more information, call Barbara Ramseur at (734) 722-7632 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Let there be mud

Combine 200 tons of topsoil and 20,000 gallons of water and - in an instant - you have every child's fantasy and every mother's nightmare. Mud Day is coming to the Nankin Mills Area of Hines Park in Westland 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 8. The "champions," Mr. & Mrs. Mud, will be crowned, and the Westland Fire Department will be on hand to hose off all the muddy kids.

This event is for groups of 15 or more kids. For more information, call Kim at (734) 261-9087 to register.



Bible school

The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will hold a vacation Bible school 5:30-8 p.m. July 14-18 at the church at 29425 Annapolis, Westland. The church also holds a community forum from 7-8:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information, call (734) 728-3440.

Legislative briefing

Wayne County Commissioner Ronalee Bowman, D-Westland, is hosting two Legislative Briefings and Community Ice Cream Socials for residents of county's 12th Commission District, which includes Inkster, Westland and the southern portion of Livonia.

The first briefing will be held 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, from at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland. The second briefing will be held 1:30-3:30 p.m. Friday, July 18, at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Center, 2025 Middlebelt, Inkster.

Bowman will provide an update on Wayne County's legislative agenda, which includes budget deliberations that are currently taking place. Joining her for presentations will be Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, Wayne

County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz, and Kevin Kelley, director of the county's senior citizens and veterans affairs department.

The event is free and is open to the public. To sign up for the event, call Bowman's office at (313) 224-0902 by July 14.

Foundation fund-raiser

The Westland Community Foundation will sponsor a Christmas in July fund-raiser with a "champagne and diamond" reception 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, July 25, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, on Joy east of Newburgh. It will feature live and silent auctions, dueling pianos, special presentations, a "strolling dinner" and an open bar. Evening attire is requested. One woman will win a diamond. Tickets are \$50 per person. Call (734) 595-7727.

Parade of ponds

The seventh annual Elegant Environments Parade of Ponds is scheduled for July 26-27. It's a self-guided tour of Downriver gardens and ponds. Tickets are \$12 and include both days. They are available at the Westland Historic Village Park. Proceeds will benefit the Westland Garden Club. For more information, call (734) 728-1232 or (734) 522-3918.

Register to vote

Time is running out to register to vote in the August primary election. The last day to register is Monday, July 7, to be eligible for the Primary Election, which is Tuesday, Aug. 5. For more information, call the Westland City Clerk's Office at (734) 467-3185.

GC man dies in accident

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Garden City man died Wednesday morning, possibly from a medical condition, after his truck crossed into oncoming traffic on Warren Road in Westland and hit another vehicle head-on, a police officer said. Randal Marlow, 56, died when his Ford F-150 was traveling east on Warren near Floral, a quarter-mile west of Inkster Road, and hit a 2003 Saturn Ion driven westbound by a 73-year-old Dearborn Heights woman,

Officer Jack McIntosh said. The accident happened about 9:44 a.m. Wednesday on Westland's northeast side. A witness reported seeing Marlow slumped over the wheel of his truck, and authorities said alcohol and speed apparently weren't involved. Rather, McIntosh said, "we think it might be medical-related." Marlow's truck hit the car, overturned, struck a utility pole and sheared it off, McIntosh said. The force crushed in the roof before the F-150 hit a small

tree and came to rest on the driver's side, he said. Marlow was initially trapped inside the truck, and he died even though authorities managed to free him. The accident happened on a clear day during what McIntosh described as "perfect road conditions." The woman driving the Saturn Ion was taken to a hospital for treatment, but McIntosh said her injuries weren't life-threatening.

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LPS budget passes, but conversations will continue

BY REBECCA JONES
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After taking steps to reduce next year's expenses by \$5.7 million, Livonia Public Schools is still left with a "budget gap" of \$2.8 million. The school board approved the 2008-09 budget - \$155.8 million in revenues, and \$158.6 million in expenses - with a 6-1 vote Monday. "Although we've had a deficit budget, meaning that expenditures have exceeded our revenues, for many of the last several years our goal has been to attempt to keep those lines as close together as we can, using our fund equity, while we attempt to maintain programs and reduce the number of budget cuts as much as we possibly can, while maintaining fiscal integrity," said Lisa Levesque,

director of business services. The \$2.3 million in cuts includes custodial services, elementary and secondary education, student services, central administration and community services. The district also has a target of finding ways to save or raise \$800,000 more. LPS also expects to save \$2.6 million next year as a result of the early retirement incentive. The difference will be taken from the fund balance, which will be left with \$3.8 million at the end of the year. The district's budget challenges - due primarily to declining enrollment and state funding limitations - won't be going away, Levesque said. "As we look forward ... we will be talking about budget quite a bit," she said. District officials will be watching as state legislators

finalize the budget for this year. They're counting on a \$71 per student increase. Trustee Cynthia Markarian said declining enrollment is not just a problem in Livonia. Districts all over Michigan are losing students. "What we're trying to do here is take what we have and give our kids the best program that we could," she said, adding that until now, the district has been able to do a good job at keeping options available for them. "There's some deep cuts in here and next year we know it's going to hurt real bad." Trustee Steve King voted no. He said the district hasn't been making tough enough decisions. "We've not been making cuts as much as we've been borrowing from fund equity," he said.

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KAYE

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Democrats hoping to become the 12th District commission nominee in the Aug. 5 pri-

mary. Two Republicans also are in the race, as candidates seek the seat that former Commissioner Kay Bear left in March after 30 years. The district includes Westland, Inkster and south Livonia. The winner of the

November election will earn a two-year term that pays \$68,411 a year, although Kaye has suggested the commission should take a 10 percent pay cut in a gesture to help trim spending.

Kaye, a Detroit College of Law graduate and former U.S. Army military police officer, said he believes illegal immigration will become a larger problem in the Detroit area, and he said local government should adopt strict policies aimed at protecting local jobs. "I see illegal immigration as another form of union-busting," he said, adding that employers creating the problem should be fined or even worse. "I'd like to see them go to jail, frankly, but I don't know that I can hope for that."

He also supports performance bonds for vendors and companies as a way to ensure payments for Social Security, unemployment, workers' compensation and health insurance. On other economic issues, Kaye called for efforts to improve the area's infrastructure; refrain from tax breaks for companies; ban Canadian and out-of-state trash, or increase fees; prosecute companies that interfere in election processes; and develop stronger rules allowing the county commission to subpoena and investigate developers, contractors and vendors. Kaye vowed to reject donations from contractors and vendors and avoid fund-raisers. Moreover, he said the

commission should place more issues up for public votes to give citizens a greater say in their county government. He called for greater efforts to promote voting by mail, through cable and by the Internet. The county should implement a four-day work week before cutting any jobs, he said, adding that elected officials, executives and their staffs should take a pay cut before expecting hourly workers to sacrifice. Moreover, he called for a publicly elected board of ombudsmen to review and establish salaries for elected officials and executives. Although he is seeking a county commission seat, Kaye also touted national policies, saying he supports a consti-

tutional amendment allowing voters to elect the U.S. attorney general and all district attorneys. Kaye described himself as a no-nonsense Democrat. He has been involved with officials ranging from union leaders to Gov. Jennifer Granholm as part of a Comcast cable show, *Good Company*, in 2001-6. Kaye conceded that he entered the commission race late, in May. "I found myself feeling very disappointed that certain issues weren't surfacing," he said. That, he said, is why he has launched his first bid for public office.

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SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
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Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehr, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer

144-Approved minutes of 6/2/08.
-Approved 2008 Summer Tax Deadline Extension to 8/29/08.
-Approved purchase of 12 Segway Personal Transporter, amt. \$6,740.00.
-Approved 1 yr. contr. bet. MSB & City for Ice Arena Mgmt. to 6/30/09, amt. \$145,290.00.
-Approved 1 yr. contr. bet. MSB & City for Golf Course Mgmt. to 6/30/09, amt. \$148,058.00.
-Approved 1 yr. contr. bet. MSB & City for Crossing Guard Mgmt. to 6/30/09, amt. \$92,000.00.
-Approved 4 yr. Prof. Serv. Agrmt. bet. City & Community Media, LLC-Cable Television/Community Relations Services, to 6/30/12, amt. \$526,580.00 for first yr.
-Approved 3 yr. contr. bet. City & YAP Administrator Paul Motz, until 6/30/11.
-Adopted Ord. 29-W-14-1, to amend Chptr. 46, Sect46-1(48), 46-1(49) & 46-1(49)d of City Code to amend rates for Municipal W & S and Indust. Waste Control Charges.
145-Approved Site Plan for addition to Meijer Serv. Station, 37201 Warren Rd., #030-99-0006-007, s. e. cor. Warren & Newburgh Rds.
146-Approved Site Plan for otc. bldg. 537 N. Wayne Rd., #048-01-0120-000 & -0119-000, w. side of Wayne Rd. & n. of Cherry Hill Rd.
147-Approved Rezoning from R-1, Single Family Res. to PUD, part of #017-99-0048-700 & parcels #017-99-0027-000, -0028-000, -0029-000, -0047-001, -0047-002, s. side of Joy & e. of Newburgh.
148-Approved Prelim. Site Plan Nankin Mills Village PUD, part of #017-99-0048-700 & parcels #017-99-0027-000, -0028-000, -0029-000, -0047-001, -0047-002, s. side of Joy & e. of Newburgh.
149-Approved Mech. Amuse. Device License, Westland Golf Course, 500 S. Merriman, #065-99-0001-005, w. side of Merriman, s. of Cherry Hill.
150-Approved Mech. Amuse. Device License, Mike Modano Ice Arena, #035-06-0503-000, 6210 N. Wildwood, s. of Hunter.
151-Confirmed appt. W.R. Wild as Del. to CWCSA, term to exp. 6/30/09.
152-Confirmed appt. K. Buford as Alt. Del. to CECSA, term to exp. 6/30/09.
153-Approved Checklist Activity: \$421,028.73 and Prepaid: \$879,251.70.
Meeting Adjourned at 11:23 p.m.
Minutes available at the Clerk's office.

James R. Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk

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HAMPTON
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Two Republicans also are on the ballot, as candidates seek election to the seat that former Commissioner Kay Beard held for 30 years before she resigned in March for health reasons. The district includes Westland, Inkster and south Livonia. The winner of the November general election will earn a two-year term that pays \$68,411 a year. Among other measures, Hampton wants to protect police services; work on environmental issues like improv-

ing sewer infrastructure; provide help to homeowners at risk of foreclosure; spruce up county parks; implement prudent spending measures; and usher in new technology to make government work smarter. "I think it's going to take bold leadership," he said. Hampton acknowledged that his campaign will need to gain ground outside of Inkster and especially in Westland, the most heavily populated area of the 12th District. He already knows many public officials, but he has started walking neighborhoods to meet voters. "I need Westland," he said. Hampton grew up in Inkster, and he earned a

bachelor's degree in mass communications from Wayne State University. Married with three children, he started a small business specializing in home construction and renovation. Hampton worked 28 years for Wayne County, as a laborer for roads and parks and as an airport police officer, before retiring from a two-decade career as a Wayne County Sheriff deputy who achieved the rank of sergeant and supervisor of community justice. As Inkster mayor since 1999, Hampton said he has brought a renewed economic vitality and budgetary discipline to the city. He supports a 10-year, 50 percent county tax cut for

new businesses that come to Wayne County or existing companies that prove they will add jobs. Hampton helped keep his city out of receivership by partnering with other elected officials, public employees and the city manager. He also has been involved in organizations ranging from the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments to the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority board. "I have a passion for public service," Hampton said. County officials need to find ways to wrestle control of budget problems while providing the services - good roads, safe communities, improved parks, better health care - that residents expect and deserve, he said. He also called on communities to pool their resources, citing a joint emergency dispatch system for Westland and Inkster as one way such gains have been achieved. County officials will need to continue showing strong leadership to fix Central City Park so that it can be reopened for public use, Hampton said. He isn't a stranger to Westland, having been involved years ago in the Westland Youth Athletic Association as a baseball coach and umpire. Hampton refrained from criticizing his opponents. "I've always campaigned on my own merits," he said. For the 12th District seat, he said, "I think I'm the best person for the job."

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Mayor Wild sponsors Child Safety Initiative

Carnival rides, cotton candy, fingerprinting and bicycle helmets ... The unique combination characterizes Mayor William Wild's Child Safety Day Initiative which will take place on the east lawn of Westland City Hall on Saturday and Sunday, July 5-6, during the annual Westland Summer Festival.

Westland Police and Fire Department personnel will be present for the event.

"This festival provides the perfect venue to highlight a very important on-going cause, public safety, particularly the safety of our children," said Wild. "As a parent, I understand the tremendous piece of mind that comes along with protecting a child's future."

The initiative will take place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 5, and 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday, July 6, and include the Michigan

Child ID program, sponsored by the Michigan Masons. The free program provides parents and guardians with a child ID kit that contains all the vital information necessary to help law enforcement officials locate a missing child, including digital fingerprinting, recorded interview, photo ID card and a Toothprints Dental Impression. The entire process, which takes only 10 minutes per child to complete, also helps to educate families about abduction prevention and safety.

The safety initiative also will include activities for elementary school-aged children noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, including a 12 station safety relay course. Each activity enables children to physically experience such things as a fire drill and D.A.R.E. intoxication goggles. Upon completion, each participant will receive a free bicycle helmet

and water bottle while supplies last.

Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans' new "Seat belt Convincer" demonstration also will be on sight that afternoon for children as well. The program includes demonstrations from two devices, one being a crash test that allows students to see what happens to a person inside of a vehicle when it starts to tumble, and another which lets students feel the impact of a low speed crash at about seven miles per hour. Evans also is providing free child safety seats and additional helmets while supplies last.

The Westland Summer Festival is taking place now through Sunday, July 6, at the Westland civic center complex at 36601 Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh. For more information, call Deputy Mayor Courtney Conover at (734) 467-3200.

Guilty plea lands serial robber in prison

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A serial robber charged with holding up a Westland convenience store at gunpoint in January will spend 16-22 years in prison, although his punishment stems from a separate incident in Washtenaw County.

Noel Anthony Napper, an Ann Arbor man who has a history of armed robberies dating back 20 years, was sentenced in June after pleading guilty in his home county to charges of armed robbery, felony firearms and being a felon in possession

of a gun.

Although he received 16-22 years in prison, Napper could serve more time — depending on his behavior — because he is a habitual offender, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Napper was charged in Westland after authorities said a lone bandit went into the 7-Eleven at Cherry Hill and Hix on Jan. 11, brandished a gun and robbed the store of an undisclosed amount of money. He also had been charged with a Livonia robbery.

Napper was charged as

a third-degree habitual offender because he had two armed robbery convictions dating back as far as 1988.

During the Westland 7-Eleven incident, police Lt. Daniel Karrick said a masked gunman went into the store around 5 a.m., revealed a gun and demanded money from a clerk. No shots were fired, and no one was injured.

Although Napper received a lengthy sentence, he could have received up to life in prison.

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OUR VIEWS

Be rightly proud of our democracy

It took a lot of derring-do to author the Declaration of Independence, but its signers knew exactly what they were doing.

In the final graphs of the document, signed July 4, 1776, by members of the Second Continental Congress, they proclaim the British as "Enemies in War, in Peace Friends."

Clearly they had worked to resolve their differences with the British. The list of disputes in the document is extensive.

But given the alternative, the document declares, the signers have the gumption to go to war. That's pretty tough talk, but it is also thoughtful and well-reasoned.

All people have rights, unalienable rights, Thomas Jefferson reasons in the document he authored. That means those rights come from a higher order and can't be abolished by any person, like a king of England — or president of Zimbabwe. Nor can any group of men — whether the British Parliament or Al Qaeda — disband those rights.

"Look, we tried," says the document in so many words. "But you folks are taking away our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Our safety is threatened, so it seems better to just go our own way."

That we did and the rest is history, but it is a living history that is being renewed daily, whether by citizen groups such as the League of Women Voters or by men and women serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

It's been 232 years since 56 men from 13 states put pen to paper. But we still carry that independent streak declared July 2, 1776, as the British fleet entered the New York harbor. It was declared again on paper two day later.

Independence is inbred in us, part of our genetic make-up.

That's why we bolt upright at attempts to abridge our civil liberties, and growl over things like foreclosures and the price of gas that threaten our happiness.

But our independence must be nurtured aggressively, if it is to continue. That doesn't mean agreeing with everything that comes out of Washington; it does mean passing along the memories and the message of the Declaration of Independence.

What better way to do so than by taking time on the Fourth of July to celebrate what we have achieved and to renew our will to protect it.

From parades to flying the U.S. flag, there are ample ways to renew our patriotic spirit. Parents will want to go to www.usa.gov for everything from recipes from First Ladies to activities for children and teachers.

We have another right — the right to be proud of who we are as a country. It's the best democracy around, and our history proves it.

Affordable summer fun abounds here

It's summertime and the living really is easy, especially if you're looking for family style entertainment close to home.

Summer festivals and concerts that are near home in Oakland and Wayne counties are a good way to save money on gas — without giving up quality entertainment. Many of the events, such as concerts, are free and easy on the family budget.

If you haven't experienced the festivals and concerts offered in local communities, this is a good week to investigate what's available.

Starting with the Fourth of July holiday, take note of festivals planned in Westland and Plymouth.

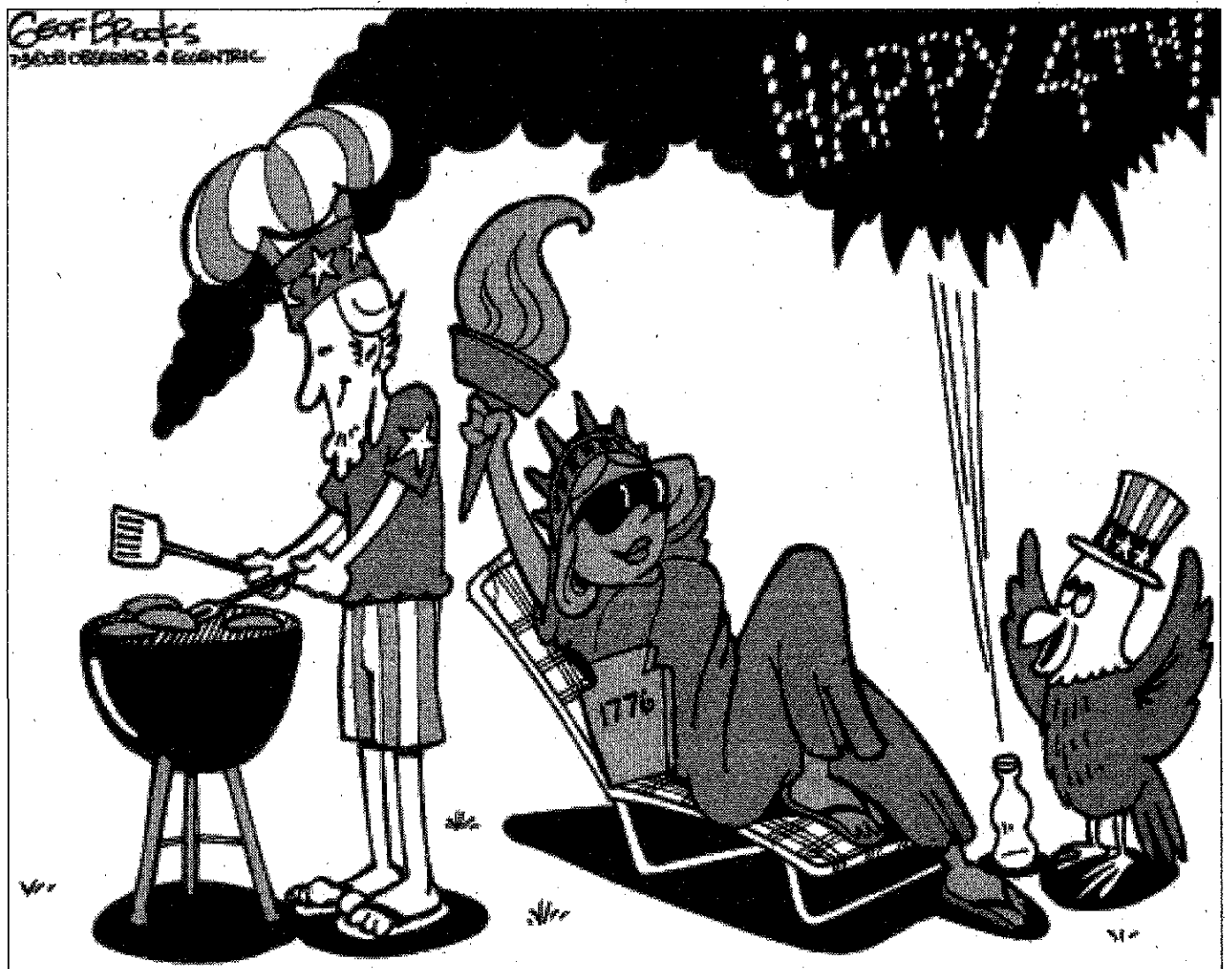
The 39th Westland festival continues through July 6, ending with the annual fireworks show. Plymouth Art in the Park, July 11-13, is Michigan's second largest art fair and has been rated as one of the "Gems of the Great Lakes" by AAA Magazine. While the major Rochester, Troy and Plymouth festivals are in September, Troy also is hosting its annual family festival 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, at Boulton Park.

The Farmington Area Founders Festival begins with the annual Miss Farmington pageant at 7 p.m. July 16, at the Farmington Civic Theatre. It continues with a parade at 10 a.m. July 19, and through July 20 with Art on the Grand.

But don't just wait for the big events, take advantage of the many concert venues offered throughout the area. Examples are Wednesdays at Shain Park in Birmingham, music and movies events in Troy. In Plymouth, concerts take place at noon Wednesdays and Thursday and Friday evenings, all in Kellogg Park.

In Southfield, the Eat to the Beat summer music festival runs from noon to 2 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 11 at the Civic Center Plaza, while the Burgh Park gazebo concert series runs 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 13.

These special events offer a chance to greet neighbors you haven't seen all winter and share in the spirit that makes up our communities.



LETTERS

Gouging at the pump

The cost of gas per gallon just keeps getting worse. Have you noticed lately the price listings at some gas stations? For example, regular CASH, \$3.99 per gallon, regular CREDIT, \$4.12 per gallon. What is going on?

Since when are the stations charging more from customers just because they are using their credit cards? Customers have been using this convenience forever, and we imagine that with the price of gas in today's market, come customers are using their credit cards out of necessity. It's nothing new that merchants pay for the service of credit cards. Why all of a sudden is there such a drastic change?

We are encouraging the customers to ask the station managers why. Is this pricing the decision of the local managers or is it the dictum sent down to them by the record profit-making oil companies? If this discrepancy in pricing is the decision of the local managers, then perhaps we should find stations that as yet have not found it necessary to discriminate against some of their customers. However, if this is the decision of the record profit-making oil companies, then it is up to us to send out outcry all the way to Washington, D.C., as well as to the State of Michigan.

We see the pricing variable as discrimination against some customers. For one, some of us do not like to carry around the amount of money that it now takes to fill up our cars. Secondly, some people have no choice but to use their credit cards for gas, yes, because of the dollar amount now required for fill-ups.

When is it going to end? Our legislators need to hear from us. We see this as price gouging. For reporting this, one can go to www.michigan.gov/gasprice or contact your federal and state legislators by phone or letter.

Also, please keep contacting both your federal and state legislators regarding the collection of all 6 percent sales taxes, namely, on purchases that are currently exempt, if sales are made online or through mail order. We continue to lose millions of dollars per year down the drain because we have failed to implement our state sales tax law. Let your legislators know that the lost revenue should be returned legally to our state coffers rather than go down the drain.

We need to keep pressuring them to do the right thing for our state budget.

James and Mary Murphy
Westland

ZBA not part of rezoning

I was watching the Westland City Council meeting on WLND cable the other night and Ms. McKinney and others were complaining about the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals not doing their job. This was in regards to a project that was submitted by Glenn Shaw for a three-story building among others in residential zoning. The fact

of the matter is that the ZBA has never heard this matter and had nothing to do with the passing of the rezoning of the property.

Robert Williamson,
chairman
Westland Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Anti-Obama

Barack Obama arrived in Michigan and his followers succumbed to the herd syndrome.

He was going to increase funding to all levels of education. He was giving free tuition to students who opted to stay after graduation and teach in their own localities. There would be \$4,000 scholarships to all college students. In his plans, a foreclosure prevention plan was just around the corner. He had a vision of universal health care which he dangled seductively. He would help the car industry with research and retooling. And this was just the tip of the iceberg.

He made promise after promise and the flock bleated with joy. He successfully touched upon the gimme-gimme nerve which too many in our country have grown to expect. He made people feel good. He didn't tell them about the billions upon billions that it would cost. Wait until he sends them the bill.

What he didn't tell them was that he will expand the role of central government, that he doesn't believe in private property rights, that Americans will be stripped of their Second Amendment rights, that there must be a redistribution of all earnings, that our military will be bared to the bone and the money saved will be disseminated by our

distribution center, the Congress, to impact all social services. He professes to cut back funding on all our defense systems and will eliminate all those still in research.

He will not allow development of any future nuclear weapons thus leaving us at the mercy of those countries who do not share his delusional views. He will negotiate with Russia to take all ICBMs off nuclear alert. This, of course, would indicate that he gained his limited global education in a vacuum and has no clue that Russia has never known a treaty it wouldn't break. In short, his naïveté will strip us of our military defenses. His ambivalence to our flag and to our national anthem is now legendary.

If this is the type of person you want to lead our nation then what was once an American culture, an American way of life, an American free spirit, an American fierce independence and love of freedom has become perverted.

George M. Haddad
Franklin

No GOPs, period

I just read an article about how George W. Bush wants to put together yet another economic stimulus package. America hasn't even "benefited" from the last Bush stimulus package.

The American economy is having to sustain its second recession during the second Bush term. Along for the ride, and speaking up for his man in office the last seven years in favor of this type of economics and massive debt is our congressman: Joe Knollenberg.

I am about tired of Republican economics and success. My pocketbook just can't take any more of this. I am going to send as much of a message as I can and try to vote out every last Republican from every national, state and local office that I can with my own personal vote. I don't even want a Republican dog catcher! It would turn into that old joke, how many Republicans does it take to catch a dog? Or a clue?

Bill Smithfield
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Common-sense legislation takes aim at protecting state's water

Now for some really good news: Last week, both houses of the state Legislature reached a key agreement designed to protect the Great Lakes and Michigan's water. Gov. Jennifer Granholm happily signed what is, beyond doubt, state government's most important accomplishment this year.

Though the final process seemed nearly effortless, in truth, the lead lawmakers, Rep. Rebekah Warren, D-Ann Arbor, and Sen. Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck, have been negotiating for months on a 12-bill package that enters Michigan into a treaty of sorts with seven other Great Lakes states and Ontario and Quebec. The Great Lakes Compact — which still must be ratified by Congress — is designed to govern the use and especially limit withdrawal of water from the lakes. That last point is crucial: The five lakes hold more than 80 percent of all the drinkable fresh water in North America.

The bills set new standards for water use within Michigan. Any business is now required to seek a permit to take more than one million gallons a day from the lakes or underground aquifers for any reason — farm irrigation, bottled water or other industrial uses. Permits — which now cost \$5,000 each — also are required if water taken from cold streams reduces flow by more than 20 percent or cuts the fish population — mainly trout — more than 3 percent.

The bills also set new tough standards for export of water — the bottled variety, in particular — from the Great Lakes basin.

Michigan's Legislature has been scandalously partisan in recent years, but the negotiations over the water bills stand out as a fine example of the rule of common sense. Early on, both Birkholz and Warren agreed that the overall objective was to strike a balance between protecting Michigan's water resources and allowing commercial use of that water.

"Economic development and job creation and protection of Michigan's world-class natural resources are not mutually exclusive goals," Warren said, in comments aimed perhaps at her environmentalist constituency.

"This agreement gives businesses certainty about how much water they can take and how they can grow," Birkholz said, comments possibly seeking to reassure business people who may not look forward to new rules.

Though things may have looked smooth at the end, negotiations on this complex package took more than 1,000 hours of workgroup meetings and conference calls. The process required resolution, yes, of differences between the two parties and the two chambers. (Republicans control the state Senate, while Democrats run the House.) But in addition, very complex disagreements had to be thrashed out between and among the various powerful interest groups — environmentalists, farmers, manufacturers, water bottlers and business owners.

A key part of the package is a computerized water withdrawal assessment tool, the product of new, Michigan-based technology.

"To our knowledge, no other state in the country is using science to protect water resources in this way; and no state has protected as much of their water resources as we are doing with these laws," said the Michigan Environmental Council's James Clift, a respected leader in his field.

Now, only Pennsylvania has yet to ratify the interstate and international water compact, and its Legislature is expected to follow soon. Once it has signed on, congressional approval will be necessary to give Great Lakes states collective jurisdiction over water use within the basin.

Congress has approved most interstate compacts of this sort, but Midwest states are losing population and political clout to water-poor states in the south and west. The fear is that envious and thirsty eyes are being cast on the estimated six quadrillion gallons of water in the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes Compact is designed to thwart this threat by prohibiting export of water outside the basin, except for small amounts of bottled water.

Both Warren and Birkholz are regarded in Lansing as among the sane and sensible members of the Legislature. Both have expressed (separately) frustration with the hyper-partisanship that has paralyzed the political system. A first-termer from Ann Arbor, Warren is chair of the Great Lakes and Environment Committee. Now in her second term, Birkholz is chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee.

When I reached Warren after the joint committee vote, she was upbeat: "What a process! It seems as though Lansing is so broken that sometimes it's impossible to get anything done. From the time we started eight months ago, both Senator Birkholz and I were committed to working together until this got done. At any stage in the process, people could have drawn a line in the sand and walked out. But at every step of the way, we worked to bring people together, and finally it worked."

Her Senate partner was equally enthusiastic: "This process teaches an important lesson for us all. You have to sit down with your counterparts and decide on a goal to be reached. And then you have to keep at it, day after day, disagreement after disagreement, until you get it done. Ultimately, you have to recognize that the real goal is to do what's best for all the people of this state. That clearly applies to our water resources."

Both Warren and Birkholz get my award for Lansing heroines for all of Michigan. Through sense and sanity, level-headedness and attention to detail, they demonstrated the legislative process in Michigan is not necessarily fated to dysfunction and hyper-partisanship. They recognized that their real jobs were to act as custodians of the general good for all of us.

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Phil Power

President Bush comes to town with no apologies, no answers

We've been watching the HBO series on John Adams, based on David McCullough's admiring biography of our second president.

In one scene, President Adams strolls down a Philadelphia street with his vice president, Thomas Jefferson. People hurry by without giving a notice to the oddly matched pair. There were no bodyguards, no perimeter around the famous couple. No paparazzi (well, of course, there were no cameras).

That's quite a contrast to last week when George W. Bush, our 43rd president, visited Livonia. Freeways were closed. Police cordons were established. Local and national press were herded behind a barrier before the president arrived and weren't allowed to leave until after he had gone.

But, even in Adams' days, life wasn't safe. In McCullough's version of it, Adams was manipulated by Alexander Hamilton and other Federalists into signing the Alien and Sedition Acts that made it a crime to criticize the government and rounded up "Frenchmen." In those days, the revolutionary French were the source of concern. They were seen as incendiary terrorists whose terror might find its way to American shores.

Adams and Jefferson, the authors of our Declaration of Independence, friends before and after their party struggles, were on opposite sides. Adams was a basically conservative man who was the strongest voice for separation from Britain but also the most tied to English values and history. Jefferson may have had his reservations about the excesses of the French revolution, but he valued the right of rebellion against oppression. He believed what he wrote, that human beings have "unalienable rights."

Karl Rove would have loved going after Jefferson who used big words, drank French wines, read in Greek and Latin and admired French thinkers. Sort of a Barack Obama "elitist." What a pansy Rove would have made of him.

Some of those concerns of our founding

fathers are playing out in our own concerns about Middle East terrorists.

At Laurel Manor, Bush lashed out at the Supreme Court for ruling that detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, could have access to civilian criminal courts.

"By a bare majority, five Supreme Courts justices overturned a bipartisan law that Congress passed and I signed to deliver justice to detainees at Guantanamo Bay. Because of this decision, terrorists enjoy the same rights reserved for Americans," he said.

He paused, expecting applause, but I'd like to think he didn't get any because his audience was embarrassed by what he said.

First, we don't know how many of the detainees are, in fact, terrorists. The Supreme Court majority was skeptical of a panel who studied their cases. Second, Jefferson would not have said the rights to just treatment are "reserved for Americans," though others in his day might have.

Adams wrestled with his decisions, but like the current president was reluctant to say he was wrong.

Bush was speaking to a comfortable group who could pay \$1,000 or \$5,000 to aid their party. But he was also speaking in a place hard hit by the crumbling economy and riddled by fears.

"These are challenging times in America, recession, high energy prices, a housing down trend, wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, devastating natural disasters," he said. "You can't know what the future will bring, there will be unexpected challenges to the country."

He never said that his policies helped bring about these "challenges" or that he had failed miserably to face these "challenges." He never acknowledges that he and his advisers, like Mr. Rove, have played on people's fears and prejudices. Instead, he urged his listeners that the country needed more the same kind of "leadership."

Since his approval rating is in the mid-20 percent range, most Americans would probably opt for something different.



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4th of July reminds us of U.S. strengths

Happy Fourth of July, particularly to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who are serving our country in faraway lands to protect our freedoms and our way of life.

It certainly doesn't feel like the Fourth of July. I'm sure that the main reason is due to the weather. Despite all the storms, most longtime Michiganders realize that this



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

weather will pass and we will have a summer.

One can compare the present difficulties with the economy to the weather. In fact, the difficult economic climate we are

experiencing will also pass.

We've been through difficult times before. In fact, much more difficult times. Consider the price of gas. Yes, \$4 a gallon is outrageous but many of us remember the '70s when gas prices, were high and we experienced severe shortages. Many remember the long gas lines and stations that closed early because there was no gasoline.

Unemployment is rising in Michigan. However, even here we have not reached the double digit unemployment numbers of the past.

Nearly 30 years ago, after the stock market had been beaten up by inflation, there was a famous article written about the death of equities. The theory was that the U.S. economy, because of inflation, could not regain its strength.

Despite all sorts of difficulties over the last 30 years, the Dow has gone from the mid 800 range to over 11,000 today. The reality is the economy has been through difficult periods, but it has always bounced back. It's done so not because of actions in Washington, D.C., Lansing or America's large multinational corporations. The real strength of the U.S. economy lies in the entrepreneurial spirit of the American people. We are the "can-do people" and I have no doubt we will get through the present difficulties.

The Fourth of July is the one day we should take a step back and pat ourselves on the back for a job well done. Despite our current economic problems, we still are the strongest economic power in the history of the world.

There is a reason people from all over the world continue to flock to our shores to fulfill their dreams. We take for granted the rights and freedoms. However, we should recognize that the rest of the world does not have the same opportunities.

As our economy and the world goes through changes, it is important to recognize that the American economy has always been a work in progress. Americans have adapted to change and embraced it to our benefit.

I have no doubt this economic roller coaster ride will continue. However, as we celebrate our country's birthday, we should all be confident in the challenges that we face. After all, when we examine history we should all never forget that anyone who has bet against the U.S. economy has always lost.

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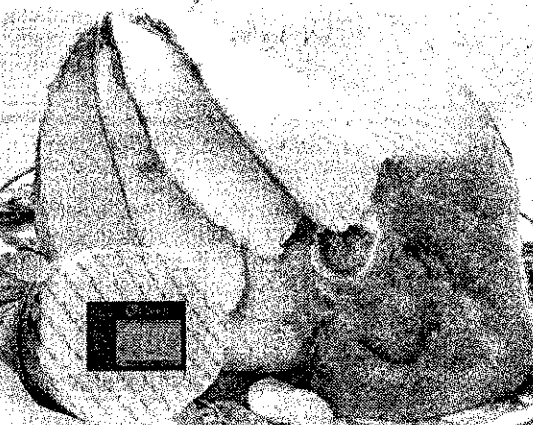
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Tom Kiurski

Most injuries occur around the Fourth of July. Fireworks injuries can be very serious - like losing eyes, hands or fingers. Here are some real stories that have happened:

- A 12-year-old, celebrating his team's basketball championship, lost an eye when he and his friends set off fireworks. He now wears a glass eye.
- A 7-year-old boy lost half his left hand when he ignited an M-80 firework found hidden in a family bedroom. The M-80 exploded in the boy's hand.
- An 8-year-old girl was badly burned on her leg when a sparkler ignited her dress.
- Three teenage boys shot a roman candle firework into a large wooded area. Fourteen acres burned before the fire was extinguished.
- Two boys, 8 and 10, were seriously burned on their arms when a bottle rocket exploded in their garage. The garage and a car were totally destroyed.
- An 8 year-old boy lost three fingers after igniting an M-80 firework on the kitchen stove. The victim was on his way outside when the device exploded in his hand.

The stories get worse. Children have died by the improper use of fireworks.

Remember to celebrate our national independence - visit a professional fireworks display!

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.

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Schmitt dialed in

Canton swimmer draws closer to Beijing

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If things hold according to seed, recent Canton High grad Allison Schmitt is on verge of making the U.S. Olympic swim team.

In Tuesday's pair of preliminary heats of the women's 200-meter freestyle at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb., the 18-year-old Schmitt put herself both in position to earn an individual spot along with a relay berth after finishing runner-up in both races to Katie Hoff of Towson, Md.

In the semifinal heat, the 19-year-old Hoff, the women's star of the U.S. Trials so far, went 1:57.1 followed by Schmitt in 1:57.92.

Stanford University's Julie Smit (Mt. Sinai, N.Y.) was third in 1:58.48, while former Ann Arbor Pioneer standout Kara Lynn Joyce (University of Georgia) also qualified for Wednesday night's final in seventh in 1:58.66. A top-two individual placing will earn Schmitt an automatic trip to the Olympics in Beijing, China.

However, a third- or fourth-place finish in the 200 freestyle will assure her of a spot on possibly the women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay.

Some fifth- and sixth-place finishers also will be considered to make the team.

Schmitt's quest to make the U.S. squad was going swimmingly Monday after the preliminary rounds of the women's 400 freestyle.

Following her 4:05.72 effort, the University of Georgia-bound Schmitt was seeded second behind only Hoff (4:05.61) heading into the finals, but wound up third in 4:05.05 behind Hoff (4:02.32) and 20-year-old Kate Ziegler (4:03.92) of Great Falls, Va., the latter whom knocked three seconds off her prelim time to beat out Schmitt.

Despite the near-miss, Schmitt rebounded with a strong showing in the 200 freestyle, in which she entered the trials seeded fourth.

This week, the Club Wolverine member will also swim the 100 freestyle, where she is seeded 15th seed; and the 50 freestyle, where she is seeded 47th.

The trials are being broadcast live from 8-9 p.m. Thursday on USA Network. NBC will take over the finals coverage from 8-9 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons also contributed to this report.



Recent Canton High grad Allison Schmitt is on the verge of making the U.S. Olympic women's swim team in the 200 freestyle following Tuesday's runner-up finish in two preliminary heats. The finals were set for Wednesday night in Omaha, Neb.

Sidelines

Fox swims at Trials

Megan Fox, who will be a junior this fall at Livonia Stevenson, made her inaugural appearance Sunday night in the U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials in Omaha, Neb., finishing 77th overall in the 400-meter individual medley with a time of 5:03.46.

The 16-year-old Fox, who swims for the Novi Sturgeons, had a qualifying time of 4:54.93.

Piot wins qualifier

Canton's Glenn Piot, Jr. captured a sudden death playoff to win his age division at the U.S. Kids World Championship golf qualifier held June 26 at Michigan State University's Forest Akers in East Lansing.

The 11-year-old shot a 42-36-78 for 18 holes and qualify for the U.S. Kids World Championship later this month in Pinehurst, N.C.

Glenn's younger brother James, 9, finished second in his division scoring a 39 for nine holes and will also be eligible to compete in the U.S. Kids World Championship.

MIAA honor roll

The Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Association recently recognized its top scholar-athletes who carried a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a 4.0 scale for 2007-08.

Among the area nominees included: Emily Collins (Livonia Clarenceville), Kalamazoo College; Megan Crumm (Canton), Albion College; Sean Dillon (Plymouth), Adrian College; Olivia LaFortune (Wayne), Olivet College; Kelly Lepper (Salem), Kalamazoo; Laura McKendry (Canton), Alma College; Maggie McNicholas (Canton), St. Mary's, Ind.; Heather Michalsen (Salem), Olivet; Katie Mills (Canton), Albion; Carrie Oleszkowicz (Canton), Albion; Alexandra Plisko (Livonia Stevenson), Alma; Ben Schroeder (Stevenson), Kalamazoo; and Lauren Siedlik (Livonia Churchill), Olivet.

Skating on wheels provides challenge

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With all due respect to competitive ice skaters, Livonia's Krysten Johnson believes her brand of skating — the four-wheelin' kind — may be the more challenging of the two, even though it's a distant second in the fame game.

"Because ice skaters have a blade, they can stick it in the ice when they need to stop," said Johnson. "We have four wheels that have a mind of their own sometimes. I've never ice skated, but everyone who's tried both have told me that it's a lot easier to go from roller skates to ice skates than ice skates to roller skates."

Johnson was defending her sport Monday afternoon inside the spacious Skatin' Station II facility in Canton.

Despite the fact the sun was shining on a near-perfect summer day, the 28-year-old figure skating champion was indoors preparing for a three-hour practice along with five other skaters, all of whom had earned berths in the USA Roller Skating National Finals set for July 20 to Aug. 4 in Lincoln, Neb.

"It takes 150 percent commitment from these skaters to reach the level they've reached," said Vickie Hudson, a South Lyon resi-

dent who serves as the national championship-bound skaters' head coach. "To be world-class skaters like these individuals are, it takes at least six-days-a-week practices, sometimes seven — even when you're sick and not feeling great — and it can cost as much as \$15,000 a year, depending upon whether their parents can sew their outfits."

"Some kids think they can come out here and practice two days and do what these skaters can do, but it's just not going to happen. You have to have the commitment."

The ages of the Lincoln-bound local skaters range from 28 (Johnson) to 7-year-old Hailey Maples, who qualified for the Nationals by placing third in the Primary A Dance event at the Great Lakes Rollerskating Regionals in Flint June 18-22.

"It's my first time going to Nationals, so it's pretty exciting," said Maples, who has some pretty impressive roller-skating genes. Her grandmother, Jean Jenkins, was a member of the "Skating Vanities" — a traveling roller-skating company that traveled across the United States back in the 1940s.

Recent Livonia Franklin graduate Brittany Adams' specialty is the figure event, which requires

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Instructor Vickie Hudson (right) works with student Kelsey Adams of Livonia.

This is certainly no way to reward a job well done



Tim Smith

Thanks for everything, but thanks for nothing. So it seems for Al Chambo, following Monday's series of events that ended in his layoff after eight groundbreaking years — literally — as Redford Thurston's athletic director.

Chambo, who also oversaw athletics at Pierce Middle School, was told he had to go to help the South Redford Board of Education climb

out of a financial pitfall ahead of finalizing the 2008-09 budget. With a hole of \$2 million, the ax was sharpened by board members. Targets were determined.

One of those had Chambo's name and likeness all over it.

Gone is that salary. But also gone (barring some unforeseen reprieve) is one of the best and most-dedicated administrators ever to grace

the halls at Thurston. And principal Bill Zolkowski certainly knows it, although he must tow the company line and go along with whatever Plan B the board eventually decides on.

"Under Al's leadership the taxpayers of the district not only ended up with a top-of-the-line set of athletic facilities, they saved untold amounts of money because of his careful and creative stewardship," wrote

Zolkowski in an e-mail following the decision to cut loose Chambo.

How ironic that someone who did his job so well that it saved dollars is being sacrificed in the name of the bottom line.

We're talking about the man who worked untold extra hours making sure plans outlined in a \$32.65 mil-

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FIRST-TEAM

Stefanie Turner, Jr., GK, Liv. Churchill: The junior goalkeeper is a repeat first-team All-Observer selection after earning All-Western Lakes Activities Association and Division 1 All-Region honors. Despite missing four games at the end of the season due to an illness, Turner helped the Chargers to a No. 2-ranking in Division 1, a 14-3-2 overall record and the Western Division title in the WLAA. "Stefanie was the backbone of our team, she was a leader on the field and a great shot stopper," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "The technical ability as far playing the ball with her feet is better than anybody I've seen in high school this year. It gives us so many options when you have a player like that."

Michele Ring, Jr., GK, Ladywood: The junior goalkeeper posted a career-best nine shutouts and a goals-against average of 1.24 en route to All-Catholic League, All-District, All-Region and honorable mention All-State honors (Division 2).

"Michele was a big reason for our success this season," Ladywood first-year coach Ken Shingledecker said. "She was able to make the big save when we needed it. She's a respected team leader and extremely hard worker at practice."

"Michele did a great job communicating with our defense and directing traffic in front of her."

Stephanie Nichols, Jr., GK, Garden City: Nichols had a consistently strong season from start to finish, racking up nine solo shutouts and splitting two others in just 18 games.

She only allowed 15 shots to get past her all year.

"It's her third year as keeper and she's the hardest worker at her position on our team," Garden City coach Bill Torni said. "Stephanie never missed a practice, stayed extra after practice and she learned a lot at camp last year. She was ready. At first of the year it was two-goalie position and she won it outright. She improved a lot this year."

Melanie Pickert, Fr., Def., Canton: Pickert's future is incredibly bright as she nailed down All-State honors in her first year of high school. The ninth-grader combined supreme athleticism, intelligence and an unparalleled level of hustle to become one of the state's elite defenders.

"Melanie's All-State selection says it all," Canton coach George Tomasso said. "She was one of the reasons we had as many shutouts as we did (16). She's all over the field and she consistently made the big play when we needed her to."

Rachel Stevens, Sr., Def., Liv. Stevenson: The senior defender earned All-Division honors in the Western Lakes and made All-District.

She finished with four goals and three assists.

"Rachel was our toughest player this year and our team MVP," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "She was very instrumental in our two games this year with Churchill (a win and a tie). She did most of her work from a defensive position, either from the backline, or as a defensive or holding



Churchill's Bailey Brandon (6), passing off in the WLLA championship game against Northville, was a first-team All-Stater and first-team All-Observer pick.

ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER

2008 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOCCER FIRST TEAM

- GK-Stefanie Turner, Jr., Liv. Churchill
- GK-Michele Ring, Jr., Liv. Ladywood
- GK-Stephanie Nichols, Jr., Garden City
- D-Melanie Pickert, Fr., Canton
- D-Rachel Stevens, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
- D-Meeghan Hughes, Soph., Plymouth
- D-Kelli Mapes, Sr., Red. Thurston
- D-Taleen Mergian, Jr., Liv. Stevenson
- MF-Alison Szczypka, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
- MF-Rachel Gizicki, Sr., Salem
- MF-Kayla Johnston, Jr., Liv. Churchill
- MF-Jalese DeBlasi, Sr., Ply. Christian
- F-Bailey Brandon, Jr., Liv. Churchill
- F-Tracy Rymph, Jr., Canton
- F-Jessica Busuito, Jr., Redford Union

SECOND TEAM

- GK-Sara Ross, Sr., Plymouth Christian
- GK-Lauren Whit, Sr., Westland Glenn
- D-Indy Marlow, Sr., Liv. Churchill
- D-Kayla Kimble, Soph., Liv. Stevenson
- MF-Julianne Purcell, Sr., Liv. Churchill
- MF-Allyson Yankee, Jr., Luth. Westland
- MF-Karen Jackett, Sr., Redford Union
- MF-Kelly Powers, Sr., Wayne Memorial
- F-Whitney Jacobs, Sr., Wayne Memorial
- F-Alessia Vagnini, Jr., Liv. Ladywood
- F-Amanda Moody, Sr., Liv. Clarencville
- F-Megan Staub, Jr., Canton
- F-Hannah Otto, Jr., Liv. Churchill
- F-Cara Braun, Jr., Garden City
- F-Katie Shull, Sr., Salem

COACH OF THE YEAR

Nathan Yates, Plymouth Christian

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Callie Mack, Alyssa Mira, Tessa Allen; Franklin: Courtney Smith, Molly Perkins, Amy McCaughey, Renee Berger; Stevenson: Renee Boudreau, Stephanie Gutkowski, Molly McConnell, Britany Hoots, Julie Schroeder, Alex Harbony; John Glenn: Kaitley Coleman, Megan Nikula, Jenna Williams, Danielle Levy; Wayne: Danielle Borg, Nickole Jarvis, Megan Waynor; Lutheran Westland: Sam Ferranella, Chelsea Kyies, Miranda Kasprowicz, Clarencville: Jordan Fyffe, Kristen Joely, Morgan Tressler; Ladywood: Sarah Kempa, Kaitlyn Vitale, Caitlin Szczypka, Amanda Field; Canton: Lisa Pierce, Brf Bellovary; Salem: Kristen Donzizia; Plymouth: Marissa Williams, Kelly Dobbs; Garden City: Jennelle Gabrielson, Rachel Szczembara; Redford Union: Ariel Hovey, Chelsea Marlow; Thurston: Megan Schulz, Alena Alessandrini, Elaine Nelson; Plymouth Christian: Brooke Williams, Megan Polera.

midfielder. Without Rachel we simply wouldn't have been the same team."

Meeghan Hughes, Soph., Def., Plymouth: The sophomore played a pivotal role in the eight shutouts the Wildcats accumulated this season. Her energetic sideline-to-sideline efforts earned Hughes WLLA All-Division accolades and cemented her spot among the league's top returning defenders.

"Meeghan was solid back there all year," Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said. "Having a freshman goalie like we did,

you need dependable defenders in front of her and Meeghan was very reliable for us the entire year. She'll be one of our leaders next season."

Kelli Mapes, Sr., Def., Red. Thurston: Mapes finished her high school career the way she started it as a freshman, playing superbly in the back end of the pitch. Her speed, tenacity and game savvy were indispensable, said Eagles' co-coach Jason Brater.

Moreover, Brater said Mapes transformed her game from "using her speed to catch whomever got by her to being a sweeper who used her positioning and technical understanding of the game to let only a handful of players get by her all year."

For her strong, consistent efforts, Mapes was named to the All-Mega Red team.

Taleen Mergian, Jr. Def. Liv. Stevenson: The All-District and honorable mention All-WLAA pick led the Spartans with eight assists, including six from the backline.

"Taleen was probably our most versatile player, she can play anywhere on the field," Pinta said. "She's a leader, was a captain as a junior and is a member of the Michigan Hawks '91 team that won the State Cup championship the past three years."

Mergian has signed to play for NCAA Division 1 school Ohio University.

Alison Szczypka, Sr., MF, Ladywood: The senior midfielder, headed to Western Michigan University, earned Division 2 honorable mention All-State honors along with All-Region, All-District and All-Catholic League accolades.

The Blazers' team captain finished with 10 goals and four assists and was named co-MVP.

"Allison did a little of everything for us this year," Shingledecker said. "She played a good majority of the time this season as our center defensive midfielder. She is one of the best players in the air I have ever coached. I believe eight of her 10 goals came from headers off restarts. She always scored the big goal this year by getting four game-winners for us."

Rachel Gizicki, Sr., MF, Salem: Gizicki has been a three-year

mainstay on the Rocks' varsity squad, covering the mid-field for the Rocks with a non-stop display of effort and determination. She was also a captain for the Rocks, which she earned with her enviable leadership skills.

"Rachel contributed to the team this year in a lot of ways, both with her play and the way she led," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "She makes great decisions, can control the ball and is a great role model for the younger players to look up to."

Kayla Johnston, Jr., MF, Liv. Churchill: The junior midfielder made All-WLAA, All-Region and All-District while leading the Chargers with 14 assists. She also scored 10 goals.

"Kayla's one-on-one ability is at times breathtaking," Hebestreit said of the honorable mention All-Stater. "There were so many times this year that where she made defenders miss awfully, and she was such an attacking threat. She is a versatile player who has great athleticism, speed and can hit a cross better than most in the game today. She was our offensive catalyst this year."

Bailey Brandon, Jr., F, Liv. Churchill: The junior forward was named first-team All-State, All-District and All-Region while also earning All-Western Lakes accolades.

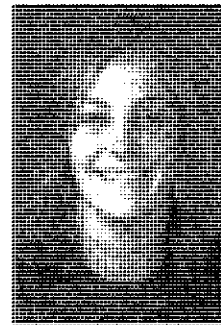
Brandon scored 16 goals this season and added nine assists.

"Bailey was our on-field leader this season," Hebestreit said. "Her natural athletic ability, speed and tenacity make her a wonderful player to have on a team. She is able to play many spots and in many systems."

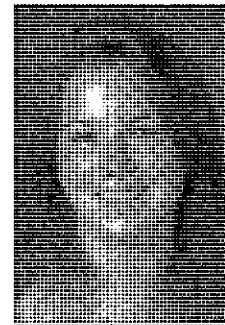
"Bailey is going to win the tackle, distribute the pass, and lead by example. She is an excellent central midfielder who will help the team succeed."

Jalese DeBlasi, Sr., MF, Plymouth Christian: The senior racked up several accolades this season, including Division 4 first-team honors and she was also voted Most Valuable Player of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. DeBlasi chalked up 14 goals and 21 assists while leading the Eagles to a No. 2 state ranking.

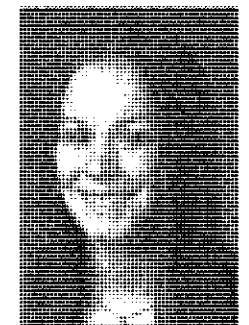
"One of the things that separates Jalese from a lot of other players is her experience,"



Stefanie Turner Churchill



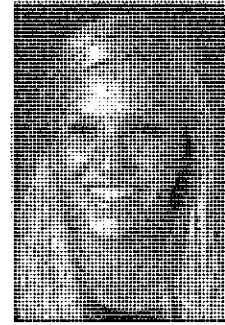
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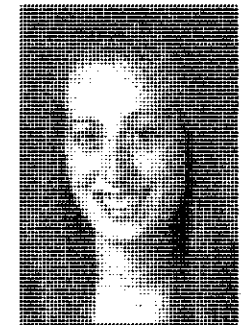
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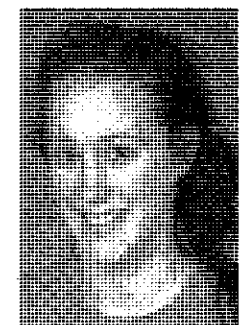
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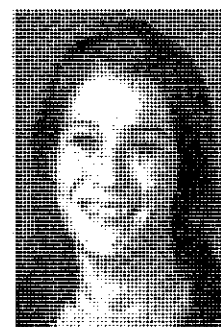
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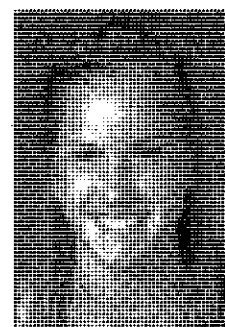
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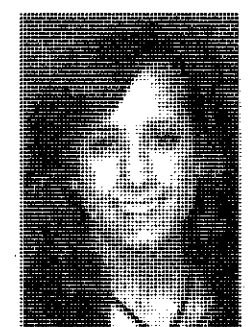
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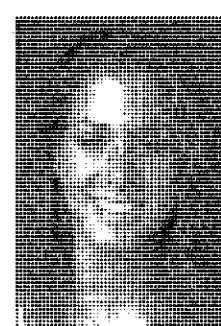
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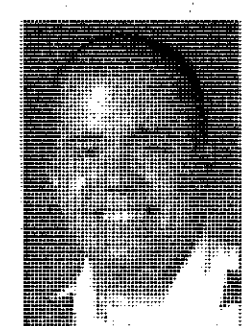
Nathan Yates Plymouth Christian



Bailey Brandon Churchill



Jessica Busuito Redford Union



Nathan Yates Plymouth Christian

said PCA coach Nathan Yates. "She's played several years for a high-level club team — the Hawks — and that experience shows through on the field. She's fundamentally sound, a smart ball-handler and she always works hard."

Tracy Rymph, Jr., F, Canton: The junior forward was a constant scoring threat for the Chiefs as she led coach George Tomasso's balanced squad with 17 goals and eight assists.

Rymph was equally adept at bending in a shot from 25 yards out as she was from sticking in a header from the doorstep of the goal crease.

Jessica Busuito, Jr., F, Redford Union: The Panthers surged to co-championship of the Mega Blue thanks in large part to Busuito's offense. She registered 17 goals to lead the team, including two hat tricks, as well as eight assists. The co-captain's efforts earned her All-Mega and Team MVP honors.

"Jessica likes to score goals and she's determined and driven, not only for her success but for the team's success as

well," said RU head coach Joe Knoerl.

COACH OF THE YEAR
Nathan Yates, Plymouth Christian Academy: The Eagles didn't lose a step after Yates took over the head-coaching reins from Chris Johnson mid-way through the season.

He guided PCA to its third-consecutive Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title and a No. 2 state ranking in Division 4. PCA finished 17-3-1 and advanced to the D4 Regional semifinals against Ann Arbor Greenhills before dropping a thrilling game in a shootout.

"The key to our success this year was that we had experienced players in all three of the major position groups — defenders, mid-fielders and forwards," said Yates, who served as the team's top assistant for the past few years before being promoted mid-way through the 2008 campaign. "We had good team unity and the girls were very cohesive on the field. They all got along with one another, which was very important."

SKATING

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skating along a series of circles and loops that are painted on the roller skating surface. Points are deducted if a competitor veers off course even by the smallest of margins as up to seven judges eyeing the skaters' performances.

"I've been to the World Championships three times, so I've had a chance to meet a lot of nice people from a lot of different countries," said the 18-year-old Adams. "Leading up to nationals, I'll train five or six days a week for three hours a day. It can get difficult sometimes because I have a job, but the place I work at is very flexible with my schedule, which helps."

Adams advanced to Lincoln by placing first in the Junior World Class Figure event at the regional level. Her 15-year-old sister, Kelsey, is also heading to Nationals after placing third in the figures event and third in dance.

Other Nationals-bound skaters who train under Hudson include 14-year-old Trevor Anthony, who placed first in freshman solo



The Skating Club's Skating II members include: Kristin Johnson, Haley Higgins, Trevor Anthony, Kelsey Adams, Lexie Adams and Brittany Adams.

dance and first in freshman A Figures at the regionals; 16-year-old Alexandria Bean, who placed second in freshman/sophomore B Dance and third in loops; and 25-year-old Lynsey Mann, who placed first in women's world class free-style singles.

Considering all the hard work her skaters put in, Hudson hopes that some day her sport will rival ice-skating on the recognition scale.

"What makes roller skating harder than ice skating is that they kids don't get near the recognition that ice skaters get — even though they work just as hard," Hudson said. "When I tell people I coach roller skating, some of them will say, 'Oh, you're into roller derby?' A lot of people don't realize there's an artistic part of roller skating."

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Rockets blast off

The Livonia Soccer Club Rockets, an under-16 boys soccer team, recently captured first place in the Superior Division of the Great Lakes Soccer League with a 7-1 record while outscoring their opponents 31-6. The Rockets defeated the runner-up Taylor Predators (6-1) in a late-season match, 4-0, to secure the title. Members of the Rockets, coached by Mark Matchynski and Kevin Maillard, include: John Ahwal, Rishi Amin, Avery Baerlin, Kyle Beguhn, Isaac Bowen, Brandon Carlington, Collin Crowell, Ajay Eapen, Nathan Gallegos, Sean Gardner, A.J. Good, Matt Kempainen, Owais Khwaja, James Koepke, Matt Maillard, Jim Matchynski, Robert Pasick and Matt Tzafaroglou.



Blue Angels soar

The Livonia Blue Angels, a sixth-grade travel basketball team, completed their American Youth Basketball tour with a 4-1 record, June 21-22, at the Livonia Tournament held at Stevenson and Churchill high schools. The Blue Angels completed their travel season with a 17-8 overall record, including wins over Common Bond of Ann Arbor and the Michigan Select team. Members of the Blue Angels include (from left to right): Joe Hoskin, Justin Bradford, Matt DeMoss, Devin Kelly, Dominic Ferrera, Jake Ivey, Thomas Myler, Jordan Cernik and Ryan McGillivray. Not pictured is Connor Pollock and Dustin Hart. The Blue Angels are coached by Tim McGillivray (back).

Thurston principal praises Chambo, looks ahead

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What is clear, according to Redford Thurston principal Bill Zolkowski, is that recently laid-off Al Chambo did an exceptional job as Redford Thurston's athletic director — particularly in his efforts keeping the department running smoothly during a period of heavy transition.

Chambo drew high praise from Zolkowski for how well he kept things rolling even while besieged with a string of facility projects since the May 2005 bond issue (\$32.65 million) was approved by South Redford School District voters.

"It took a lot of extra time and effort, in addition to the job of running the athletic department," said Zolkowski in a Wednesday e-mail to the Observer, two days after the school board laid off Chambo in order to help fix a \$2 million budget shortfall for 2008-09. "And he went well beyond what reasonable expectations might have been."

"Under Al's leadership the taxpayers of the district not only ended up with a top-of-the-line set of athletic facilities, they saved untold amounts of money because of his careful and creative stewardship."

A bit more cloudy is where Thurston (and Pierce Middle School, also part of the dis-

trict's athletic department) goes from here and whether the loss of Chambo will impact the quality of program available to student-athletes in recent years.

Meanwhile, it is possible an assistant principal — either already on board or yet to be hired — would pick up some of Chambo's duties.

No matter what direction is taken, Zolkowski said there will be some painful decisions yet to come.

Outsourcing "many aspects" of the athletic department is one potential outcome; another is possibly doing "without things" in athletics as well as academics.

"Al Chambo is a loyal, hard-working individual who also happens to be a terrific athletic director," Zolkowski said. "We do not expect a part-time person to be able to fill his shoes; we only hope that we can create a system that allows us to manage the Thurston academic programs as well as the athletic department without too severe a loss of program offerings."

Chambo, 49, a Garden City resident, recently completed his eighth year as athletic director in the district. He also has been Thurston's varsity girls track and field coach in recent seasons.

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lion bond issue (that voters approved in May 2005) would come to fruition.

With the official unveiling of the football-soccer field closing in fast in August 2006, who else but Chambo would get on his cell phone after noticing striping on the new football-soccer field needed to be redone near one of the end zones. He called up a project manager, ordering that the gaffe be corrected.

That area also is where the 18-yard box near the goal is located, and lines were out of whack. I know the phone conversation happened because I was sitting with him in the stands that afternoon.

Because of Chambo's unfailing attention to those kind of details, Thurston's 21st-century world of athletics definitely is worth boasting about.

Community members can watch the Eagles compete in football, soccer and track on a state-of-the-art facility abutting a gleaming fieldhouse to buy hot dogs and hot chocolate from. Thanks, Al.

Basketball and volleyball teams benefit from the renovation of the competition gymnasium as well as the auxiliary gym, the latter available for more than one team to practice on at the same time. Thanks again, Al.

The natatorium also got a facelift.

Yet after doing all the dirty work that future generations will only gain from, Chambo's thank you came in a pink envelope.

That just doesn't seem right. Thanks for nothing.

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During this Tough Economic Time, Cattails Golf Club is attempting to help golfers enjoy the game they love in spite of a difficult economy.

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- The "Family Golf" Discount Program** aims to grow among youngsters by offering free golf to 8-12 year-olds when accompanied by a parent playing at least 9 holes with 1/2 cart rate. This offer is valid Monday through Friday from 3pm-6pm, and Saturday & Sunday after 4pm. Not valid with outings and leagues.

Please go to cattailsgolfclub.com for details on the above and Even More Savings!!

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 248-486-8777
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2007 Report to Consumers on Water Quality

Westland is proud of the fine drinking water it receives from the City of Detroit and furnishes to the residents. This report will list the source of our water, the results of the tests performed on the water, and additional information about water and health questions. State and federal requirements mandate that an annual report be sent to Westland customers before July 1 each year. This is our eleventh report.

Water Source

Westland is supplied by the City of Detroit from its Springwells Water Treatment Plant in Dearborn. The water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, and Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a six-tiered scale, from very low to high, based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes was determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from the Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

Public Notice Sewage Disposal System Event

Any person or claimant who experiences an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system that is under the jurisdiction and control of the City of Westland should immediately contact the City of Westland Department of Public Service Director, Kevin Buford, at the following address and telephone number:

City of Westland
 Department of Public Service
 37137 Marquette
 Westland, MI 48185
 (734) 728-1770

Important Health Information

Overview

The City of Westland maintains over 325 miles of water main, over 2900 hydrants and over 6000 valves in our system. We have flushed the water mains in one section of the city this year, covering the neighborhoods in the area of Merriman to Inkster and Annapolis to Van Born. This is done to remove buildup from the water main and improve pressure and quality of the water you receive. We will be doing other sections of the City of Westland in 2008 as the weather permits, working through the city on a continual basis. We are also

operating and repairing the valves for isolating the water throughout the city to insure proper operation of the valves in an emergency.

Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Westland is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a disease-causing parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of many animals, including dogs and cats. Symptoms of infection include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, headaches, nausea and vomiting. The disease is typically spread through contact with feces of an infected animal or person or consuming contaminated food or water. Cryptosporidium can be introduced into bodies of water by way of surface water runoff containing animal waste and sewage discharge. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has been testing for cryptosporidium since 1994 and has not detected it in any of our source water supplies.

People with Special Health Concerns

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants, can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance

In 2007, the City of Westland had no monitoring violations. A monitoring violation is not an exceedance of a MCL or health standard.

The Department of Public Service Water and Sewer Superintendent prepared this report for the City of Westland. Data was supplied by the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. If there are any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact the City of Westland Department of Public Service at 734-728-1770. This report is supplied to our customers to ensure compliance with the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act (1976, PA 399, as amended) by 1998 PA 56. This Act was passed to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act and the rules promulgated by the United States EPA dealing with this law. Water quality data for community water

systems throughout the United States is available at www.waterdata.com.

Additional Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- ⊗ Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- ⊗ Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- ⊗ Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.
- ⊗ Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- ⊗ Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or by the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

WRITTEN NOTICE REQUIREMENT: Furthermore, compliance with Public Act 222 of 2001, an amendment to Michigan's Governmental Immunity Statute 1964 PA 170, as amended MCL 691.1401 to 691.1419, requires that a claimant who wishes to seek compensation for property damage or physical injury resulting from a sewage disposal system event notify the City of Westland, Water and Sewer Superintendent, in writing, within 45 days after the date the damage or physical injury was discovered, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have been discovered. The written notice shall contain the claimant's name, address and telephone number, the address of the affected property, the date of discovery of any property damages or physical injuries, and a brief description of the claim. Failure to comply with the notice requirements may prevent the recovery of damages and bar any claim that a claimant may have.

**SPRINGWELLS WATER TREATMENT PLANT
 2007 REGULATED DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLES**

Contaminant	Test Dates	Units	Health Goal MCLC	MCLC Allowed Level	MCL Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water Inorganic Chemicals
Fluoride	8/8/2007	ppm	440.920	n/a	No erosion natural deposits	Water additive, which promotes		Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	8/8/2007	ppm	10100.21	n/a	No Runoff from fertilizer use	Leaching from septic tanks, sewage;		Erosion of Natural Deposits
Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products - Monitoring in Distribution System								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb Nov 2007	ppb	n/a	80	20.4	7.5-43.4	No	By product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb - Nov 2007	ppb	n/a	60	12.9	4.9-19.0	No	By product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant Chlorine	Jan - Nov 2007	ppm	MRLGL 4	MROL 4	0.67	0.61-0.72	No	Water additive used to control microbes

2007 Turbidity - Monitored every 4 hours at Plant FInished Water Tap

Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.21 NTU	100%	No	Soil Runoff

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

2007 Microbiological Contaminants - Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	in one month - 0	No	Naturally present in the environment
E.coli or fecal	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive	entire year - 0	No	Human waste and animal fecal easte

2005 Lead And Copper Monitoring At Customers' Tap

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLC	Action Level AL	90th Percentile Value	Number of Samples Overall	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2005	ppb	0	15	0 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2005	ppb	13	13	54	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running Annual Average
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

2007 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source Of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.65	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

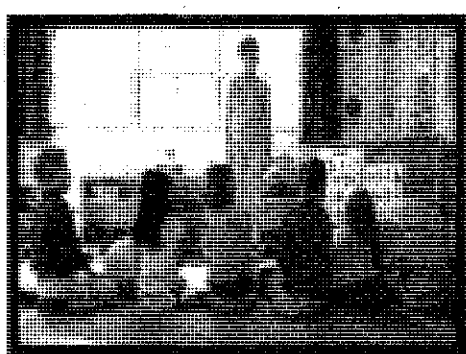
KEY TO DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLES

Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
ppb	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
n/a	Not applicable	

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Mission Statement

"We Are A Learning Community"

The mission of the Garden City Public Schools is to be a learning community that ensures a safe, caring, quality education for students of all ages to prepare for the possibilities of tomorrow.

For more information or comments, please contact Joyce Ross, Garden City Public Schools, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, MI 48135 or call 734-762-6352

Garden City Public Schools MEAP Scores - Fall 2007

District Student Achievement

Garden City student progress is recorded on state and national tests, college entrance exams, and the traditional methods of student grades, progress reports, and through portfolios. The MEAP Test result is another record of student achievement and is used to determine if our students are achieving adequate yearly progress.

Grade	Reading 2006	Reading 2007	Writing 2006	Writing 2007	ELA 2006	ELA 2007	Math 2006	Math 2007	Science 2006	Science 2007
Grade 3										
District	79	84*	42	51*	71	79*	84	92*		
State	87	86	52	57	79	81	88	90		
Grade 4										
District	77	75	35	33	69	66	81	79		
State	85	84	45	44	78	76	85	59		
Grade 5										
District	77	76	48	52*	69	71*	68	69	79	74
State	84	82	57	59	78	78	76	74	83	82
Grade 6										
District	83	77	72	66	76	72	63*	64	74	69
State	83	82	74	73	78	80	69	73	74	73
Grade 7										
District	78	72	67	74*	75	72	57	62*		
State	80	72	65	77	76	74	64	73		
Grade 8										
District	70	76*	66	71*	67	75*	64	64	78	78
State	76	77	67	70	71	75	68	71	75	79
Grade 9										
District	64	66*								
State	74	71								

*Gain over 2006

School Enrollment - September 2007

Garden City High School	1,544
Garden City Middle School	747
Douglas Elementary	497
Farmington Elementary	385
Henry Ruff Elementary	506
Lathers Elementary	460
Memorial Elementary	468
Burger Center (Autistic)	323
Cambridge Center	500

Teaching Degrees

BA = 21
BA + 15 = 64
Masters = 130
Masters + 15 = 24
Masters + 30 = 67
Specialists = 32
Doctorate = 10
Total Teachers: 357

District Statistics

District Area: Approx. 6 sq. miles
Number of buildings: 11
Per Pupil Expenditure: \$7,795
Number of Buses: 24
Lunches Served: 482,000

Accreditation

Garden City High School is accredited by North Central. The middle school and elementary schools are all interim accredited. All schools are engaged in ongoing school improvement and planning.

Informational

Transportation schedules are posted on the Garden City Schools website. School closing due to adverse weather conditions will be announced on most television and radio stations. For information regarding Schools of Choice or Free and Reduced lunch, call 734-762-6342.

Highly Qualified Teachers

Under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2000, all of our certified teachers are considered highly qualified.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

The district achieved AYP in Math and ELA at Farmington, Henry Ruff, Lathers and Middle School. Status is pending at Douglas and Memorial. We have not received the scores for the High School.

Dear Community Members,

This certainly has been a year full of changes. Dr. Witkowski retired January 31, 2008 and I had the good fortune of being selected as the Interim Superintendent until the end of June. These past months have been both stressful and exciting but the most enjoyable aspect was working with all of the professionals that give unselfishly of themselves so that we can offer our students the best education possible. I will be returning to the Cambridge Center beginning July 1, and I look forward to working with the adult and alternative students once again.



Long time Board member George Kordie regrettably resigned to pursue a career opportunity and Julie Smith was appointed to his seat until the next election in May 2009.

The new incoming Superintendent, Michelle Cline, will officially take charge of the district on July 1, 2008. She faces many challenges including a deficit budget and a grim State financial outlook. By working together as a team, we can overcome all of these obstacles and make student outcome the number one priority for the children of Garden City.

I would like to remind members of the community that this report can be viewed on our website at www.resa.net/gardencity. Important dates and information about the district can also be viewed at this website.

Sincerely,
Jack Pelon
Interim Superintendent

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District Initiatives 2007-2008

- Formation of a K-12 Literacy Committee to align new state standards with district reading and writing genres.
- Pilot of the Zangle Report Card at the elementary grades 5/6 across the district.
- Adoption of a new Science Kit Program and Curriculum for Grades 1-8.
- Restructuring of the High School curriculum to align with new State Guidelines for graduation and adopting a trimester calendar.
- Implementation of Elementary Common Assessment Study Island in Math and ELA.
- Consultation with Wayne County RESA to incorporate Differentiated Instructional Strategies through Professional Development.
- Formation of new School Community Partnerships with Schoolcraft Community College, DFCU Financial, Dario's Restaurant and Garden City Art Council "Art Around Town."
- Numerous staff recognition awards: **American Legion Teacher of the Year** was Kelly DePriest from Douglas. **Lamp of Learning Awards** to Susan Dennis (High School) in May 2008; Dave Coletta, Bill Sellers, Mike Meyer, Doug Chamberlain and Steve Crandall on March 10, 2008; and Denise Rudzki, Kim Linenger and Chris Taylor on Dec. 10, 2007. We also had awards given to Devon Dean, for **WCRESA Rookie Teacher of the Year** (Douglas) and Rosemary Gross (High School) **Outstanding Ancillary Professional Employee of the Year** and Lynn Terrell (Memorial) **Support Employee of the Year**.



Kelly DePriest receiving congratulations from some of her students.

Retention Rates (High School)

96.73% (based upon comparing the number of students who entered as sophomores to that class at graduation minus those who have moved or transferred to another educational program.)

Parent Participation

Parent-teacher conferences are held in November. Approximately 94% of all elementary parents attended conferences for the 2007-2008 school year and 92% attended open house. About 82% of High School and 35% of Middle School parents attended. The Middle School implemented a new web based program "Parent Connect" for parents to access their student's progress which can be utilized on a daily basis.

Special Education Services

Garden City Schools provide quality programs and services for children with special needs. These services and programs are provided so that every child can be guaranteed an education up to the maximum of his/her ability. A wide range of services is offered for our 780 mildly challenged students (excluding Burger) serviced in local buildings. Individual programming for 105 severely challenged students is addressed through Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency Center Programs.

Points of Pride

Garden City High School aligned their entire core curriculum to new high school standards. GCHS is very proud of the Girl's Softball Team. They became the "Michigan Class A State Softball Team champions." Also GCHS Pom Pon Squad are the State Champions.

Garden City Middle School hosted Rachel's Challenge.

Rachel Scott was the first student to die at Columbine. The assembly encourages students to be sensitive toward others and to demonstrate integrity. GCMS held its third annual Career Day in an effort to increase career awareness amongst students. Fifteen different professionals presented to 7th graders. Eighth grade students participated in Reality Store. Students have to balance a check book, taking all costs associated with real life into account.

Burger Center had a very successful Talent Show with over 100 acts and the Bell Choir performed at State PTA Conference. Their cross curriculum theme "Under the Sea" is a program covering art, music, reading and writing.

Cambridge Center had 120 graduates in 2007/08 and 400 students on the honor roll. Students in the Career Class were able to experience the lawn care business and see what goes into running a business.

Douglas Elementary sixth grade students visited Chicago and saw "Wicked". A common assessment format, Douglas Writing Days, with video broadcasted programs was instituted. The Dolphin Fun Run raised over \$12,000.

Farmington Elementary students held annual Science Night. Students were challenged with over 20 interactive experiments. Judge Hammer participated in March Is Reading Month. Students read over 1,500 books during the month. The Reading for Literacy Program helped over 50 students advance more than one year in reading.

Henry Ruff Elementary emphasized three goals in social studies, writing and math. The students participated in a 10 week curriculum study of economics. They also engaged in learning about society, creating partnerships and businesses by producing and selling products.

Lathers Elementary focused on many activities and strategies to improve math and reading skills using the Daily Word Problem Program and a Fast Math Computer Program. We use Study Island Program for reading and Accelerated Reader. Parents joined with their children for a very successful Family Science Night.

Memorial Elementary successfully implemented their "Response to Intervention Program" for the past six years which decreased the number of students who require special education services. They also adopted the "Positive Behavior Support Program" where students learn to promote the values of respect, responsibility and safety for all students.

Federal, State and District Legalties

Student Accident Insurance

Garden City Public Schools does not insure students for accidental injuries. The personal insurance of the parent or guardian is assumed to cover any and all medical treatments for such injuries. Unfortunately, some parents and guardians have limited or no health care coverage.

Each school year, the Garden City Public Schools offers reasonably priced student accident insurance plans. Application forms and brochures outlining costs and coverage are available in school offices at the beginning of the school year. For more information, call your child's school or the Garden City Public Schools Business Office at 734.762.6342.

Family Rights and Privacy Act

Educational records of Garden City students are protected under FERPA, 1974. These records are those official school records concerning a student and maintained for other school personnel to see. GCPS maintains the students' main record file, either a CA39 or CA60, student disciplinary files, special education files, Section 504 files, and student portfolios.

- Parents and students may access these files until the student graduates.
- Parents who are divorced or separated may access their child's records unless specifically prohibited by a court order on file in the school office.
- If you wish to access a file, contact the school principal and make an appointment.
- School personnel have access to student files in their normal course of duties. Information from the files will be given to others if:
 - Parent or student request
 - School regulations allow release to courts or certain state or federal agencies
 - The safety of others is affected
 - The student enrolls in another school.

Federal guidelines allow a school district to publish certain information without obtaining authorization each time if families are informed in advance that this information will be released. If a family does not want this made public, the principal should be contacted and this information will be withheld. In Garden City Schools, that information includes student name, address, phone number, grade level, awards received, participation in activities, field of study.

A 1992 amendment to this law exempted from its coverage, "records maintained by a law enforcement agency or institution that were created by that law enforcement unit for the purpose of law enforcement." This permits school officials to make criminal investigation reports available to the press and law enforcement agencies and their personnel.

If parents or students believe that an educational record is inaccurate, misleading or violates the student's rights, they may request in writing that the record be amended or destroyed. If the request is refused, the parent or age of majority student may request an appeal with the Director of Student Services, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, MI 48135, (734.762.6342). Parents of age of majority students have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Dept. of Education regarding the failure of the school district to comply with FERPA officials (1.202.732.2057).

Student Discrimination

The Garden City Public Schools will not tolerate unlawful discrimination by or against students because of their race, color, creed, religion, height, weight, age, marital status, citizenship, national origin, sex, handicap or disability, or any other factor prohibited by law. This includes unlawful sexual harassment as well as harassment based on other unlawful factors. This policy applies without exception. After investigation, persons who violate this policy are subject to appropriate sanctions for their conduct. While this policy, and procedures in it, apply to any form of unlawful discrimination or harassment, some examples of sexual harassment may be helpful. Sexual harassment is, basically, unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature. It can be verbal or physical sexual harassment and may include, but are not limited to:

- *unwelcome kissing, touching, grabbing or other physical conduct of a sexual nature;
- *unwelcome sexual drawings, messages, photos, or notes, or other unwanted, written, sexually-oriented communication;
- *whistling, touching, pinching, assault, co-erced sexual acts, leering, pulling clothes off or down;
- *suggestive, insulting, obscene comments or gestures;
- *calling someone names referring to sexual orientation (i.e., calling someone lesbian or gay);
- *graphic, verbal commentary about an individual's body, sexual prowess or sexual deficiencies.

In contrast, examples of conduct which ordinarily would not constitute sexual harassment include occasional use of swear words or obscenities, requests to go out on a date, or lighthearted, inoffensive flirtation. Students who experience sexual or other harassment should first make it clear to the offender that the behavior is offensive, or if that is not possible, bring the matter to the attention of the building principal or other administrator. Students who make complaints have the responsibility, and are required, to follow this procedure:

- Step One:** As soon as possible, and ordinarily within 20 days of the conduct that caused the complaint, the student must submit the complaint to the building principal or another administrator. It is preferable for the complaint to be in writing.
- Step Two:** The complaint will be investigated promptly and thoroughly. The investigation may involve such actions as interviews with the alleged offender, witnesses, and the complaining student. To the extent possible, confidentiality will be maintained; there will be no unlawful retaliation against a student for making a complaint or taking part in the investigation of a complaint under this procedure.
- Step Three:** The complaining student, and the alleged offender, will be notified of the outcome of the investigation, and of corrective action to be taken, if any.
- Step Four:** If either the complaining student or the alleged offender is dissatisfied with the resolution, he may contact the District's Complaint Coordinator within a week, and a meeting will be scheduled promptly to consider the complaint.
- Step Five:** If either party remains dissatisfied with the resolution at Step Five, a prompt appeal may be made to the Board of Education through its secretary, and the Board will respond within 30 days of its receipt of the appeal. The decision of the Board is final and binding on all parties.

Director of Student Services, Complaint Coordinator, 734.762.6342, or Dr. Richard Witkowski, Superintendent of Schools, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, MI 48135 734.762.6311

Asbestos Abatement

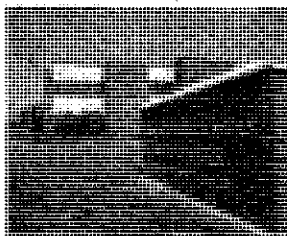
This notice is to inform you that the district has completed an asbestos inspection and management plan as required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The management plans have been accepted by the State of Michigan and are available for your review in the Buildings and Grounds Office. The management plans contain information regarding the locations of asbestos-containing materials (ACM) in all buildings, the condition of the ACM, and a plan for dealing with the ACM. The following asbestos activities are currently planned or in progress for the district.

*Periodic Surveillance: Once every six months, the ACM must be visually inspected for changes in conditions.

If there are any questions, please call Bernard Rice at 734.762.8325 or the Associate Superintendent at 734.762.6306 at the administration building.

Mandatory Sexual Disclosure Law

This law mandates school districts inform all students of the legal ramifications of sexual activity with underage persons and direct districts to inform all students that under Michigan Law it is illegal to have sex with anyone under the age of 16, even if it is consensual. A conviction for underage intercourse can carry up to 3 years in prison and require the offender to be listed on the State's sex offender registry for 25 years. If you have questions about when and how to share information with children, please contact your school counselor or the Student Services Director at 734.762.6342.



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SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS/CLINICS

Salem wrestling camp

The Salem wrestling program will be hosting a summer camp for all experience levels Monday through Thursday, July 14-18, at the high school.

For more information, visit www.wrestling.salemrocks.com.

Salem football camp

Kids between the ages of 7 and 13 are invited to attend the annual Salem Youth Football Instructional Camp, which will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12 at the high school.

The camp is open to all Plymouth and Canton residents,

regardless of where they will be attending high school.

Individuals who register prior to July 7 are required to pay just \$10. Registration at the camp will cost \$20.

The camp will be held at the PCEP varsity turf field. Players are encouraged to where football cleats (rubber spikes) and gym shorts with no helmets.

For more information, visit www.football.salemrocks.com.

Glenn grid camp

The Westland Senior High football camps for any student entering grades 9-12 for the 2008-09 school year will be

from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Monday, July 7; Wednesday, July 9; and Monday through Friday, July 21-23, at John Glenn High School.

For camp fees and registration information, call camp director Tim Hardin at (734) 419-2329.

RU Wing T camp

Redford Union is hosting the Panther Wing T-camp for football players entering high school this fall from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, through Friday, Aug. 1.

For more information, call Miles Tomasaitis at (313) 575-4753.

Franklin boys basketball

The Livonia Franklin boys basketball camp for grades 4-9 (fall of 2008) will be from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, July 21-24, at the high school.

Included in the \$65 registration fee is a camp T-shirt and red, white and blue basketball. The camp also features contests, awards, skills and games.

For more information, e-mail franklinball@gmail.com; or to obtain a printable brochure for mail-in registration, visit franklinbasketball.googlepages.com. (Walk-ups also welcome for \$75).

Sports development

Redford Parks & Recreation is presenting this one-week camp (Aug. 11-15) for youngsters ages 3-7, to help teach them basic motor skills necessary to play organized sports while working one-on-one with their parents.

Skills include throwing, kicking, catching and batting. The program fee is \$25, and parent/guardian participation is required. Classes will be at Pearson Education Center, located on Beech Daly between Eight Mile and Grand River. For more information, call (313) 387-2650.

Pre-beginner soccer

Kids ages 3-7 with little or no previous experience playing soccer are invited to take part in the one-week camp, slated to take place 12:30-to-1:30 p.m. Monday, July 14 through Friday, July 18 at Pearson Education Center.

The camp fee is \$25 per participant.

The Redford Parks & Recreation Department staff will teach fundamentals of the sport. Parents are required to attend in order to reinforce proper techniques and skills after the camp concludes.

Pearson is located on Beech Daly between Eight Mile and Grand River.

Call (313) 387-2650 for more information.

Future Stars wrestling

The Livonia Franklin Future Stars wrestling clinic for those entering grades 1-9 will be from 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, July 22-23, in the mat room (second floor of the fieldhouse).

No experience is necessary. Basic to advanced moves will be covered. Groups will be based on age, weight and level of experience.

The cost is \$35 (includes T-shirt if registered by July 8). Walk-up registrations will be accepted.

For more information, call Franklin wrestling coach Dave Chiola at (248) 752-2340; or e-mail chiola44@yahoo.com.

MU women's camps

The Madonna University women's basketball coach Carl Graves will stage a series of summer camps including: super shooters youth (grades 4-7), Monday through Friday, July 14-18; guards-n-bigs (grades 7-12), July 21-25.

Cost ranges from \$50 to \$160.

For more information, call Sandi Wade at (734) 432-5606; or e-mail cgraves@madonna.edu. You can also visit www.madonnacrusaders.com.

Madonna hoops camp

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry has announced the 2008 All-Star Basketball Camp for boys ages 8-15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 28-Aug. 1, at MU.

Among instructors is camp founder Bernie Holowicki. The cost is \$175, 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.

MU volleyball camps

Madonna University will offer a defensive specialty camp, Monday through Thursday, July 7-10.

For more 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.

Hoop Stars camps

Hoops Stars Basketball Camp will stage two sessions for boys and girls ages 7-15 including:

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 4-8, both at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland (cost \$110 per session or \$200 for both); also from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 11-15, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (cost \$125 LCRC pass holders; \$150, resident; \$175, non-resident).

For more information, call the Bailey Recreation Center at (734) 722-7620; or the Livonia Parks and Recreation at (734) 466-2410.

You can also call Ron Levin, camp director, at (248) 496-3268; or visit www.hoopstars-basketball.com.

Churchill camps

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

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.

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.

Schoolcraft camps

Schoolcraft College will offer a series of summer sports camps including:

Boys and girls soccer: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 7-10; 14-17, 21-24; 28-31.

Boys basketball: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 14-17.

Girls basketball: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 21-24.

Girl volleyball (all-skills): 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 7-10 and 28-31.

Each camp session is \$175 (includes T-shirt). Optional swimming will be from noon-12:50 p.m. Campers must provide their own lunch.

For more information, call the Schoolcraft Athletic Department at (734) 462-4804, Ext. 3; or e-mail athletic director Sid Fox at sfox@schoolcraft.edu.

Hawks soccer camps

The Michigan Hawks of the W-League will offer small group training sessions (1:6 coach-player ratio) for boys and girls ages 6-17 from 9:30-11 a.m., Monday through Thursday, June 30-July 3; July 7-10; July 14-17; July 28-Aug. 1 (in conjunction with the Detroit Ignition) and Aug. 4-7, at Novi Total Soccer, 41500 Grand River, Novi.

The cost is \$125 for each session (includes T-shirt and individual season pass to Michigan Hawks Women games).

For more information, visit www.michiganhawkswomen.com; or e-mail Doug Landefeld at dlandefeld@michiganyouthsoccer.org.

Invitation to Comment on a Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility

Interested persons are invited to comment on a proposed wireless telecommunications facility to be located at 38501 Palmer Road, Westland, Michigan, and specifically on potential effects to historic properties located at or near this facility, if any. The facility will consist of the construction of a 110' tall unipole-style telecommunications tower and the placement of equipment at the base of the tower. Comments regarding potential effects to historic properties should be submitted by mail to Regulatory Compliance Manager at 2001 Butterfield Road, Suite 1900, Downers Grove, IL, or by calling (630) 960-8400. Questions about this facility or this notice may also be directed to that address or phone number. This notice is provided in accordance with the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. Part 1, Subpart I and Appendices B and C.

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The Architect will receive sealed bids for:

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Bid Proposals will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when the opening of bid proposals will be conducted by the Owner in public:

Date: July 15, 2008
Time: 1:30 PM EST

Place: Board of Education
Garden City Public Schools
1333 Radcliff Street
Garden City, MI 48135
Attn: Sheryl Quinn, Business Manager

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after June 26, 2008.

Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ASSOCIATES, INC., 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; the MCGRAW-HILL CONSTRUCTION DODGE PLAN ROOM, Livonia, Michigan; or the CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Qualified Bidders may obtain bidding documents from the Office of the Architect, consisting of one (1) set of Drawings and Specifications.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. A board shall not accept a bid that does not include this statement. This statement is on the proposal execution form.

Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of sixty (60) days after date for receipt of bids.

Accepted Bidder shall be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities therein is reserved by the Owner.

This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

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WYAA football signup

The Westland Youth Athletic Association begins its 50th year of football with 2008 season registration from 7-9 p.m. each Wednesday and 10 a.m. until noon on Saturdays at the WYAA's Lange Compound, located at 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Both the Meteors (41st year) and Comets (37th year) offer age groups for 7-8 (Junior Freshman), 8-10 (Freshman), 11-12 (Junior Varsity) and 11-14 (Varsity).

The cost is \$175-\$195. Non-residents are welcome at no extra fee. You must provide a current photo and new players must have a copy of their birth certificate. The age cut-off is Sept. 1 of the current year and there are weight restrictions for each age level.

For more information, including the WYAA's play for free program, call the Comets' Mark Sinkow at (734) 731-11-76 or

the Comets' Keith DeMolay at (734) 516-9269; or Galen Huren of the Meteors at (734) 716-6047.

You can also visit www.wyaa.org; or call the WYAA office at (734) 421-0640.

WYAA cheerleading

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association cheerleading for the Meteors and Comets squads will be from 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays; also 10 a.m. until noon each Saturday at the WYAA's Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Openings are available for both units' squad for Junior Freshman, ages 7-8; Freshman, 8-10; Junior Varsity, 10-12; and Varsity, 11-14. Non-resident are welcome at no extra fee.

The cost is \$135 for freshman, JV and varsity; or you will receive 27 \$5 raffle tickets (sell all 27 and there is no cost). The

cost for instructional is \$115 (you will receive 23 \$5 raffle tickets (sell all 23 tickets and the cost is free).

For more information, call the Meteors' Kathy Henderson at (734) 968-3272; or the Comets' Caryn Timbs at (734) 722-5806.

You can also call the WYAA's Lange Compound during regular business hours at (734) 421-0640; or visit www.wyaa.org to inquire about the 2008 cheer for free program.

Soccer players wanted

The Livonia Family YMCA is seeking 3-4 players for its under-11 girls select soccer team.

For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 261-2161 or e-mail Scott Millman at Dirtrunner21@hotmail.com.

Stevenson needs coaches

Livonia Stevenson is seeking coaches for the following sports:

girls assistant swimming and diving (experience necessary to coach diving); boys assistant swimming and diving (experience necessary to coach diving); JV cheerleading head coach for fall sideline and winter competitive seasons (experience necessary to coach at the high school-level MHSA format).

For more information, e-mail Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at lhyman@livonia.k12.mi.us.

Archery introduction

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its introduction to target archery classes from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at the archery range, located off Glendale Avenue off Farmington Road (between I-96 and Plymouth Road).

The fee is \$12 for residents and \$14 for non-residents. Children 9-and-under must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration will be at the Parks and Recreation desk located in the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Youth triathlon

The fifth annual Livonia Youth Triathlon for boys and girls ages 14-and-under will be Saturday, Aug. 16 at Clements Circle Park, 9999 Harrison (south of Plymouth Road).

Race times will be 8:30 a.m. (8-and-under); 9:45 a.m. (9-10); 11 a.m. (11-12); and noon (13-14). Check-in is a half-hour before each race. Awards for winners 10-and-under will be from 10:45-11 a.m. and for 14-and-under 1-1:15 p.m. Equipment need is swimsuit, bike (and helmet) and running shoes.

Pre-registration, which is \$10 (including T-shirt), will start Monday, June 16, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Race day registration is \$15. For more information, call Erin Knieper at (734) 466-2414.

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Wine market competition heats up

Bordeaux remains California's biggest competitor.

This is especially true for high-end wines starting at \$25. Even in these hard-pressed economic times, wines with bottle prices over \$15 are the growth segment of the market. A number of surveys released recently indicate that a majority of wine consumers are unwilling to give up wine to reduce their household costs.

Philippe Blanc, managing director of Chateau Beychevelle, a classified Fourth Growth estate in Bordeaux, seemed somewhat disconcerted when we started our interview with questions about Bordeaux wine prices.

Chateau Beychevelle and its sister property Chateau Beaumont, a Cru Bourgeois Superieur, "have always been considered wines of good value for the money," Blanc said. "There are significant pressures driving up prices of Bordeaux wines. It's not just the depressed U.S. dollar against the Euro. Asia is booming. Hong Kong and Singapore are hot markets and Moscow is growing. Each vintage, Chateau Beychevelle produces only 20,000 cases for the whole world."

"U.S. consumers put pressure on the Bordeaux market for wines from the excellent 2003 and 2005 vintages. For the lat-

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WINE PICKS

Pink (or more properly, rose) are the hottest wines on the market for summer. They pair splendidly with salmon, spicy crab sushi, grilled sausages, roast chicken and Mediterranean tapas.

- Try:
- 2007 Marques de Caceres Rioja Rose, \$11 (tempranillo and garnacha blend)
 - 2007 Domaine de Gournier (Costieres de Nimes France) Rose, \$11 (syrah, grenache, cinsault blend)
 - 2007 Bodegas Julian Chivite Gran Feudo Rosado, Navarra Spain, \$12 (100 percent garnacha a.k.a. grenache)
 - 2007 Domaine de Tariquet Rose, \$12 (pretty "pomegranate red" merlot, syrah and tannat blend)
 - 2007 Louis Jadot Rose, \$14 (100 percent gamay grapes from Beaujolais)
 - 2007 Clos La Chance Rose, \$14
 - 2007 Yangarra McLaren Vale (Australia) Rose, \$15 (grenache and shiraz blend)
 - 2007 Wild Rock Vin Gris Rose, New Zealand, \$16
 - 2007 Beckmen Purisima Mountain Vineyard Grenache Rose, \$18
 - 2007 Chateau d'Acqueria Tavel Rose, \$19 - bone dry
 - 2007 Etude Rose of Carneros Pinot Noir, \$20
 - 2007 Tablas Creek Vineyard Rose, \$27 (mourvedre, grenache and counoise blend)

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it's a domestic wine, order it direct from the winery.



JOHN STORMZANO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A rose from Anne Reeves' garden.

Moments of Delight

Photographer celebrates everyday beauty in new book

BY MEGAN SWOYER
CORRESPONDENT

Whether it's relishing that old bend in the road on the way back from a popular hamburger spot near her family's vacation home, or hanging handmade Christmas tree ornaments of vintage heirloom photos, home-spun traditions flecked with heartfelt emotions accentuate Anne Held Reeves' life.

So it's no surprise that Reeves recently published a book that features her passion for beauty.

"I decided a long time ago that my business philosophy includes, really, layers of me," says the 38-year-old Troy entrepreneur. Those layers become apparent in *Moments of Delight*, a 140-page, self-published tome that was printed in late May.

"I wanted to put the beauty of everyday life in the spotlight," she explains. "So I thought,

what if I took all the photos I have and love and gave them their due and put them into a book?"

After researching printers online, Reeves found one with which to work. "The book allows me to affect people and bring delight with my words and photography."

The self-published book includes everything from photos of lush peonies and roses to

favorite blueberry stands and herb pots created with her father. Each photo is complemented with text that explains her motivation for the photos.

"The book is perfectly me," she notes. "I don't live a narrow life. I bake, I travel, I sew, I do photography, I craft. That's real life to me — all of it."

Reeves and her husband, Dan, a senior systems analyst at Behr America in Troy, live in a charming home — a nod to all things pretty. One can imagine Martha Stewart chumming with Reeves among her handmade, button-themed photo frames, bundt cake-shaped soaps, book sculptures and origami adornments. Christmas time is another story altogether. With six Christmas trees (even a miniature, laundry room-themed *tannenbaum*), Reeves totally embraces the holidays.

"I've followed Martha since

I was 17 years old," admits Reeves, who grew up in Bloomfield Hills and attended Groves High School. "The fact that Martha Stewart brought gardening, cooking, baking and decorating to the world as wonderful pastimes made it easier for me to be me."

Reeves' new book is a perfect extension of her business. As the clever owner of Ana Designs, Reeves creates and sells "subscriptions" to "a state of mind," called *Delight*, in which subscribers might receive in the mail anything from recipes to flowers to Michigan fare.

The Michigan State University graduate also makes and sells tin wallets, purses, ribbon watches, and tour bracelets that each feature miniature photos of a variety of scenes from Paris to

Please see **MOMENTS, D3**



JOHN STORMZANO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Anne Reeves, author of "Moments of Delight," finds inspiration in her rose garden.



Troy resident Anne Reeves wrote, photographed and published "Moments of Delight."

Knock, smell or examine? Local expert offers advice to choose a watermelon

BY LANA MINI
OGE STAFF WRITER

Do you smell it, knock on it, listen for an echo?

Study how green its shell? We've heard a lot of suggestions on how to choose a great watermelon.

For example, Crystal Voytal, of Berkley, says she has the best way to choose the fruit:

"I bring my grandma with me," she said. "She finds the best ones."

Our summer gift to you isn't Voytal's grandma - it's a tip from another expert — a seemingly sure way to get that sweet watermelon which has a good amount of vitamins C, A, B1, B6, potassium, magnesium, carotenoid and lycopene.

"I'm 52 years old and have been selling watermelon for 12 years and I have

always chosen a good melon searching for the sound of a snare drum," said Dominic Acione, general manager of Westborn Market in Berkley.

"You flick the outside of the melon with your finger (he uses his index finger), hitting it pretty hard, and put your ear down to it to listen for the sound," Acione said. "You don't want it to sound like a thump, because then it's overly ripe. You want it to sound like a snap, like a snare drum."

And for cantaloupe, the best way to chose isn't with a knock. It's by gently pressing the bottom of it — the opposite end of the stem — and searching for a bit of softness. That's when it's ripe enough, Acione said.

Hardly anything is as refreshing as freshly cut watermelon. But if you want to add a twist with your watermelon, Whole Foods Markets offers a drink

recipe to blend chunks of the fruit with ice and a splash of lime juice. Serve it with a fresh mint leaf.

And, *Cooking Light* recommends a watermelon salad with this recipe:

WATERMELON SALAD, SOMETIMES SERVED OVER A BED OF GREENS

- Ingredients*
- ½ cup chopped red onion
 - 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice (about 2 limes)
 - 4 cups cubed seeded watermelon
 - ¼ cup pitted kalamata olives
 - ¼ cup finely chopped fresh parsley
 - ¼ cup finely chopped fresh mint

Combine onion and juice in a medium bowl; let stand 10 minutes. Add watermelon, olives, parsley, and mint. Cover and chill one hour.



PHOTO COURTESY OF COOKING LIGHT

A fresh watermelon salad to cool you down.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Great Lakes Roses

The final year of popular rose programs continues as owners Nancy & Roger Lindley plan to retire in the fall. Sunday sessions start at 1 p.m.; Monday at 11 a.m.; Japanese Beetle Control for Roses, July 6-7; Herbs from Head to Toe, July 13. Dress for the weather. The events are free and open to the public without reservations. Great Lakes Roses is located at 49875 Willow Road, in Sumpter Township. Visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

Country Garden Club of Northville

Six gardens will be featured in Northville's 15th Annual Garden Walk, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 9, \$10 tickets. www.cgcnv.org, (248) 348-3263.

Annual Daylily Dig

Merritts Nursery and Gardens will host its Annual Daylily Dig July 12-13, and 19-20. You pick, they dig. Choose from reds, yellows, pinks, purples and whites and receive 20 percent off all perennials and hostas. A lecture on daylilies will be held 3 p.m. Saturdays; and a lecture on hostas will be held 3 p.m. Sundays during the dig, 5940 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. Call (248) 681-7955 or visit www.michmerritts.com.

Romeo Lavender Festival

Michigan's Sixth Annual Lavender Festival will be held July 17-19 at Gabriel's Garden in Romeo. The event

will feature classes, workshops, harp entertainment, activities and vendors featuring handmade products. Expert gardeners will be on hand amidst the lavender gardens to answer questions about growing, harvesting and using the plant. Lavender themed food and beverages will be sold, including Michigan Cherry Salad with Grilled Lavender Chicken, Lavender Brownie Sundae and Lavender Lemonade. Admission is \$4, children under 12 free. Visit www.MichLavenderFestival.com or call (877) 452-8363.

Farmington Garden Walk

Strolling Through the Gardens in Time will showcase one public and eight private gardens, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 2. Tickets will be available at Steinkopf Nursery, 20815 Farmington Road.

Maintain the Magnificence

Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club is selling raffle tickets during an ongoing fund raiser to benefit Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club, which maintains the hall's 14 gardens. Supporters may purchase tickets (\$10 each, or 11 for \$100) for a chance to win \$2,500, \$1,250, and \$625 cash prizes. The drawing will be held 1 p.m. Aug. 19 at Meadow Brook Hall and Gardens, but ticketholders need not be present to win. To purchase tickets, call Laurence Cathey at (248) 467-0617.

Capture and organize information with free service

Question: What's all this I hear about Firefox 3? What is it? Do I need it?

Answer: Firefox 3 (getfirefox.com) is the new version of Mozilla's mega-popular Web browser, and it continues to outfox Internet Explorer.

Best new feature: the Smart Location Bar, which monitors your browsing history to help you quickly

revisit sites.

Type a few letters of a site's name or Web address, and the Location Bar immediately drops down a list of sites you've visited and bookmarked. Doesn't sound like much, but trust me: It's a huge time-saver. You'll wonder how you ever lived without it.

Speaking of bookmarks, Firefox 3 makes it incredibly easy to add any site to your favorites list: Just click the little star on the end of the

Location Bar. Or, click it twice if you want to add more information about the site you're bookmarking.

Firefox 3 also offers robust protection from malware, a greatly improved password manager, a built-in spell checker, and countless other great features. I have only one complaint. Firefox is famous for its add-ons (software plug-ins that enhance or tweak the browser's capabilities), but many of my favorites aren't yet compatible with the new version.

Thus, if you're using Firefox 2 and have some favorite plug-ins of your own, I recommend waiting a month or two before upgrading. By then, most plug-ins should be updated. For everyone else, Firefox 3 is the Web's best browser, bar none.

Question: Is there a good way to manage the vast amounts of information I encounter at work, on the Web, on the road, and so on?

Answer: Try Evernote (evernote.com), a new service designed expressly for that purpose. With it you can

capture information from a variety of sources, including the Web, your PC, and even your cell phone, then organize it for easy reference.

A new "note" can consist of just about anything: a snippet of text on a Web site (or the site itself), a whiteboard photographed with your camera phone, an audio recording, an e-mail message, a scanned receipt, or whatever.

I'll admit Evernote hasn't quite hooked me yet, but I know lots of people who absolutely love the service. It's free, by the way, though a \$5/month premium account entitles you to a few extra goodies.

If you want to know more, there's a YouTube video (tinyurl.com/2kdt4j) that demonstrates the how and why of using Evernote.

Question: How can I harness the power of the Web to get in shape?

Answer: Start with CalorieKing.com, which has a huge searchable food database. Want to know how many calories are in a Tim Hortons Café Mocha? The site will tell you,

and show how many minutes you'd have to walk, jog, swim, or cycle to burn those calories.

Need similar information when you're away from your computer? Put your cell phone to work: Compose a text message listing any restaurant name and menu item, then send it to DIET1 (34381).

Diet.com will shoot you back a message listing the nutrition stats: calories, fat, carbs, and protein. This is a free service, but standard text-messaging rates apply.

Finally, check out One Hundred Pushups (hundredpushups.com), which offers a six-week training program designed to help you do, well, 100 pushups.

As someone who can barely eke out 25, I'm looking forward to giving this a try.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, also writes the CheapSkate blog for CNET (blogs.cnet.com/cheapskate). He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

Reader submits a perfect summer entree recipe

Recently I met the Henry family, Dean and Nancy of Livonia, who reached out to thank me for writing about the frighteningly strong connection between meat production and global warming.

(If you want to re-read it visit www.hometownlife.com Click on Voices & Views to see my blog.)

The Henrys are vegetarian because of health reasons, and because they respect that animals have the basic right to live, not as commodities, but as their own beings.

Dean Henry is an executive chef at a local hospital and creates wonderful recipes.

"I gave up eating meat for Lent 15 years ago," Dean Henry said. "At the end of Lent, I decided not to go back, for health reasons, both mine and the animals."

He recommends the book *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser and I recommended *Diet for A New America* by John Robbins. (Robbins is the only son of the founder of Baskin-Robbins. He walked away from the empire, and is a vegan.)

But back to the Henrys, they also avoid meat because they want the planet to thrive for your grandkids. Meat production, according to the UN, produces more greenhouse gases than transportation.

So if you want to save the world, change your diet. Easy!

Dean Henry sent me a great recipe that I tried last night, for vegetarian sloppy joes. It was fabulous and easy. And it's the perfect summer protein entree.

Normally I make sloppy joes with veggie crumbles (the

fake ground beef made from vegetable protein found in the frozen food section of nearly all grocery stores) and Hunt's Manwich.

The Henry's recipe is nice because it contains no high fructose corn syrup. The sweetness comes from brown sugar. And other than the soy crumbles, chances are you have most of the ingredients in your kitchen already.

The recipe below.

If you have an easy vegetarian recipe to share e-mail me at: imini@hometownlife.com; subject line: meatless meals

THE HENRY'S SLOPPY JOES

- 2 ounces onion, minced
- 2 ounces green pepper, minced
- 2 teaspoons garlic, minced

1 pound soy crumbles (Morningstar Farms and Quorn both make a ground beef analog from soy; it's a ground beef substitute in the frozen food section of most markets)

- 2 teaspoons black pepper
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 4 tablespoons ketchup
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar

Saute the onions and green peppers until slightly brown. Add the garlic, saute two minutes.

Add the soy crumbles, tomato paste, ketchup and spices.

Heat to 140 degrees or above.

This is an easy recipe and very tasty, Henry said.

One of the all-time favorite meat sandwiches has now been rendered harmless.

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Rules for using multiple colors on your walls

Linda of Farmington Hills asks: "My husband and I are repainting the inside of our entire house. Is it important that all of the colors in every room match? I think this will be boring and I don't want everything to look the same."

When selecting how many different colors to use in your home, I always use these basic rules of thumb:

Rule #1: Stick to no more than three main colors in your public spaces. Usually one of the colors is classified as a neutral, with the other two colors used as accents or

to make stronger statements in adjacent rooms.

This doesn't mean that all of your rooms in your public spaces need to use all three colors. For example, if you choose burgundy, olive, and gold for your color palette, with gold being the neutral, your rooms may play out like this: The great room could be painted gold, with burgundy, olive and gold patterned furniture and accent pieces. The dining room might be painted burgundy with gold accents (no olive); the kitchen could be olive and burgundy (no gold).

Rule #2: A neutral is typically selected by an existing material in the room. For instance, the carpet or tile may dictate this neutral as being gold, beige, camel, gray, taupe, etc. Sometimes it is

called out by furniture, such as a beige sofa. Other times, it is a permanent item in the room, such as a tan brick fireplace or golden hardwood floors.

Rule #3: Public spaces do NOT include the powder room, the laundry room and any of the bedrooms. Feel free to explore other colors in these private rooms. If your daughter wants hot pink and purple in her bedroom, go for it. It is not relevant in regards to the overall color palette in the other rooms of the house.

When applying these rules, you can see that you need not end up with an entirely beige house, unless that is what you are after.

You can insert your personality in the house by putting bolder color combinations in private spaces. You can also

create a very interesting palette if you already have dramatic color combinations in your existing furniture or permanent material selections.

Then go for the drama; but still remain true to no more than three colors in your public spaces and your house will have flow and continuity throughout. When there is a visual connection between rooms, it is imperative that the number of colors stay to three to avoid a chaotic color blocking effect.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

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Leelanau.

Her business background comes from working closely with her family for 11 years in their Bavarian Village ski and golf specialty-store operation. That business allowed her to gain experience in everything from accounting to marketing. Reeves is an honoree (one of nine entrepreneurs) of Country Living's 2007 Pitch Your Product Contest.

"I learned from my mother (Louise Held of Troy) and grandmothers how to see the world," she explains, while adjusting a blue-and-white checked tablecloth at her kitchen table and setting out a plate of just-baked oatmeal cookies. Of course, the tablecloth picks up on her blue placemats and several blue-and-white plates that adorn a nearby hutch.

"My mother would tell me what roses she loved, their names, their color," Reeves recalls. "But she'd also note things like a just-tilled field of dirt in northern Michigan. She'd say, 'Look at that beautiful field of dirt.' Beauty isn't always the obvious."

Inspiration also comes from notables such as Thomas Jefferson ("he was the first 'Martha,'" she laughs, citing his gardening techniques); Cathy Black, president of Hearst Magazines; chef Ina Garten; and Donny Deutsch, an advertising executive and host of the CNBC talk show *The Big Idea with Donny Deutsch*. A favorite author is Rosamunde Pilcher, author of *The Shell Seekers*. "I somehow relate to that book," enthuses Reeves. "Cornwall, England; the war, icy glasses of scotch, picnics with enamelware, the generations."

As for being a first-time author, Reeves said it was pretty easy, especially because she is the publisher. However, Reeves is looking for an outside publisher who may be interested in this book idea and others she plans to develop. One friend told her after reading *Moments of Delight* that the names of seasons aren't capitalized. "But I told her, in my life, all seasons



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Reeves, a big fan of Martha Stewart, prides herself on homemaking as an art.

are capitalized," she laughs, stressing her passion for Michigan's summers, falls, winters and springs.

Her favorite season? "My husband says it's always the next season," Reeves says with a laugh. True.

She eagerly anticipates the beauty that awaits around the next corner, whether down a country road or after a flower's bloom is spent. "I like to think about what's coming next."

"Moments of Delight" is available for \$29.95. To order a copy, visit www.anadesigns.com, (248) 425-0842.



Pet of the week

Stewie is even prettier in person with his emerald green eyes. He's very shy at first, but once he realizes that you're safe he'll try to be your best friend. He loves to cuddle and likes to have his belly rubbed. If you don't feel like petting him, he has no problem just rubbing against your legs. He can purr louder than any of his foster siblings. Stewie does not jump on the tables or countertops. He is very well behaved, and laid back until the laser pointer comes out — he will chase it for hours. And this sweet boy gets along with other cats and dogs. If you can rescue him, please call Metro Area Animal Adoption Association at (313) 571-2985.

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Antiques Appraisal Show

The Royal Oak Farmer's Market will transform into a local "Antiques Appraisal Show," 8 a.m.-5 p.m. July 13. An appraiser will offer insight on your treasure or family heirloom, and you may be selected to share your antique story for a local TV segment as well.

The cost is \$10 per antique appraised.

There is no limit to how many antiques you can bring. For more information please visit myspace.com/AppraisalShow.

Antiques Roadshow in Michigan

See the popular PBS show as it tours the states and stops Saturday, Aug. 9 at DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids.

The Birmingham Showhouse

"An ideal home created from a woman's perspective," Sept. 18-21, benefits Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, sponsored by Wellington Chase Homes and Michigan Design Center, also open Sept. 25-28, 4,580-square-foot English Arts and Crafts style, developed by women with products exclusively from MDC. Tickets, \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door, are available starting Aug. 1 at Michigan Design Center, (248) 649-4772 and Wellington Chase Homes (248) 594-9696. Visit michigandesign.com or birminghamshowhouse.com.

WINE

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ter, prices for some classified growths became stratospheric by the end of Summer 2006."

BORDEAUX ADVANTAGES

Bordeaux wines may not have a price advantage over domestic wines, but they have a tremendous advantage when it comes to lower alcohol levels.

Because of the cooler Bordeaux climate, grapes ripen evenly with sugar and flavors maturing at the same time. Alcohol levels for the wines are generally between 13 and 13.5 percent.

In California's warmer climate, sugar levels rush ahead of flavors and grapes must hang on the vine longer to develop. During this longer "hang time," sugar levels rise and the resulting wine has higher alcohol, often above 14.5 percent.

"We are picking riper," Blanc said, "but our focus is on polyphenols (tannins) and yields. With a lower crop load, grapes will ripen with mature flavors at lower sugars. Because we do not over-extract, resulting wines have velvety tannins. Sandy, gravelly Bordeaux soils also control vigor. Vines stop growing naturally and then vine energy goes into ripening grapes. This happens earlier than in most California vineyards."

WHAT TO BUY

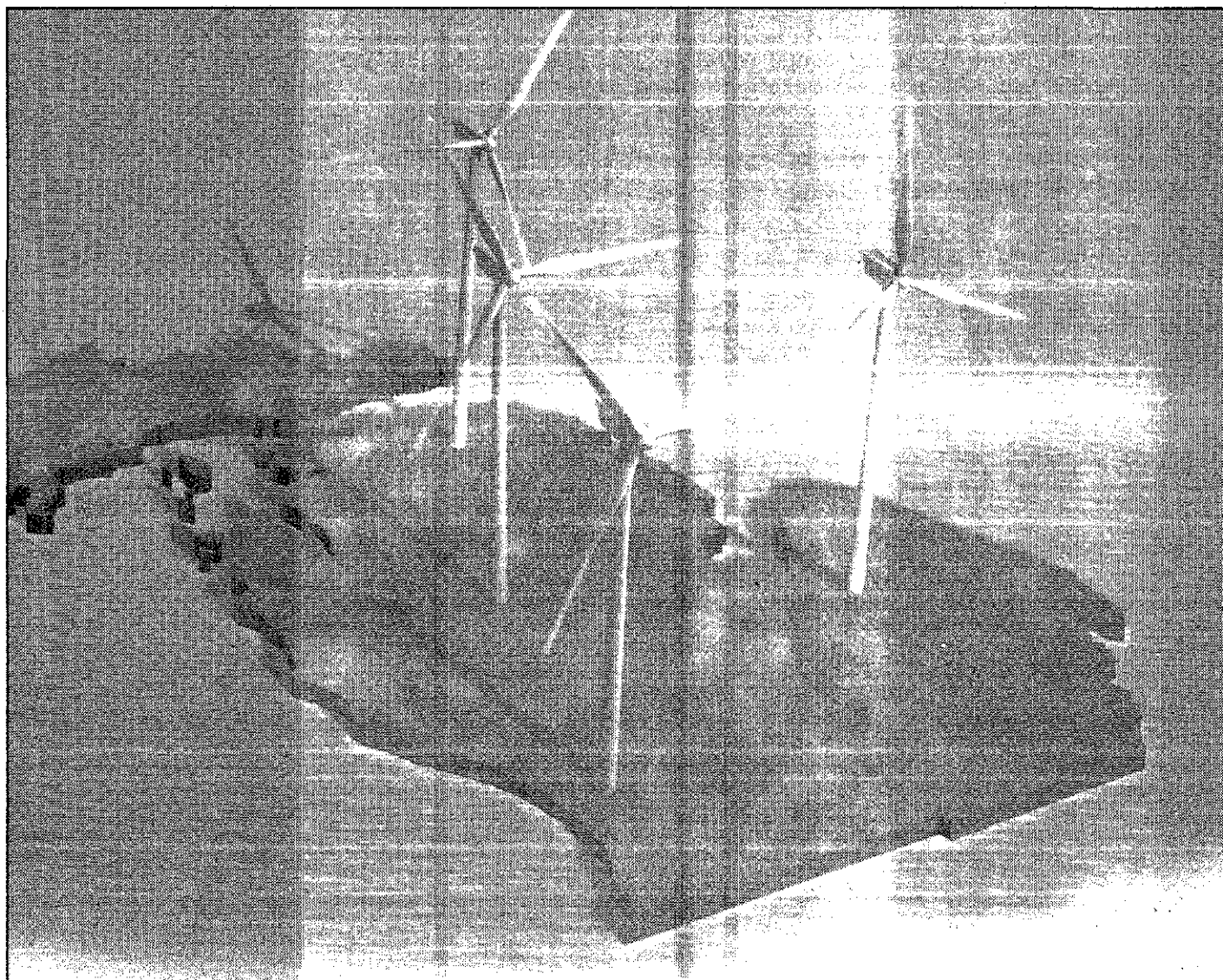
From the stellar 2005 vintage, Chateau Beaumont Haut-Medoc, Cru Bourgeois Supérieur \$30 is a true value wine with loads of dark fruits and a solid fruit core. At \$30, it's a very good introduction to Bordeaux wines. Moving up more than a few notches gets you 2005 Chateau Beychevelle (\$120) which is simply delicious.

Vintage 2004 was cooler than 2005, so both the Chateau Beaumont (\$25) and Chateau Beychevelle (\$100) are classic Bordeaux wines, showing more red fruits and a leaner structure.

Their pairing with food is also more classic. Steak and potato gratin can't be beat with both of these wines. A sampling of 2001 Chateau Beychevelle \$140 proved that these wines do and will age.

Not every wine shop carries these wines, but the following do or are willing to order them from Eagle Eye Imports, the distributor: Holiday Market, Canton and Royal Oak; Papa Joe's, Birmingham and Rochester Hills; Champane's Wine Cellar, Warren; and Vintage Wine Shoppe, West Bloomfield.

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Small churches use variety of ways to attract new members

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Donna Pelto likes going to church on Sunday morning knowing the names of everyone there. Nativity United Church of Christ in Livonia has only about 40 active members and Pelto likes it that way, but she would like to encourage anyone interested in joining the congregation, especially young people, to visit the church celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Pelto thinks smaller churches create a sense of community. A couple years ago she had moved and started going to a megachurch but found it overwhelming. She was happy to eventually move back to Livonia and return to Nativity (www.nativitychurchcc.org). "I know everybody and their families," said Pelto, a member since 1973. "We have so much to offer in terms of warmth and spirit of compassion. People who don't feel comfortable going to church, don't want to dress up, or are maybe going through a divorce, loss of a spouse, it's a place where you can come and feel love."

Shirley Stephan has not only been a member of the church for 40 years, but serves as secretary. She likes the fact the church offers a number of activities including a Wednesday night Bible study for women that just finished the book "Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn From Them." Stephan's still talking about the outdoor worship service and picnic two Sundays ago.

"Adults brought their lawn chairs from home for the worship service," said Stephan of Livonia. "After it was sort of an old fashioned picnic. Everybody sat around and chatted while the kids played and had water balloon fights. We just had a great day."

Stephan says the church is always reaching out to the community by loaning its facility to Cub and Girl Scouts as well as a soccer team. Every month they collect items for their Giving Tree. The goods go to Ja Noah House, Audrey Mattson's Christian Ministry that helps the homeless and poor in areas such as Cass Corridor, Norwayne and the

SMALL CHURCHES

Nativity United Church of Christ, Livonia
(734) 421-5406
www.nativitychurchcc.org

Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), Canton
(734) 402-7186, www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html

Canton Christian Fellowship (734) 404-2480
www.cantoncf.org

Brightmoor area. For information, call the church at (734) 421-5406.

"It's our mission," said Stephan. "For July it's baseball caps because it's for August when it's hot. They need their head covered. Any kind of caps they can drop them off at the church. I'm there just about every day. We try to help our community but try to reach out beyond our community."

When Margaret Waldecker was looking for a congregation that practiced reformed Protestantism she was disappointed to learn there wasn't a Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) in the area so she started one that would focus on worship only. It was about a year ago that people first met at Cherry Hill School in Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html. "The church split in 2000 with Free Church of Scotland," said Waldecker of Canton. "We sing psalms instead of hymns and it's beautiful. We believe in the elements of worship God provided and preaching, praying and reading of scripture. We worship according to the Bible."

Currently the church has about 10 members. Rev. Sean Humby says if more people joined he would add a prayer meeting on Wednesday nights similar to their Lord's day service. Humby agrees with Waldecker about keeping the church a house of worship.

"There's more entertainment values in the church today to get people in," said Humby. "We believe you don't become like the world to



attract the world. I want to warmly encourage anyone who wants to attend to know they'll receive a warm reception."

Pastor David Washington is using creative marketing to attract new members to Canton Christian Fellowship, which he refers to as a contemporary blended church. Currently there are about 260 members of the church Washington says is technically affiliated with Southern Baptist, but is more non-denominational.

"In our internal newsletter we encourage their unchurched friends and try to drive them back to our Web site recreated a year ago (www.cantoncf.org)," said Washington of Canton. "We have a Six Pack of invite cards and encourage each of our members to carry these to the grocery store, their children's T-ball and soccer games and give them out."

"One of the key marketing things was a 10,000-piece mailer and now a second 10,000-piece mailer that said 'you're invited.' We saw some excellent traffic from that."



The church also pays for an advertisement located at Westland Mall between the Coffee Beanery and Victoria's Secret.

"It's a picture of my wife and self in a backlit display, life-size with service information," said Washington.

"We have more traffic that goes to the mall. More than a million go to the mall every year. For a little under \$500 a month, we have no less than two to three

families a week come in our door."

Washington, who grew up in a traditional African-American church, says he wants Canton Christian Fellowship to be a light-house in the community attracting the spiritually and financially needy. On the fourth Saturday of every month, the church offers a Clothing Bank for the poor. For information, call (734) 404-2480.

The day started with an outdoor worship service lead by Nativity United Church of Christ interim Pastor John Landis. Children's games were part of the festivities two Sundays ago at Nativity United Church of Christ in Livonia.

"I had a vision after I read a story where Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. said you cannot be silent about the things that matter. People are hurting right here in our community. We had adopted families for Christmas but wanted to do more because the Bible says whatever you do for the least of these you do for me."

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RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

Monthly dance

Hosted Bethany Suburban West which provides peer support to divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 5, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago, Redford. No dance lesson this month. Cost \$10. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 261-5716 for details.

Neighborhood Bible time

6-9 p.m. Sunday-Friday, July 6-11, summer youth crusade for all children and teenagers, at Grace Baptist Church, 28440 Lyndon, north of I-96, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-6215.

Summer music ministry

Thursday, July 10 (Sci Ridge Brass Quintet), dinner at 6 p.m. for \$6, concert 7 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. Hymn sings July 6, Aug. 10, Sept. 7. Family Choir all ages are invited to sing at 9 a.m. rehearsal and then morning service July 27, Aug. 24, and Sept. 7. All are welcome to music events.

Red Cross blood drive

2-8 p.m. Monday, July 7, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Call (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or just drop in.

Moms wanted

Tables available to rent for \$20 for Mom 2 Mom sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 19, at Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer Rd., Westland. Call Debbie at (734) 891-8693.

Vacation Bible school

This Royal Adventure teaches students about the character of God through Kings and Queens of the Bible 6-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 7-11, at Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church, 15585 Haggerty, Plymouth. No charge.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 10-12, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Sprout time

Preschoolers and Toddlers ages 1 to Pre-K and their parent are invited to join Bell Creek Community Church for bible stories, music, crafts 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 10 and 17, at McKinley Elementary School, 9101 Hillcrest, Livonia. Bring a lunch and have fun. For information, call (734) 425-1174 or e-mail jen@bellcreek.org.

Prophecy seminar

Learn how to interpret Bible prophecy, discover who the Antichrist is and know how to be ready when Jesus comes at a seminar 7 p.m. Friday, July 11, at Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church's Junior Academy Auditorium, 15585 Haggerty, Plymouth. Seminars occur Friday, Saturday, Monday and Wednesday nights until Aug. 16.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 11, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Rd., Livonia.

Bethany Suburban West

Fireworks at Heritage Park in Taylor Friday, July 11. For details, call Elsie at (313) 563-1142.

Red Cross blood drive

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 13, in the parish hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For information, call (734) 464-2222, Ext. 309.

Anniversary celebration

11 a.m. Sunday, July 13, to honor Community Free Will Baptist Church Pastor James Lawson and his 10 years of serving the church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. The church offers services not only at 11 a.m. each Sunday but 6:30 p.m. Sunday School is 9:45 a.m. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

Vacation Bible school

9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

Vacation Bible school

SonAdventure Vacation Bible School 7-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 14-17, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 427-8743 to pre-register or for information www.livoniachurch.net. Free for children age 3 through 6th grade includes a class for adults Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, singing and fun.

Bible study

All are invited to A Word for You Bible Study which continues 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, the one hour study includes praise and worship and the Word in the Green Room at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. For more information, call (313) 289-8336.

Crafters wanted

The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. 8-foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must be submitted.

Open house

For Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, and Thursday, Aug. 14, at 9600 Leverage, between Inkster and Beech Daly, and West Chicago and Plymouth roads, Redford. The school offers infant day care, preschool for 3-4-year olds, full day kindergarten and first-eighth grades. For more information, call Laura Goodman at (313) 937-2233 or send e-mail to lgoodman@hosanna-tabor.org.

Mom's retreat

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia invites all Catholic Moms in the area to join in an occasional morning off this summer to enjoy some personal time for prayer and relaxation, coupled with some adult discussion of topics relevant to your daily faith life. 8:30-10:45 a.m. Wednesday, July 16, Aug. 13, and Aug. 27. A Children's Ministry will be offered while moms enjoy Mass, a continental breakfast, and conversation and discussion with other moms at St. Michael's on the southwest corner of Hubbard and Plymouth Road, Livonia. Moms may register for as few or many sessions as their schedules permit, cost is \$8 per session with an additional \$2 per child for Children's Ministry care. Call (734) 261-4555, Ext. 200 or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org.

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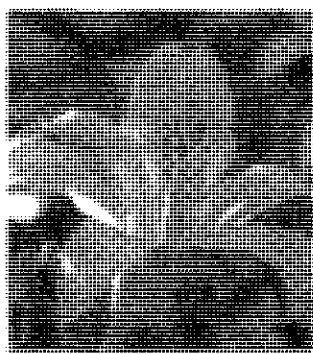
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DR. HELEN E.R. DITZHAZY

June 22, 2008, age 81 of Novi, Michigan. 52 years a Michigan educator and "glass ceiling" breaker: teacher, guidance counselor, assistant principal at Thurston High in Redford; principal, high school builder in Novi; assistant and deputy superintendent in Jackson; 20 year professor and professor emeritus in Ypsilanti (EMU). Obtained B.S. and M.A. at MSU, Ph.D. at U of M and M.B.A. at MSU. Paul Harris Fellow Rotarian, Phi Delta Kappan, and past president of John Sackett chapter DAR. Descendant of Mayflower Compact signor, Edward Dory. Survived by husband of 59 years, Joseph Andrew, Sr. and daughter Carol (Walter) Vogel of Beloit, WI; predeceased by son Joseph A., Jr. Grandmother of Kimberly, Alexander, and Christina Vogel, Kira, Hillary, and Whitney Ditzhazy, Joseph A. III and Hunter Ditzhazy. Sister of the late John (Maxine) Ringold. Visitation Monday, July 7, from 5-8 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Funeral service Tuesday, July 8, instate 10 am until the time of service from 11 am to 1 pm at the Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville.

THOMAS F. DONNELLY

Age 81, of Bethesda, OH. Grew up in Garden City, died Saturday, June 21, 2008. Born Feb. 11, 1927, on of the late Thomas and Mary Donnelly. Served in the US Navy during WWII. Survived by his wife Clara Jordan Donnelly, daughters Mary S. Donnelly and Carol A. Donnelly. Also survived by sister Baraba J. (Ralph) Harris.

BRAD G. FREDERICK

Age 51, passed away June 2, 2008 at Angela Hospice in Livonia. Beloved husband of Dawn (Slater) Frederick. Much loved father of Missy and Justin. Son of the late Glenn and the late Barbara Frederick. Brother of Mark Rahn, Rick and Kirk. Son in law of James and Marcia Slater. Services were held at First Congregational Church of Wayne on June 4, 2008.

ELSIE GRANATA

Age 97, June 28, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Carmine Antonio. Dear mother of Thomas and Robert. Loving grandmother of Garret, Tom Jr., Cynthia (Rand) Weborg and Jill Granata. Great-grandmother of ten. Great-great-grandmother of one. Dear sister of Caroline, Genevieve and Edith. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. Arrangements by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia.

KIM A. GREENWALD

Age 54 of Royal Oak, formerly of Rochester, passed away after a brave 2 year battle with cancer, June 23, 2008. He was a loving brother to Liz (Steven) Waatti, Guy (Nancy) Greenwald, Heidi Plof, Uncle to Erika, Kristen, Paul Waatti, along with many other family members, also many wonderful friends, a son Jason R. Greenwald. He will be missed by many. His wish was to donate his body to Wayne State in hope to help find a cure for cancer. There will be no service at this time, but a celebration of his life will take place in the near future.

SUZANNE MULDOON

Age 57, July 1, 2008 of Livonia. Beloved wife of Jack. Loving mother of Michael (Susie) and Daniel. Dear daughter of Betty Lou Robinson and grandmother of Nathan. Also survived by several brothers and sisters. Funeral service Thursday at 10:30 am at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Wednesday 1-9pm. The family suggests donation to Karmanos Cancer Center. Please sign Suzanne's online guestbook at: www.rgrharris.com

RALPH PECKHAM

Age 72, of Farmington, MI, passed June 27, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

DAVID W. STOVALL

Age 57, of Rochester, died June 28, 2008. Loving husband of Cheryl and dear father of Dan. Memorial service was held at Pixley Funeral Home, Rochester. Donations may be made to the family for MS Research.

YVETTE STRAUB

Of Westland, passed June 28, 2008. Arrangements: Uht Funeral Home

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CALENDAR

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Eucharistic adoration

St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia, continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. All in the area are welcome to participate. For details, call (734) 261-1455.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday July 19, at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

Jazz worship

11 a.m. Sunday, July 20, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church conducts a special Jazz Worship service featuring instrumentalists and singers leading hymnody and liturgy in a format that will be easy and very uplifting to sing, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. For information, call Mark Lohmeyer at (734) 522-6830.

Carillon concert series

10 a.m. and noon Sunday, July 20 and 27, and Aug. 3, 17, 24 and 31, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 625-2515 or visit www.kirkinthehills.org.

Fall craft show

Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) examines if God, Christ and

the Holy Spirit are tied into one and what it means to us during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in July at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdoc@aol.com.

Summer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program for Summer Camp continues to Aug. 22. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 18 months to 12 years. For more information, call (734) 513-8413 or drop 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

Grandparents/kids weekend

July 25-27, at FaHolo Camp & Conference Center, Grass Lake, sponsored by ReMarried Ministries of Ward Church. The event is a retreat for grandparents and grandchildren, and includes two nights lodging, five meals, inspirational teaching by Barbara George-Howard, a wagon ride and bon fire, water blob and trampoline, go carts, initiatives, and lots of fun. Costs are \$283 per grandparent couple or \$154 per person. Grandchildren ages 6-17 \$90 each, 5 year olds free. Call (248) 374-7400.

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 26, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing and is held on the fourth Saturday of every month. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

Vacation Bible school

Registrations due July 27 for Aug. 4-7 (for 3-years to fifth grade), at Newburg

United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The theme is God's Big Backyard and focuses on service to others. Call (734) 422-0149. Cost \$10.

Vacation Bible school

Loving God and Serving Others runs 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 28 to Aug. 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Cost is \$15. To register, call (734) 422-6038, for information visit www.stmatthewslivonia.com.

Family movie night

A Man for All Seasons 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. No charge. Please RSVP at (734) 425-5950. Popcorn and beverages provided.

Water works park

For families needing all-day activity, Ward offers SHINE day camp with drop-off hours available as of 7 a.m. and lasting until 6 p.m. SHINE day camp is \$15, and requires pre-registration. Information at wardchurch.org.

Summer day camp

Offered by Ward Church in Northville for children entering grades 1-6, continues to Aug. 24. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., with extended care available at an extra cost. Campers will participate in one field trip per week with additional local outings and weekly water days. Daily elective classes will include sports, drama, music, and foods. SHINE is a fully-licensed day care through the State of Michigan Department of Human Resources. Weekly full-time registrations range from \$135 to \$165. Information available at wardchurch.org, or by calling (248) 374-5975.

UPCOMING

Tent revival

Join radio personality Robin Sullivan, vocalist Ruth Naomi Floyd and other

Christian musicians along with Detroit preachers 2-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Kelly Rd., one block south of 8 Mile. Health screenings will be offered. There is no charge for any portion of the event. Call (313) 372-4902 for more information.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Now enrolling for 2008-2009, openings for 3 and 4-year olds at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

ONGOING

Time change

Come to hear about the love of Jesus Christ for you 9:30 a.m. Sundays (May 25 to Sept. 7) at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www.livoniafaith.org.

Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

Reformed Protestant services

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by the Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsi-worship/detroit.html.

Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A

free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry

Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

Tai chi and strength classes

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drops in welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Church offerings

Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday

worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month.

The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

Church services

Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

Thursday fellowship dinner

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Your Invitation to Worship

<p>BAPTIST</p>	<p>UNITED METHODIST</p>	<p>LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD</p>	
<p>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH 33640 Michigan Ave. • Wayne, MI (Between Wayne Rd. & Merriman Rd.) (734) 728-2180 <i>Virgil Humes, Pastor</i> Saturday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Sunday Worship 7:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. • Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Praise Service 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday Children, Youth and Adult Bible Study 7:00-8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Clarenceville United Methodist 20300 Middlebelt Rd. • Livonia 248-474-3444 Pastor Beth Librande Worship Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Nursery Provided</p>	<p>Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia just north of I-96 734-522-6830 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional Sunday/Bible Class 9:45 am Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-8413 <i>Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ</i> Pastors: Robert F. Bayer and Anthony M. Creeden</p>	
<p>CATHOLIC</p>	<p>EVANGELICAL COVENANT</p>	<p>"More than Sunday Services" Summer Worship Service 10:00 a.m. thru August 31st • Dynamic Youth and Children's Programs • Excellent Music Ministries • Small Groups for Every Age • Outreach Opportunities Pastor: Dr. John Grenfell III Associate Pastor Rev. David Wichert First United Methodist Church of Plymouth 45201 North Territorial Road (West of Sheldon Road) (734) 453-5280 www.pfumc.org</p>	<p>GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD 25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALY 313-532-2286 REDFORD TWP. Worship Service 9:15 & 11:00 A.M. Sunday School 9:15 & 11:00 A.M. Nursery Provided The Rev. Timothy P. Halboth, Senior Pastor The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth, Assistant Pastor</p>
<p>ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Immemorial Latin Mass Approved by Pope St. Pius V in 1870 St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8 23310 Joy Road • Redford, Michigan 6 Blocks E. of Telegraph • (313) 534-2121 Mass Schedules: First Sat. 7:00 p.m. First Sat. 11:00 a.m. Sun. Masses 7:00 & 10:00 a.m. Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>FAITH COVENANT CHURCH 14 Mile Road and Drake, Farmington Hills (248) 661-9191 Sunday Worship and Children's Church 9:15 a.m. Contemporary 11:00 a.m. Traditional Child Care provided for all services Youth Groups • Adult Small Groups</p>	<p>NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH "Open Hearts, Minds & Doors" 36500 Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne & Newburgh Rds. 734-422-0149 Worship Service and Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Rev. Marsha M. Woolley Visit our website: www.newburgumc.org</p>	<p>HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL 9600 Levee • So. Redford • 313-937-2424 "Vacancy Pastor - Rev. Carl Rockrohr" Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Evening Service 7 p.m. Education Hour 10:45 a.m. Christian School Pre-Kindergarten-8th Grade For more information call 313-937-2233</p>
<p>St Genevieve Roman Catholic Church St. Genevieve School - PreK-8 29015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-5220 (East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile & Jeffries) MASS: Tues. 7 p, Wed., Thurs. 9 a, Sat. 4 p, Sun 11a St. Maurice Roman Catholic Church 32765 Lyndon • Livonia • 734-522-1616 (between Merriman & Farmington Roads) MASS: Mon. 8:30 a, Fri. 9:30 a, Sat. 6 p, Sun 9a</p>	<p>SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church 33144 Cherry Hill, Garden City, MI 48135 (1 block west of Venoy) Phone: 734-524-0880 Pastor: Eddie Petreaca Meetings on Saturdays for: Early Morning Bible & Health Class-8 a.m. Worship Service-English-9:30 a.m. Bible Studies English & Spanish (All Ages) 11:00 a.m. Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting-7 p.m.</p>	<p>BELL CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH Casual, Contemporary, Excellent Children's Program Meets at Franklin H.S. in Livonia on Joy Road (Between Merriman and Middlebelt Roads) at 10:00 a.m. 734-425-1174 Join us for coffee, bagels and donuts after the service!</p>	<p>ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI (between Merriman & Farmington Rds.) (734) 422-0494 www.rosedalegardens.org Chapel Worship Service 9:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am WE WELCOME YOU TO A FULL SERVICE CHURCH</p>
<p>CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 46801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1525 Sunday School - 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M. NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER (734) 453-3138</p>	<p>NON DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN SCIENCE First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth 1188 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 734-453-0970 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m. Reading Room located at church Saturday 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. 734-453-0970</p>	<p>St. James Presbyterian Church, USA 25350 West Six Mile Rd. Redford (313) 534-7730 Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 A.M., Sunday School - 10:15 A.M., Thursday Dinners - 6:00 P.M., Thrift Store every Sat. 10am-2pm Nursery Care Provided • Handicapped Accessible Rev. Paul S. Bousquette</p>	<p>WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Road "just west of I-275" Northville, MI 248-374-7400 Traditional Worship 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship 9:30 A.M. Nursery & Sunday School During the 9:30 & 11:00 Hours Evening Service • 7:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 11:00 A.M. Sunday WRD-AM 580 The WMUZ Word Station For additional information visit www.wardchurch.org</p>
<p>PRESBYTERIAN Fellowship Presbyterian Church Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire Services held at: Madonna University's Kresge Hall 36600 Schoolcraft Road • Livonia Parking lot is on N.W. corner of Levan & Schoolcraft • Nursery provided</p>	<p>EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.) ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI (between Merriman & Farmington Rds.) (734) 422-0494 www.rosedalegardens.org Chapel Worship Service 9:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am WE WELCOME YOU TO A FULL SERVICE CHURCH</p>	<p>EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA Timothy Lutheran Church A Reconciling in Christ Congregation 8820 Wayne Rd. (Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road) Livonia • 427-2290 SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. (Nursery Available)</p>	

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Tunics with leggings

DON'T Wear It!

Tunics without leggings — they are not dresses, people!

Tote It!

Handbags from Vic's Mart, a new purse shop in downtown Plymouth



Kick It!

Jellies (check the dollar bin at Target!)

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Read It!

Eight Dogs Named Jack by Joe Borri

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"Le Burritos" July 5-27 to honor America's Slipstream-Chipotle team competing in Tour de France

Drink It!

Beverages from Sigg aluminum bottles at Bloomfield Hills mom Julia Girdler's new site www.H2Ox2.com

Smell It!

Creed Virgin Island Water

Nail It!

Strawberry pink toes for summer with Essie's Guilty Pleasures



See It!

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TIVO It!

Shear Genius

Hear It!

Pretty, Odd, by Panic at the Disco

Do It!

Grab a blanket and watch fireworks near you!

H&M continues to go organic

H&M is continuing its commitment to organic cotton by offering products in all departments this fall. The season also marks the introduction of other conscious fabric choices, such as organic and recycled wool and polyester. The clothes, which will be labeled with special hangtags, will be featured in every department.

WOMEN

Tops, dresses and bodysuits in solid colors or nature patterns form the basis of this collection. Also included are garments made of organic and recycled wool, such as a coat with dolman sleeves and a funnel collar, a kimono jacket, carrot-shaped pants, a tulip skirt and knit sweaters.

Wide jeans in organic denim, a patterned dress, and a blouse are also featured, as is outerwear, such as a couture-inspired anorak and a second anorak made from recycled polyester. Organic cotton underwear and sleepwear feature floral patterns, checks and stripes, as well as pretty lace and embroidery.

MEN

In the men's department, H&M is offering basics that are made of organic cotton, including boxer shorts, socks, scarves, and T-shirts in several colors.

DIVIDED

For girls, H&M has designed a range of T-shirts in a variety of colors and prints, a romantic blouse and vest, dungaree shorts and cargo pants. Boys can choose from print and striped T-shirts, a hooded cardigan, a vest, a military inspired shirt and jacket, a granddad shirt, and jeans in different shades of khaki. All are made of

organic cotton.

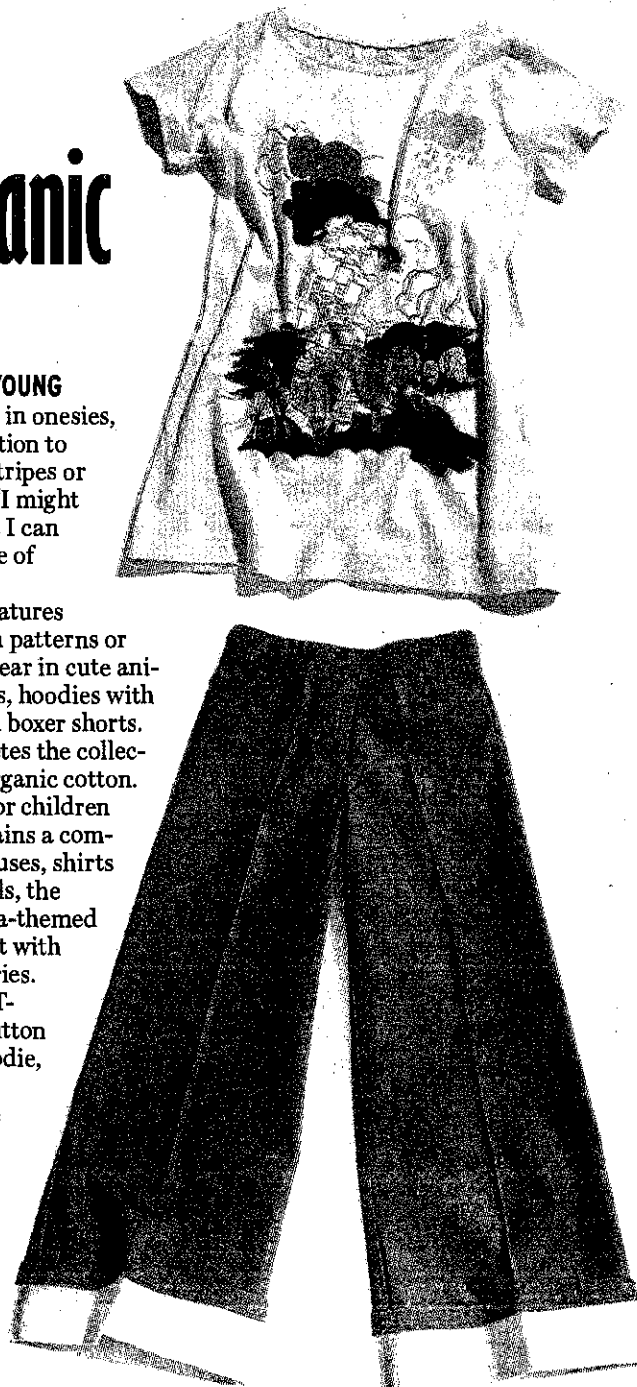
BABY, CHILDREN AND YOUNG

Babies will stand out in onesies, pants and hats, in addition to hooded tops sporting stripes or fun messages, such as "I might not be as big as you but I can be louder." All are made of organic cotton.

The children's line features long-sleeved T-shirts in patterns or prints, a dress, underwear in cute animal prints, rugby shirts, hoodies with prints, undershirts and boxer shorts. A shopping bag completes the collection. All are made of organic cotton.

The Young concept for children between 9 and 14 contains a complete range of tops, blouses, shirts and a cardigan. For girls, the collection features a sea-themed jacket, jeans and a skirt with matching knit accessories. Boys can choose from T-shirts, a shirt with a button front, a cardigan, a hoodie, a lumber jacket, jeans, hat and scarf. All these garments are made of organic cotton. The prices of these pieces are in line with other H&M collections.

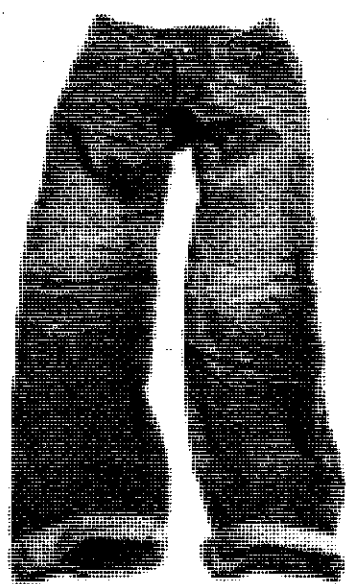
H&M Michigan locations include Great Lakes Crossing, which offers women's, men's and kids wear; and Twelve Oaks Mall, which offers clothing and underwear for women only. For more information and locations, visit www.hm.com.



H&M women's organic cotton top and wide leg organic cotton trousers for women.



H&M men's organic cotton T-shirt.



H&M cuffed organic cotton trousers for men.



H&M women's recycled wool mix coat.

Girl's Night Out Winner

Cheryl Berlin of Farmington Hills was the winner of PINK's Rockin' on the Riverfront Girl's Night Out. She and three friends enjoyed VIP seats to see Pat Benatar and her hubby Neil Giraldo at the RenCen on June 27, along with manicures at Clippers, dinner at Andiamo Detroit Riverfront restaurant and Godiva Chocolatier goody

bags. Congrats Cheryl! Rockin' on the Riverfront continues with free concerts by Mark Farner and Mitch Ryder, July 11; Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, July 18; Rick Derringer and the Classic Rock All Stars, July 25; The Guess Who, Aug. 1; Kansas, Aug. 8; Blue Oyster Cult, Aug. 15; and Foreigner, Aug. 22.



"VELVET EVERYTHING" BY JEFF VON BUSKIRK

Fashion Group International of Detroit will host its next monthly "Creative Connection" mixer at Small Plates Royal Oak on Tuesday, July 8.

Malls & Mainstreets

FGI Creative Connection

ROYAL OAK — Fashion Group International of Detroit is hosting mixers 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Small Plates, 310 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. The next "Creative Connection," for fashion, interiors and related design industries, will be July 8. RSVP at (248) 739-1284 or FGI.Detroit@gmail.com.

Shop and Dine 'Til Nine

ROCHESTER — Through Aug. 28, Downtown Rochester will host "Late Nite Thursdays." Merchants will stay open until 9 p.m. or later, and shoppers can enjoy street entertainment and a chance to participate in a "Summer in the City" scavenger hunt, with prizes valued at \$2,000. Call (248) 656-0060 or visit DowntownRochesterMI.com.

Women's Caring Program

MILFORD — The Women's Caring Program 29th Annual Twilight Gathering is set for 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, July 10 at MeadowView, the home of Carol Walters, 2955 Morrow Lane, Milford. Tickets, \$100 in advance/\$125 on site, include gourmet meal,

beverages and silent auction; and benefit Childcare Commitment Program, which assists families ineligible for child care provided by the state. Call (248) 415-1442 or visit WomensCaringProgram.org.

Going Like Lynn

SOUTHFIELD — Women's clothier and travel author Lynn Portnoy will host "How to Travel with One Bag," 6:30 p.m. July 10 at her self-named store, 29260 Franklin Road, Southfield. Enjoy refreshments and learn how to travel hassle-free. RSVP at (248) 353-2900 or visit GoingLikeLynn.com.

Antique & Garage Sale

ROYAL OAK — The Royal Oak Antique & Garage Sale will take place July 19-20, in the parking structure on Lafayette Ave. between Fifth and Sixth. About 300 dealers will sell books, paintings, furniture, jewelry, clothing and more. Joseph Del Guidice of Del Guidice Gallery will again offer free "Antiques Roadshow"-style value estimates. Admission is \$1, free for children under five. Call (248) 547-4000 or visit RoyalOakChamber.com.

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