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## Mold has workers wondering about health

### City Hall evacuation not recommended

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland city employees confirmed late Friday afternoon that they and their co-

workers complained years ago that they feared they could be getting sick from environmental conditions inside City Hall.

Sometimes, they just grumbled among themselves. Sometimes, they said, they raised concerns during work-safety meetings with administration officials.

Employees said the response was always the same: Nothing was ever done.

Now, they said they're

alarmed — but not surprised — to learn that mold has been found in several rooms in the basement — a damp area that, until late in the week, housed employee lounges and a city mail room.

After learning of the mold problem due to recent flooding caused by a severed water line, Mayor William Wild has moved quickly to hire a company to work on the weekend of Aug. 9-10 to take out the mold,

sanitize the area and clean out the air ducts.

In the meantime, he said, "we haven't been given any indication that we need to move employees out of the building."

Jon Dattilo, president of I.A.Q. Management Services Inc., an indoor environmental testing company that investigated the problem, confirmed Friday afternoon that he would not recommend the evacuation

of City Hall at this point.

However, he confirmed that Stachybotrys, one of several molds found during environmental testing in the basement, is what is commonly referred to as "black mold." He said it was "quite localized in two areas" and was not found in the air.

Other mold, such as Penicillium/Aspergillus, was found in the air in several basement areas, but it also is found in outdoor air, Dattilo said. It's

possible the mold could have spread through the air duct system, he said, but "we cannot tell at this point."

Employees didn't want their names used because they still work for the city. But they said they and their co-workers have had recurring headaches, flu-like symptoms, sinus infections and upper respiratory problems over the years.

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### Going for the gold

Westland cheer team tests its skills at 2008 Junior Olympics

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As a veteran Olympic athlete, Pam Milewsky has a few words of wisdom for her teammates: "Have fun and try to do your best."

The 13-year-old Westland resident is a member of the Westland Stars Cheerleading and Dance Team which will be competing tomorrow in the dance portion of the 2008 Junior Olympics. This is second time Milewsky has competed in the Junior Olympics. She was a team mascot when the Stars competed in 2003 when the national event was held at Ford Field in Detroit.

"It's a big change, but I'm not nervous," said Milewsky, a freshman at Livonia Franklin High School.

The team is coached by Toni Lay and assistant coach Jill Wehrheim who have been working with the girls since the end of the school year to get them ready for the competition. Offered through the Westland Parks and Recreation Department, the team usually has a performance, junior varsity and varsity group, but will combine as one team for the Junior Olympics, according to Lay. The team will compete in pompon, jazz, novelty, hip hop and high kick, while a few will do solos, duos and trios. Milewsky will perform in an officers' line with fellow captains Diamond Davis and Bridgette Murphy, while Wehrheim will be one of the soloists.

"Jill didn't want to miss the opportunity to perform in her third Junior Olympics," Lay said.

The Westland team also is serving as host for the dance competition which will be held tomorrow at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. It's the second time the team has been a host for Junior Olympics. When the competition



The images of Westland Stars Captain Pam Milewsky, 13, (from left) of Westland, assistant coach Jill Wehrheim and Diamond Davis, 13, of Redford are reflected in the mirror as they lead the team in doing a hip hop routine they'll perform at the Junior Olympics Monday.

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Westland Stars team members Breanna Todd, 12, of Wayne and Brianna Britton, 14, of Westland get ready to rehearse their pom pon routine for Junior Olympics.

was held in the Detroit in 2003, team members carried flags during the Celebration of Athlete at Ford Field. This year the celebration will be held at Eastern

#### ABOUT THE JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The AAU Junior Olympic Games are the largest multi-sport youth event in the nation. From the beginning, they have introduced America's youth to discipline, teamwork and persistence.

This year's Olympics are being held now through Aug. 2 at venues around Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland counties, including Eastern Michigan University, University of Michigan, Rock Financial Showplace Ann Arbor Pioneer High School and Lutheran High School Westland, which is hosting this weekend's boys baseball competition. Games start at 1 p.m. today at the high school, located on Cowan east of Wayne Road.

The event's Celebration of Athletes is one of the most notable nights during the Olympics and features entertainment and sport demonstrations. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Olds-Marshall Track on the campus of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. In addition to the celebration, there will sports demonstrations as well as the finals of the 200-meter hurdles for Sub-Youth and Youth Boys and Girls in track and field.

For more information, visit [www.aajrogs.org](http://www.aajrogs.org).

Michigan University tomorrow evening and Lay is waiting to hear what the girls will be doing.

Junior Olympics closes out a busy year for the Stars who performed with the cheerleaders during a Wayne State University football game in October and competed in events in Livonia, Ypsilanti and Waterford.

The idea of competing in the Olympics seems to be setting in with the team. On Thursday, they had plenty of questions for Lay and Wehrheim. According to Milewsky, they're trying "not

make them nervous."

"We have them thinking of it as a normal competition," said Milewsky whose been with the Stars for seven years.

The Junior Olympics will be Milewsky's last competition with the team. A freshman at Franklin High School, she has made it to the freshman cheer team at the Livonia high school. She's also set some lofty goals for tomorrow's competition.

"I'm aiming for gold," she said.

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### Soccer complex is latest plan for Cooper property

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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With a sour economy dooming plans for medical offices and senior housing on the old Cooper School site, developers have shifted their plans to building a soccer complex with indoor and outdoor fields.

The latest proposal comes 17 years after the former elementary school was closed and the property fenced off amid findings that the land, a former landfill, was contaminated. The site, on Ann Arbor Trail east of Middlebelt, is situated in the Livonia school district portion of Westland.

The newest plan will be the subject of talks during a Westland City Council session scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, at City Hall on Ford Road east of Newburgh.

Livonia school Superintendent Randy Liepa confirmed Thursday that Southfield-based Jonna Companies is working with other developers in hopes of investing as much as \$10 million to build eight to 10 soccer fields, potentially including two or three dome-enclosed fields.

"We're very excited about it," Liepa said. "We hope this will be a very nice use for the property over there. We see it as positive."

The project would likely be implemented in phases, although a detailed timetable wasn't known.

Although Liepa acknowledged that a soccer complex won't generate as much tax revenue as the housing and medical office plan, he said it could draw new families to the neighborhood and create a tournament location that could boost local businesses.

Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale confirmed that the earlier plan "is dead" and that "the soccer complex is what we're currently entertaining."

"It's very viable," Fodale said. "It's going to create jobs, and as we all know soccer is a growing recreation sport for kids. We definitely have a need for soccer fields."

Soccer fields also are proposed for a section of Central City Park that county and city officials hope to redevelop, but one soccer complex would be privately owned and the other in a public park.

City officials and residents alike have long hoped for new development on the old Cooper School site, and one neighborhood woman said the soccer proposal initially appears to have merit.

"I think it would be a great use," said Ruth Dale, a local historian. "I think any kind of physical activity for the Westland youth would be a good thing."

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Get ready for battle. Livonia firefighters ready to square off against the USMC in a tug of war.

# Patience pays off with 3 arrests for robbery

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Patience by police has resulted in three men being charged with multiple felonies in connection with an armed robbery at a Garden City home in February. Two of the men also face additional charges in a related December break-in.

"Patience and persistence paid off great dividends as we took three armed individuals off the street," said Garden City Police Deputy Chief Robert Muery.

That patience and persistence came from police taking a low-key approach to the investigation and waiting until stolen items were pawned which allowed a seller to be identified.



Timbs



Coiner



Megdall

"In cooperation with the victims, we allowed there to be an impression that the crimes weren't that significant and no police reports had been filed," said Muery. "Within a few months, we learned that a significant piece of jewelry had been pawned at a local pawn shop."

Through the pawned jewelry and surveillance, Muery said officers were able to get enough information to identify the

suspects and obtain search warrants which were executed at their residences.

Scott Anthony Coiner, 43, of Westland, Daniel Scott Megdall, 24, of Livonia and Redford resident Robert Lee Timbs, 39, have all been arraigned in Garden City 21st District Court on charges, including armed robbery, which carries a sentence of up to life in prison; home invasion, a 20-year felony; felony firearm, which has a mandatory two-year prison sentence; and unlawful imprisonment, a 15-year felony.

Coiner and Megdall, who police identified as Coiner's son, also are facing additional charges, including breaking and entering, a 10-year felony, four charges of stealing a firearm, a five-year felony, and larceny. Coiner also is charged with being a first-degree habitual offender.

The break-in in which Coiner and Megdall are charged occurred Dec. 19 at Ramey's Bar, 6278 Middlebelt. Someone had entered the building through a weak spot in the upper area of the building, stealing three handguns, a large amount of cash, collectibles, some electronics equipment, a ring, a watch and other items, Muery said.

The Feb. 9 armed robbery

occurred at a home in the 6500 block of Whitty where an employee of Ramey's Bar lives.

"At about 7 a.m., two individuals knocked on the door of the residence with the ruse of having property belonging to the bar owner," said Muery.

The resident, a 66-year-old woman, answered the door and the two men, wearing stocking masks, forced their way into the home, he said.

"They bound her with duct tape and ransacked the house. This was a vicious assault, she was terrified," said Muery, adding a large quantity of cash, collectibles jewelry and a handgun were stolen. "When they left, she was able to get free and contact police."

Timbs is charged in the

armed robbery and home invasion based on evidence that he was the driver and look out for the masked men who entered the home, Muery said.

The investigation involved Garden City police detectives, the Metro Street Enforcement Team, the Garden City Police Emergency Response Team and the Westland Police Special Investigations Unit.

Coiner and Megdall are both being held in lieu of \$500,000 cash bond while Timbs is being held in lieu of \$250,000 cash bond. Not guilty pleas were entered for all three men and their preliminary examination is set for Monday in 21st District Court.

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## MOLD

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They acknowledged they can't say with certainty that City Hall conditions caused their problems, but they wonder. They said workers for years have talked about the way the building, particularly the basement, smelled.

David Weaver, a representative for Livonia-based Belfor Property Restoration, which was called in to respond to the flooding earlier this month, said some people are more sensitive to mold than others, and health threats can vary greatly.

Westland City Council President James Godbout indicated that workers have never brought potential health problems to his attention.

"It hasn't adversely affected

anybody that we're aware of at this point," he said early Friday afternoon, "and we're addressing it as expediently as possible."

The mayor confirmed that an alternate employee break room has been set up on the second floor of City Hall. He also said the mail room has been relocated to the first-floor finance department.

Dattilo said he has "no basis to be concerned" at this point about employees and citizens using the upper floors of City Hall. When asked if employees who used the basement for years might have suffered any ill effects, Dattilo said, "it is possible, but I would defer to a physician."

City officials are expected to spend nearly \$40,000 to have the 4,000-square-foot basement cleaned up.

"Now that we realize the

problem," Wild said, "we are going to take care of it."

But he conceded that the basement has had numerous leaks over the years that could cause recurring problems. He said his administration will need to examine long-term solutions for City Hall, built in 1964, and for other city buildings that are nearly as old.

To complicate the issue, city buildings are aging and having problems at a time when Westland — like many Michigan cities — is cutting expenses amid tough economic times.

Mayor Robert Thomas, who left office nearly seven years ago, had earlier proposed building a new City Hall, possibly near the Westland public library. But he never gained the support he needed for the project.

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# Trial ordered for Westland man charged with stalking 14-year-old

A 29-year-old Westland man will face trial on charges of stalking a 14-year-old boy who lives a few streets away from him on the city's southwest side.

Cherokee Lee Hunter was ordered to stand trial after the alleged victim and the boy's mother testified against him in Westland 18th District Court. The testimony came Wednesday during a preliminary hearing in Judge C. Charles Bokos' courtroom.

Hunter, who remains jailed with a \$250,000 cash bond, is

charged with stalking a minor, contributing to the boy's delinquency and being a second-degree habitual offender. He was convicted in 1997 of second-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a 12-year-old girl.

If convicted, the defendant could face penalties ranging up to seven years and six months in prison, police Sgt. Debra Mathews has said.

Before his arrest, Hunter had lived on Surrey Heights, a couple streets away from boy. Hunter is accused of offering to fix the

boy's scooter, showing up in his back yard with a beer, riding by his house on a bicycle and sitting outside in his car, Mathews has said.

Hunter is accused of stalking the boy in June, and the parents ultimately went to Westland police after earlier warning the defendant to stay away, Mathews said.

Another detective, Sgt. Michael Willard, has said in court that Hunter has a child of his own and owes more than \$25,000 in child support.

## AROUND WESTLAND

### Bowl-a-thon for youth

Thursday, Aug. 14, at Westland Bowl.

Mayor William R. Wild's First Annual Wild About Youth Bowl-a-thon to raise money to provide free programs and activities for Westland children will be 7 p.m.

### Red Cross blood drive

St. Damian Parish will hold a Red Cross blood Drive 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17. Call Gary at (734) 716-2057 for an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome. The blood drive will be held in the Community Room of the church at 30055 Joy, Westland.

### Craft show

The St. Theodore's CCW will hold its annual Fall Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, in the parish social hall at 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Admission is free, and table rental is available for \$25. Call Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voice mail #10) for rental information.

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### Vacation Bible school

The First Congregational Church of Wayne and the Methodist Church of Wayne will host a joint Vacation Bible School Aug. 11-15 (from 8:45 a.m.-noon). The classes are free and open to the public for children from the age of 4 through 6th grade. Classes will be held at the First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square in downtown Wayne. For more information or to register, call (734) 729-7550.

### Preschool enrollment

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is currently accepting enrollment into its Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs. Willow Creek is at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-0078.

### New hours

Westland's senior Friendship Center now has extended hours to better serve local seniors. The hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. The center is located at 1119 N. Newburgh. For more information, call (734) 722-7632.

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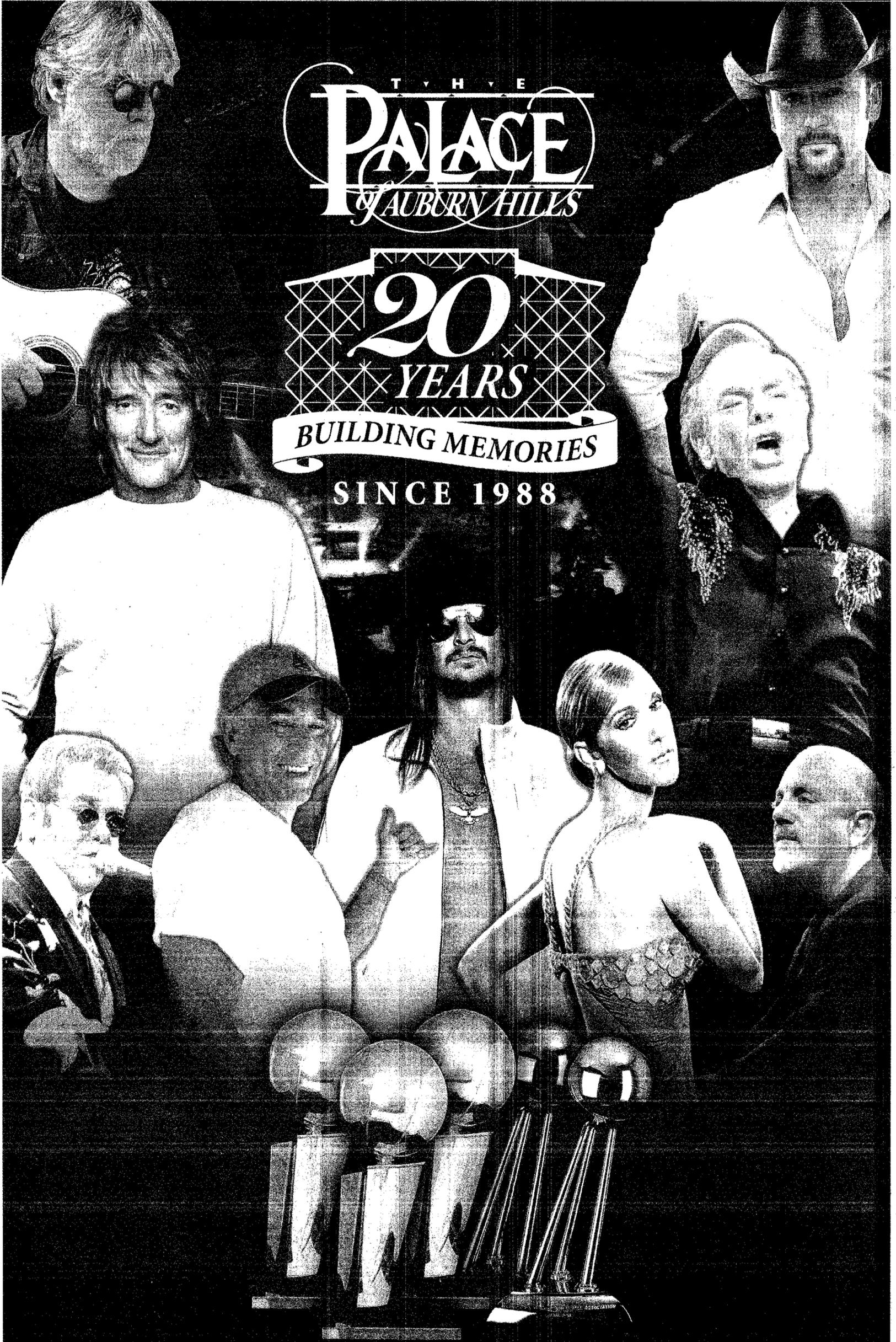
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# Hospital programs focuses on wellness

Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup this week includes:

**Monday, July 28**  
**Exercise Express** 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.  
**Childbirth Education** (fifth of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2½ hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

**Tuesday, July 29**  
**Get Up and Move** at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect complement to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.  
**Diabetes Self-Management Education** (fourth of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.  
**Strength and Stretch** at 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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### DAILY PROGRAMS

Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center offers daily programs Monday through Friday in Phase II and III Cardiac Rehabilitation/ Cardiac Wellness, a Peripheral Vascular Disease Exercise and Strength Training Program, and a Diabetes Exercise Program. These classes are presented and monitored by certified exercise physiologists. Contact the Health Enhancement Center at (734) 458-3242 to select an exercise program specifically designed for you.

### VOLUNTEER AT GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

Volunteer opportunities are available at Garden City Hospital for those age 14 and older. Individuals interested in providing clerical support, staffing information desks, transporting patients and assisting on nursing units are needed.

Volunteers receive a free lunch on their volunteer day, a uniform and the chance to be involved "behind the scenes" at an award-winning hospital.

To apply to become a volunteer, complete an application form, available at the hospital's main lobby information desk or call (734) 458-4280. The hospital is at 6245 Inkster Road in Garden City.

Volunteers also July donate time to the hospital by becoming a member of the Garden City Hospital Guild. The group raises funds to support patient care. Members staff the hospital coffee shop, gift shop and information desks, and deliver mail to patients. For more information, call (734) 458-4421.



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# Mustang club brings car show to Greenmead

More than 400 show cars are expected when the Mustang Owners Club of Southeastern Michigan brings its 20th annual "Mustang Memories All Ford-Powered Car Show & Swap Meet" to Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park Aug. 10.

The show, which will include events planned to honor its 20th anniversary, will feature more than 140 class winner and special awards, a swap meet, cars for sale and a charity raffle, as well as Mustang part suppliers with display cars and parts for sale.

Formed in 1975, the MOCSEM's mission is to preserve, maintain and enjoy Ford Mustang and Shelby cars of years 1964 through present

production. The organization serves as a source of information for both members and the general public. Since ownership of a Mustang is not a requirement for membership, MOCSEM is open to anyone who appreciates the car and enjoys the club activities.

The fund-raiser helps MOCSEM fund its charitable activities.

"Through the proceeds of our annual 'Mustang Memories' car show, we are able to support both our club and local charitable organizations," said Bob Paul, a MOCSEM member.

Last year, for instance, almost \$8,000 was donated to local chapters of The American Cancer Society, Children's Hospital of Michigan, The

Rainbow Connection, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, The American Red Cross, The American Heart Association, The Humane Society of Monroe County, Ronald McDonald House, and Toys for Tots.

A map and registration are available at [www.mocsem.com](http://www.mocsem.com) with a discount for early registration. Admission is \$4 for spectators, children under 16 get in free. For more information, contact Mike Rey, via e-mail at [ACES16@comcast.net](mailto:ACES16@comcast.net) or by calling (313) 304-5244, or Phil Smith by e-mail at [phil90stang@yahoo.com](mailto:phil90stang@yahoo.com) or by calling (734) 377-7573.

The park is located at the SW corner of Newburgh Road and 8-Mile Road in Livonia.

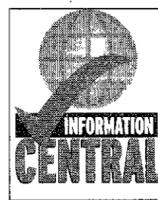
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To set up a great hamster home, you need to start with a good base. There are many different types of hamster habitats to suit your needs. Some people use cages with bars. These can provide the hamster with lots of fun since they can climb all over the place. If you have a home with other pets, such as cats, you may want to use a glass aquarium since the cats may be able to stick their paws through a cage with bars. The most important thing is to get a home that is big enough since most of the hamster's time will be spent in there.

Next, you want to provide the hamster with things to do during the night while you sleep. (They sleep all day and play once the sun sets.) A wheel is a must have, as is a small home for the hamster to nest in, but from there you can let your imagination run wild. You can find a wide variety of toys at pet supply stores and many of them can be used in different ways, like the tubes that you



can reconstruct and rearrange.

However, you can also make things at home very inexpensively.

You can use paper towel or toilet paper tubes to make mazes or just cut little holes in them so your hamster can run through and chew on them. The ideas are almost endless on Web sites, such as [hamstercentral.com](http://hamstercentral.com) and [hamsterific.com](http://hamsterific.com).

For information on the different types of hamsters, care and feeding of hamsters, and other hamster matters, "Hamster" by Becky Siino is highly recommended. Other titles that may help include "Hamsters as a New Pet," "Hamster Handbook" and "My First Hamster." All of these titles and many more are available at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

This leaves only the question of where to get your hamster. Most pet stores sell them, but you may want to consider getting one from a rescue organization, such as Westland Rabbit and Small Animal Rescue. You can browse hamsters online then choose your new little friend!

For more information on hamsters, other pets, or any other information needs, call us at (734) 326-6123 or stop in and ask. You can also visit us at [www.westland.lib.mi.us](http://www.westland.lib.mi.us).

**Highlighted Activities**  
**Political Poster Art:** 7 p.m. July 30.

Political posters have a rich history of mass communication and activism. This talk will examine their historical and cultural impact. See how printing technologies influenced the medium and the message over the years. Join Andrew Maniotes, a graphic design professor at Eastern Michigan University. Call the library to reserve your seat - (734) 326-6123.

**Science Fiction and Fantasy Discussion Group:** 7 p.m. July 30.

This month, we're discussing the work of another Science Fiction Grand Master Ray Bradbury. We go back to Mars with "The Martian Chronicles." Anyone with an interest in the genre is welcome, but please read the book before the meeting. If you can't get here in person, check out our blog at [swestlandlibmius.blogspot.com](http://swestlandlibmius.blogspot.com).

**Adult Poetry Group** (19 and up): 3 p.m. Aug. 4.

Interested in reading, discussing, and writing poetry? Please join us for one of our sessions, whether you're a first-time writer or a serious wordsmith. Sign up at the Reference Desk. Check out our blog at [westlandadultpoetry.blogspot.com](http://westlandadultpoetry.blogspot.com).

**Information Central** was compiled by young adult librarian Bridget Sturdy. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.



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# Choosing the right mortgage depends on buyer's situation

**Dear Rick:** I'm in the process of buying a new home. What is the best mortgage to get right now?

Congratulations on the purchase of a home. In regard to mortgages, the issue is what is the best mortgage for you. One of the problems we have had over the last few years is people failed to realize that the best mortgage isn't necessarily the one that has the lowest initial payments. After all, many people that had adjustable-rate mortgages (ARM) have found that their payments have shot up, causing them financial difficulty.

The key issue is how long you plan to be in your home. If you plan to stay for five years or longer, I generally lean to a fixed-rate mortgage. If your plan is to stay less than five years, then one of the adjustable-rate



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mortgages may be appropriate. Considering the economic environment we're in and where interest rates are, you cannot make a mistake — even if you are going to be in your home for just a few years — by going into one of the fixed-rate mortgages.

If you decide on a fixed-rate mortgage, the next issue is the term of the loan. In most cases, I prefer 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rather than a 15-year fixed-rate mortgage. Interest rates on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages are near historic lows, so take advantage of it. After all, for many people after they deduct the interest on their taxes, a

30-year fixed-rate mortgage is costing approximately 4 percent or below.

In addition, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage allows greater flexibility than a 15-year mortgage. For example, if you had a 30-year mortgage and you wanted to turn it into a 15-year mortgage, all you have to do is make extra payments on your mortgage. In a 15-year mortgage, the only way to turn it into a 30-year mortgage is to refinance.

Some mortgages — throughout the life the loan — give the option of changing terms. However, I am leery of some of these mortgages. Many are gimmicky and have a variety of hidden fees associated with them. I like to keep things simple and that is why I lean to the traditional 30-year fixed-rate mortgage.

It is important to know the

cost of the mortgage. Too many people just shop interest rates. That is a mistake. You need to understand the various fees involved. One loan may have a lower interest rate, but higher fees that offset the advantage of a lower interest. Fees are not standard in the mortgage industry. Some mortgage companies are very creative. Ask if they have an origination fee.

Best of luck on your new home. I recommend you to deal with a qualified mortgage person and don't be afraid to ask questions.

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

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# Even as the bullfrogs sing, winter approaches



Humid July nights belong to bullfrogs, largest frogs of Oakland County.

Snow's on the way. In just a bit more than three months, about the time pumpkins ripen and loitering turkey vultures hitch rides south on vanishing rising thermals, morning frosts will silence all summer singing insects.

### Oakland Naturally

Jonathan Schechter

And then a few days later, snow flurries fly. And so on these hot days of mid-July, I'd say it's time to celebrate our fleeting summer season, the hot sultry days of July, as Planet Earth continues her orbit around the sun.

This is the season of nature's way that provides so much to see, sense, eat, feel, hear, touch and avoid. As I sit and type on my screened country porch in the morning moments just after the sun has filtered through the pines, working my second cup of iced coffee, a house wren just yards away explodes into its daily repetitive song and tail flicking routine.

I pretend it's a greeting to me, but in reality he is stating unequivocally, "This land is mine!" "This land is mine!" And in the not so far distance, another wren sends the same message of territorial patrol.

I think back to last evening, when moments after dark with the near full moon rising, and mosquitoes on the other side of the screen, I sat in the same chair, watching fireflies flicker among my scraggly wildflower meadow amid the sweetly scented wild evening primrose - a night blooming plant - and purple coneflowers I established to replace a good size hunk of boring lawn.

The gentle breezes have set black-eyed susans, daisies, clematis, morning glories and coneflowers into a nodding motion, attracting swallowtails and a single monarch butterfly. Ruby-throated hummingbirds zip in for sips of nectar and then return to the limb of a dying crab apple, a tree full of life: red squirrels, gray treefrogs, visiting woodpeckers and the occasional nuthatch.

Give the day another few more hours of temperature rise and I know a trio of turkey vultures, habituated to my peculiar behavior and activity, will circle effortlessly overhead and descend to my feeding platform to plunge their beaked heads into a fly-covered bloated carcass of a road killed opossum, an offering I provided a few days ago. Twenty-four hours in the hot sun made for the perfectly putrid marinate method. If you were enjoying breakfast, scavenging is part of nature's way and turkey vultures are the best of nature's sanitation engineers. They would think our eating habits are bizarre.

And if you know your wild edibles, this is the moment in time when wild black raspberries are at their best, day lily petals freshen salads and black walnuts begin to swell. I keep an eye on ripening blackberries along train tracks. Raccoons and birds do, too.

Back to porch moments: Cicadas call with their chain saw-like buzzing song weeks ahead of their norm, a signal that tells me this day will swelter. And mourning doves send their July messages, a tune a bit like a gentle rendition of the call of the great horned owl.

Moments of waning July are everywhere. Awesome ice cream at Cooks Farm Dairy, with cows watching you. (Seymour Lake Road in Brandon Township.) Young buck antlers in velvet. Poison ivy vines head high along tree trunks. Skin-tearing stinging nettle waist high. A time of great plenty for street-wise coyotes, but nothing defines late July more than the distinctive low rumbling, long-carrying croak of the bullfrog, the largest of Oakland County's frogs and the last to breed. Their tadpoles, yet to emerge, will over-winter under ice, and reach maturity next spring, after the snows yet to come, melt away.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way in Oakland County. Oaknature@aol.com.

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# Sheriff says proposed budget cuts harm public safety

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Evans

Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans says public safety should be the county's top priority and a proposal to cut his budget by 10 percent would harm public safety.

"Protecting public safety is probably the most important thing that any government can do," Evans said in an interview with the *Observer*. "Clearly, the county has responsibility for the prosecutor, the sheriff and the courts and it is a major function that has to be a higher priority than some other things."

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has proposed a budget that would cut 10 percent from all department budgets for 2008-09 to deal with a projected \$33 million deficit.

For the sheriff's department, Ficano has proposed cutting the sheriff's 2007-08 \$96 million general fund amount by \$9.6 million.

"Basically the sheriff has increased his budget over the last five years," said Vanessa Denha, a spokeswoman for Ficano. "He has requested a \$7 million increase over last year, even after we asked people to make cuts. We've made cuts (in the executive's office) and we're just asking all the electeds to do the same."

The Wayne County Commission is scheduled to approve the 2008-09 budget by late August. Evans made a PowerPoint presentation to the commission making his case with the public that his budget problems are being misrepresented by Ficano.

Evans argues that retroactive salaries and benefits in a collective bargaining contract and underfunding for overtime are two key factors for a reported

\$17 million in overspending on this year's budget.

Evans said the county negotiated a collective bargaining agreement with the employees of the sheriff's department without budgeting for it.

"Our budget for this year was cast in stone a year ago. We warned at budget hearings and everywhere else that there had to be some contingency," Evans said. "It was in binding arbitration. The county and the unions agreed to the economic package, so it was not binding arbitration thrust upon the county."

Evans said he was not part of the negotiations, a point disputed by the executive's office.

"He had somebody from his office at those meetings. He was part of that whole process from the beginning," Denha said.

#### OVERTIME UNDERFUNDED

On overtime, Evans said the department has always been underfunded for overtime,

even going back to the time of the previous sheriff, Robert Ficano.

"You never know how many officers are going off sick, you don't know what emergencies are going to come up," he said. "But you do know a general trend, what the overtime is going to be. It's never budgeted for and you're always running a deficit immediately."

Evans said overtime has run as high as \$9 million and as low as \$6 million (of a \$131 million budget).

This year, it was budgeted for \$4 million.

Evans said that he is concerned that under Ficano's plan 238 deputies and four civilians would face layoffs. Options would include closing the Hamtramck Jail or releasing pretrial felons to reduce the jail population and lay off officers.

Evans said the county has a

jail capacity of 2,600 and the proposed cuts would reduce that number by 800. He said the present jail capacity is inadequate for the need.

#### REPEAT OFFENDERS

"Most of our offenders are repeat people who have been in jail more than once," Evans said. "In this economy they are not getting a job when I release them. They are going to up the crime rate considerably when they go back to do what they do best."

Evans said he understands the need for belt-tightening but argues that other departments and other projects are less important.

"I have tried to help with belt-tightening. I have closed floors in our existing jail to try to help balance the budget," he said.

Denha said the sheriff's

department may have to do some layoffs but she suggested there were other options.

"He doesn't need to run the (police) academy. He can use the community colleges in our area that offer programs," she said.

She said the department's kitchen and food services run two to three times more than Oakland and Macomb counties.

"There are ways to cut his budget," she said. "We're happy to sit down with him and help him cut his budget."

Evans said \$42 million of the \$96 million he receives from the general fund comes from a dedicated public safety millage and should not be factored into the proposed 10 percent budget cut.

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# New surgery center nears opening

Workers are putting the finishing touches on a \$15 million, 37,500-square-foot addition to Garden City Hospital.

The new Surgery Center is scheduled to open Monday, Aug. 4.

"The Center is designed to enhance the patient and visitor experience," said Annette Krupa, director of surgical services at Garden City Hospital. "At the same time, six surgery suites and three procedure rooms house state-of-the-art surgical technology for physicians."

Adjacent to the main hospital, the Surgery Center is easily accessible from the hospital's main lobby. Special services put in place make a surgical experience especially comfortable for patients and their loved ones, said Krupa.

"If a patient needs blood work on the day of surgery, the technician will come to them," she said. "If an EKG

or chest X-ray is required, they will be taken to a private area in the Surgery Center for the test. Testing comes to the patient for their convenience."

A spacious pre-operative area allows loved ones to stay with the patient until shortly before surgery. In the pre-operative and post-operative areas, patients will enjoy temperature-controlled warming units, mounted in the ceiling, which can be adjusted for individual comfort. Once a patient is taken to the surgical suite, loved ones are given a pager so staff can easily contact them.

"Using the pagers, we will let those waiting know the status of the surgery, alert them when the surgeon is ready to talk with them, and contact them when they can rejoin their loved one after surgery," said Krupa. "Through better communication, we can involve family

and loved ones in patient care."

The modern surgical suites and procedure rooms offer the newest, most advanced surgical equipment and technology to increase surgical safety, efficiency and capabilities and provide exceptional professional surroundings for surgical staff.

When patients are admitted to Garden City Hospital following surgery, their loved ones receive a card with the patient's name, hospital room number and phone number.

"This not only provides a seamless transition from surgery to nursing unit, but provides family and friends with important information to pass on to their loved ones who want to keep in touch with the patient on the days following surgery," said Krupa.

The new lobby will offer free WiFi and two public access computers with



An artist's drawing of Garden City Hospital's new Surgery Center

Internet access. A 56-inch flat screen television will be provided, as well as small group seating areas for families seeking privacy.

"The Surgery Center is designed to offer everyone involved - patients, their loved ones, surgeons and staff - convenience, comfort and the latest technologi-

cal advances," said Krupa. "We're pleased to offer such a unique and modern facility to the community."

For more information about Garden City Hospital and the hospital's new Surgery Center, or for referral to a Garden City Hospital physician, call 1-877-717-WELL.

Garden City Hospital provides comprehensive health care services, osteopathic medical education, and health care related programs to the community at large. For more information about Garden City Hospital, call (734) 458-3300 or visit the hospital's Web site at www.gchosp.org.

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**  
**Notice of Election**

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that the General Primary Election will be held in the City of Garden City on,

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2008**

From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the regular polling places. Candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties and non-partisan candidates for the following offices are to be voted upon:

- United States Senator
- United States Representative in Congress
- State Representative
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Sheriff
- County Clerk
- County Treasurer
- Register of Deeds
- County Commissioner
- Delegate to County Convention
- Judge of Third Circuit Court, Non-Incumbent Position - Vote 3

The following proposal will also be voted on:

**WAYNE COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY**

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

The places of voting for the Primary Election to be held on August 5, 2008 will be as follows:

- Precinct 1 Farmington School 33411 Marquette
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In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, August 2, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

**ALLYSON M. BETTIS**  
CITY CLERK  
CITY OF GARDEN CITY, MICHIGAN

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Wayne-Westland Community Schools  
Westland, Michigan 48185

**SECTION 00010**  
**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed bids for Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Bid Package #26,

**Consisting of: New A/C at Ford Technical Center Head End Room**

will be received until **10:00 A.M.** local time on **Wednesday, August 13, 2008** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education Office, located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. Bids received after this time and date will not be considered or accepted and will be returned unopened.

**Faxed proposals will not be accepted.**

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

Miscellaneous Steel  
109 Roofing  
115 Metal Studs / GPDW / Acoustical Treatments  
120 Painting  
142 HVAC  
143 Electrical

Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Associates, Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents, beginning at 10:00 A.M., Monday, July 28, 2008, by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400. Additional plans may be ordered and purchased directly from Dunn Blue Reprographics Technology, (248) 489-1999. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.** The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 in the lobby of the Ford Technical Center located at 36455 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project site and to answer any questions that bidders may have. **Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.**

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the owner or any employee of 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.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Wayne-Westland Community Schools reserve the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

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

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**CITY OF WESTLAND**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

The Westland Police Department will conduct an online public auction of miscellaneous seized and forfeited items. The auction will begin on Sunday, July 27th 2008 and end Sunday, August 3rd 2008. Interested persons should visit [www.aitcanton.com](http://www.aitcanton.com) click on the "Auctions" tab in the right column, click on the "Click here for live auctions!" The following items can then be viewed and are offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1975 Corvette Stingray, Sony PS2 game systems, PS2 games, kicker boxes, car stereos, amps, Acer laptop computer, digital cameras, watches, power tools, Numark turntables, Numark mixer, MXL microphone, Honeywell safe, Dell laptop computer, Pioneer stereo equipment, Onxyo stereo equipment, Xbox 360 game system, Xbox 360 games, AGV sport leather jacket, iPod, iPod docking system, autographed Goodfellas/Scarface memorabilia, Phillip plasma TV, Genesis stereo system, Sony stereo equipment, Ryobi drill kit, monitors, Guitar hero, Samsung LCD TV, and Sentry floor safe.

All items are sold in "as is" condition. Items may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION OF DIRECTORS WAYNE COUNTY DISTRICT**

To all residents of the Wayne County Conservation District, the annual budget for 2008-09 year will be presented to the District Board for final approval at the Aug. 8, 2008 meeting at noon at 5454 Venoy Road in Wayne, Michigan. The Public is invited to comment on the proposed budget. Copies are available for review at the District Office (please call (313) 418-0700 first before coming, due to budget constraints).

Notice is also given that an Annual Meeting and Directors Election will be held on October 9, 2008 between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., at 5454 Venoy Road, in Wayne, Michigan. Nominating petitions are available for residents who desire to run for Director in this election. Petitions need to be signed by at least five (5) residents of the District and must be filed at the District Office before close of business, on Aug. 8, 2008, being sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting. Residents are individuals of legal age who can demonstrate residency in the Conservation District by one piece of identification. Absentee ballots are available for voting in this election at the District Office on Aug. 25, 2008, being forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the annual meeting.

**DONNA PETTY, Chair**  
Board of Directors,  
Wayne Conservation District.

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## LETTERS

### Education in crisis

Parents, beware; the "2X Formula" will not create more equitable funding for our school districts and is only a bad Band-Aid on an infected wound that temporarily and artificially lets Gov. Granholm and the Legislature off the responsibility hook.

Watering down the K-12 School Aid budget will only further water down and dehydrate a broken public education system in Michigan.

Providing approximately \$90 more per student in lower-funded districts will not force the Legislature to make necessary, prudent and sweeping changes to our entire public education system — such as taking on the health care benefits and pensions of our aging teachers and their out of control unions — or consolidating the outrageous number of school districts in our state as compared to 49 states across America.

There are 13,700 school districts across the United States and Michigan "the distorted" has 858 of them. What a concept: Fewer but larger school districts with smaller schools (yup, high schools, too) and smaller classrooms — and at a cost savings.

Proposal A may go down as the great education destabilizer (although the Headlee Amendment is its evil twin). It does not work and was only a popular move in a state with citizens more concerned about the belief they would be saving taxes on their property than caring about their children's education or Michigan's future.

Our biggest problem continues to be governors (including Gov. Granholm) and Legislatures (yup, the Legislature class of 2008) without the strength of character or courage of conviction to fix the most broken department in our state. Our children are not a Democrat or Republican issue. Our children cross all political aisles and socioeconomic city/county lines. It is not only Rep. Matthew Gillard's "2X Formula" that will fail them — it is Gov. Granholm, the entire Michigan Legislature, policy makers and "We the People" who tell and show our children every day of their school year that they don't matter and neither does their ability to become maximally productive taxpaying adults.

**Marcie Lipsitt**

Michigan Alliance for Special Education

### Can't fight utilities

Everyone is familiar with the saying, "You can't fight city hall." Well, I found a company

that also cannot be fought: Consumers Energy.

For the past several years, I have attempted to persuade Consumers Energy to lower or at least freeze its natural gas rates. I am certain that many customers have seen their heating bills consistently rising. I have kept my old bills to track exactly how much the rates have changed. In April 2001, the gas cost recovery charge was .028364 per CCF. Now in June 2008, the gas cost recovery charge is 0.92152 per CCF. The cost has more than tripled in the past seven years. The company has also raised its delivery charge. In April 2001, the rate was 0.12008 per CCF and now the rate is 0.20470 per CCF.

I have already contacted Consumers Energy, the Michigan Public Service Commission, Gov. Granholm's office, Rep. Richard LeBlanc, Sen. Glen Anderson and Attorney General Mike Cox. I am disappointed to report that no one was of any assistance to me or anyone else that has a natural gas supplier. I fail to see how the Michigan Public Service Commission could allow natural gas suppliers to raise rates so drastically over the last seven years.

My wife and I have lowered our thermostat to 65 degrees in the daytime and 55 degrees at night. We have turned off the heat in the parts of our house that are no longer used, replaced old windows and added insulation. Nonetheless, our heating bills continue to rise. Our only reward for trying to conserve energy is an uncomfortable house all winter long.

If the Michigan Public Service Commission and the politicians in Lansing are not willing to fight for lower natural gas rates, who can the consumers turn to? We are at the mercy of the natural gas suppliers.

**Daniel Mankowski**  
Westland

### Polls manipulate opinion

All along, it has been said Michigan has an abundance of unemployed mostly due to layoffs, well-educated, experienced and talented workforce, certainly true, available and eager to be productively employed.

What we need is companies, manufacturing, research and other, taking advantage of the availability of this much-desirable workforce to choose Michigan for their businesses.

In his column ("Some news is gloomy, but most residents still have hope for state," *Observer*, June 26) the author says that people (whoever they are) want, among other things, "a great quality of life attracting talented peo-

ple to Michigan," as if we didn't have more than enough of them of our own.

How would the "attracting to Michigan" benefit our own talented unemployed, urgently needing jobs? Great quality of life comes when people enjoy fair and adequate incomes from having productive and satisfying employment. Why, then, while having a great quality of life would we want to attract people from outside?

About the thriving economy that we had here but no more, we Michiganders cannot do much, if anything. This is the problem created by decision-making politicians in Washington, promoting Globalism policies obviously detrimental to our people, and the country.

The poll numbers quoted in the column may or may not reflect true opinions. In polling, responses depend to a considerable extent on how questions are formulated, often suggestively, whether those who are being polled are chosen purposely, how familiar with the issue the respondents are, etc., perhaps even sometimes are falsified or picked from thin air to fit the aims of pollsters.

Many polls, perhaps most, are taken for the purpose of manipulating public opinion for the advancement of interests of the entities sponsoring them, and should be viewed with a grain of salt.

**Joseph Wira**  
Plymouth

### Close down puppy mills

When people think about getting a new puppy, how many go to the pet stores and spend a fortune getting that adorable puppy and don't even know where that puppy came from?

When you go to the stores that sell puppies many people don't realize that many of those puppies come from the worst places on this earth. Places where hundreds of dogs are abused and imprisoned in wire cages that are too small for them to barely move in and many times those cages are stacked one on top of the other outside in the winter and the summer and they are never let out to play in the cool green grass like you would think dogs should be able to.

The mother dogs are bred over and over for years until they no longer can produce any more puppies and they are either killed or turned out and left to starve and die on their own after having lived a horrible and torturous life. Is this how the most loving creature on this earth is suppose to be treated? And this is

only scratching the surface of what they have to go through.

You may think that you are rescuing the cute little puppy in some stores, but all you are doing is enabling that puppy mill owner to make more money and go on to produce more puppies that have many health problems and behavioral problems. And if this isn't bad enough, now we have another problem.

There are many dog rescue groups in this state that are the best places to go besides a shelter to adopt a new puppy or older dog. Those rescues work with the dogs, helping them adjust to living in a home, housebreaking them and teaching them how to be obedient so that they have the best chances to be adopted into their forever home. And they are given all the veterinary care necessary.

BUT now — and here is the clincher — there are a few rescues that are purchasing those puppy mill puppies telling people that they have rescued them. You don't rescue these puppies — they have to be purchased. So this is not rescuing as we know it. Sometimes the adults can be and are rescued and this is wonderful. They deserve to be given a chance to know what love is.

This sounds harsh but this puppy mill breeding has got to come to an end soon and if someone doesn't let the truth out and say something then they are just going to keep pumping these puppies out by the hundreds.

There are enough dogs and puppies in the shelters all across this country and more than half are dying because there are not enough people going in to adopt them. These are the dogs that they should be pulling out or rescuing and preparing them to be going to their forever homes.

If you want a dog or a puppy, purebred or mixed, go to a shelter. They have many dogs waiting for their forever home. Go to the rescues in your area. They have great dogs that are also waiting for a new home. But just be sure that they are not adopting out puppy mill puppies. Do your research, because they will tell you that those puppies were rescued.

We are never going to get the puppy mills closed down if people don't stop buying the puppies. This is the quickest way the mills are going to fail. Don't support any of those stores that sell puppies and then maybe we can get them to close also. Please help these poor suffering dogs.

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### All shook up

Sherman Arnold wraps his trademark scarves around Marion Shupp of Redford. Arnold entertained the crowd as part of the weekly Concert in the Park series at Capitol Park in Redford.



Sherman Arnold warms up the crowd before disappearing to change into his Elvis jump suit for the concert at Capitol Park in Redford.



Marion Kimberlin of Westland dances to the music of Sherman Arnold and the Interstate 2 band.

### Westland man nabbed in Internet sex sting

A 36-year-old Westland man has been accused of sexually exposing himself to an undercover officer while posing online as a 15-year-old girl, Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans announced Thursday.



Eckles

Scott Edward Eckles was arrested following allegations he exposed himself online during a series of chats lasting about two weeks and after he arranged for a sexual meeting but never showed up, Evans said.

Eckles was one of five people arrested during an

Internet sting that focused on men accused of exposing themselves to undercover officers posing as underage girls. Evans alleged that Eckles' chats were sexually graphic and specific to his plans for the girl. He is charged with illegal use of the Internet and soliciting a minor for immoral purposes. If convicted, Eckles could face penalties ranging up to

10 years in prison. The sheriff's department said Eckles was being held in the Wayne County Jail on a \$50,000/10 percent bond, meaning he would have to post \$5,000 for his release.

Others arrested included 29-year-old Waleed Wadie, an Iraqi refugee of Sterling Heights who could force deportation, if convicted; 24-year-old Kirk Allen Nagy of Romulus; 57-year-old David Lamie of Redford, who was described as married; and a 29-year-old Detroit man who hadn't been named.

### Anderson gets more money for communities

State Sen. Glenn S. Anderson has secured an increase in statutory revenue sharing during budget negotiations. The 2 percent increase, included in the Senate-passed General Government budget, will strengthen local police and fire protection services to help keep neighborhoods and families safe. This increase is the first in statutory revenue sharing to go to local communities in seven years.

"I proposed an amendment to increase statutory revenue sharing the first time this budget came through the Senate, and the compromise reached today (July 24) acknowledges how important this funding is to our communities," said the Westland Democrat. "This increase will ensure our families are safe by keeping police officers patrolling our streets and firefighters at the ready to respond to an emergency."

Communities rely on this funding for local police, fire-

fighters, water systems, road maintenance and other vital services. The legislature has cut \$3 billion for local services over the last few years, resulting in 4,000 fewer police and firefighters in Michigan since 2001.

The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards recently released a report stating arrests are down, violent crime is rising, and Michigan citizens are waiting longer than ever for police assistance due to understaffing caused by these cuts. In May, mayors, police chiefs, and fire chiefs from across the state came to the Capitol to plead for support of proposed increases in public safety funding.

"I appreciate their activism and support on behalf of our communities and am pleased that we were successful in our fight," Anderson said.

During the ongoing and sometimes contentious budget process, Anderson and the Senate Democrats have been

advocating for a statutory revenue sharing increase as part of the General Government budget, which passed with bipartisan support last week.

After Senate Republicans had stripped out Gov. Jennifer Granholm's recommended 4 percent increase several weeks ago, Anderson tried restoring it through an amendment in the full Appropriations Committee and again when the bill was before the full Senate. When these amendments were opposed by the Republican Senate majority, he continued advocating for a statutory revenue increase as the only Senate Democratic conferee on the General Government conference committee.

After the Senate and House conference committee agreed to a 2 percent increase last Wednesday, the House and Senate approved the increase with the passage of the General Government budget the next day.

#### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Westland, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI, 48185, (734)467-3200

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

On or about August 15, 2008, the above named city will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93.383 as amended through the Housing and Urban Renewal Recovery Act of 1983, PL 98.181) for the following project(s):

Project	Funding Level	Location
A. Rehab. Administration (09-02)	\$181,510	A, B
Administer General Rehabilitation Program, Emergency Repair, Barrier-Free and HOME Rental Rehabilitation Programs. Repair substandard units to meet city codes and eliminate health and safety hazards.		
B. Housing Rehabilitation (09-03)	\$97,505	A
Fund loans, grants, and deferred loans to provide financing to complete programs listed under Item 09-02. Proposed funding could be used to assist (20) homeowners with emergency repairs or barrier-free access improvements.		
C. Outreach Ordinance	\$95,000	A
Code Compliance Officer (09-08)		
A licensed building official will serve at the Dorsey Community Center. Services include: access for residents and landlords to resolve health, safety and code compliance issues including securing and maintaining abandoned buildings; monitor senior and family apartment communities, group homes and commercial structures for code compliance. This position reports to the Building Director.		
D. Neighborhood Resource Officer / Community Policing (09-09)	\$114,000	A

Westland Police Department officers will perform code enforcement to remove illegal and junk vehicles in CDBG targeted neighborhoods, including schools, senior centers, commercial strips and high-density lower income housing units (50%). They will also perform community policing in CDBG target areas (50%). (\$64,000 code enforcement and \$50,000 public service)

E. City Projects (09-10) \$100,082 A  
Support various City Projects, for example, but not limited to: fire rescue vehicle for Fire Station No. 3, Friendship Center carpet replacement, water main replacement, rehabilitation of Fire Station No. 3.

F. HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program (HM09-10) \$114,362 C, D  
Continue existing HOME Rental Rehabilitation in targeted neighborhoods (Norwayne and Carver Subdivisions). Anticipate 7 projects with 7 dwelling units for renters at 60% of median income. Rehab activities will ensure entire unit will meet currently adopted 2000 Michigan Residential Code, interior and exterior. Program provides 50% of total project cost up to a maximum of \$14,999 per unit. Lead-based paint affected items which need to be repaired or replaced will have a 75% program participation. Owner provides the remaining project funds from non-government sources. Rents are restricted for a five-year period. No displacement of families permitted under program. HUD regulations for lead-based paint inspection and abatement in all federally assisted housing projects will result in a reduction of units participating and an increased cost and time factor to complete all units. (CT 5685 and CT 5670)

G. Set-Aside to CHDO (HM09-30) \$125,000 A  
Liberty Hill Development Corporation

City of Westland must designate affordable housing development organization and programs to revitalize various areas of the City, to meet needs of eligible households. Planned activities include in-fill housing on existing lots. Another program includes the acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale of homes that are currently vacant. No displacement of low income families will be permitted. All funds must be used for project costs.

H. Housing Rehabilitation HUD \$1 Foreclosure Project (09-HM04) \$83,088 A  
HUD offers a \$1 foreclosure purchase program to cities, with a requirement that the homes be rehabilitated and sold to eligible owners. The City will work with owners and developers to develop affordable homeownership opportunities. This may include rehabilitation and homebuyer assistance. No displacement of low income families will be permitted. The City will use a 100 percent recapture of grant funds provision for properties sold before the end of the HOME affordability period. This money will be matched with other funding from both public and private sources.

LOCATIONS:  
A. City-wide impact for low/moderate income persons/ CDBG target areas citywide  
B. 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186  
C. Census Tract 5685 (Norwayne) (Wildwood, Palmer, Glenwood, and Merriman)  
D. Census Tract 5670 BGS (Annapolis, Inkster, Van Born, and Middlebelt)

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the City of Westland has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 9-190). The reasons for such decision not to prepare such a Statement are as follows:

- A. Rehabilitation Administration - Administrative activity only.
- B. Housing Rehabilitation Program - Code and health/safety repairs to existing structures only. No new construction.
- C. Outreach Ordinance/Code Compliance Officer - Reduce the amount of health and property code violations in distressed neighborhoods including both single family and rental apartments.
- D. Neighborhood Resource/Code Compliance Officer - Code enforcement, community policing, school liaison in CDBG target areas.
- E. City Projects - Rehabilitation to existing City structures. No new construction.
- F. HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program - Make code and health/safety repairs to existing rental structures. No new construction.
- G. Set Aside to Non-Profit (Liberty Hill) - Conduct affordable housing activities (an environmental review was completed by LHDC).
- H. HOME Housing Rehabilitation - HUD \$1 Foreclosure - Code and health/safety repairs to existing structures. No new construction.

Environmental Review Record documents the environmental review of the above projects and programs and sets forth the reasons why an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The Environmental Review Records are available for public examination at the Housing & Community Development Department, Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI, 48186, Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. No further environmental review of said projects is proposed to be conducted prior to Request for Release of Federal Funds. All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with the decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Westland to the office of the undersigned. Such written comments should be received at 32715 Dorsey Road, on or before August 8, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. All comments will be considered and the City will not request the release of federal funds or take administrative action on the above projects prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

3. CERTIFICATION: The City of Westland will undertake the projects described above with Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93.387). The City of Westland is certifying to HUD that the City of Westland and Mayor William R. Wild, in his capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Westland may use the Community Development Block Grant Funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is one of the following basis:

- a) That the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the applicant or other officer of the city; or,
- b) That the applicant's Environmental Review Record for the project indicates an omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process.
- c) Other specific grounds cited in the HUD Regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.75

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD at the 17th Floor, McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48226. Objections to the release of funds on the basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after August 8, 2008 at 5:00 p.m., will be considered by HUD.

WILLIAM R. WILD, Mayor  
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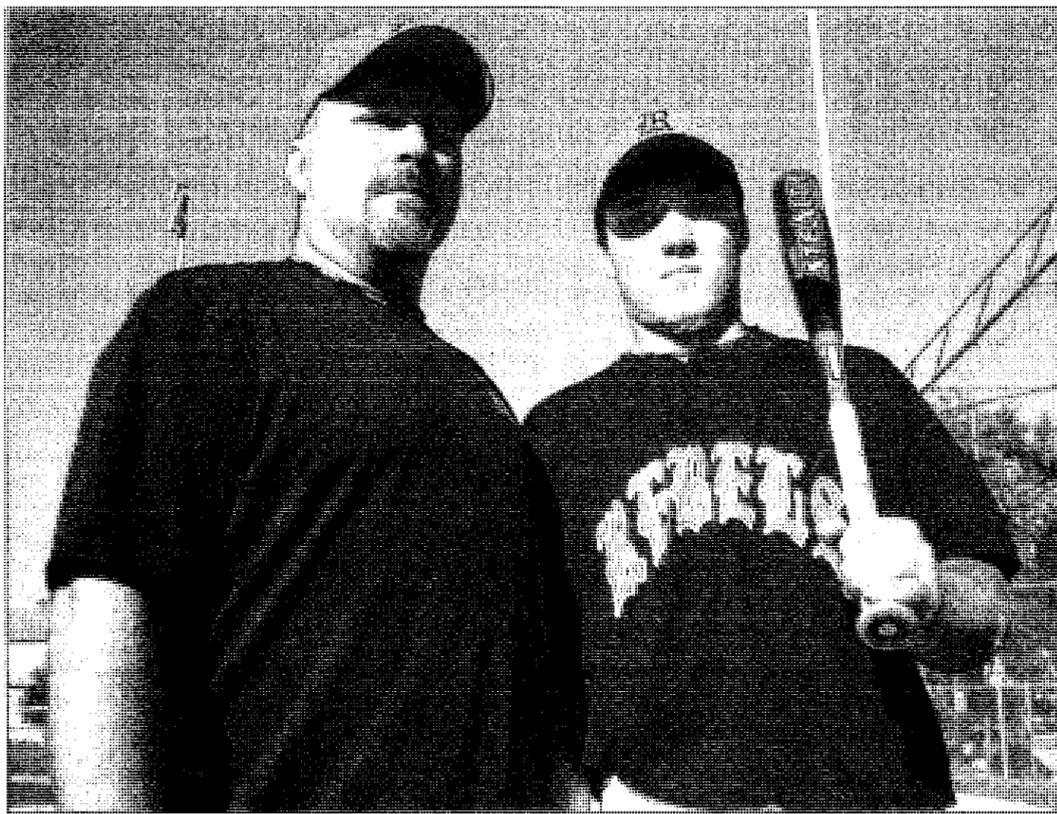
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Redford Rebels' baseball coach Bruce Corner (left) and his son, Brian, a catcher for the Rebels, have been on the same teams often over the past decade. For them, family and baseball are top priorities, but not necessarily in that order.

## Father-son connection's a hit

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They might be Corner-ing the market on bonding through baseball.

But Redford Rebels' coach Bruce Corner and his 17-year-old son, Rebels' catcher Brian, don't seem to be too upset about it.

In fact, starting with the Redford American Little League Red Sox during the late 1990s right up until this summer with the Rebels, the Redford Township father and son have been virtually inseparable thanks to being together on one baseball team after another.

"We've got to spend a lot of quality time out here on the diamond, both before,

during and after practice," said coach Corner. "We talk about things besides baseball because we do have that time together."

"We go to practices and games three, four or five times a week, driving to and from, there's a lot of time together to talk about life and school and a lot of things that are important."

According to Brian, who recently graduated from Redford Thurston (where he batted .417 his senior year while earning first-team All-Observer honors), it's been "cool" being coached by his dad so many of the past 10 years.

"I enjoy it because not

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### ON THE CORNERS

**Family:** Bruce and Kathleen Corner of Redford Township have two children, 17-year-old Brian and 14-year-old Bridget. Brian — a 2008 graduate of Redford Thurston — is entering his freshman year at Henry Ford Community College; Bridget will be a sophomore at Redford Thurston, where she was on the 2007 varsity girls swim team.

**Back in the day:** Bruce coached his son beginning in the late 1990s with the Redford American Little League Red Sox. From there, the father-and-son combo also were on a RALL Junior League squad and with Thurston's junior varsity team in 2005-06.

**Future:** After the Redford Rebels

finish play this summer, Brian will play in a fall baseball league and also gear up to try and play at Henry Ford. Meanwhile, coach Corner is interested in being an assistant to varsity head baseball coach Bob Snell at Thurston and will again coach his son with the Rebels in 2009.

**Challenge:** Bruce also has interest in donating or coaching players with physical or mental handicaps through the Challenger Division of North Redford Central Little League.

"I've been fortunate enough to have a healthy child play ball," he said. "And if I could ever donate my time and efforts to those people that go out there and do that (Challenger), that's something I would like to do."

## O&E Women's Open to tee off Aug. 16

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"Drive" time is fast approaching for all women golfers looking to claim the title of 2008 Observer & Eccentric Women's Open champion.

The one-day, 18-hole tournament is set to tee off Saturday, Aug. 16, at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

The deadline for entries is Saturday, Aug. 9, at 6 p.m.

All entrants will be trying to dethrone defending champion Susan Macinkowicz, who earned medalist honors by carding an impressive round of 78.

Participants must have a current United States Golf Association index to play in the annual O&E Open. Registration forms can be picked up at Whispering Willows Golf Course, which is located at 20500 Newburgh Rd. in Livonia; at Fox Creek Golf Course, which is located at 36000 Seven Mile Rd. in Livonia.

Registration forms can also be found at [www.golflivonia.com](http://www.golflivonia.com).

The entry fee for the tournament is \$50, which does not include a cart.

For pairings and starting times, participants are encouraged to call (248) 476-4493 after noon on Thursday, Aug. 14.

The O&E men's tournament is scheduled for Sept. 20 and 21 at both Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses. The men's event is a 36-hole tourney.

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Susan Macinkowicz of Chesterfield Township is the defending O&E Women's Open champion.

## Sidelines

### Jr. Olympics on Aug. 6

Rain halted the first try at a 50th annual Redford Parks and Recreation-hosted Junior Olympics on July 12, but don't despair.

The rescheduled event will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 6, said Theresa Burgess of the parks and rec's youth department. Registration (free for Redford residents; \$5 for nonresidents) will be 9-10 a.m. with the field events and races to follow beginning at 10 a.m.

The Junior Olympics will be at Hilbert Middle School in Redford.

Hilbert is located one-half mile north of Five Mile and one-half mile west of Beech Daly at 26440 Puritan.

Parents should be present at all times, no organized teams are welcome and no spikes will be permitted on the field. For more information, call (313) 387-2650.

### 'Learn hockey' clinic

Suburban Ice-Farming Hills is hosting a free Learn To Play Hockey clinic 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29. The clinic is for boys and girls ages 5-12 who have not played organized hockey.

All equipment including skates and a stick will be provided to participants, who must pre-register for the clinic. There will be professional instruction with help from local volunteers.

Pre-registration is required to participate in the clinic. To do so, call (248) 888-1400.

### Probens shine

The Livonia Proben brothers — Ben and Nick (both 14) — recently qualified for the Metropark Championship golf tournament by shooting rounds of 94 and 95, respectively, during a qualifying round at Willows Golf Course in New Boston. The Probens finished fifth and sixth in a field of 30 golfers aged 13 and 14.

The championship tournament is set for Aug. 5 at the Stoney Creek Metropark in Shelby Township.

Both Ben and Nick Proben will be freshmen at Livonia Churchill in the fall.

### Grizzlies tryouts

The Plymouth/Canton Grizzlies 14U travel baseball team is holding tryouts for the 2009 season on Sunday, Aug. 10, from 6:30-9 p.m. at Heritage Park in Canton. Players must be 14 or younger on April 30, 2009.

To pre-register or for more information, contact Rob Sudz at (734) 637-1638.

### GC spike tryouts

The Garden City volleyball program will hold tryouts on Monday, Aug. 11 at Garden City High School. Ninth and 10th graders earmarked for the junior varsity will practice from 3:30-5:30 p.m. while varsity players will follow from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

## 'Boot' Camp

### Ignition clinics draw waves of energetic youngsters

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Life could not have been much sweeter for the 52 kids who dashed and darted around the two side-by-side grassy soccer fields that were set up at Pembroke Park in Livonia Thursday afternoon.

The sky was blue, the humidity was low, the enthusiasm was high and — most importantly — the young athletes were being supervised by their heroes — members of the Detroit Ignition professional soccer team.

Pembroke Park was the site of one of several week-long camps the Ignition hosts throughout the summer across the state.

Along with lending its name to the clinic, the two-year-old ultra-successful franchise offered players like Dreo Callahan and Ryan Mack to serve as instructors/coaches.

"All we hear when the kids get home from the camp is, 'Drew Callahan did this today; Ryan Mack did this — I want to do this like Ryan Mack did today,'" said Mark Warner, the head coach of a Livonia YMCA U11 team. "The kids are having a blast because the Ignition

players are so enthusiastic about what they're doing.

"And the kids aren't just having fun — they're learning important skills. This week is something they'll remember the rest of their lives."

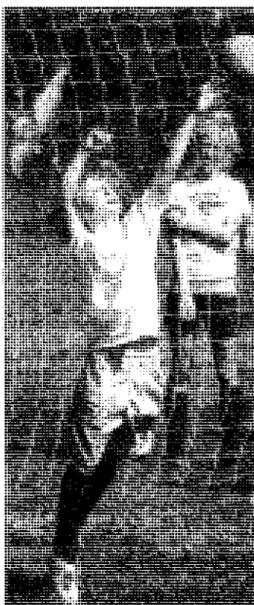
Mack said the primary objective of the five three-hour sessions is to inject as much soccer knowledge as the Ignition can in a fun, fast-paced environment.

"One day we'll work on finishing, one day we'll work on dribbling — we try to touch on all the basics," said the former Birmingham Seaholm soccer standout. "It's fun for us because the kids are so enthusiastic and you can tell they want to get better."

The fact that the league the Ignition competed in the past two years — the Major Indoor Soccer League — folded earlier this summer has not affected the popularity of the summer camps.

"We have approximately 1,800 kids registered for the camps this year compared to 1,200 last summer, so it's still a popular thing for the kids," said Michelle Green, the Ignition's director of communications.

Greene said the Ignition



Nine-year-old Brandon Navarro of Livonia took his shot at the goalie during a scoring drill at the Detroit Ignition Soccer Camp held last week at Pembroke Park in Livonia. Pictured looking on is Elizabeth Desmarais, 12, of Plymouth.

will play this coming fall in a restructured league. Details of the changes will be released sometime in mid-August, she said.

Mack said there were a few anxious moments amongst



Noah Rimtzi, 10, of Livonia keeps his eye on the ball during the Detroit Ignition Soccer Camp that was held last week at Jaycee Park. Rimtzi was one of 52 youngsters participating in the camp.

he and his teammates when word of the MISL's demise spread. However, he's encouraged by the information he is hearing from reliable sources regarding the 2008-09 indoor season.

"They've assured us there is going to be a team, we just may start a month later than we did the first two years,"

said Mack. "When we first heard the news about the league folding, everybody wanted to know what was going on. But they've guaranteed us we'll have a team for sure, the league will just be structured a little differently."

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everybody gets to go out and play ball with their dad," Brian said. "Not many kids get that opportunity."

"He's helped me a lot, he works hard to help me try to make that next step in baseball. Everything he tries to do is for me."

Probably the only times the elder Corner was not at the helm of his son's team were Brian's junior and senior seasons at Thurston — coached by Bob Snell.



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**BOUNDLESS ENERGY**

Bruce said his son has definitely heeded his mantra over the years to work tirelessly in the effort to improve as a baseball player.

"He knows he has to work hard, nothing's given to him," the veteran coach explained. "He works out on his own, we have a batting cage in the basement."

"He probably takes between 40-50 swings almost every day, hitting off a tee into a net."

When he's not practicing his hitting approach, he's watching baseball videos. Or he's talking about the sport with his dad, something that Bruce Corner said is invaluable for

Before a recent summer baseball game at Capitol Park in Redford, Rebels' head coach Bruce Corner (second from left) gives his players a pep talk. Standing next to him is catcher Brian Corner, who is such a student of the game that his dad thinks of him as an assistant coach on the field.

him. "I've probably learned as much from him (Brian) about coaching as anybody else because of our time together," Bruce said. "He gives me that insight, because we're always talking baseball."

"... If he's not going to be a player I think he'll be a coach."

On trips to and from the baseball field, Brian might offer suggestions that could help the Rebels improve their lot in the Midwest Alliance Travel Baseball League.

Their might be suggestions about the batting order or

where to play somebody in the field on a particular day.

"He has insight on injuries and insight on the pulse of the team," Bruce Corner said.

This week, Brian will take that penchant for extra effort and try to make a solid impression on the baseball coaches of Henry Ford Community College. He is looking to latch on for the 2009 season.

"He's got the capabilities to make it," Bruce said. "But he has to play up to his capabilities because it's the next level. Everybody's going to be better

at the next level just like they are here (in travel baseball)."

**IN THE FRAY**

There won't be many players — whether at Henry Ford or with the Rebels — who know more than Brian about what makes them tick on the diamond.

For Brian, it's being a catcher.

"You're in every play," Brian said. "It's an important position and I like that responsibility that you've got to be good and you can't let anything get by you."

But that wasn't his first position of choice when he started playing for the RALL Red Sox.

Bruce said his son played the outfield in those early days although Brian claims he actually was a third baseman on the day he first donned the catching gear.

"I think I was at third base," Brian said. "There was a pick-off, the kid ran home and I threw it in there and had him out."

"The kid slid into him (the catcher) and all I heard was the catcher going 'Oh, my leg.'"

Since the team's other catcher already was disabled, the Red Sox were in a bind.

"So my dad's looking around. 'Who do I got to catch' and he asked me if I could go in there," Brian recalled. "He threw me in there, and I never looked back. I just took over at catching."

For every year since, he's been the always-dependable backstop. The coach on the field. He'd have it no other way.

And neither would his dad.

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**Rams remain undefeated**

The Michigan Rams improved their Livonia Collegiate Men's Baseball League record to 24-9 on Tuesday with a 12-0 pasting of the Trailblazers in a game played at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

James Bertakis earned the victory with four innings of shutout ball. He allowed just three hits while striking out one and walking one. Brett Spencer was near-perfect in relief, yielding just one walk and no hits while whiffing five

over the final three innings. Brad Sullens suffered the loss for the Trailblazers.

Offensively, the winners were paced by Aaron Wick, who went 4-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored, and Brad Herman, who ripped four hits and scored three runs for coach Rick Berryman's squad.

The Rams outhit the Trailblazers, 16-3.

The Rams' big inning was the fifth when they scored five runs on five hits.

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# 'Win-win'

## Car dealership hooks up with RU football team in unique partnership

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's a new page in the fund-raising playbook for Redford Union varsity head football coach Miles Tomasaitis.

Forget the door-to-door candy sales or other well-worn ways for players to help raise funds for the football program, especially during the economic downturn in Michigan.

"I don't like doing fund raising where kids have to beg people for money," said Tomasaitis, entering his 18th season at the helm of the Panthers.

Enter the Holiday Automotive Group and Tomasaitis' good friend, former Livonian and Holiday vice president Dave McDonald. Under an arrangement similar to one in place for Livonia Public Schools, Holiday Automotive will take \$200 from each vehicle sale or lease and funnel the money into a nonprofit fund (501(c)) to benefit the RU football team.

(Holiday Automotive has three locations: Livonia Chrysler Jeep on Plymouth Road, Holiday Chevrolet on Grand River in Farmington Hills and Century Dodge on Telegraph Road in Taylor.)

### WIN-WIN

McDonald, whose wife, Colleen, is president of Holiday Automotive, emphasized that the setup with Redford Union will be a winner for both sides.

"Everybody comes to you for contributions all the time," said McDonald with emphasis on the last three words. "Will you buy an ad in our program? Will you do this or that? This is a program where it's very easy to contribute to because the people are doing business with you."

"They're really not asking

for anything. ... Call it (\$200) a referral fee, call it whatever you want. That's why the program is kind of unique and it's just a neat thing. You support us and we'll support you."

Tomasaitis said he will send out an "e-mail blast" soon to the families of 2008 football players as well as to other Redford Union residents and employees in hopes of stirring up interest in a program that the coach and McDonald hope to establish for many years.

Money would be used mostly to buy non-essential equipment and uniform needs.

"With the economic situation in the state, obviously the school district has its own financial problems and woes," Tomasaitis said. "We're not lacking things that we need, but there are always things that we want."

### MAKE IT COLD

But one more-important item on Tomasaitis' wish list is a modern, portable water system to be used during practices.

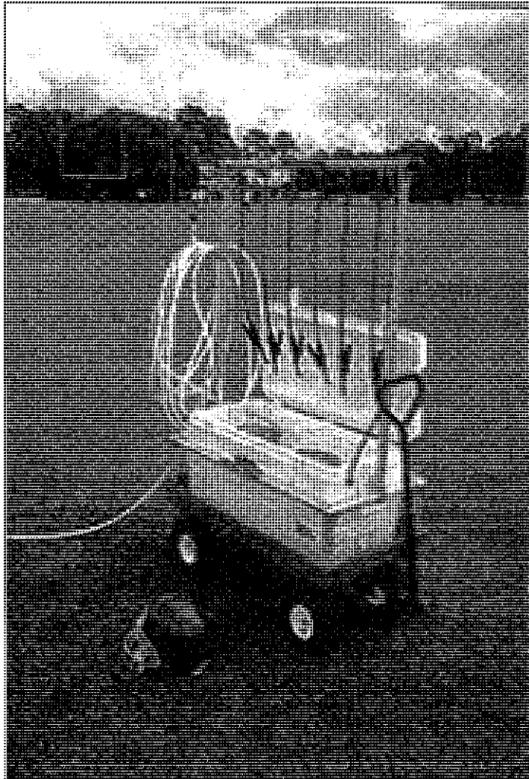
That would sure beat the heck out of the old garden hose, he said.

On his shopping list is the WaterBoy (\$900-\$1,800), a portable battery-operated drinking system. With it, RU players in the middle of August two-a-days would be able to have cold water literally brought to them instead of dealing with the antiquated way of doling it out.

Tomasaitis said there was one year where only hot water made its way through the hose. Other times, players have been told to bring water jugs from home or not be permitted to practice.

"So it (water supply) becomes a distraction."

There might have been a time when Tomasaitis could have just gone up to McDonald and asked for a hefty donation to



This is the WaterBoy, a portable cold-water drinking unit that Redford Union football coach Miles Tomasaitis wants to buy. The new fund-raiser with Holiday Automotive Group could help make that happen.

buy a WaterBoy. But those days are gone.

"Just to come to him and say 'Dave, give me \$2,000 to buy that WaterBoy system' is kind of ridiculous," Tomasaitis said. "It may be, 10 years ago, (McDonald) might have been able to do that without a problem. But there's no business that could do that now. This way, it's a win-win."

Although it's too early to tell how quickly the RU-Holiday program will take root, McDonald said it can't hurt to have such a dedicated individual in Tomasaitis behind it — not to mention a Redford Township community that has long supported Livonia Chrysler Jeep.

"My hopes are high," McDonald added. "But you know, let's face it. It's a difficult time with our economy in

southeast Michigan right now.

"I think when you have people who are in the market to purchase a vehicle, and you can do business with someone that wants to give back and support the community, I think that this may just open a door for us and hopefully open up the door for the football team."

Customers, of course, must supply a coupon for the Redford Union program when making a purchase. To get one, call Tomasaitis (313-575-4753) or e-mail him at mtomasaitis@twm.rr.com. For information about vehicles, they can also go to www.weloveholiday.com; contact Dave McDonald at Livonia Chrysler Jeep, (734) 525-5000; or contact Colleen McDonald, (248) 474-0500, regarding purchases at Holiday Chevrolet or Century Dodge.

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### SUMMER CAMPS & CLINICS

#### Soccer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia is holding its annual soccer camp for beginning and intermediate players ages 5-12, from Monday through Thursday, July 31.

The camp will offer small group instruction allowing for individual attention for each boy or girl as they attempt to learn and develop skills and knowledge of the game.

Sessions will be 6:30-8 p.m. daily at Christ Our Savior, located at 14175 Farmington Road just north of I-96. Registration is \$25 per camper. That fee includes instruction, camp T-shirt, snacks and a soccer ball to take home. Fee is payable at time of registration.

For more information, call (734) 522-6830, fax (734) 522-5949 or go on-line to www.christsaviors.org.

#### Thunderbirds tryouts

The Thunderbirds girls travel fastpitch organization will hold try-outs for 2008-09 on Aug. 16, 17 and 23 at Heritage Park in Canton.

Try-out sessions will begin at 9 a.m. (10U), 10 a.m. (11/12U), 11 a.m. (13/14U) and noon (16U/18U).

Most players will only need to attend one session.

Thunderbirds Softball, Inc. (TSI) is a Canton-based nonprofit corporation (founded in 2000) dedicated exclusively to supporting and promoting young women's fastpitch softball. The organization is comprised of travel teams with players ranging in age from 8 to 19 years. For more information, contact Ray Barnes (734) 927-4739 or Humaira Afzal at hafzal@comcast.net.

#### Plymouth YMCA clinics

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering three sports clinics this summer.

The facility's experienced staff will lead players through fun activities that are intended to stimulate curiosity and excitement of the players.

Close personal attention will help the players improve their game skills and develop a love for the game.

Among the offerings will be:  
 baseball (July 21-25) for is 9-11-year-olds;  
 soccer (July 28-Aug. 1); and  
 basketball (Aug. 4-8).

Soccer and basketball are open to 6 to 9-year-olds.

The clinics will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The programs are open to YMCA members and community members.

For more information, please contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

#### Motor City Pirates tryouts

The 2009 Motor City Pirates 12U baseball team will hold try-outs on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 3-5 p.m. at the UAW Fields, located at 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

The Pirates play in the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association and will play in several tournaments in 2009. Players interested in trying out should contact coach Angelo Lanava at alanava@wowway.com.

#### Churchill pom-pom clinic

The Livonia Churchill varsity pom-pom team will be offering a pom clinic on Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will be held at Churchill High School for kids between the ages of 6 and 14.

All who attend the workshop will be performing a routine at a Churchill varsity soccer game. To register, call Robin Schwarz at (734) 464-0556.

#### Summer Blast Soccer

Garden City Soccer Club is holding its "Summer Blast Soccer Camp" Monday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 through Friday, Aug. 22 at Maplewood Community Center, noted club president Paul Schultz.

For just \$30, campers ages 5-14 will be able to enjoy a learning experience in a fun environment. Campers will work with several trained, experienced and licensed coaches on foot skills, technique and goalkeeping.

The registration fee includes a camp T-shirt, water bottle and a pizza party on the last day of camp.

All registrations must be received by Aug. 1 in order to guarantee T-shirt size. Walk-in registrations will be accepted.

People can call (734) 458-9734 for more information. Maplewood, where the fields are, is located at 31735 Maplewood in Garden City. It is west of Merriman and east of Venoy, between Ford Road and Warren roads.

## Etiquette on the golf course

Many people don't know that etiquette is very important on the golf course. In fact, if you're playing with colleagues from work, don't be surprised if they watch how you play the game, and not just how well you score. How you play the game of golf will show a lot about who you are as a person and how you live your life. If you're respectful of the course and your fellow golfers, and you play by the rules, you'll be seen in a good light by those who play with you.

My father used to tell me to leave the course better than when you arrived. If all of us would fix ball marks on each green, there would be no ball marks. Maybe we just forgot, or we hit a horrible approach shot and we're angry. No matter what, be mindful and look around when you get to the green. Fix one or two ball marks before you leave the green.

Somewhere during your round, make sure you respect the course and leave it a better place. If you see a pop can or paper on the course, why not pick it up and put it in the nearest trash can? It will only make it better for everyone if we all take care of the course.

Superintendents say most people don't use the sand/grass seed mixture. So if you leave a divot on the fairway, pull out the sand container and fill the hole so it is level.

When it comes to raking the bunker people often ask, "Do the rakes go inside or outside the bunker?" There is no general rule. I think they should be left in the bunker because then it doesn't stop your ball from going into the bunker.

If you hit a ball into the bunker, you'll need to rake away your footprints and other marks. No one wants to get to the bunker and realize their ball is buried in someone else's footprints. Enter the bunker the shortest possible way to the ball from the low side of the bunker. Exit the bunker the same way you went in and rake your way out as you go. When you approach the green, make sure you don't leave your bag or cart at the front of the green. Park your cart or bag on the cart path beside the green going towards the next hole. You never want to walk back to the front of the green to retrieve your bag/cart and make the people behind you wait.

Don't mark the scorecard on the green or when you get to your



Anthony-Ryan

cart. Walk or drive off and mark the scorecard as you approach the next tee.

Don't yell at yourself or throw your clubs when you hit a bad shot. It won't help you to berate or swear at yourself, and it might make your playing partners wish they were playing with someone else.

Play ready golf especially on a crowded course. Our busiest time is 4-7 p.m. between leagues and open play. As you approach your next shot, have in mind what you'd like to do. This involves being ready for your pre-shot routine. As days get shorter, people want to play and get through their round before dark. Sometime it could be you waiting when people are ahead of you playing slowly and it's getting dark.

Pace yourself when you're playing. I'm not asking you to rush; you just need to have in mind what you'd like to do before you get to your next shot. Are you in the woods? What club do you need? Your mind might change once you get to your shot because you could be in a divot or have an unbalanced lie, but having in mind what you want to do will speed things up. No one wants to spend three hours on nine holes.

Other little things will help. If you're a beginner, the standard rule is to take only ten swings before getting on the green. Another way to speed up play is that if you are playing with a friend or spouse, you could both tee off and play the best ball. Or if the wife is a beginner, she should play his drive while the husband plays her drive. It will help the better player work on poorer shots and will challenge everyone.

With the tees being forward, middle and back, make sure you play the tees that match your game. Beginners should be on the forward tees. Middle handicapped players should play the middle tees. As you challenge yourself you want to move back to farther tees as the season progresses. But don't take up a lot of time playing from the wrong tees and don't be afraid to move up to play shorter tees if you find yourself hitting from the wrong tees.

I see many men hitting from

the back tees and not hitting their drive past the front tees. If this happens to you, please consider moving up and hitting from a different set of tees. Just because you started playing from one tee box, doesn't mean you have to stay there if you find it isn't the place for you to play. You're not playing the U.S. Open so you don't have to follow all the rules prohibiting you from moving up during the round.

On the first tee, one mulligan is OK if you're playing for fun. Too often we see people hitting five, six or even ten shots. When you have too many people hitting extra shots into the green, it makes it tougher to maintain the greens.

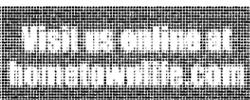
This isn't the place to work on your game, so if you're taking too many shots you won't be leaving the course better than when you came. Don't try the shots you've never practiced. If you haven't practiced something and you go out and try it, you'll get frustrated and never try it again. Practice the shot before taking it to the course.

After it rains, you're often asked to keep the carts on the cart path. If you don't, the groups behind you might have to play out of your tire marks, which is no fun. You're often asked to drive at a 90-degree angle, meaning you drive to your shot from the cart path straight in and back out at a 90-degree angle, not driving straight up the fairway.

There's only so much time during the day for grounds crews to get the work done. Fairways and roughs need to be cut bi-weekly. Greens, aprons and tees are cut and watered daily and cups are changed daily. Bunkers are raked and tee markers are changed daily. The maintenance crew doesn't get credit for doing all they do. So simple things golfers can do — fixing divots and raking the bunkers — will make it better for everyone. Hopefully the course will be as good for the 6 p.m. player as the 6 a.m. player.

Golf is a game of honesty and integrity and is a great game to play. You can't beat the outdoors, fresh air and beautiful scenery. Remember to do these things, and together we'll keep the course in great shape.

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Ann Marie Dahl (left) talks with Carrie Davies, coordinator and clinical specialist at the Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center in St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

## Surviving treatment

Image Recovery Center helps cancer patients feel better about themselves

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

One bad experience left Ann Marie Dahl devastated about her appearance. It was difficult enough to survive breast cancer without dealing with the horrified expression of a professional who was supposed to help her.

Dahl had been through two surgeries and was seeking a prosthetic. She ended up wearing baggy clothes for the next eight years, unwilling to put herself through another ordeal. Then her sister, Nancy Scobie, an R.N., suggested she visit the Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. The center helps boost patients' self-esteem by dealing with changes in their appearance due to treatment for illnesses such as cancer. Before the center opened in late October the staff received intensive training at the Image Recovery Center at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Services include everything from free consultations to prosthetics and bras, hair styling and wigs, skin care analysis, and massage therapy. Medical massage and Reiki soothe symptoms like fatigue, pain and discomfort.

"I heard of a place to go for my chest to look more normal. You go in feeling bad enough," said Dahl of Canton. "I work for an attorney's office so my appearance is important. At the center I was fitted for a prosthetic and bra. I was so impressed with the time and care they took making sure what I wanted and needed."

Scobie can't say enough about her sister's experience at the center.

### 'DIFFERENCE IS INCREDIBLE'

"The difference is incredible," said Scobie who works at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "She was so down before. After her first appointment she was just thrilled."

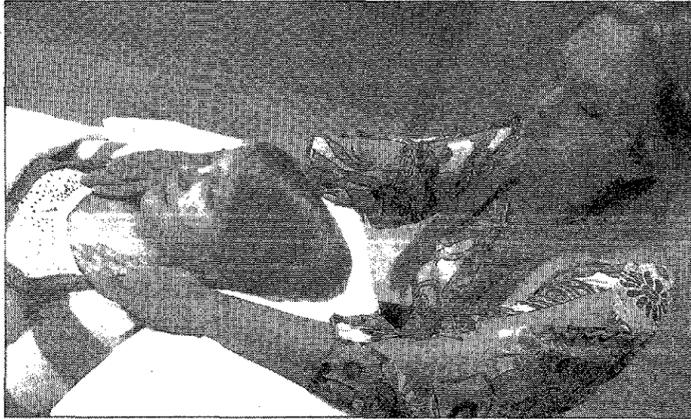
Dahl only wishes she'd known about the center before her surgery and hopes one bad experience doesn't stop other women from seeking help.

Claudia Gering was lucky that she learned of the center during a talk about cancer at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Gering had been receiving chemotherapy at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor since January. Clients of the Image Recovery Center need not be patients of St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Before having surgery a week ago, Gering was fitted for a postsurgical bra with a pocket for a drainage tube. The Canton woman also scheduled a noninvasive manicure and pedicure designed for patients vulnerable to infection.

"I'm so impressed with the center and the kind, caring staff," said Gering, who especially wants to look nice for her daughter's wedding in August.

### CHILDREN, TOO

At age 10, Molly Modes doesn't have to worry about her appearance, but fatigue from the nephrotic syndrome and FSGS kidney conditions she battles. The Livonia girl has been com-



Oncology certified massage therapist Jane Kaleski demonstrates the healing therapy of Reiki on Molly Modes at the Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

ing to the center for Reiki to restore her energy. Discovered in Japan in the early 20th century, the therapy is a method of hands-on healing. Reiki can reduce pain and induce relaxation in addition to increasing energy.

Since starting Reiki in December, she has missed only one soccer game with Fire, a Select Soccer team through the YMCA in Livonia. Her mother, Meg, says Molly comes out of the hourlong sessions with rosy cheeks.

"It's warm (from the practitioner's hands) and I usually fall asleep," said Molly Modes. "I feel like I'm sinking into the mattress."

A medical massage from Jane Kaleski, who also does the Reiki, not only helped relieve the discomfort Nancy McGue felt as a result of scar tissue from a double mastectomy, but pain caused by fibromyalgia. A breast cancer survivor, McGue has taken advantage of fitting services as well. The Plymouth woman has \$850 worth of prosthetics in a closet from a prior purchase.

"They were too heavy," said McGue. According to Carrie Davies, McGue's complaint isn't that unusual. There are so many different styles of prosthetics that a woman can end up with the wrong one. At the center, Davies takes measurements after giving the patient a tour of all the available merchandise first. Special bras, swimsuits and camisoles are available as well.

"It's about empowering them and seeing them feel better," said Davies, a clinical specialist who coordinates the center.

It's also about starting or continuing treatment uninterrupted, according to Dr. Harmesh Naik. The St. Mary Mercy Hospital oncologist regularly tells patients about the center's services.

"Attitude is a big thing in cancer treatment, how long they can persist in treatment," said Naik. "Sometimes we have patients who say I don't want to lose my hair. I'm not going to get treatment, a grand daughter's wedding is coming up so I'm going to let my chemotherapy go for two weeks. They don't have to change their treatment plan if we can just provide some simple solutions."

"I had people tell me I have lost my hair and don't want to go out of my house, versus people who have self confidence because of the services. It's a tremendous morale booster. Women with breast cancer the self confidence has a tremendous effect on their daily routine. They have concerns about how their partner will see them."

### CARING LISTENER

One of the most important services offered is support. Trysh Tyl is a two-year survivor of breast cancer so clients feel comfortable talking to her. A licensed cosmetologist, Tyl and Davies went through intensive training at Johns Hopkins to work with patients. She begins their first visit with a free consultation. After determining the stage of their treatment plan, she can offer a variety of services including free head shaving. She suggests not doing this at home as a nick in the scalp can introduce infection. The center also offers a free celebratory cut when hair begins to grow back.

"It's a sensitive situation and you have to be able to handle a lot of emotion," said Tyl, a licensed cosmetologist. "There are questions they won't ask their doctor. I can tell them how to care for scalp and skin, any mouth sores or issues during chemotherapy, eyebrow and eyelash loss, how to take care of radiated skin."

Kathleen Kittle had no idea hair falls out about two weeks after chemotherapy begins. Kittle is the St. Mary Mercy Hospital administrator who came up with the idea for the Image Recovery Center long before she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She was able to ask Tyl what she could put on her scalp. The center uses natural products and botanicals.

"We offer medical manicures and pedicures," said Tyl. "They get their own nail file and orange stick. We're very concerned about bacteria and sterilization because their cell counts are down."

For more information about the Image Recovery Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, call (734) 655-8810 or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

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## Peripheral neuropathy patients wanted for study

Researchers in the Department of Physical Therapy at Oakland University are looking for Metro Detroit residents to participate in a new study which may improve the lives of individuals with peripheral neuropathies.

Peripheral neuropathy is a debilitating condition that often afflicts people with diabetes. Its symptoms include sensations of pain, burning, cold, tingling or numbness in the feet and lower legs. Sufferers often have difficulty walking because of the loss of sensation in the feet.

The study is trying to determine whether one of the common treatments for peripheral neuropathy is truly effective. This treatment, monochromatic infra red radiation (MIRE), is approved by the FDA and has been shown to improve circulation. Studies have also shown that it will reduce pain, numbness and tingling, and also improve balance and walking when given in conjunction with physical therapy. However, no researchers have ever investigated whether the MIRE or the physical therapy or some combination of the two treatments really works.

The study is open to all patients over 18 years old who have diabetic or idiopathic peripheral neuropathy. Volunteers will be assigned to one of two groups. One group will receive the MIRE (experimental group), while the other group will not receive this treatment (placebo group). Both groups will receive treatment three times a week for eight weeks.

For the experimental group, the treatment will consist of 30 minutes of MIRE and 60 minutes of exercises and gait training. For the placebo group, the treatment will appear the same, but the MIRE machine will not be delivering any infra red radiation. However, the placebo group will still receive 60 minutes of exercises and gait training.

There will be no cost to the patient. Treatment will be provided at any one of the eight Team Rehabilitation clinics in Metro Detroit including Livonia, Farmington Hills, Macomb Township and Clarkston.

To learn more or to make arrangements to participate, call Michelle McClellan at (248) 922-9280.

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### JULY

##### Benefit concert

Tribute-Fest: A benefit concert for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit 7 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at The Emerald Theatre, 31 N. Walnut, Mt. Clemens. Tickets \$10 and available at box office before and during show, and through all Ticketmaster outlets. Fest includes tributes to The Beatles, U2 and Pink Floyd. For information, call (248) 577-0800 or send e-mail to [cmcqueen@gildasclubdetroit.org](mailto:cmcqueen@gildasclubdetroit.org).

##### Mysteries of weight gain/loss

How hormones can help or hurt, free health care workshop with Dr. William Karl, D.C. 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, July 28, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive off Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. To RSVP, call (734) 425-8588.

##### Volunteers needed

For the new Providence Park Hospital in Novi which is scheduled to open Sept. 5. Volunteers needed for variety of activities including responsibilities in the Emergency Center, surgical lounge, pediatric department, gift shop, and visitor services as well as duties in the areas of spiritual care, transporter, clerical, patient greeter. Must be age 18 and older and able to work a minimum of one, four-hour shift per week. To request an application packet, call (248) 465-4096 or send e-mail to [volunteerservice@stjohn.org](mailto:volunteerservice@stjohn.org).

#### UPCOMING

##### Summer camp

The Health Exploration Station at St. Joseph Mercy Health Center in Canton brings back its Amazing Me camp to teach second to fourth grade students about the human body and how to keep it healthy. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 4-8. Cost \$169. For information, call (734) 398-7518.

##### PGA hospitality experience

To raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Michigan Chapter, tournament runs Aug. 4-10, at Oakland Hills Country Club. A 3,200 sq. ft. home overlooking the 10th and 17th greens and 11th and 18th tees is available per day. For information, call (800) FIGHT MS #2 or visit [www.nationalmssociety.org/mig](http://www.nationalmssociety.org/mig).

##### Donor registration/fund-raiser

A special organ, tissue and eye donor registration event and fund-raiser for Donate Life Coalition of Michigan is being held at the Tigers vs. Toronto Blue Jays game, 7:05 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11. Tickets \$22 with a portion going to Donate Life. Call (248) 770-5172 or (248) 701-2323.

##### Divorce support group

Group discussion, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12. Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will answer questions in a private setting on a first come first served basis, in room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

##### Diabetes support

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts the presentation Exercise and Diabetes 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, in the auditorium at 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Use Main Entrance on Five Mile. For information, call (734) 655-8961. During this presentation you will learn the benefits of exercise on blood sugar

control and general well being. There will be tips for people with functional limitations. No charge, pre-registration not required.

##### Metro fibromyalgia/cfs support

Meets 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, one block south of Ford Rd., Garden City. The speaker is Dr. Barry Hobbs, a chiropractor, who will share easy-to-do stretching exercises. For information, call (734) 462-1768.

##### Lupus support meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, in Adray D at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. For information, call Lisa Munson at (313) 581-2937.

##### Active older adults workshop

Learn about issues such as medical considerations, orthopedic concerns and the normal effects of aging on exercise and health. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. To register, call Julie Burt at (734) 394-5460 or online at [www.netaffil.org](http://www.netaffil.org).

##### Vinyasa yoga

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17. Vinyasa yoga blends strength and flexibility training emphasizing power, precision, timing, grace and coordination, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. To register, call Julie Burt at (734) 394-5460 or online at [www.netaffil.org](http://www.netaffil.org).

##### Divorce support group

Overview of divorce process with Connie S. Kelley, attorney 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, in room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

##### IBD symposium/update

For patients and family members, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth. Topics include medications, diet, emotional issues, and a lesson on the digestive system. Call (248) 737-0900 or (888) 737-2322. IBD Update for the Practicing Physician same date, time and place. Information available at same phone numbers. Not open to public. Registration deadline Aug. 31. No charge.

##### Celebrating survivorship

10th annual Sharing & Caring symposium, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University Dr., Rochester Hills. Speakers include Anne Thompson, breast cancer survivor and NBC News correspondent, Beverly Kirkhart, breast cancer survivor and author of Turning Setbacks into Comebacks, and Christine Clifford Beckwith, breast cancer survivor and author of Not Now...I'm Having a No Hair Day. Cost is \$45, includes breakfast, luncheon and wellness activities including trail walking, seated chair massage, tai chi, yoga, reiki and more. To register, call (800) 633-7377. For information, call (248) 551-8585.

##### Lupus Alliance walk

11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, registration at 10 a.m. at Metro Beach Metro Park, 31330 Metro Parkway, Harrison Twp. (at the Activity Center). Proceeds go to Lupus Alliance for support group, counseling, community outreach, awareness building, and research. For walk, pledge or sponsorship information, call (800) 705-5577 or visit [www.milupus.org](http://www.milupus.org). Walk includes light lunch, silent auction and raffle.

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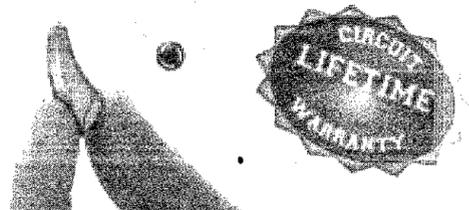
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## iPods, cell phones ease travel, but don't forget chargers

Is today Sunday? Feels like a Thursday. (Just joking. My editors forgot to tell me they were moving my column. Why am I always the last to know everything?)

A couple weeks ago I took my family to Chicago for what turned out to be a terrific vacation. One of the highlights was traveling by train, a long (six hours going, five hours returning) but mostly pleasant experience. Cheap, too.

Needless to say, I packed a fair number of gadgets: some for communication, some for navigation, and some for entertainment. Here's how they fared.

I made heavy use of Verizon's LG Voyager phone, which, when I first test-drove it several months ago, I unfairly dismissed as a poor iPhone clone.

The Voyager offers two features I really love: crackerjack GPS navigation and Mobile TV. The latter differs a bit from the streaming video that's long been a staple of Verizon's VCast service: It's live and prerecorded TV shows delivered over the old-fashioned airwaves.

For \$15 monthly, you get instant access to 11 channels, including CBS, NBC, Comedy Central, and Nick. As long as you're in a major metropolitan area, it really is like having a little TV in your phone.

The service worked great in Chicago, and Nick came in mighty handy a few times when the kids were bored and driving us insane.

Alas, Mobile TV is available only on four Verizon models. It's also available on a couple handsets from AT&T, including the LG Vu—an impressive model in its own right.

The Voyager's VZ Navigator also proved invaluable. I often used it to determine the distance from one Chicago attraction to another, so we'd know whether to walk or take a cab.

Lots of phones have rudimentary GPS capabilities, but VZ Navigator (which recently added traffic updates) is in a class by itself. It's well worth \$2.99 for a 24-hour period or \$9.99 monthly.

### BOOKS, MOVIES, GAMES

For entertainment I packed an iPod Touch for me and a Creative Zen Vision W for the kids. The latter I stocked with movies downloaded from Vongo and TV shows recorded on a media-center PC.

The iPod Touch was freshly upgraded with Apple's 2.0 software update, which opened the door to hundreds of new programs from the iTunes App Store.

You've probably read about this ad naseum already (as part of the iPhone 3G launch), so I'll just give you some highlights. With the eReader app (the same one I've used on my Palm for years), I was able to read books on my Touch.

I also downloaded the New York Times' eponymous app for more great reading. AOL Radio let me tune into hundreds of Internet radio stations. And killer games like Aurora Feint (free), Bejeweled 2 (\$9.99), and Tap Tap Revenge (free) kept me thoroughly entertained.

Just one problem. The universal travel charger I packed to keep all these gadgets juiced—Callpod's Chargepod—didn't work for the Touch or Zen. I'd brought along their USB cables, but the Chargepod requires special connectors for those devices. D'oh!

Luckily, both players had just enough power to last the trip. And I still like the Chargepod, even if its power wart is disproportionately huge. All told, the right tech gear really can make travel easier and more fun.

Agree? Disagree? Shoot me an e-mail and let's discuss.

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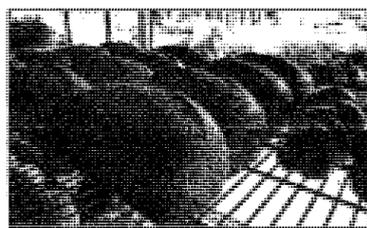
Phones like the AT&T LG Vu (pictured) and Verizon LG Voyager can double as portable TVs thanks to the impressive Mobile TV service, which costs \$15 monthly for unlimited access.



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Jason Lawrence shows off the challah at Boule Artisan Bakery while Natalie Feneck looks on.

## ALL IN THE FAMILY



Boule Artisan Bakery offers a variety of breads from French and Italian to whole grain, challah, and specialties like cheese, and fruit and nut.



Natalie Feneck (left), and Jan, Chester and Jason Lawrence are part of the family that keep Boule Artisan Bakery going. Missing is Jason's brother Jared.

### Bakery builds on homey atmosphere

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OSE STAFF WRITER

When Jason Lawrence and Natalie Feneck decided to buy a bakery in Plymouth there was never any discussion about whether family would be involved. Before the doors opened in January 2006, Jason's father Chester Lawrence had painted the back wall while wife Jan and son Jared helped Jason and Natalie clean the space soon to become Boule Artisan Bakery.

Today, they're still working together to make the business a success. Jason and Natalie do the baking, while Jan works behind the counter waiting on customers four days a week. On Saturday mornings she's joined by Chester and Jared who man a booth at the Plymouth Farmer's Market a block away in The Gathering on Penniman.

"We're that kind of family, a hard working together type of family. It's what we do. It's what we've always done," said Jason

#### BOULE ARTISAN BAKERY

**Location:** 880 W. Ann Arbor Trail, west of Main Street in downtown Plymouth.  
**For information:** Call (734) 354-6980.  
**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Plymouth Farmer's Market runs 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through the last Saturday in October.

Lawrence. "We all work. We know what it takes."

Some of the Old World-style Boule breads require three days of labor, from growing the yeast to letting the dough rise then baking and cooling on racks. Boule is the French word for round, but the bakery offers breads in all shapes and varieties, from cheese and fruit and nut specialties to multi-grain, rye, Italian, traditional challah, and French. Everything is hand made from scratch including sweet treats like all-butter cookies, scones, boulettes (bits

of croissants tossed with cinnamon and sugar), and croissants with pieces of fruit or chocolate.

"It's a time consuming process," said Natalie.

"It's what bakeries have gotten away from and there's no addition of preservative," said Jason.

"We sell half loaves so the first slice tastes as good as the last," added Natalie. "Sometimes people get half of this loaf, half of that."

Customer service is number one on the family's list of priorities. Natalie, who grew up in Redford and attended Wayne State University, worked in restaurant management in Colorado so she knows what it takes to keep bread lovers coming back. Regulars can receive a free loaf of bread by having a card stamped after each purchase. After 12 loaves, the next one is free.

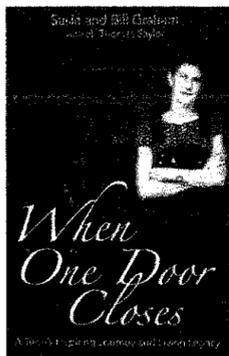
Jason contributes his baking skills to

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## Teen's legacy

Book seeks to inspire readers to live a life that matters

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OSE STAFF WRITER



A photo of Alex Graham graces the cover of the book that includes her journal entries as well as the life lessons she taught others during her battle with cancer.

Alexandra Graham inspired those around her every day as she battled cancer from 1997-99.

There was the oncology nurse, who noticed the 17-year-old West Bloomfield girl's spunky attitude and loving concern for others.

There were many friends, who watched their classmate continue to laugh and fearlessly embrace life, despite the loss of a leg and part of a lung.

There were family members, students, medical professionals and others who marvelled at her maturity, positive demeanor and unselfish attitude.

Their recollections tell the story of Alex's journey from diagnosis, through treatment, to the living legacy that has continued after her death, in a book co-written by her parents, Bill and Susie



Bill and Susie Graham talk about their book, 'When One Door Closes: A Teen's Inspiring Journey and Living Legacy,' which was inspired by their late daughter's battle with cancer.

Graham, along with H. Thomas Saylor, a Northville-area writer.

*When One Door Closes: A Teen's Inspiring Journey and Living Legacy*, will be released Aug. 1 to local book stores, but can be pre-ordered (\$24.95) through [www.alexswish.com](http://www.alexswish.com).

The Grahams plan to donate their portion of proceeds to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Susie is a Make-A-Wish board member and Bill will ride in the

organization's 300-mile bike tour, July 24-27, as he does every year. Together with Berlme Advertising, Make-A-Wish fulfilled Alex's desire for a public service announcement about children with cancer. The PSA, which starred Alex and other young patients, began airing locally at first, and then nationwide, after her death in January 1997.

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# Barefoot Productions brings theater to community

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Craig Hané might not know the location of the next Barefoot Productions play but he has a dream.

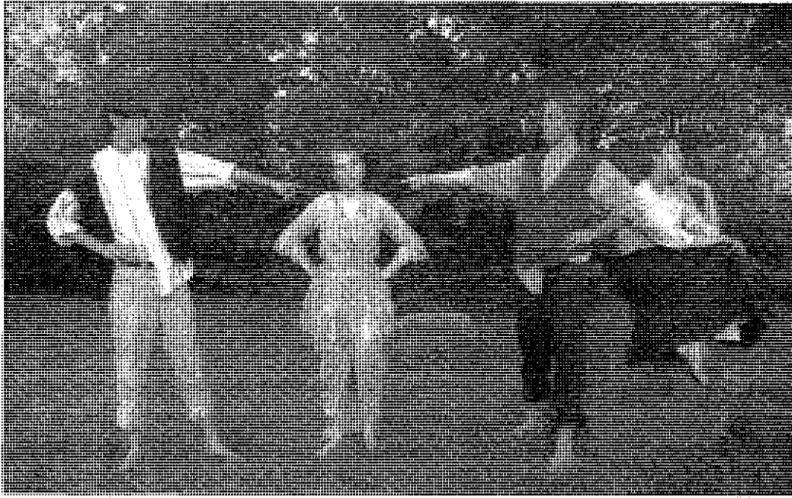
Founded in October 2006, the theater company presents its next production, Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, in the old Walker Buzenberg Furniture building in Plymouth Aug. 7-10 and 14-17.

"We want to become Plymouth's Purple Rose (a professional theater founded by actor Jeff Daniels in Chelsea)," said Hane of Plymouth Township. "We want to be able to hire professional actors to work alongside amateurs. My idea was to fashion it after Purple Rose with probably no more than 150 seats. We hope to have our own building in the next five years."

Barefoot Productions spent its first 18 months at the Plymouth Historical Museum but moved down Main Street to the old furniture building when scheduling conflicts arose.

"We just pay utilities, but it's still for lease. Every show we do we don't know where we may be doing it," said Hane. "We've planned the third season, but with every production we're just going to have to play it by ear."

Last season, two out of four productions had to be canceled when the theater company ran out of money. Last October, Barefoot Productions officially became a nonprofit so now they can take donations and hold fund-raisers like the



Matt DeLisle (left), Elizabeth Whitcomb, Nathan Corliss, and Pamela Satchwell perform in the Barefoot Productions' version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



Ken Karges of Plymouth plays Oberon and Chelsea Parkkila, Puck in Shakespeare's romantic comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Barefoot Productions present performances Aug. 7-10 and 14-17, in the old Walker Buzenberg Bldg. in Plymouth.

**A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**  
What: Barefoot Productions presents Shakespeare's romantic comedy.  
When: 7 p.m. Thursday, Saturday Aug. 7-9 and Aug. 14-16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10 and 17.  
Where: 240 N. Main in the old Walker Buzenberg Furniture building, Plymouth.  
Tickets: \$15, \$20 children and seniors over age 65, and all ages of the show or by calling (734) 953-2145.

wine tasting and auction in April.

"We're barely surviving from ticket sale to ticket sale. For the production of Stephen King's *Misery* we only had nine people in audience sometimes but

then for Agatha Christie's *Black Coffee* we filled the house," said Hane who's been involved with theater for nearly 30 years.

Hane began doing plays in 1980 at Farmington High School before earning a bachelor of fine arts in theater and interpretation with a concentration in scenic design at Central Michigan University. Afterwards he worked in theater from coast to coast. Hane designs all of the sets for Barefoot Productions in addition to serving as artistic director.

"My love is directing. I've done probably about 33 productions and started a company in Santa Barbara," said Hane. "When I came back there was no live theater in downtown Plymouth. I have a strong drive to make the pro-

ductions professional. I tell people when they audition that we're the most professional nonprofessional company you will ever work with. It's almost an off-Broadway experience."

Anne Cahalan joined the theater company because of Hane's vision.

She got to know him while the two were working in various community theater productions. Cahalan is producing *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

"I'm excited to be involved," said Cahalan, whose father, Brian Cahalan, a teacher at Douglas Elementary in Garden City, is in the show. "We want to have a theater for the community, but we're modeling after Purple Rose."

David Alexander, an English teacher at Fordson

High School in Dearborn, has studied theater professionally with the Royal Shakespeare Company and Oxford University in England, and the Stratford Shakespeare Festival in Canada. He directs the Shakespeare production which has a cast of about 23. It is his master's thesis at University of Detroit Mercy.

Alexander used to run the theater department at Fordson and has acted with Dearborn Family Theatre, City of Dearborn Community Partnership, Westside Theatre Project in Dearborn, and University of Detroit Mercy Classical Theatre.

"I cut it quite a bit to make it as audience friendly as possible and for the same reason

added a lot of music, spectacle. I wanted it to be engaging to little ones who might not get the language but are enchanted by what they're seeing and hearing," said Alexander of Redford. "We spend a lot of time laughing. Yes it's fun."

The Barefoot Productions season continues in October with *Playing With Fire: After Frankenstein*, a modern retelling of Mary Shelley's horror classic. In February, Barefoot Productions presents *Same Time Next Year*, a story of love through the ages.

The season concludes in spring with the mystery, *Prescription Murder*.

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## Pool party to benefit breast cancer research

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Stephanie Janiunas doesn't personally know anyone with breast cancer but that isn't stopping the Farmington Hills woman from raising money so she can participate in the 3-Day Walk for Susan G. Komen for the Cure in late September.

On Friday, Aug. 1 Janiunas is joining with Joe and Bob Dorsch, owners of Players Billiards, to throw an amped up Happy Hour called the Pink Ribbon Pool Party in Farmington. Ten percent

of all proceeds go to fund breast cancer research.

Last year, Janiunas, 35, participated in the walk as an individual.

This is her first time working with larger organizations like Players Billiards to help meet her goal of raising \$10,000. Walk participants are required to raise \$2,200 individually.

"Last year was fantastic, but such an emotional 3-Day," said Janiunas. "It's amazing. You're exhausted, crying and laughing. People come out in the hundreds and cheer you on. One man had

tears streaming down his face. His wife had passed away (from breast cancer) and he still comes to every event."

In addition to the pool party, Janiunas is placing donation jars around Farmington.

"I'm hoping people will give me spare change or stuff that folds," said Janiunas, a marketing manager for a software company in Novi. "Over 85 percent of the proceeds go directly to breast cancer research and programs and stays in Michigan."

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**PINK RIBBON POOL PARTY**  
What: A fun, relaxed, fundraising pool and drink special. 50/50 raffle, pink ribbon merchandise, and billiards.  
When: Friday, Aug. 1  
Where: Players Billiards, 3000 W. 12 Mile, Farmington, MI 48334-3922

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On occasions when I diagnose a patient as having fibromyalgia, I am met with responses like, "Then you mean nothing is wrong with me," or "Doctor, you don't understand; I really hurt."  
Such critical remarks about fibromyalgia from patients, assumes that the diagnosis means the doctor doesn't know what else to do.  
A small number of physicians are skeptical that fibromyalgia is actually an entity. However, most of the medical community consider fibromyalgia a recognized disorder of the musculo-skeletal system.  
Our reasoning is that the condition has features that distinguish it from other joint and muscle pains. These findings include a history of aching in multiple areas for months to years, involvement of the shoulders, arms, neck, low back, hip area and legs. Patients often experience both fatigue and sleeplessness, headache, jaw pain, anterior chest pain, and constipation alternating with diarrhea. In many instances what initiates the condition is a fall, automobile collision, a fortunate escape from serious injury, or a prolonged period of personal distress.  
Not all patients with fibromyalgia present so forthrightly. At times, the diagnosis is delayed when a patient does not exhibit most or all its features. In such instances, the doctor must follow the patient over time to distinguish between fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue and myofascial pain syndrome.

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## Local arts council offers summer fun for all ages

The Plymouth Community Arts Council continues its summer programming with a host of fun programs through Aug. 29.

Youth can learn acting techniques as well as perform in a play during the performing arts camp 9 a.m. to noon July 28 to Aug. 1 or Aug. 25-29.

A full day camp blends art, music, drama, and creative writing for ages 5-12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 4-8.

Slimy Arts and Science (9 a.m. to noon) and Art from Around the World (1-4 p.m.) round out the offerings Aug. 11-15 or Aug. 18-22.

Costs range from \$70 to \$180 depending on the camp and membership in the arts council. Members receive a discount.

For more information or to register for classes or camps, call (734) 416-4278. The Plymouth Community Arts Council is at 774 N. Sheldon at Junction.

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# BAKERY

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the mix. He originally went to University of Michigan for premed before deciding to go into the food industry. He and Natalie met through a mutual friend and have been together since 1991. The life partners lived in Colorado for several years before moving back to Michigan to be close to family. Jason was a baker for Whole Foods Market in Denver.

Chester Lawrence, a practicing attorney in Dearborn, handled all of the legalities involved with the purchase of the bakery that also produces special orders for weddings, bar mitzvahs, funerals, and Jeff Zaks Catering in Plymouth in addition to baking 300 mini baguettes a day for Air France.

"There's two reasons I do it, to help my family and because my father and mother were in the bar/bowling alley business. I was

always working with people," said Chester Lawrence. "It's all about family being together. Sometimes it's close, but if I didn't work here I wouldn't get to see Natalie and Jason as often as I do."

There's one major reason Jason and Natalie opened the bakery - Jared, Jason's younger brother.

"Ten years ago he was in a bad car accident and had a closed head injury. He's a part owner," said Jason. "We wanted to provide something for him, a more normal work environment. We knew the one place he'd be able to work is to be with family."

It's all about family for Jan as well.

"When they were opening the bakery I said please, please can I help," said Jan. "I wanted to do this so I can help my kids. How many parents have a chance to help their children realize their dreams?"

The business has grown beyond their expectations. Natalie and Jason greatly appreciate the support of the community. Although not directly

involved with the bakery, Natalie is grateful to her parents as well. Sandy and Frank Feneck of Redford, care for the couple's 15-year-old Golden retriever, Bodhi, when they're at work.

"We feel lucky to be in a place like Plymouth," said Natalie. "We want to thank everybody who supported us. It's all been by word of mouth."

"Within three months of opening we could have had a major account but wanted to be a community bakery," said Jason. "There's such a bond in the community. We know 80 percent of their names."

Ila Marsee is a regular customer because of the sweets.

"I like everything," said Marsee of Plymouth. "My husband likes the lemon ginger and raspberry scones. The fruit bread with cherries is just fabulous for breakfast."

Dave Murphy has been coming to Boule at least once a week since the bakery opened. Every Friday he buys an extra loaf to share with someone to spread the word about the bread. He calls it Friendly Fridays.

"We buy maybe three loaves of bread a year elsewhere when desperate because we need to make sandwiches for the kids' lunches and we're out of bread on a Sunday night," said Murphy of Plymouth. "It's just a great quality bread. Jason is always experimenting but not making major changes. My brother up north is jealous. I just visited him and took bread."

The Plymouth Farmer's Market has been responsible for many new customers who later drop by the bakery.

"These are new people coming into town just for flowers and vegetables," said Jason. "They like coming to the market because it's a social thing. They enjoy grabbing a pastry and sitting in the park. They bring their dogs, their kids. It's the old world mentality of buying your food fresh daily."

The bakers of Boule buy their butter and milk fresh from Guernsey Farms Dairy on Novi Road. Even though the price of flour has tripled in the last 18 months, quality ingredients are essential.



Ila Marsee of Plymouth tries to decide which of the sweets she'll buy at Boule Artisan Bakery. Marsee is a regular customer.

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

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**Brighton High School Class of 1989**  
Planning a 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups: brighton high school class of 1989" to get more information.

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Reunion dinner dance, Saturday, Nov. 15. Call Rita, (313) 567-8133.

**Cherry Hill High School Classes 1962-1987**  
An All-Class Reunion will be held 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, July 26, 2008, at Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts, 28500 Avondale, Inkster, cost is \$15 pre-paid, \$20 day of event. For more information and a pre-registration go to Alumni Association web page: http://hometown.aol.com/chhsclassof65/CHHSInksterReunionMain.html.

**Christ the King School**  
All Class Reunion in honor of 70th anniversary 6 p.m. Sept. 12, at the church in Detroit. School tour. Tickets \$25. For more information, contact Rosanne Jodway at rmjodway@sbcglobal.net or Yvonne Perrault-Moyer at yvonnemoyer@hotmail.com. Proceeds to benefit school scholarship fund.

**Clarenceville High School Class of 1988**  
A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighnill at resource@gin.org.

**Crestwood High School Class of 1968**

A 40th class reunion Oct. 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch, (313) 937-3477 or e-mail CHSI968Sec@yahoo.com.au.

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

**Dearborn Edsel Ford Classes of 1958**  
The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion on Saturday Aug. 2, 2008, at the Dearborn Country Club. Call Judy Richards Goerke at (313) 562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com, or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 348-9443, Shirley.peters@villageford.net.

**Dearborn Edsel Ford January Class of 1958**  
A 50th reunion will be held Oct. 3, 2008 at the Dearborn Inn. Call Nancy at (248) 851-5257 or Pat at (734) 427-0256 for further information.

**Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1968**  
A 40-year reunion Aug. 2, 2008, at Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus in Dearborn. For more information, contact Janet Wszola Robbins at (313) 277-1418 or Susan Taylor Szalony at (248) 348-6692.

**Dearborn Fordson Class of 1969**  
Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniniu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebriidge@klivington@nu-core.com.

**Class of 1958**  
A 50-year reunion on Aug. 2, 2008, at Park Place. Reservations only. For information, please contact Marsha Duza Movesian, (313) 277-5624, or Joyce Anderson Mechalko, (313) 278-4488.

**Class of 1988**  
A 20-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 22, 2008 adult gathering at Avenue Bar & Grill, Dearborn. \$25 per person. Saturday Aug. 23, Family Picnic at Ford Field, Dearborn. \$25 per family. For details and to RSVP see www.freewebs.com/fordson88 or e-mail fordsonclassof88@yahoo.com

**Detroit Cass Tech**

**Class of 1958**  
A 50-year reunion. Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at castech58.com.

**Detroit Chadsey High School Class of 1957**  
An Alumni Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008 at American Legion Post No. 32, at 9315 Newburgh in Livonia. Contact Pat at 734-522-1284.

**Detroit Chadsey High School Class of 1958**  
A 50-year reunion, Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$55 per person. Contact, Mike Poterala, (248) 548-4829 or mpoterala@comcast.net.

**Detroit Christ the King Elementary Class of 1963**  
A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.com.

**Detroit Holy Redeemer High School Class of 1958**  
A 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, at O'Kelley K of C, Dearborn. Contact Mary Burns at (313) 937-3979 or burnsmay@aol.com for information.

**Detroit High School of Commerce Class of 1958 January, June and August**  
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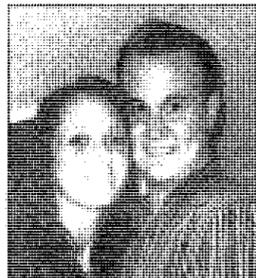
**Detroit Northeastern Class of 1958**  
A 50-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 23, at Farina's Banquet Center, Berkley. Contact Audrey Gynum Bibbs at (248) 474-2716 or Dorothy Rodgers McCree at (248) 224-7598.

**Detroit Redford High School Class of 1968**  
A 40th reunion is being planned for Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008, at Mama Mia Ristorante, 1403 S. Commerce, in Wolverine Lake (Walled Lake). Check out the class's Web site: www.redfordhigh1968.com or contact Jessie Wysocki Farkas at (248) 669-3364.

**Detroit Western High School Class of 1978**  
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail western1978@att.net.

**Sutton-Devlin**  
Wendy and John Sutton of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Jane Sutton, to Anthony Joseph Devlin, son of Linda and Joseph Devlin of Livonia. Sandra is a 2005 graduate of Garden City High School and has attended Schoolcraft College as well as completing a medical assisting program, where she earned certification in the field. In the fall, she will attend Arizona State University to complete her bachelor's degree in biochemistry and plans to continue her education in medical school. Anthony is a 2004 Churchill High School gradu-

ENGAGEMENTS



ate who attended Schoolcraft College before joining the U.S. Air Force. He is currently a C-130 crew chief at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz. The couple is planning an Oct. 4 wedding in Livonia.



**Schalter-Dickman**  
Alan and Connie Schalter of Rochester Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Lyn Schalter, to Michael Jeffrey Dickman of Plymouth. He is the son of Eric Dickman and Catherine Sanders. Julie is a 1999 graduate of Rochester Adams High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University's School of Business, where she earned her degree in marketing. She is an e-commerce retail specialist at Carhartt in Dearborn. Eric is a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University's School of Business, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting. He is a CPA and works as an internal auditor for Pulte Homes in Bloomfield Hills. The couple is planning an October wedding in Rochester.



the U.S. Embassy in Manila, Philippines. The couple are planning an October wedding in Southfield.



**Krzyzanski-Boyle**  
Kristopher and Susan Krzyzanski of South Lyon announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Michelle Krzyzanski, to Michael Andrew Boyle of Redford. He is the son of Michael and Roberta Boyle of Novi. Amy is a 1996 graduate of South Lyon High School and earned her master's degree in 2004 in speech language pathology from Wayne State University. She works at St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland Hospital. Michael is a 1996 graduate of Northville High School and works in restaurant management in Novi. The couple is planning an October wedding in Livonia.

**Hartendorp-Zweigel**  
Victoria and Edward Hartendorp of Manila, Philippines, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Hebe Hartendorp, to Emanuel David Zweigel. Emanuel is the son of Muriel and Warren Zweigel of Southfield. Mary Hebe attended the University of Santo Tomas College of Medicine and Surgery. She currently heads the Hartendorp Clinic in Manila. Her husband-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He currently works as director of global publishing solutions for

**Lehoczy-Wayton**  
Kenneth and Norma Jean Lehoczy of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lehoczy of Northville, to Mark G. Wayton of Northville. He is the son of John and JoAnne Wayton of Lambertville. Jennifer is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy and a 2002 graduate of Western Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. She works as a financial planning specialist in Southfield. Mark is a 1995 graduate of Bedford High School and a 2000 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance. He earned his master's in management



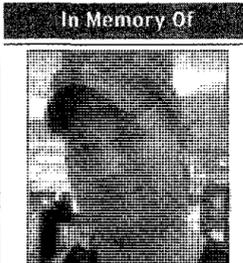
from University of Toledo in 2003 and works as a compliance manager in Southfield. The couple, who became engaged in November 2007, is planning a September 2008 wedding in Farmington Hills.

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**MICHAEL BASHA**  
Age 88, of Parma, passed away July 16, 2008. Teacher for Taylor Schools in Livonia. Funeral has taken place. www.kevinidfuneralhome.com

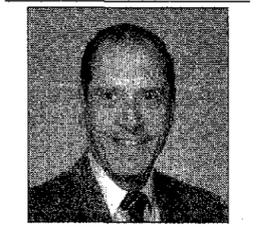
**JEWELL E. CASSELMAN**  
July 22, 2008, age 94, of Westland. Loving mother of Carol L. (Dan) Painter. Dear grandmother of Joseph P. and Don David (Jennifer) Painter. Great-grandmother of Sara Marie and Nicholas Andrew Painter. A memorial service will be held on Monday, July 28, 2008, at 8pm, at Kirk of Our Savior Church, 36660 Cherryhill, Westland. Please sign Jewell's online guestbook at: www.cremationmichigan.com.



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Beloved father of Ronnie (Robin), Lisa (Joe) and Kyle. Dear grandfather of Shane Lewandowski. Loved brother to Chet, Deb (Stan) Wydryck, John, Steve (Diane). Son to Chester Lewandowski. Preceded in death by his mother Virginia. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation Sunday 4 to 9pm and Monday 2 - 9pm at the Allen Park Chapel - Martenson Family of Funeral Homes, 10915 Allen Rd., (corner of Goddard). For service information call the funeral home at 313-386-6600 www.martenson.com



**STANLEY JONES**  
July 24, 2008. Age 83, of Bloomfield Hills. Born in Buchanan, MI to Rev. and Mrs. William Maylan Jones (the former Gladys Chamberlain). Veteran of the U.S. Air Force - WWII. He was a 1949 graduate of Albion College, where he was a trustee for 27 years and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Vice president of Burroughs Corporation (now Unisys) 1965 - 1986. After retirement he spent five years on the staff at Wayne State University Medical School. Chairman of the Administrative Board of First United Methodist Church of Birmingham and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Retirement Homes. Beloved husband of Frances for 59 years. Loving father of Jeffrey S. (Susan) and Candice Crane (David). Dear grandfather of Allison and Robert Jones, Ian and Megan Crane. Brother of Gladys Kingsnorth and both the late David and William Jones. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Friday 6-8pm. and Saturday 3-8pm. (no visitation Sunday). Memorial Service Monday, Aug. 4 11a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the music fund at the church. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

**MARIE ROSE NORMAN**  
Age 87, of Scottsdale, passed away July 25th at her home. She was born Oct. 14, 1920 in Redford, Michigan, the daughter of John and Loretta Schlaff Korte. Marie moved to Arizona in 1971 from California, and had been a Librarian at the Scottsdale Public Library for over 25 years. She also was a long time member of VFW Post 3513 Auxiliary. Preceded in death by her husband William in 2004. She is survived by her daughter June of Scottsdale and brothers Fred, Donald and Melvin Korte, all in Michigan. Private services have been held. Messenger Indian School Mortuary assisted the family.

**ANNA D. WHITE (Hedgecough)**  
Born December 12, 1937; Deceased July 12, 2008 in Zebulon, North Carolina after a courageous fight with cancer for three years. Daughter of Mark and Pauline Hedgecough, deceased. Grew up and lived in Farmington for many years. Attended Farmington Schools, was in the class of 1956. Has lived for the past 25 years in North Carolina. She was a former building inspector while living in Lake County Michigan and a retired director for La Petite Academy in Raleigh N.C. Married to beloved husband Richard White for 52 years. Loving Mother to: Jody Lynn Wallace, Terry Hawk, Sherry Carpenter, Richard A. White, Tammy Wheeler, Patricia White, Jackie White. Proud and devoted grandmother to 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Dear sister to Thomas (Sandy) Hedgecough, Jerry (Dale) Hedgecough and Carol (Harry) Liogghio. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents and sister Mary Bothwell and cherished baby boy, Donald Joseph. Laid to rest in North Carolina.

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BIRTH



**West**  
Chris and Becky West of Livonia proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica Nicole West. Jessica was born July 11, at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She joins siblings Samantha Kruger, 14, and Christopher West, 7. Her grandmother is Betty Luna of Warren.

WEDDING

**Horst-Snyder**  
G. Paul and Nancy Horst of Plymouth announce the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Noelle Horst to Matthew Thomas Snyder of Grand Rapids. He is the son of Thomas and Jeanne Snyder of Findlay, Ohio. The couple wed June 14 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville. Pastor Bill Moore presided. The wedding party included the bride's attendants: Maid of Honor Catherine Van Proyen, bridesmaids Caryn Tayeh, Laura Snyder and Katie Horst, and scripture reader Patricia Snyder; and the groom's attendants: Best Man Zachary Snyder and groomsmen Aaron Van Proyen, Steve Reasor and Geoff Horst. The reception was held at The Inn at St. John in Plymouth and the couple



spent their honeymoon at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. Jennifer is a 2004 graduate of Salem High School and a 2008 graduate of Calvin College. She works as a high school chemistry teacher at Holland Christian High School. Matthew is a 2004 graduate of Canton High School and a 2008 graduate of Calvin College. He works for Trane, Inc. as a mechanical engineer. They will make their home in Grand Rapids.

BOOK

FROM PAGE C1  
It's just one of many positive actions that Alex inspired. The book details others — from the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in West Bloomfield, to her eldest's brothers decision to donate a kidney to a child in need.  
**DO GOOD DEEDS**  
The Grahams hope *When One Door Closes*, with its inspirational quotes, Alex's journal entries and "life lessons" taught through personal stories, will inspire readers to "go out and make the world a better place."  
"We're Jewish and there is an expression that comes to mind — repairing the world — tikkun olam," Susie explained.  
"Repairing the world could be picking up trash," Bill added. "It could be smiling to a person who hasn't had a smile. It could be Habitat for Humanity. It's anything to make the world a better place."  
"It's amazing what things beget. I think of our Relay for Life when it started with seven teams. And then some people that were there just to watch the

first year were on our team the next year. And then they started their own team and the year after that one of their members started their own team," he said.  
"From little acts, you get people to take other acts to elevate their lives. It's about elevating their lives."  
**FIGHT FOR THE CAUSE**  
Susie, who took comfort reading inspirational books after her daughter's death, including works by Harold Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. His ideas resonated with her and inspired the couple to become involved in Make-A-Wish, the American Cancer Society and other causes.  
"When you lose someone, the parents that do the best are the ones that fight back," Bill explained. "If you have a child that died of Cystic Fibrosis, get involved in the Cystic Fibrosis Society. Between Make-A-Wish and the American Cancer Society, it has given us power over what we had no control over."  
Although Susie thought about writing her own book for several years, it didn't seem possible until Saylor walked into her sta-

tionery and gift store three years ago. He wanted to place his own book there on consignment, but avidly listened to her story about Alex.  
**GETTING STARTED**  
Susie, now retired from her business, discussed the book with Saylor over coffee.  
"He said it sounded like something he'd like to get involved in," Susie recalled. "I loved that idea that he didn't know anything about it. I don't think he knew anything about the PSA."  
Saylor interviewed dozens of Alex's friends, relatives and acquaintances, choosing about 80 personal stories, inspirations quotes and journal entries. Each brief chapter contains a life lesson.  
"You can pick up the book and get something out of just a chapter or two," said Bill, who likens the work to a tapestry. "I've had many people say they like the bite-sized pieces. He did that by design."  
The book title comes from a quote by Alexander Graham Bell: "When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us."

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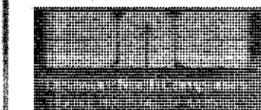
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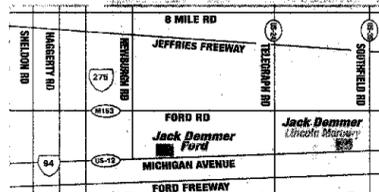
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Of Tulsa, OK will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a renewal of vows on Aug. 2, 2008 at Christ Church Episcopal in Tulsa, followed by a dinner & party. The couple married Aug. 2, 1958 in Clawson, MI. They have three daughters: Lisa Roper and husband Eric of Broken Arrow, OK; Jennifer Morgan of Tulsa, OK; and Rachael Roper and husband Chris of Broken Arrow, OK. They have five grandchildren: Kirk, Cary, Taylor, Spencer & Brooke.

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Household Items  
Recreational Items, Misc. Good  
Unit #305  
**MELISSA ANN SYRJALA**  
Household Items, Misc. Goods  
Unit #315  
**MARGARET A. SIMON**  
Household Items  
Misc. Goods  
Unit #412  
**MARCELLA WASHINGTON**  
Household Items  
Unit #460  
**MARLIN HUNTER**  
Household Items, Misc. Good  
Unit #495  
**BARBARA E. SMITH**  
Misc. Goods  
Unit #511  
**DARLENE DENISE TATE**  
Household Items, Misc. Goods  
Unit #517  
**CYNTHIA GREENLEE**  
Household Items  
Unit #602  
**MARK KIM MCKENNEY**  
Household Goods  
Misc. Goods, Vehicle  
Unit #701  
**LARVONIA L. GERMANY**  
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**Auction Sales** **7060**

**VEHICLE AUCTION**  
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1G2035241S7505913  
1995 Pontiac, 5F3  
1G2J12465744682

**7100 Estate Sales** **7100**

**PLYMOUTH** - Eccentric Aunt has tools, kitchen items, appliances, computers, art supplies, light furniture, everything goes! July 31-Aug 2, 10-6pm. 42102 Brentwood, near Haggerty & Schoolcraft.

**Garage Sales** **7110**

**BIRMINGHAM** 350 Shirley, W/ Southfield Rd. S side/ Maple. Nautilus weights, designer clothes, sports equip, household! July 31, 9-4. 3 day sale.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**  
Garage/Moving Sale - Thurs July 31-Sat Aug 2, 9-5pm. 881 Queen's Way, Cherry Hill & Lilley. Furniture, toys, books, housewares, clothing & misc.

**CANTON** - Huge Multi Family Sale! July 31-Aug 2, 9-5pm. 881 Queen's Way, Cherry Hill & Lilley. Furniture, toys, books, housewares, clothing & misc.

**GARDEN CITY** 32911 Florence, btwn Ford & Cherry Hill, off Venoy. Adult/children's clothes, exercise equip, some furniture, misc. July 31-Aug 1, 8-5; Aug 2, 8-noon.

**LIVONIA** 16385 Rouge Way off Inkster between 5 and 6 Mile, 7/31 and 8/1, 9am-4pm. books, LPs, sports, furniture, household goods and more!

**LIVONIA** 20016 Hubbard, E. of Farmington, S of Eight. July 31-Aug 2. Lots of stuff!

**LIVONIA** July 30-Aug. 3, 9am-5pm. A LOT of new baby clothes w/tags, new maternity clothes, VHS, CD's, & more! 35677 Leon St., Plymouth, btwn Levan & Wayne.

**LIVONIA** July 31-Aug. 1, 9-4. 14456 Gary Lane & 5 house street sale, btwn 5 Mile & Schoolcraft, off Ellen. Furniture, baby stuff, & more!

**LIVONIA: 6th ANNUAL QUAKER TOWN SALE**  
30+ families participating (off 6 Mile btwn 275 & Haggerty). August 1-2, 9am-4pm.

**NORTHVILLE** Garage Sale - New items added. 47257 Curtis at Beck, Northville, 7/31 & 8/1, 10am-5pm.

**OAKLAND TWP BIG GARAGE SALE!**  
July 30-Aug. 2, 9-5pm. 462 Charlesina Dr., off Ord Road.

**PLYMOUTH** Multi-family Sale. 45300, 4500, 44967 Gov. Bradford (Ann Arbor Rd and Sheldon). July 31-Aug 2, 9-5. Children bikes, home & office furn, misc household items.

**Garage Sales** **7110**

**PLYMOUTH** Garage Sale - Thurs, July 31- Sat., Aug 2. Open daily 8am-4pm. 800 McKinley, 1 blk W. of Harvey. Vintage jewelry, porcelain dolls, many baskets, console TV, Sony CD radio/stereo, Sony digital movie camera, several hand tools & more!

**PLYMOUTH** - Garage Sale - July 31-Aug. 3rd, 9am-5pm. Gift sale rep samples, home decor, baby items. 242 Blumk, W of Main, N of Church.

**WEST BLOOMFIELD**  
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**WESTLAND** - 2816 Clayton, corner of Glenwood & Centerville. Access from WMHS Soccer Field. Wed-Fri, July 30 - Aug 1, 10-5pm.

**WESTLAND** - Many retired Party/ite items & more. 28371 Mackenzie Dr. btwn Middlebelt & Inkster, off Ann Arbor Tr. Fri-Sat, Aug 1 & 2, 10am-6pm.

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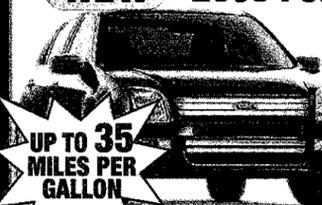
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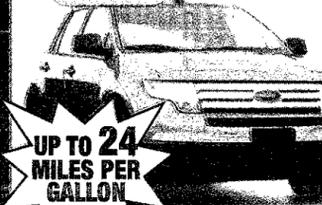
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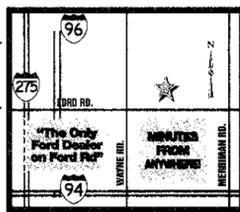
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