

## AROUND TOWN

#### A winner

Teachers are used to getting apples. However, the one Beth Johnson received was a bit more than your average garden variety.

Johnson, who teaches business and personal law at Wayne Memorial High School, recently received the Crystal Apple Award from the State Bar of Michigan Lawyers Auxiliary for her work with the school's Teen Court.

Johnson was nominated for the award by 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack, who presides over the Teen Court sessions, in which students serve as jurors and decide the sentence for each juvenile offender.

"This is a wonderful experience for our students," Wayne-Westland Supt. Greg Baracy said in recognizing Johnson at last week's school board meeting.

"What the kids get out of this is amazing," Johnson said. "I had 13 seniors and seven plan to go into law. The kids want to be lawyers, they want to be officers. They get to see what all of the careers are."

And a crystal apple may not be the last of the awards Johnson receives for Teen Court. She's also been nominated for National Law Teacher of the Year.

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# Recycling carts get delivered

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With about 2,000 recycling carts being delivered daily, Westland residents should be ready for the curbside program which kicks off Monday, June 29.

"I'm looking forward to the recy-

cling program," resident Georgia Becker said. "I like that you don't have to pull the paper off the cans."

"I can't wait. I go to the (recycling) dropoff center now," Jo Johnson said. "It will be nice. I will hardly have any garbage in the can. I compost, so I already got a smaller garbage can. I can use the bigger ones for yard waste."

The curbside collection should be much more convenient for residents. The recyclables — a list of what is accepted is attached to the top of the cart — don't have to be sorted or separated by residents. Literature left with the cart also informs residents which week the recycling will be collected. The pickups are on the regular trash collection day on alternating weeks. Every home should have its 96gallon recycling cart by June 22, Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford said.

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## Love at first sight: 75 years of 'I do'



## Family surprises parents with a wedding

#### BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI

It's been 75 years since Roy House asked his wife, Maggie, who worked on a farm as a hired hand, for her "cotton pickin' money" to help pay the justice of the peace.

He borrowed \$2.50 seven decades ago and gave her \$4 at a surprise anniversary party thrown recently by their daughter Linda LaBell and her husband Rich LaBelle at their home in Deerfield Township.

Maggie jokes about why it didn't include more interest after all that time.

Maggie, for the first time in her life. was wearing a wedding gown, veil and all the accessories of a bride and her husband of seven decades was dapper in a "We couldn't afford anything like that when we got married," Roy says. "We were poor." "When my mother walked out in that wedding dress, there wasn't a dry eye," Linda said. "He put his arms out to her and everyone just broke down. He wanted her to get to him so fast and they're both so slow. They are 10 times more in love now." Their courtship began in Tennessee, when Roy set eyes on Maggie at a party Maggie's cousin gave. They were sitting on a crate together and it broke. Roy jokes that was when they "fell" in love.

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- Northville Record, Novi News, South Lyon Herald and Milford Times - will offer e-newsletters Thursday, while the Birmingham and South Oakland Eccentric Newspapers will offer them Sunday.

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Bride and groom Maggie and Roy House repeat their wedding vows before family members gathered for a reunion June 6.

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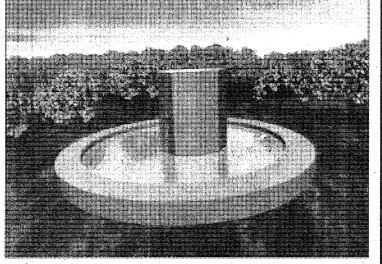
### Fund raising starts for new memorial

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A design has been selected for a new Westland veteran's memorial and a likely location has been selected — now the fund raising can get started. Sponsored by the Westland Veterans Association, the memorial was designed by the William Ford Vocational Technical Center 2009 graphic design class. The design was a class effort, taking some elements from various concepts designed

by the students. "We chose one with a reflecting pool and 10 sides for writing (representing the 10 wars involving American troops)," said

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The design for a new veterans memorial was developed by graphic design students at the William Ford Career Technical Center. The Westland Veterans Association selected the design and is fund raising to build the memorial which it hopes to locate in Central City Park.

Ken Mehl, Westland Veterans Association president. "We hope that we wouldn't need to add on, but there is room for an addition." A breakfast sponsored by the association in conjunction with a Flag Day ceremony kicked off

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"I guess you could say we fell in love at first sight," he said.

Roy recalls how he had to build his nerve to sneak a first kiss and how that memory carried him until the next Sunday when he would visit and try for another.

"He was all I could think about," she says. "And I was all he could think about."

After they were married, Roy didn't have enough money to buy a hamburger. They tied the knot on a Saturday and by Sunday they were back home. As for a honeymoon, Roy said, by Monday he

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## Rotary scholarship winners have bright futures

#### BY JULIE BROWN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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Four outstanding young people were front and center June 4 when Westland Rotary Club awarded its annual scholarships.

"The Rotary can't supply all of it, but we can help," said scholarship chairman Don Douglass, who emphasized the importance of education. Douglass, a retired administrator at Westland John Glenn High School, is concerned about the high rate of high school dropouts, particularly in big cities.

"You can't lose these people, but we are losing them," he said. "We're falling behind as far as education is concerned. This kind of represents a bright spot."

The four scholarship winners are:

• Michael Penhollow of John Glenn High School, also a student at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. The graduating senior is the son of Erik and Gail, and will attend Ferris State University this fall to study digital media and television production.

• Crystal Hughes of Wayne Memorial High School, who

will study nursing at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. She's the daughter of Terry and Tammie Manier.

 Gloria Girgis of John Glenn High School, who will study language and music at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. She's the daughter of Aida Girgis and the late Wagih Girgis.

 Amy Carter of John Glenn High, who will study music therapy at Eastern Michigan University. She's the daughter of Sandra and Jeff Carter. Carter's scholarship of \$1,500 was given by Douglass in memory of his late wife, Arlene, a WayneWestland elementary teacher. The other three scholarships,

\$1,500 each, come from Rotary fund-raisers held throughout the year. Penhollow, who's distantly

related to famed Detroit DJ Arthur (the spelling is different), has a great summer job lined up. He left June 9 and will help run the video scoreboard for the New York Yankees.

Girgis would like to study Arabic and Spanish, both of which she speaks.

"Also I would like to study music," said Girgis, who plays the piano and lute. She's considering becoming a university professor.

"I could join an orchestra," said Girgis, who lost her clergyman father to a car accident. "I could do missions overseas. I'm an avid Christian."

Hughes is looking forward to her enrollment at U-M.

"She's a good friend of mine because she's a big U-M fan," said Douglass, a Michigan

alum. "Since I was little, I wanted to go there," Hughes said. "When I got accepted, it was the happiest day of my life."

Her family was in a car crash and is now fine, and Hughes was impressed with their medi-

#### **AROUND WESTLAND**

during Road Rockets 5:30-7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, which is held in Gym 4 or online at glennwrestling.com. For questions, contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595.

#### Used book sale

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will hold their used book sale Friday-Saturday, June 26-28, at the Westland Shopping Center Wayne and Warren roads, Westland. There will be a preview 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25, and cost \$3. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 26-27 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 28. Most books and magazines will be priced at \$1 or less; videos, CDs and DVDs will be individually priced. To donate, call (734) 421-4420.

#### **Golf outing**

The John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 12th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Warren Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and dinner. Dinner only guests are welcome, cost is \$25. Contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. More information also is available online at glennwrestling.com, Hole sponsorship and donations are being accepted. All donations are welcome!

#### Hazardous waste

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cal care. She also has an ongoing medical condition diagnosed by U-M doctors.

Carter is interested in working with brain-injured children with music therapy. She'll be enrolled in the School of Music and can play music for the children or teach them to play. She plays the trumpet, and will pursue a master's degree.

All four students thanked the Rotarians for the support which makes higher education more attainable. Newly elected Wayne-Westland school trustee Carol Middel urged the teens to work to reach their dreams and never give up.

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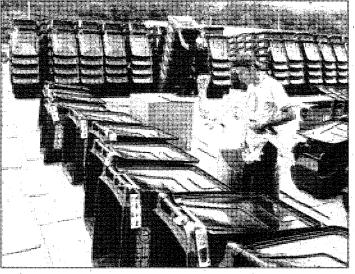
"I believe most people will recycle. Right now, about 2,000 carts are being delivered per day," Buford said, adding a 48-gallon alternative recycling cart will be available upon request. "I would encourage people to give the 96-gallon carts a try for 60 days.

Westland Car Care employees are assembling and delivering the carts under an arrangement with Toter Manufacturing, the cart vendor

"We asked them to work with local residents, if possible, and they looked for a local company to use," Buford said. "We gave them some leads, and they hooked up with Westland Car Care. They have the city towing contract, so they know the streets. A lot of their employees are Westland residents."

City officials are estimating 11,166 tons of recyclables will be collected through the curbside program during the first year. Treasurer Steve Smith said the difference between the recycling costs and landfill tipping fees is expected to save the city \$27,000 the first year. The first year, the recycling will cost \$18.75 per ton at Great Lakes Recycling compared to \$21.18 per ton for trash sent to the Waste Management landfill.

"As the program goes for-



Steve Firneno of Plymouth assembles blue recycling carts that are being delivered to homes in Westland in preparation for the start of a new curbside recycling program. Recycling will cut the amount of trash the city send to landfills, and residents who recycle will be reward with their choice of gift cards from participating merchants through the RecycleBank.

#### ward, the recycling rate is projected to be better based on the amount we get for the recycled materials," Smith said, adding the second year cost is being estimated at \$5.81 per ton.

Residents also can earn rewards through their recycling efforts at RecycleBank. The recycling carts, which are to be placed four feet back from the curb, vehicles and other items with the wheels toward the house, has a computer-coded tag on the front which is scanned as it is collected by Republic Services. A personal activation

mailer, including an activation code, is being mailed to residences. Once a resident's account is activated at www. RecycleBank.com or by calling (800) 727-2978, rewards can be redeemed at businesses, including Dick's Sporting Goods, Westland Shopping Center, Marvaso's Italian Grille and Nankin Hardware. Another option is donating to local schools and charities.

For more information, visit the city Web site at www. cityofwestland.com or call DPS at (734) 728-1770

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#### **Coffee hours**

will hold district coffee hours on Monday, June 22, in Livonia and Garden City to meet with constituents. No appointment is necessary. The senator will have a 9-10 a.m. gathering at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia, followed by a 10:30-11:30 a.m. get-together at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City.

No coffee hours held during the month of July. They will resume in August.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the Senator but are unable to attend can contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, by phone toll-free at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

#### Battle of Badges

The Westland Police and Fire Departments are out for blood - and for a very good reason. On Monday, June 22, residents will have a chance to save lives while supporting their favorite public servant during the city's fifth annual "Battle of the Badges" blood drive 2-8 p.m. at the Bailey Recreation Center.

The Red Cross is projecting a 3,500-pint short fall in blood donations this year due to the economy. Residents can help by making a blood donation appointment online at www. givelife.org or by calling (734) 467-3261.

more information, call (734) 326-0078. Glow Skate

Grab vour skates and head for the Mike Modano Arena on Friday nights for Glow Skate. Cruise around the rink with blacklight illumination from 7:30-9 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Skate rentals are \$2.50. The arena is at 6210 Wildwood at Hunter, east of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 729-4560.

#### Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December) at the Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marguette and Cherry Hill. For information, call Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918.

#### **Prison families**

Do you have a family member currently in prison? Do you feel alone? Do you wish you had a support group that you could turn to? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this support group is for you. Contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or by e-mail at . This support group is to provide adult family members with support and a place to talk with others that have experienced similar pain. Meetings are free and held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at the Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, in Westland.

## State Sen. Glenn Anderson



the official fund-raising efforts for the memorial.

"We have members from the VFW and American Legion -you don't have to be a veteran to join. Our sole purpose is for the new memorial," said Mehl, who estimates the memorial will cost \$250.000-\$500.000. "People had been asking us what it will look like. We might

have to do it in phases." It's expected that the memorial would be located in Central City Park near Carlson, which is part of the first area slated to be cleaned up and reopened. Wayne County, which owns the property, would need to approve the project.

"They (city officials) gave us a few options. By the pond would be the most serene," Mehl said. "We want to do it in a different manner. This isn't

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honoring just one war, it's for all veterans.'

The drawing will be on display at the upcoming Westland Summer Festival to help generate interest in the memorial, Mehl said. Fund-raising efforts will continue through the sale of engraved brick pavers to be installed around the memorial and an Aug. 15 golf outing.

"Originally, we wanted to do this for 2011. There was no significance to 2011 except that will be five years since the (traveling Vietnam) wall was here. We're trying to get the wall here again," Mehl said.

The Career Tech students appreciated being part of the project, according to instructor Steve Paulsen.

"Thank you for getting us involved. This is icing on the cake," he said. "We were happy to do this and hope to be involved to the end."

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#### **Citizens academy**

Applications are now being accepted for individuals who want to learn more about how the fire department in Westland is organized and operates.

To participate in the 32-hour program, applicants must be 18 years or older and either live or work in Westland. Sessions are approximately three-four hours in length and will be held on July 31, Aug. 2, 7 and 9.

The deadline to submit an application is July 15. For more information, call (734) 467-3182 or visit the city

Web site at www.cityofwestland.com.

#### Wrestling camp

**CITY OF WESTLAND** 

NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the

CASE #2143D, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Tattoo Shop, Twin Oaks Plaza, Parcel #028-01-0023-303, North Side of Ford Road, West of

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of

Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission

Adam Hammons, Chairman

WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., July 7, 2009.

before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Newburgh Road, Anthony J. Dohring (Andy Kowalski).

The Glenn Wresting Program will hold its annual "Rocket Camp" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 20-24 in Gym 4 of John Glenn High School. The camp is open to middle school and high school students. The cost is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is 9:30 a.m. Monday, July 20. Registration forms are available

Department of Environment has announced a Household Hazardous Waste Collection day in the City of Westland.

The Westland event is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, in the lot behind JC Penney at the Westland Shopping Center, Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard. Household generated waste will be collected from any Wayne County resident.

For further information contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at (734) 326-3936.

Another event has been scheduled for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. June 27, at the Northville Public Works, 650 Doheny, just north of 7 Mile Road and east of South Main. It, too, is for Wayne County residents.

#### Preschool sign-ups

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is currently accepting enrollment into its Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs. The preschool is located at 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, in Westland. For

#### **Caregiver support**

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Do you ever wish you had an understanding person to talk to? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer support and assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to their loved ones.

Caregiver Support meetings offer valuable information and assistance to individuals caring for a loved one. They're held from 10 a.m. to noon the third Tuesday of the month at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Avenue in Westland.

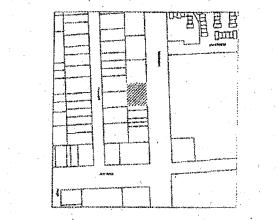
Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile Road in Redford. Morning and evening options are available. The morning group meets from 10 a.m. to noon the second Thursday of the month, while the evening group meets from 6-8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month.

For more information on dates and times, or if attending for the first time, call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

#### **CITY OF WESTLAND** NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2174, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Tattoo Shop, 8043 Middlebelt Road, Parcel #005-02-0087-000, West Side of Middlebelt Road, North of Ann Arbor Trail, Mike Doughty (John Gargaro).



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> Adam Hammons, Chairman WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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#### LOCAL NEWS



Maggie House wore a wedding dress and veil and Roy House dressed in a suit and hat for a surprise wedding ceremony planned for their 75th wedding anniversary by their children.

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baled hay and she worked in a cornfield.

They were actually married Oct. 21, but a family reunion was planned in June and since everyone was there, it was a perfect setting for a surprise.

Westland residents, Roy, 95, and Maggie, 91, live alone with an occasional hand from relatives. Somehow, the two lovebirds look far younger than their years.

They say the secret to their love story, longevity and their self-described "blessed lives," might lie in the fact that they've always been there for whomever needed a hand.

They nursed people in their dying days. If someone was sick, they were there. If someone needed a place to stay, they opened the doors to their modest home. They weren't rich, but they gave what they had.

"I think God rewarded us in the end," Roy said.

"When I get up in the morning, I thank God for another



#### Roy House kisses his wife Maggie at the end of the ceremony.

day," Maggie said. "I live each day so that if I die tomorrow, I will go to heaven."

Over the years, Maggie took any work she could get and Roy worked long hours as a welder. Together, they built a comfortable homestead for themselves and their two children, Linda and Billy Joe, who died last August. They also have five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. "We never had what you called a bad argument," Roy said.

She added, almost like they are completing each other's sentences: "I get angry, but I get over it real fast and I have to tell him, 'I'm sorry.' Respect each other and try not to argue. Tell each other that you love them and don't go to bed mad. He's been great to me."

"I was lucky to get her," Roy added. "And you were real lucky to get me."

Roy pointed out that he always went straight home after work.

"I didn't stop nowhere, I didn't go to bars, I didn't drink, I didn't cuss and I talked very little," he said. "We've had a wonderful marriage. Where one went, the other went. We had no secret places. When I was at work, I didn't worry about her running around, because she didn't. We were locked together."

"God's been good to us," Maggie added. "I wish everyone could have a happy life like we have, because we have really been happy."

## Bands sought for 'Weststock'

#### **BY LEANNE ROGERS** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There is still room for more bands to perform at Weststock, a battle of the bands scheduled for Thursday at the William P. Faust Library performance pavilion.

"We're trying to get 22 bands for our 22nd anniversary. It's the 50th anniversary of Woodstock," said Lou Toarmina of Toarmina's Pizza. "We'll play music and have fun."

Currently, there are 15 bands signed up for Westock, which

is scheduled to run from 1-9 p.m. The bands are being asked to perform a four-song set; including two cover songs.

"A lot of kids want to play songs so we're hoping for a variety of music. A lot of young kids like '70s and '80s music — they like to play hard rock," said Toarmina. "I have a store in Marquette and was in a bar near campus. They were playing '80s music. I was at least 20 years older than anyone there."

With the number of bands performing and the length of the event, Toarmina said he expects a lot of the audience will come and go during Weststock. He plans to have food, such as pizza and sandwiches available for sale, along with Weststock T-shirts.

"We put this together pretty fast, but I think it is coming together pretty well. We hope to do it every year," said Toarmina, adding the concert also helps the library increase its community involvement.

Anyone interested in performing at Weststock, which will be taped for local access cable, can call (734) 377-3413.

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## Westland Rotary honors 2 members

Two Westland residents and members of Westland Rotary were honored at the club's officer installation lunch June 11.

Mary McGaw, a mort-

gage loan officer for Bank of America, was named Rotarian of the Year. She is the club's community service chair, and oversees such efforts as distributing school supplies to Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns Elementary schools.

Bulson, also a club board member, was lauded for his efforts chairing the January Mardi Gras, a club fund-raiser. He is owner of Men on the Move movers in Westland. Antoinette Martin will

serve as 2009-10 president of

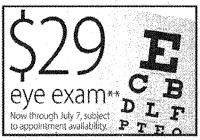
Westland Rotary. Other officers are Joe Tseng, treasurer; Sandy Kollinger, secretary; Mary Vellardita, presidentelect; and Julie Brown, past president. Directors for the new year are Gary Bulson, Noel Derr, Margaret Harlow, Mark McGonnell, Mary McGaw and Richard Strausbaugh.



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# PUBLIC SAFETY

#### Larceny from a vehicle

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On June 10, a resident of an apartment in the 7000 block of Lakeview told police that someone had stolen stereo equipment, valued at more than \$500 from his locked vehicle.

The vehicle trunk had been pried open to gain access the vehicle. The speakers and an amp were removed from the back seat area and the radio was removed from the dashboard.

#### Vandalism

Police were called to St. 🖕 Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, just after 2 a.m. June 11 when an alarm was activated.

A window near the rear rectory door was found to have been smashed with a rock taken from a group of rocks lining the driveway.

Damage to the window and screen were estimated at \$400.

#### **Tires missing**

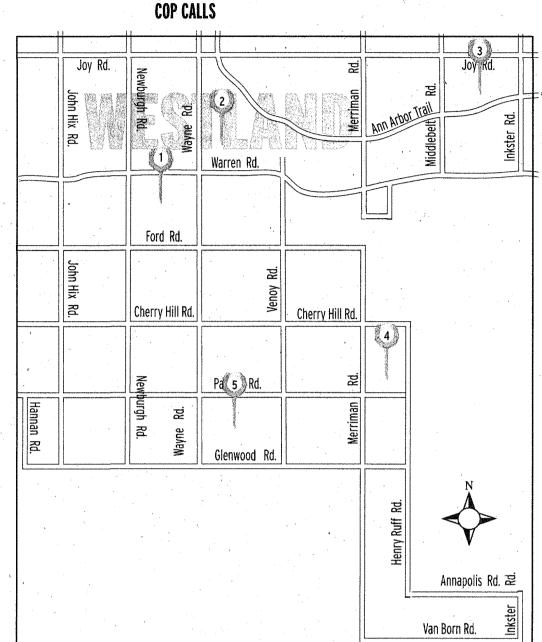
A resident in the 27000 block of Trailbrooke Circle told police that early June 10 he found his vehicle sitting on landscaping bricks and all four tires missing.

The vehicle was parked in a carport in the complex south of the residence. The tires were valued at \$600.

#### Larceny

A Wayne woman told police June 8 that she had been shopping at Dollar Goods and More, 1659 S. Merriman, and forgot her purse after setting it aside while she paid. She said she returned about five minutes later but the purse was gone.

The purse was valued at \$110 and contained her checkbook along with \$40 cash, the woman said.



#### Break-in attempt

Con the morning of June 14, a resident in the 2100 block of Edgerton told police she arrived home and noticed her back door looked different. It appeared that someone had tried to kick open the door, damaging both the door and iamb.

No entry was made to the house.

#### Larceny from a vehicle

• A resident in the 35000 block of Glen told police that someone had broken into his locked vehicle overnight. When he got up June 14, he said he found the driver's door open and interior light on. The radio and a set of golf clubs which had been in the rear seat were reported missing.

• On June 15, a resident of an By LeAnne Rogers

apartment in the 37000 block of Scottsdale told police that someone had smashed a window on his vehicle and stolen a GPS unit valued at \$100.

• Also on June 15, a resident in the 2300 block of Stockmeyer told police a window had been smashed on her locked vehicle.

## **Judge: Police must** release in-car videos

#### BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A judge has sided with an area defense attorney who is seeking release of in-car camera video of traffic stops conducted by Westland police on St. Patrick's Day.

'This was a major victory under the Freedom of Information Act," said Dearborn attorney William Maze. "I have a good number of DUI (drinking under the influence) cases in Westland and the police have been alleged that the driver was swerving or there was some other reason for the stop when there was no reason. I came up with the idea to get a FOIA for all the in-car videos."

St. Patrick's Day was selected for the request, Maze said, due to the additional alcohol enforcement on that traditionally occurs on the holiday. Maze has argued that officers stop vehicles leaving bars without sufficient reason, and drivers who aren't intoxicated are happy to be on their way without receiving a ticket.

Westland denied the FOIA submitted by Maze, who wasn't himself stopped by police nor had client who was stopped during that particular time period, citing a legal exemption for the privacy of those drivers who were pulled over.

Maze obtained an attorney and a lawsuit was filed in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Judge Robert Ziolkowski dismissed Westland Mayor William Wild, Chief James Ridener and the Westland Police Department as defendants in the lawsuit, leaving the city as the remaining defendant. Ziolkowski ordered the city to release the video - approxi-

mately 110 hours of digital recordings - but without the audio track.

"Right now, I've contacted the Westland Police Department to see if they can delete the audio. We haven't decided on an appeal," said City Attorney Michael McNamara. "We need to comply with the judge's order and make sure there is no audio."

The cost for an employee reviewing the tapes and having them duplicated with the audio track removed could be expensive, McNamara said. In addition, he said darkness and weather can make it difficult to see what is occurring - those cases would rely on the officer's testimony.

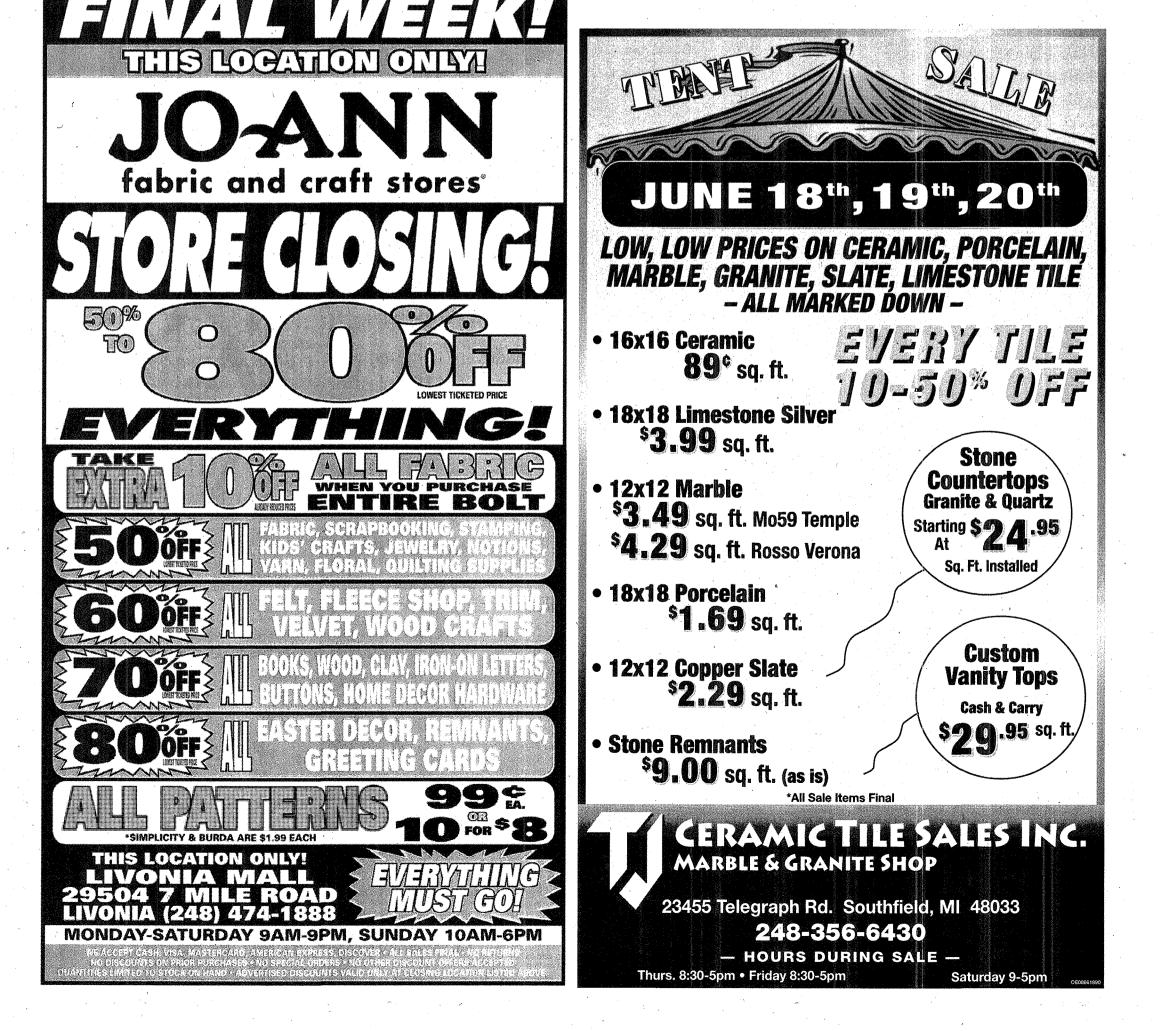
"In my opinion, it's a business move. He (Maze) is trying to bolster his argument,' McNamara said, adding Maze requests evidentiary hearings in his drunken driving defenses.

Maze agrees that he has been unsuccessful in arguing that Westland officers have stopped his drunken driving clients without cause in front of the current and previous Westland 18th District Court judges.

"Ultimately, I don't know what I will see on the video," said Maze, who expressed concern that the city would charge an exorbitant amount to duplicate the video. "I have the right to inspect the video or have it duplicated. I'll watch at the police department with the sound off."

Under FOIA, a successful plaintiff can be awarded legal fees. In this case, Maze said his attorney fees are about \$12,000. Ziolkowski's ruling did not address legal fees, McNamara said.

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#### LOCAL NEWS

## Balance retirement and home purchase planning

hen it comes to IRAs, it seems most questions deal with how to invest money. It is essential to have a strategy and invest your IRA wisely. I believe one should treat an

I believe one should treat an IRA as a portion of an entire portfolio rather than a separate investment. That said, I also believe it is important to have a strategy when it comes to withdrawing money from an IRA.

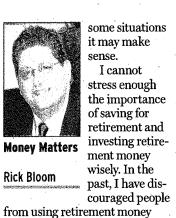
Most people assume you should let your IRA grow taxdeferred for as long as you can before taking distributions. I don't believe in this strategy for everyone. So much of the strategy regarding how to withdraw money from an IRA is dependent upon an individual financial situation. For example, someone in a low tax bracket should consider taking money from his/her IRA and letting outside investments continue to reinvest and grow. The reason is because nonretirement accounts would be subject to capital gain rates which are substantially lower than the ordinary income tax bracket.

The key is to do what's good for you.

On the topic of withdrawals, I've had a number of questions of on whether to withdraw money from an IRA to purchase a home. With housing prices continuing to fall, many individuals are looking at taking advantage of the bargains but they need money for the down payment. Should they withdraw money from their IRA? First, it is important to understand that if you are under 591/2 there are ways that you can access your IRA without having to pay a penalty. Of course, while you are subject to the tax on the money there are ways you can avoid penalties. The real issue isn't the tax, but rather should someone use a retirement account to purchase a home. Generally, my advice for most people is don't touch the IRA. However, we are in extraordinary times and in

#### Senate Dems fail to block state shared revenue cuts

State Senate Democrats Tuesday voted in opposition to the Senate Republicans' proposal



to purchase a home because my general view was if you had to touch your retirement money, you probably could not afford the home. After all, when you consider retirement you must factor into the equation what Social Security will be in the future is unknown, people are living longer and also the numerous changes in the financial marketplace. That is why I generally recommend against tapping into an IRA to purchase a home.

But there are exceptions, and one just might be the first-time homeowner. The credit available to first-time homebuyers for federal tax purposes and the low prices of homes provide a good argument for using an IRA to purchase a home. Even for those who do not receive the first-time homebuyer tax credit, tapping using IRA money may make sense. Of course, the individual who is tapping into an IRA must make a dedicated effort to eventually replenish that money by continuing to make ongoing contributions.

There used to be a rule that in the great majority of cases, one had to put 20 percent down in order to purchase the home. Although that rule has unfortunately gone away, I believe it is a rule that most people should follow. If you end up buying a house that you cannot afford you will be unable to save for retirement and that could lead to problems down the road.

If you commit yourself to being fiscally responsible and continue to save for retirement, accessing an IRA to purchase a home can be a very good strategy particularly for first-time homebuyers.

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to cut \$20.55 million from the 21st Century Jobs Fund and 12 percent from local revenue sharing as part of the General Government budget.

The 21st Century Jobs Fund helps entrepreneurs start small businesses, fund scientific research, support alternative energy development, and promote collaborative partnerships among growing industries, while cities, townships and counties rely heavily on local revenue sharing funding for public safety and infrastructure improvements.

"We need to do everything we can to diversify our economy, and this need is even more pressing as we are faced with auto dealership, supplier and manufacturing plant closures," said State Sen. Glenn Anderson, a member of the Appropriations Committee. "The 21st Century Jobs Fund helps create jobs in fields that will help our state thrive and become a leader in the economy of tomorrow, and there couldn't be a worse time to cut this program more than \$20 million.

Anderson, a Democrat from Westland, introduced an amendment to restore the \$20.55 million to the \$52.95 million, which is the amount of funding allotted after the Governor's Executive Order cuts. This funding is essential to diversifying Michigan's economy and creating thousands of new jobs in Michigan, but the amendment was voted down on a party line vote, Anderson said.

Senate Democrats also opposed the Republican-led 12 percent cut to local revenue sharing. The revenue is distributed to local communities for local police, firefighters, water systems, road maintenance and other vital services.



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#### LOCAL NEWS

## Woman gets kidney from brother's best friend

#### **BECOME A DONOR**

Every day in the United States, on average, 18 people die waiting for organ transplants, according to the Gift of Life Web site, www.giftoflifemichigan. org. During the past 10 years, the transplant waiting list has more than doubled, with more than 100,000 people needing heart, kidney, liver, lung and pancreas transplants.

Tens of thousands of others need corneas to restore sight, bone and other tissues to repair injured or diseased bones and joints, skin to heal burns and heart valves to replace diseased ones. To become a donor, sign up with the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. For more information, call Gift of Life Michigan at (800) 482-4881.

#### BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI CORRESPONDENT

When Kimberly Durand was 9, she was diagnosed with kidney failure and she knew she would someday need dialysis or a transplant, but she never dreamed a good friend would donate the organ that would save her life.

Renee Gauci-Wilkins went into surgery to remove her kidney at 7:30 a.m. May 21 at Harper DMC in Detroit and Durand followed at 8:30 a.m.

"It's such an awesome thing she did for me, and I can never repay her for the gift she's given me," said Durand, 22. "There's definitely a bond now."

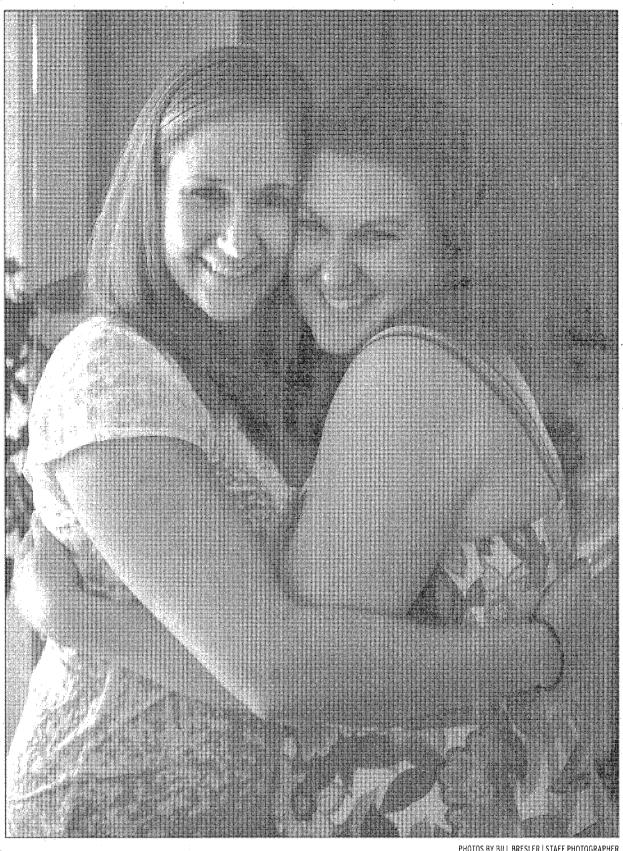
A couple of weeks after the operations, the two are talking, laughing and occasionally welling up with tears while sitting at the kitchen table in Durand's parents' (Sandy and Larry Durand) home. They talk about pains caused by the operations and about trips they'd like to take.

Gauci-Wilkins, 31, grew up down the street from Durand in a cozy Livonia neighborhood with big lots and neatly kept yards. Her brother, Joey Gauci, has been Durand's best friend since preschool.

Durand was on dialysis since last July, but kept getting infections.

On Sept. 20, 2007, she was placed on an organ transplant list, United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), which is also known as the Organ Center. Durand's name never came up.

"We started testing family and friends and (Gauci-Wilkins) was the 16th person to be tested," said Durand, a 2005 Churchill High



Kimberly Durand received a kidney donated by Renee Gauci-Wilkins.

an eligible donor.

"I had tons of people who went for testing and that's a great feeling," Durand said. "I'm honored that people would step forward and take charge and want to do something like that."

Gauci-Wilkins went through a battery of tests and had to provide medical records. Her only concern was whether having one kidney would prevent her from having babies. Once she learned she could, there was no question she would help.

part-time jobs before the dialvsis started zapping her energy. Sometimes she needed up to two naps a day.

Some days I would just come home and I was like a wet noodle," she said. "My whole life, I was athletic and energetic."

After the transplant, Durand said

attack it."

While her new kidney could fail at any point, Durand said, the average use of a transplanted kidney is 20 vears.

"Sometimes it lasts a lifetime and hopefully that's what happens," Durand said.

Gauci-Wilkins expects to be

## Film festival's **Mobiflicks seeks** 'movie makers'

Madonna University will host the third annual Project Accessible Hollywood (PAH-fest) Motown this summer. The unique, entirely free, digital media festival travels throughout the U.S. and internationally, engaging people in the art of moviemaking and digital storytelling. Competitions and events will take place at Madonna's Livonia campus Monday-Sunday, July 13-19.

The Mobiflicks competition is the festival's main event. Throughout the week, pre-selected teams create short films. The teams are provided with professional coaching and equipment as they write, produce, shoot and edit, turning their story into a six-minute movie.

The competition is open to all. Those interested in participating must submit their story idea, approximately 250 words, to www.pahnation.com by Saturday, June 20.

"Not only is Mobiflicks fun, but it provides an outlet for individuals, communities and organizations to share their stories," said Sue Boyd, Madonna University broadcast and cinema arts instructor and PAH-fest organizer. "The competition also is an exciting experience for anyone considering a career in Michigan's burgeoning film industry."

Last year's winning film, entitled "Espranza," told the story of a Detroit native who founded the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation (DHDC), which provides a fun, safe environment for local youth.

This year, Mobiflicks teams will include composers, who will create musical scores for the short films. Composers can apply to be matched with a team by submitting an MP3 file of their work on the PAH-fest Web site, www.pahnation.com, also by June 20.

PAH-fest creator Christopher Coppola looks forward to the one-ofa-kind stories he encounters during PAH-fest Motown.

"There are pockets of magic within Detroit families and communities," he said. "PAH-fest Motown is an excellent opportunity to bring to light the positive stories of a city that lately has received a lot of negative press."

Coppola, nephew of director Francis Ford Coppola and brother to actor Nicholas Cage, will return to Madonna's campus for the festival.

Mobiflicks films will be screened during the Festival Closing Ceremony, and cash prizes will be awarded. Afterwards, all films will be posted on the PAH-fest Web site for viewing. For more information about Mobiflicks, or to view a full schedule of PAH-fest events, visit www.pahnation.com, or call Sue Boyd at (734) 432-5578.

School graduate.

After the match, Larry Durand, said: "We won the lottery," Sandy Durand explains.

There were a lot of false starts, too. Last fall, Durand thought her sister, Andrea DeMetsenare, was a match, but it turned out she wasn't

Durand, a nursing student at Madonna University, held three she immediately felt her energy level fully recovered six to eight weeks surge. But for now, she's putting all her energy into recovering.

"They said the first year is the most vital, and I'll be on immune suppressants the rest of my life," she adds. "You never come off them because your immune system will

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after the surgery. About giving up a kidney, Gauci-Wilkins, a flight attendant for Northwest operated by Delta, said: "I'm not missing it at all. Not only do I have the opportunity to help someone, but I get to watch someone live their life."

#### **NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2009-10** BUDGET

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on June 29, 2009 at 6:45 o'clock in the evening at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 2008-09 budgets.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2009-10 budgets until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2009-10 budgets including the proposed property tax millage rates is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan.

The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budgets will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order to the Board of Education.

Robert J. Freeman, Secretary

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Robert Howell	2055	tv, boxes, totes
Nancyanne Hill	3009	boxes, totes, tv
Elizabeth Montez	3024	tv, chair, boxes
Erma Austin	3042	boxes, dresser, chair
Ken Beck	3084	boxes, chair, dresser
Jeremy McCauley	4008	table, dresser, Yahama 250
		VIN 509-003719
Sharrie Gardner	4058	tv, boxes, bags
Edwin Omey	5003	boxes, dresser, snow blower
Bradley Fleming	5009	chest, microwave, tires
Joy Lynn	5016	bags, totes, stove
Flowers by DeAvila	5037	boxes, bags, tool box
Tracie Breuer	6037	Honda motorcycle VIN
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Felicia Davis	6042	washer, dryer, totes
Donald Daigle	6080	boxes, tv, fan
Ron Bembry	6085	bags
Rosemarie Schafer	6093	boxes, totes, dresser
Tammy Goupill	6099	boxes, bags, dresser
Douglas White	6129	chair; dresser, boxes
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Nada Abulhassan	B094	boxes, bags, lamp	
Dwain Puryear	B128	boxes, bags, totes	
Annette Hawkins	B132	boxes, bags, totes	
Trina Moore	B152	boxes, totes	
Tabita Latham	B185	boxes, dresser, totes	
Ricky Wallace	B226	bags, bed fame, boxes	
Petrice Johnson	B257	boxes, bags, totes	
Dale Marie Griffin	B267	bags, boxes, record player	
Herman Watkins	B298	boxes, bags, clothes	
Brenda Switzer	C040	bags, boxes, totes	
Aaron Daniels	D030	boxes, bags, refrigerator	•
Jason Hall	E008	boxes, bags, totes	
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ngela Daily	535	boxes, bags, dresser
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mber Larowe	831	boxes, bags, sofa
une Francisco	833	boxes, bags, table
Keith Garland	904	boxes, bags, tool box
lon VerDoot	1039	boxes, bags, totes
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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** 

Listings for the Community Calendarcan be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Academic Pathways

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia, will host open houses 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 14, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, and Thursday, Sept. 3. The preschool has a three-year-old program that runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday and a fouryear-old program that runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Potty training is not required. Low cost tuition available. For more information, visit the Web site at www.academicpathwayspreschool.com or call (734) 261-9540.

#### Garden walk

The Wayne Garden Club Garden Walk will be held on Saturday, June 27, from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine. Start at Goudy Park Gardens (behind Wayne City Hall) 3355 S. Wayne Road. For Information contact Lynn at (734) 721-8232 or Mary Anne at (734) 728-2884. 3-Day fund-raiser

#### A Breast Cancer 3-Day spaghetti dinner

benefiting Susan G. Komen for the Cure will be held 5-8 p.m. Friday, June 19, at the CrossPointe Community Church, formerly First Baptist of Wayne, 36125 Glenwood, east of Newburgh, Wayne. Minimum donation is \$7 for adults and \$4 children age 10 and under. The dinner includes spaghetti, salad, beverages and dessert. Breast Cancer jewelry, mugs and Wendy's discount books also will be for sale. For more information, call (734) 564-6437.

#### **Class reunion**

Members of Garden City High School's Class of 1989 need to buy their tickets now for 20th class reunion 6 p.m. to midnight Aug. 29 at Joy Manor in Westland. Tickets are \$75 and include dinner, premium open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts. Grads also have until July 15 to submit information for the memory book. Tickets are available for purchase at . www.gardencity89.com or by contacting Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail. com.

#### Fish Dial-A-Ride

Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Veteran's Haven



#### Lowe at (734) 729-6879.

**Democratic Club** The Garden City Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June) in Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. For more information, call Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344.

#### **Citizens for Peace**

Citizens for Peace meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome. Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079.

#### In Harmony

The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior\* Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible.

include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, récorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass. Call (734) 482-2902 or check out the Web site at http://geocities.com/ssdsociety. Garden City Kiwanis

The Garden City Kiwanis Club meets for lunch at 12:15 p.m. Thursday at Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to bettering the world one child and one community at a time. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

#### **Garden City Rotary**

The Garden City Rotary Club meets at 12 noon Thursday at Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren. Community service planning, lunch and socializing are enjoyed. Please join us there. Habitat help

The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. For information, call (734) 459-7744. Hospital retirees

at 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne. All Oakwood Retirees are welcome to attend. Radio Club

at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Center. Everyone may attend to hear guest speakers on a variety of gardening topics and plan events around the city.

#### Call Della Haydon at (734) 427-9410. Genealogical society

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets the third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile. Beginning genealogy and computer classes start at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

#### **Purple Heart**

The Military Order of Purple Heart meets at 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the VFW Hall, on Ford west of Venoy. Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans. For seniors

#### **Friendship Center**

The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland, offers a variety of programs for older adults. The Web site www. ci.westland.mi.us offers more information. Call (734) 722-7,632. **Dver** Center

#### The Wayne-Westland school district's

The Oakwood-Annapolis Retirees meet Dver Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday-Thursday at the center,

#### FOR YOUR HEALTH

The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the

#### Substance abuse support

A SAFE PLACE meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City: A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. For more information, call Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995.

#### Menopause & More

A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

#### Counterpoint

**Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center** offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their

#### St. Damian

St. Damian Catholic School at 29891 Joy, Westland, offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (734) 427-1680 or check out the school's Web site at www.stdamian.com.

#### YWCA preschool

The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers guality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available. For more information on these programs, or to enroll your child, call the YWCA's Education Department at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10.

#### VOLUNTEERS

**First Step** First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

Drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings. Call (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208.

#### VNA Hospice

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. or visit www.vna.org.

Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community. For more information please call Ruth at (800) 370-8592. Literacy Council

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's

## Advocacy group

Mentally III, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. Call (734) 362-8825.

Registration is required. (248) 967-8361

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#### Higher Rock Care

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t. com or call (734) 722-3660.

#### ORGANIZATIONS

#### Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December) at the Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. For information, call Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

#### Writing Group

Story Circle Women's Life Writing Group meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free. For more information about story circle, go online to www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to shepry@yahoo.com.

#### TOPS

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) MI28 of Westland meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland. For more information, call Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary

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For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

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Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City, Acoustic instruments

The Garden City Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. The club is open to people who are interested in ham radio. Call Ben (W8AAA) at (734) 425-2629. **Garden City Lions** 

CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE

The City of Westland summer 2009 tax bills will be mailed on or

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**CITY OF WESTLAND** 

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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland, 36601

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**Spray Park Steel Fence** 

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pertaining to specifications to Robert Kosowski, Parks &

Recreation Director at (734) 467-3255. Proposals must be

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**CITY OF WESTLAND** 

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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland, 36601 Ford Rd., Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before June 25, 2009 at

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August 14, 2009, without additional interest.

The Garden City Lions meet at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. Call Dave Fetter at (734) 425-4382. **Garden Club** 

The Garden City Garden Club meets

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on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, kitchen band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, . arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

#### Senior fitness

Seniors can get in shape through some programs offered at the Maplewood Center. The Senior Fitness Room is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Annual membership is \$50 per year or \$1 for a daily pass. Aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.



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A Toughlove support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington roads. Newcomers welcome. Call (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748. Education

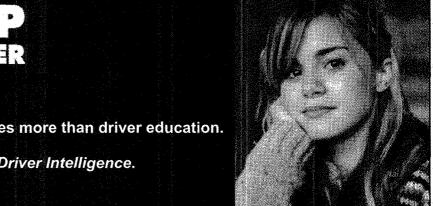
#### **Willow Creek**

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

degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

#### **Heartland Hospice**

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.



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## OUR VIEWS Departing officials leave mark on city

THURSDAY

June 18, 2009

Sue Mason, editor (313) 222-6751

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The makeup of two important bodies in the City of Westland is about to change. The first transformation comes in July when two veteran members — Ed Turner and Steve Becher — of the Wayne-Westland school board are replaced with newly elected trustees. The second will come in January when there will be three new faces on the Westland City Council after veteran council members Cheryl Graunstadt, Charles Pickering and Robert Stottlemyer opted not to seek re-election.

Each one, in their own way, has left their mark on the city and the school district. Their commitment to the community and to the residents is undeniable.

Turner has served on the school board for 12 years and by far, is the one trustee who has visited school after school after school. Granted, he has been able to do that because he is a retiree, but for Turner the school visits were more than part of the job. He loves children, he loves being with them. And it's apparent that the feeling is mutual.

He will be truly missed. Even his directions to youngsters who opening board meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance — "I have one word for you — Outback. Have your principal take you there and when she does, call me, so I can go." — will be missed.

Becher served on the board for five years and as a retired teacher, he brought a classroom perspective to the board. He spoke out when he felt something wasn't right. Two issues come to mind, the state's new mandated high school curriculum and the need to go to same sex gym classes at the high school level.

He wore his heart on his sleeve and got emotional at times, but there was never any doubt that he was there for the students of the district. He cared about them and their education and it showed.

Graunstadt is the epitome of the saying: To thine own self be true. In her eight years on the council, she stayed true to her principles, the most obvious, the environment. She was instrumental in bringing news of the Cooper School contamination to the forefront in the 1990s and was an outspoken critic of the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority incinerator and the failed trash-to-energy agreement. In fact, she received a White Pine Award from the Sierra Club's Mackinac Chapter for her untiring efforts



## Getting ready to recycle

Steve Firneno of Plymouth assembles blue recycling carts that are being delivered to homes in Westland in preparation for the start of a new curbside recycling program. Recycling will cut the amount of trash the city send to landfills, and residents who recycle will be reward with their choice of gift cards from participating merchants through the RecycleBank.

#### Health care for everyone

Ideally, what Americans need is single payer health care, one like our veterans receive through the Veterans Administration. If not that, we could provide Medicare for everyone. These are two "concepts" which are already in place; one for our veterans, the other for our seniors. Either one of these two working models could be expanded to include every citizen of the United States. That having been said, the health care industry is currently a "for profit" business. This big business has been funding political campaigns for decades now. The stranglehold they have over our representatives in Congress is staggering. We, the people must tell our representatives ENOUGH! No more can we stand by and allow for profit health insurance companies "provide" our health care. They stand in the way of actually providing the care we need in order to make bigger profits. What we could accept is a "not for profit" comprehensive health care system that provides an "all-in" health care for people who continue to pay a premium which would be greatly reduced due to the volume of participants. For those people who cannot afford to pay, they may qualify for what President Obama referred to as a "hardship clause." The only way to jump start America's economy is to provide health care for all, thereby taking health care off the backs of employers, preventing health-related bankruptcy and allowing Americans to live without fear of leaving their families destitute when facing health issues Everyone should be contacting the White House and their representatives in the House and Senate. Tell them to craft legislation which provides comprehensive health care for all Americans, get it to President Obama's desk for his signature and get it done now!

## LETTERS

tingly support Republican legislators, who piously claim to be "pro-life" but who consistently work against the health and economic interests of Catholic families. Moreover, the conservative political agenda of warmongering, hatemongering, and the glorification of selfishness and greed stands in direct contravention of Catholic social teaching. are projecting Scott Roeder, the suspected killer of a Kansas physician, as some sort of a martyr. Mr. Roeder allegedly stalked Dr. George Tiller into his church while the doctor was ushering and killed him on the spot because he performs abortions.

This is premeditated murder. The stalking of abortion doctors and their murder is domestic terrorism. There is absolutely

in opposing the incinerator.

Her goal was to be a role model for her daughters on "how important it was to stand up for your rights and to stay true to your principles," but she also was a role model for this community. Politics did not cloud her decisions. She voted for what she believed was right, and we believe the city is better for that.

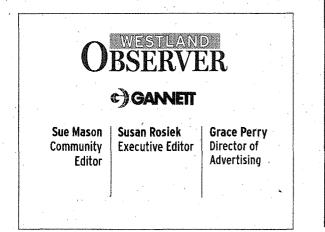
Stottlemyer has served his city in several capacities — as a member of the Westland Fire Department and as a member of the City Council for nine years. He came on the council during the tumultuous times following then-City Clerk Patricia Gibbons' firing and helped restored civility to council meetings and the city.

He, too, has the interests of the city at heart, but the work he will be remembered most for will be to benefit wounded American soldiers. He has had a penchant for showmanship, and he used that to organize a Hal Holbrook performance and help get an annual dinner off the ground to raise money for the Wounded Warriors Fund.

Pickering's service to the community goes well beyond his time on the council. He worked in the parks and recreation department, served a term as mayor and two different stints on council. He has asked the hard questions and raised tough questions. One that comes to mind is city contracts approved last year. It was Pickering who opposed the plan and renewed his concerns about whether the city can afford the raises. In light of today's economy, we wonder if he has psychic abilities.

Pickering's insight and his experience will be missed in the city. He has taken on the task of helping Christine Cicirelli Bryant get elected to the council. We hope in his transition to a campaign manager, he will provide that insight and knowledge that will be needed to keep Westland moving forward.

These are five individuals who have left an indelible mark on the fabric of the Westland community. We wish them well in their new endeavors and ask then not be strangers. Come back and see us sometime.



Patricia Linna Westland

#### FOCA: mythical legislation

As an active and pro-life Catholic I am profoundly disappointed by the church hierarchy in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Recent weekend Masses and other church functions were used as a forum for a politically motivated disinformation campaign pertaining to mythical legislation known as the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA). A review of the Congressional Record for the Congress of the United States clearly indicates that no such legislation has been introduced or is pending in the current 111th Congress, which has already been in session for nearly five months.

So why all the outrage over non-existent legislation? It is politics, pure and simple. Conservative ideologues are increasingly in control of the American Catholic Church's leadership and they are quite unhappy about the results of last November's elections. They needed a "straw man" in the form of a mythical FOCA to maintain a level of fake political outrage.

Many low-information Catholics unwit-

It seems that the Catholic Church hierarchy is too busy tilting at windmills instead of working toward a world that is embodiment of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, a world where every child is wanted, loved, and cared by from the moment of conception through birth and then throughout our entire lives as humans made in the image of our Creator.

However, this most noble ambition is unacceptable to many because it requires the commitment of the family, the community, and government all working together for the common good. Republicans derisively dismiss this as "socialism," an intellectually dishonest application of the term.

The Catholic Church has every right and obligation to express itself in the political arena. However, when contrived rightwing political nonsense is embraced by the church leadership and it spills over into our parishes, it becomes guite disturbing. If the Catholic Church hierarchy wants to advance a truly pro-life agenda, they should immediately and strongly get behind the Obama administration's efforts to reform health care, to strengthen labor laws, and to restructure the economy to reflect our 21st Century America. I would not, however, advise anyone to hold their breath waiting for that to happen. It appears that our church leaders prefer being used as political dupes.

Joe Golonka

Westland

#### Shocking move

The Old Tiger Stadium Conservancy is shocked and dismayed that a decision was made by the Detroit Economic Development Corp. to demolish the Navin Field portion of Tiger Stadium without consulting the conservancy.

The Old Tiger Stadium Conservancy has made considerable progress to move the redevelopment of this property forward by securing millions of dollars in earmarks, grants and tax credits, as well as a state recommendation of historic designation.

By demolishing, the city loses \$22 million in credits and earmarks and adds another vacant lot in the city of Detroit. Apparently, the policy is to save the city by demolishing it. We encourage citizens to contact the mayor's office as well as Detroit City Council to voice their concerns.

Old Tiger Stadium Conservancy

#### Martyr or murderer?

Apparently some "Right to Life" members

nothing patriotic about domestic political assassination.

It does not matter what side we each are on with abortion. This is a legal process and Dr. Tiller was performing this perfectly legal procedure. There is absolutely no moral justification for his murder.

The Right to Life groups can protest abortion all they want. Domestic political assassination can never be justified under any circumstances. We pride ourselves as being a country of law. The anti-abortion forces would do better if they would adhere.

> Gerald and Dolores Maxey Farmington Hills

#### Government doesn't know best

For the president of the U.S.A. and/or Congress to believe that either one, or both, has the expertise of the leaders of the auto industry to manage the affairs of the auto industry is a principle example of the epitome of absurdity. The unconscionable federal debt is a prime example of the failure of the government to manage the affairs of ' government.

When Congress has been petitioned for a loan, it should be granted because we believe it will be repaid with interest or denied because we believe it will not be repaid with interest in a timely way. The loan to Chrysler under the management of Lee Iacocca is an outstanding example of the process and its success. The "credit score" of the auto industry is sufficiently high.

For Congress to grant to the manufacturers the privilege of abrogating their contracts with their dealers is "adding coals to the fire." The manufacturers would like nothing more than to scrap their present program for one in which there are macro dealers upon whom micro dealers would be dependent for their merchandise. This will reduce manufacturers' costs, but it will put distribution of cars in the hands of dealerships who will compete with their microdealers for the retail sale and who will be in a position to set the microdealer's purchase price.

One of the greatest sins of Congress is the hypocrisy of pretending to champion free enterprise and then creating laws that frustrate the natural flow of the effects of it. Do not succumb to the siren call of the Janus-like executives who are trying to take advantage of Congress' and the president's naivety in the auto business. Do not allow the manufacturers to restructure the dealer organization. Allow the matter to resolve itself in the course of free enterprise.

> Stanley A. Wickman Livonia

#### MALLS & MAINSTREETS

#### **MALLS & MAIN STREETS**

If you have an item for Malls & Main Streets, please e-mail Susan Steinmueller at ssteinmueller@hometownlife.com or Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

#### Free classes

Art Van Furniture, Michigan's largest furniture retailer, will offer design classes this fall. The store's Visual Merchandising team will present classes on four main topics: Determining Your Style, The Impact of Color, Furniture Placement, and Accessorizing. The style class will teach participants how to make smarter decisions about major purchases and make a home more comfortable for the family. The color session will explain the value of color and how to pick the right hues for a style. The furniture placement class will cover traffic patterns, focal points, floor plans and visual balance. The final session will clarify how to clear clutter, work with pieces that hold an emotional connection, and mix old and new pieces together.

Classes will be held Sept. 15,22,29 and Oct. 6 at the Novi store, 27775 Novi Road, and Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1 and 8, in the Ann Arbor store, 425 E. Eisenhower Parkway.

Reservations are requested. Register by calling (888) 619-2199.

#### Reading incentive

Borders Express at Laurel Park Place in Livonia is challenging youngsters 12 and under to read this summer and offering a 50 percent savings on merchandise when they do.

Kids can pick up a Reading Challenge form at Borders, read any eight books they like (no purchase necessary) and list them on the form. If they return the form they'll receive a coupon for half off on selected items.

Forms must be returned by Aug. 31.

#### Meet the author

Tom Lowe, author of A False Dawn, will sign his new crime novel at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 23, at Barnes & Noble's Northville store, 17111 Haggerty. (248) 348-0696. At 7:30 p.m., the store's mystery book group will meet. Grill or Barbecue?

Learn the difference at the All-American Summer class, 11 a.m., Sunday, June 28 and 6 p.m., Monday June 29 at the Williams-Sonoma store in Somerset Collection, Troy. You'll also learn how to capture slow-cooked flavors with ease. The class will include all-American recipes that are perfect for a Fourth of July cookout.

Class sizes are limited. (248) 637-0672

#### Trade electronics

RadioShack at Westland Mall will appraise your used electronics - MP3 players, GPS receivers, digital cameras, mobile phones, games and gaming systems, and camcorders - and give you their value in the form of a RadioShack gift card on trade-in. The program runs through December. Westland Mall is located at 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland. (734) 421-0291

#### Wall the mall

Too hot or wet to hit the pavement outdoors? Head to Laurel Park Place Mall where the doors open to walkers at 6 a.m., Monday through Saturday and at 9 a.m. on Sunday. You'll log more than a half mile for every completed trip through the mall, including hallways. Laurel Park Place is located on Six Mile, between I-275 and Newburgh, in Livonia.

#### Inline skating

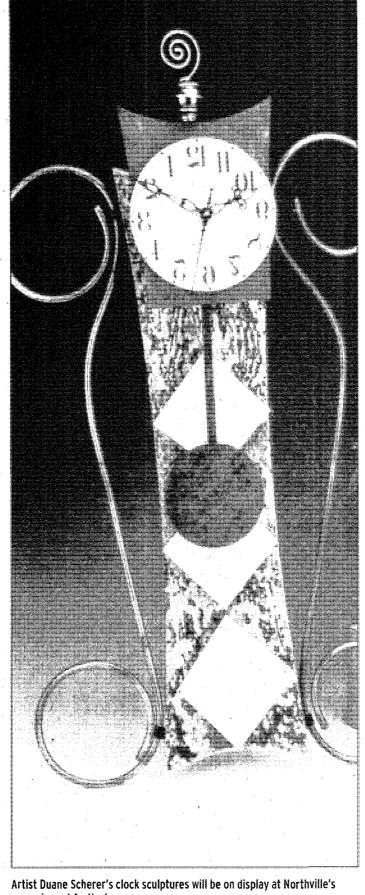
Summit/Sports and the Farmington Inline Skate Club will host inline skating events 6:30 p.m.-midnight. Intermediate/advanced skaters will meet every Monday in June in the rear parking lot of Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power Road, Farmington for a 15-25 mile skate through hilly terrain.

Beginner/intermediate skaters will meet Wednesdays, through Aug. 26, in the public parking area on Orchard Street (behind the Farmington Shopping Center at Farmington and Grand River) for 4-12 miles of skating in two loops.

The store is located at 28942 Orchard Lake Road. On July 29 and Aug. 26. Summit Sports will hold a skate maintenance clinic at 7:30 in between the loops Call (248) 737-0970.

- Compiled by Sharon Dargay

## Downtown Northville gears up for art festival



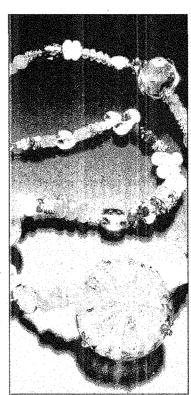
upcoming art festival.

The 21st Annual Northville Art in the Sun fine arts festival will offer more than 100 juried artists, lively music, food, kids' activities and the ambiance of downtown Northville, Saturday-Sunday, June 27-28.

Festival hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday.

Kids activities will include sand art, plaster painting, sandy candy, caricatures, and face painting. Sheila Landis, award winning jazz vocalist will perform noon-4 p.m., Sunday. Performers from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday are classical guitarist Roy Scoutz, drummer Ken Majors and Americamanta, with Brazilian music.

For more information about the show, leave a message at the Northville Art House at (248) 344-0497 or visit online at www.northvillearts.org.



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Jewelry, like this glass bead necklace by artist Ann Jalsa, will be sold at Northville's Art in the Sun festival.





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## Cavaliers come calling at Wayne High

#### BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The Cavaliers are coming. If you're a fan of drum lines and drum and bugle corps, you won't want to miss the Rosemont, Ill., Cavaliers when they make a two-day stopover at Wayne Memorial High School to rehearse for competition in Toledo, Ohio.

"Their visit is creating a lot of excitement," said Wayne High band director Matt Diroff, who is organizing band boosters and students to prepare for the group's arrival. I'm amazed at the hard work that's put in for one of these visits. It's a great learning experience for the kids."

Diroff was contacted at the end of May about hosting the Cavaliers. The school will provide sleeping areas and shower rooms for the members and their drivers and cooks and provide the high school football stadium for rehearsals. The group — five motor coaches, three tractor-trailers and several cars - will arrive at the Wayne high school around 2 a.m. Wednesday, June 24, Diroff said.

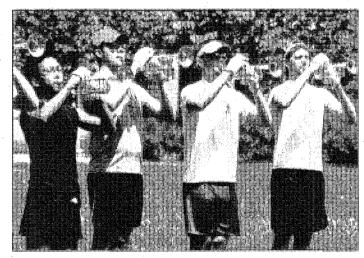
They'll use the high school football field for practice 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday before heading to Toledo where they compete with sixseven other drum and bugle corps in the Glassman All-Star Review at the University of Toledo.

"They only need a place to rehearse and sleep, they have their own food truck," said Diroff. "What we try to do is make them feel welcome and let them know they're at a place that appreciates the opportunity to host them."

Band boosters are creating goodie bags for the group filled with snack foods that they can take with them when they leave. They also will man the concessions stand where corps members and people who come to watch the practice can buy hot dogs and



Members of The Cavaliers drum and bugle corps from Rosemont, Ill., rehearse routines that they preform at competitions around the country. The group will be rehearsing at Wayne-Westland's Wayne Memorial High School June 24-25.



Founded in 1948, The Cavaliers is an all-male drum and bugle corps.

snacks throughout Wednesday ing and wishing the Cavaliers afternoon and evening.

One booster is also creating vinyl signs to hang up outside the gym and stadium welcom-

good luck.

"The boosters are doing an amazing job. Having been a member of one of those

groups, I know how nice it was class division and has won five to have someone make you feel at home in a strange place," said Diroff. "These kind of groups take off in June and stop at their home base once

or twice over three months." 'They do their performances then pack up and move on to the next stop. They do that until August when they converge on Indiana for the world championships," he added.

The Cavaliers have 150 members and a support staff of some 35 people. The group got its start in 1948 when a Chicago Scoutmaster organized his troop members into a drum corps after seeing a performance at Soldier Field by a group of Racine, Wis., Eagle Scouts. The all-male Cavaliers perform in the Drum Corps International's world

world championships over the last eight years, including a first-place finish in 2006.

Diroff expects the Cavaliers visit will attract alumni and fans from around the state as well as a large contingent from Plymouth-Canton, which has a strong music program. He expects the largest crowds during the afternoon and evening practices.

And the Cavaliers aren't the only drum and bugle corps that will stop by the school this summer. Wayne High also will host a one-day visit by the Santa Clara Vanguard from Santa Clara, Calif., on Aug. 3.

Diroff said the visit will be "exciting" because the Vanguard will be "in tiptop shape."

"After they come here, I'm

pretty sure they'll head to Indiana," he said.

The high school has been hosting drum and bugle corps for several years and has done such a good job that it's now at the top of the list for host schools. Diroff made the connection through a friend of a friend. According to Diroff, the Cavaliers' visit should be a must for bandsmen serious about their performances.

"If you want to learn how to do what you do better, you have to see it done at the highest level," he said.

Wayne Memorial High School is at 3001 Fourth St. at Glenwood in Wayne. For more information, contact Diroff by e-mail at diroffm@ wwcsd.net.

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## A Detroit thing

Tiger fever was everywhere at the Four Chaplains Nursing Care Center in Westland when Paws, the Detroit Tiger mascot, visited as part of the center's Nursing Home Week celebration. The theme for the week was Detroit history with Friday designated as Tiger Day. Paws hammed it up, posing with residents for photographs and passed at baseballs as part of his visit. The staff also wore their team shirts and colors as part of the visit, and later in the day, residents learned about and even sampled such Detroit products as Vernors, Faygo Pop, Sanders, Wonder Bread, Better Made potato chips. Other guests during the week included the Feet on the Street Tour, Damon Shaw of The Platters and Sounds of Detroit.

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## lgnowski fans 14 in D-2 final

#### BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Niles pitcher Jenny Ignowski barely left a crack in the door before slamming it shut on Livonia Ladywood's bid to become the Division 2 state girls softball champions.

The senior right-hander struck 14 and allowed just two hits to propel the Vikings to a 4-0 triumph over the Blazers for the coveted title Saturday at Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

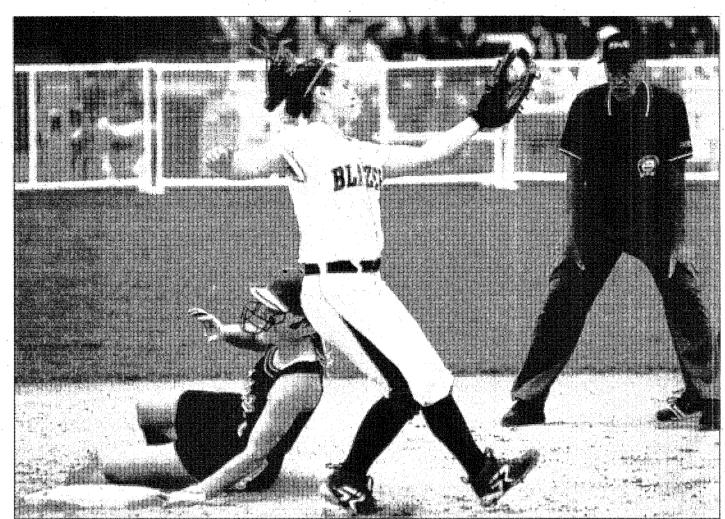
Ignowski, who also made a pivotal play in the top of the sixth inning to protect a 1-0 lead, enabled Niles (35-5) to earn its first state crown of any kind since 1964.

Ladywood, making its longest softball tournament run in school history, bows out with a 38-7 overall record.

"We've seen a lot of good ones throughout the season and she's one of the top three or pitchers we've seen," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said of the 2008 Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year. "She's good because she mixes it up well. It's her senior year and it was her time. She deserves everything she gets. You have to tip your cap to her."

Ignowski started the game on fire by fanning the entire Ladywood batting order through the first three innings. Through five innings, the Eastern Michigan University-bound hurler allowed only one base runner (a fifth-inning walk to Julie Bushart).

"She had good movement



Niles' Nellie Coquillard steals second base as Ladywood shortstop Gina Sykes takes the throw during the third inning in Saturday's Division 2 state final at Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

today," Ladywood junior captain Alysa Gietl said of the Niles ace. "I had to realize to stay off the high pitches and keep it below the hands."

Meanwhile, Ladywood freshman pitcher Briana Combs kept the Blazers close by allowing just one run on just four hits through five innings herself.

Niles, however, got on the board in the bottom of the fourth on a single and stolen base by Heather Daniels followed by a sharp double to left-center field off the bat of Demi Schrader.

In the top of the sixth, senior Courtney LaValley, the offensive hero in Friday's 1-0 state semifinal win over Williamston, led off by reaching base on an infield single.

Freshman Nicole Payne came on to pinch run, but Ignowski got the next two outs after the Blazers were unable to execute successive sacrifice bunt attempts.

"Both Briana (Combs) and Jennifer Kelley are two of our best bunters, but against somebody that throws hard and high, it's harder to hit against," Combs said. "After we were able to go through the lineup one time, we started to put the bat on the ball."

The first bona fide Ladywood offensive threat came the very next at-bat when freshman left fielder Carli SanMillan ripped a shot to right-center field for a double.

Combs, coaching third, waved Payne around and home on the play, but Daniels relayed the throw from right field and into the waiting hands of Ignowski just in front of the plate. The Niles pitcher flipped the toss to catcher Maggie Ernsberger and Payne was cut down at home for the final out of the inning. "She (Ignowski) is a very

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#### **Run Drugs Out**

Livonia's Stephen Zoski (10K) and South Lyon's Thomas Preiss (5K) were the overall winners in Saturday's Run Drugs Out of Town race held in Westland.

The 18-year-old Zoski covered the 6.2-mile course in Hines Park in 38 minutes, 51 seconds. He ran 6:16 per mile.

Westland's Laura Smith averaged 6:34 per mile to win the women's 10K in 40:48.

Masters (40-and-over) 10K men's and women's winners included West Bloomfield's Greg Janicki (40:36) and Livonia's Tina Reid (47:28).

The 40-year-old Preiss averaged 5:28 per mile to win the 3.1-mile race in 16:57.

Former Livonia Stevenson High standout and University of Michigan product Lisa Montgomery captured the women's division in 18:48.

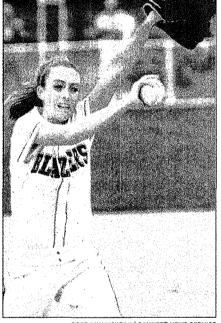
Masters 5K champions included Holly's Rick Duhaime (19:45) and Pontiac's Maggy Zidar (24:17).

The 5K attracted 470 runners, while the 10K had a total of 122 runners.

#### Bucks win thriller

The Michigan Bucks entertained a vibrant crowd Saturday night at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac and gave them their money's worth as first-year forward T.J. Gore scored in the final minute of stoppage time to give his side 3-2 Premier Development League win over the Cleveland Internationals.

Gore, from the University of Vermont, slammed home the first goal of his career from close range off a nice



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Ladywood freshman pitcher Briana Combs held Niles to only one run through five innings before the Vikings struck for three unearned runs in the sixth for a 4-0 victory in Saturday's **Division 2 state final.** 

## Combs, Blazers: Best is yet to come

ven though her last name remains misspelled in the MHSAA record books, Livonia Franklin's Tracy Lectka remains only one of 11 pitchers ever to throw a complete-game no-hitter in a girls softball state finals game.

That was 23 years ago (1986) when Lectka hurled the Patriots to a 1-0 victory over Waterford Kettering in the championship game.

Ironically, Lectka was on the losing end of the 1985 Class A title game during her junior year when Mount Clemens L'Anse Creuse North beat the Patriots, 5-0.

Lectka was slightly built, not very tall and not overpowering on the mound.

But she knew how to pitch, how to get hitters out, and fielded her position marvelously.

Simply put, she was an athlete. I couldn't help but think after watching Livonia Ladywood freshman Briana Combs pitch in Saturday's Division 2 state finals in Battle Creek

- a 4-0 loss to Niles - that I'm in the midst witnessing the second coming of Lectka. Combs is a wiry 104-

pounder who won't hit 65 mph on the radar gun, but she has the knack of moving the ball around the plate

while displaying pinpoint control. She gets even the best of litters to go fishing and her 36-4 record as a ninth-grader is proof positive.

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And despite hitting ninth in the lineup, the freshman had the team's quickest bat while posting a respectable .324 average.

Ladywood met its match Saturday in Niles, a team with three Division 1-caliber players including an imposing battery of flame-throwing pitcher Jenny Ignowski (headed to Eastern Michigan University) and catcher Maggie Ernsberger (17 homers).

It was Niles' time in 2009, but when 2010, 2011 and 2012 seasons roll around, you could be seeing Ladywood hoisting the state championship trophy with regularity.

That's because the Blazers return six of nine starters next season, including three talented freshman.

As she matures, gets bigger, taller and stronger, Combs' pitching prowess alone almost guarantees the Blazers won't just be a one-vear wonder.

The best has yet to come.

#### MU Hall of Fame

As a member of the selection committee, I attended the inaugural Madonna University Athletics Hall of Fame induction banquet Saturday night and it proved to be a evening to remember.

This year's first class of inductees included two-time NAIA volleyball All-America Kelly McCausland (1993-

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## Calka runs to Midwest crown

#### BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Livonia Stevenson High's Courtney Calka capped off a stellar track and field career Saturday by winning the 1,600-meter run at the Midwest Meet of Champions held at Jackson's Withington Stadium.

Calka was clocked in 4 minutes, 55 seconds in a meet that attracted the top track and field senior performers from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

Ohio's Erin Mercer was runner-up to Calka in 4:57.79.

Calka, headed to Eastern Michigan University in the fall, was the MHSAA Division 1 state runner-up while shattering her own school record with a time of 4:51.97.

Another area performer, Livonia Churchill pole vaulter Derik Peterman, finished third when he cleared 15 feet, 6 inches. Indiana's Zachary Saunders and Ohio's Chad Pierce also posted marks of 15-6, but finished one-two, respectively, based on fewer misses ahead of the Michigan State-bound Peterman.

Wayne Memorial's Renaldo Powell, who is headed to Central Michigan, added fourth in



the 300 hurdles (38.82) and fifth in the 110 hurdles (14.6) as Michigan edged Ohio for the team title, 171.50-168. Team Indiana was third with 133.5. Redford Thurston Vanier Joseph settled for seventh in the 110 highs (14.71) as Ohio's Ben Moody captured the

Calka

event in 13.91. (Ohio's Jordan Rispress was the 300 hurdles champion in

37.47.) In the boys 4 x 400 relay, Team Ohio (3:12.56) edged Team Michigan (3:12.6), featuring Farmington Hills Harrison's Darius Davis, for first place.

Meanwhile, Team Ohio won the girls side with 223 points followed by Team Michigan (173) and Indiana (75).

North Farmington's Charlotte Cahil was runner-up in the 200 (25.2) and third in the 100 (12.44).

Ohio's Mahogony Jones captured the 100 in 12.05, while Ohio's Erika Schmitt placed first in the 200 (24.62).

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## She's a keeper: MU tabs Barker

Madonna University athletic director Bryan Rizzo announced Monday that former MU All-American Jen Barker has been named the Crusaders new head women's soccer coach.

Barker's appointment begins immediately. She replaces Paul Thomas, who resigned in April.

"We could not be happier bringing one of our own back

"I know she will be a tireless worker who will maintain the level of success we have been able to enjoy at Madonna. I could not be happier for her or us."

Barker has been serving as



Barker

mer students move on to the college ranks including current Crusader player Jessica Austin, the 2008 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year, and Diana Brda, a 2008 All-WHAC selection.

of her for-

During her playing days as a Crusader, Barker was a member of the inaugural women's soccer team at MU and helped lead her team to the 2000 NAIA Final Four, becoming the first MU team to ever advance to that stage

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set-up from another of coach Dan Fitzgerald's second half substitutions, Andy Stadler (George Washington University), to move the team into third place in the PDL's Great Lakes Division with a record of 5-2-1 (16 points).

Dave Hertel (39th minute) and Mauro Fuzetti (66th minute) also tallied goals for the Bucks.

Chris Korb (fifth minute) and Sam Luffey (65th minute) scored for Cleveland (1-5-1, four points).

The Bucks now turn their attention to the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever (2-4-1, seven points) beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Ultimate Soccer Arena.

They will try and make amends for an early season loss on the road. The Fever beat the Bucks 2-1 in the second game of the season to eliminate the club from the US Open Cup.

Tickets for Thursday's match are \$10 (adults) and \$6 (youth under 16). Children 5-and-under are free.

For more information, visit the Bucks web site at www.buckssoccer.com.

#### Fishing club meeting

The Huron Valley Sportfishing Club's monthly meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday June 18, at the American Legion Post 200 Hall, 11800 Michael Street, Taylor (take Brest Road west of Telegraph to the hall).

This month's speaker will be Dan Hosier owner of Fub Wobbler Lures, who will display show Fub Wobbler spoons, their history and uses. The spoons come in many colors and sizes appropriate for walleye, bass, pike, salmon, steelhead and even musky.

There will be 50-50 raffle and fishing tackle raffle.

Food and drinks available. For more information, email rmontre@juno.com.

to guide the women's soccer team," Rizzo said. "Obviously Jen had a tremendous career as a player at Madonna. We are excited to see her help today's players enjoy the type of success her Madonna

teams attained.



## Ram tough: Hansen quiets Bulls

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Madonna University Tom Hansen pitcher has picked up where he left off from the college baseball season for the Michigan Rams summer league squad.

Hansen, 8-2 with a 3.52 earned run average this spring for the Crusaders, threw a complete-game three-hitter Monday night at Ford Field as the 20-and-under Rams handed the 22-and-under Michigan Bulls only there second loss in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League season, 2-0.

Hansen went all seven innings and faced just 25 batters. He struck out seven and did not allow a walk.

Aaron Cieslak went 2for-3 with an RBI as the Rams improved to 6-3 in the LCBL. Joe Barnes also went 2-for-2 with a run scored, while Justin Forster contributed an RBI double.

Tyler Hall, Jeff Bultinck and Matt McNiel had the lone hits for the Bulls (8-2).

#### SANDLOT BASEBALL

Cory Rademacher, the losing pitcher, gave up two runs on eight hits in four innings. Steve Gore came on in relief to throw two scoreless innings.

RAMS 7, EAGLES 2: On Friday, Tom Whiting (Worchester Polytech) worked six strong innings as the Michigan Rams (5-3) bested the Detroit Eagles (1-6) in an LCBL game at Ford Field. Whiting faced just 19

batters, allowing one hit without a walk. He fanned six to earn the victory.

Kyle Vesey knocked in two runs for the Rams, while Aaron Cieslak, Mike Tuttle, Justin Forster and Jake Rhodes added one RBI apiece. Joe Barnes also scored a pair of runs.

Rod Beckles and Jame Terry each had an RBI for the Eagles.

Losing pitcher Jake LaBresque allowed five runs on five hits and four walks over five innings.



96), a Redford Union grad who was aptly presented by former assistant coach Tim DeBeliso; baseball player Aaron Shrewsbury (1996-99), presented by former MU assistant Sean Maloney; and All-America soccer goalie Jen Barker (1998 to 2001), a Livonia Stevenson High grad and current Livonia Franklin girls varsity coach, presented by former teammate and friend Kelly Delaney.

Also inducted was former MU president Sister Francilene Van De Vyver (1976 to 2001), presented by the school's vice president for finance and operations Leonard Wilhelm; and last but not least, MU volleyball coach Jerry Abraham (1987present), presented by former MU athletic director Raymond Summers.

It was a good time had by all and it brought back a lot of memories.

#### Schuette resigns

Westland John Glenn athletic director Brian Swinehart reported in e-mail that Mike Schuette "will not be coming back" as the varsity girls bas-

ketball coach.

Schuette was previously the Glenn boys varsity coach and has spent the past seven seasons with the Rocket girls. In Schuette's final season, Glenn finished 9-14 overall and reached the Class A district finals before losing to Romulus.

Those interested in the varsity position should e-mail Swinehart at swinehartb@ wwcs.k12.mi.us and apply at the district Web site: www. wwcsd.net.

#### Major League?

The only thing hurting worse than the Michigan economy is the lack of baseball talent in this state where only 22 players out of 1,521 went in the recent Major League Draft.

Eight high school players were draft, while one of the 14 collegiate players selected was a walk-on while attending the University of Toledo on an academic scholarship — pitcher Justin Collop of Wayne Memorial High, the 193rd pick overall (sixth round by the Chicago White Sox).

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good pitcher and that's why we had to take a chance to score you've got to run," Combs said. "I thought when she cut the ball she would throw it down to second (base) and we'd score and it would be 1-1.

"We had only one or two chances and we took a shot to sneak across a run. We just did not get enough balls in play." Ignowski said the throw to

the plate was her only option. "It was an amazing hit, but

we were able to chase it down," she said. "I think it bounced up, but once we got on it, our outfielders have guns. She (Daniels) made a perfect throw to me. I was the 'cut.' I was a little nervous what to do with the ball, but I saw that their runner (SanMillan) had already passed second (base) and I was going to throw to either third or home.

"Maggie (Ernsberger) is a wall behind the plate and there

#### SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

#### MU volleyball camps

Madonna University will stage several summer volleyball camps, all Mondays through Thursdays, including:

Advanced elite all-skills or general skills – June 22-25 (cost \$135 per player); setters (\$135) or youth (\$110) – June 29-July 2; hitters (\$135) and defensively specialty (\$135)

- July 6-9. For more information, call camp director Jerry Abraham at (734) 432-5612 or (734) 254-0698.

#### Stevenson boys hoops

The Livonia Stevenson basketball vamp for boys (grades 4-9) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday, June 15-19.

The cost is \$81 (\$67 for incoming ninth-graders going to Cedar Point).

For more information, call Mike Allie at (248) 939-2692; or e-mail MichaelAllie@ yahoo.com.

#### Youth baseball camps

• Madonna University will stage pair of baseball camps with the first for ages 7-18 going from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 22-24, at Ilitch Ballpark (cost \$155 per player).

MU head coach Greg Haeger will also offer two separate pitching clinics from 9-11 a.m. (ages 10-14) and 1-3 p.m. (ages 15-18), both on Thursday, June 25, at Ilitch Ballpark.

For more information, call the MU baseball office at (734) 432-5609 or MU assistant coach Stu Rose at Stove1000@ aol.com.

• The Livonia Franklin Future Stars summer baseball camp for boys and girls grades 2-7 will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 22-25.

The cost is \$60 (includes camp T-shirt). The registration deadline is June 19.

For more information, call Franklin coach Matt Fournier at (734) 968-0499; or e-mail mfournie2@livonia.12.mi.us.

#### Glenn baseball camp

The Rocket Blast-Off summer baseball camp for grades 2-7 will be from 9-11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, July 6-9, at the Westland John Glenn baseball field (or in the gym in the event of inclement weather). The cost is \$70 (includes camp T-shirt). The registration deadline is Friday, June 26. For more information, call Glenn varsity coach Tom Wakefield at (313) 903-0016; or e-mail wakefieldtm@ wwcsd.net. 2 p.m. Saturday, June 20 at Ladywood High School, located at 18600 Newburgh Road, Livonia (between I-96 and Five Mile Road).

The cost is \$60 (postmarked after June 5).

For more information, visit www.ladywood.org.

#### Football champ camp

The Michigan Youth Athletic Association will stage its second annual Football Champ camp from 9 a.m. until noon (incoming grades 3-6) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 7-9), Monday through Wednesday, June 29-July 1, at Livonia Churchill High School.

The cost for each session is \$85.

The non-contact camp specializes in all positions and will emphasize individual and team football skill development. Instructors will include members of the Churchill High staff, Livonia Falcons and Orioles coaches, CYO coaches and quarterback tutor Richard Popp.

For more information, call camp director Brad Dickey at (734) 444-5931; or e-mail michiganyaa@gmail.com. You can also visit www.miyaa.org.

#### Schoolcraft camps

Schoolcraft College will offers a series of summer sports camps for ages 10-18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, including: Boys and girls soccer – July

13-16, 20-23, 27-30 (cost \$150); boys and girls basketball – July 20-23 (cost \$150); girls volleyball – July 27-30 (cost \$150).

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

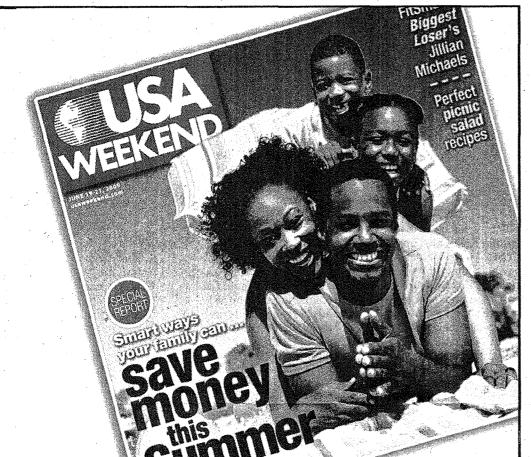
#### Popps QB-WR camps

The Popps QB Tutor summer camps will be making stops in the area including:

Farmington Area QB – 1:30-3:30 p.m., June 22-25, at Shiawasse Park (grades 3-12).

Livonia Area QB Camp – 3-4:30 p.m., July 6-9, at Rotary Park (grades 3-12); Plymouth/ Canton Area QB-WR – 1-2:30 p.m., July 27-30, at Heritage Park (grades 3-12).

For more information, visit poppsqbtutor.com; or e-mail Richard Popp at: the qbtutor@





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In bottom of the sixth inning, Niles put the game away by scoring three runs as the Blazers committed three straight infield errors - all with one out - to make it 2-0.

Ninth batter Charissa Spear then ripped to two-run single to provided Ignowski a fourrun cushion.

"The one inning we got out of our game and booted a couple of balls," Scott Combs said.

The Niles flamethrower then ended the game with a pair of pop-outs and her 14th strikeout.

"They (Ladywood) came out swinging the bats," Ignowski said. "I knew if somebody hit the right pitch and with the right swing, it could go out. Once we got the (three) insurance runs, it meant everything." Meanwhile, the Blazers return

weatwhile, the blazers feturin everybody back next season with the exception of senior starters Jordan Searcy (catcher), Sarah Stempin (designated player) and LaValley (third base).

"We had a great season and we had some players step up," Gietl said. "The three freshman who started had an instant impact, along with the two freshman who did not start. And Jordan Searcy did a great job behind the plate."

#### Madonna cage camps

Madonna University will be staging its 35th annual All-Star camp for boys ages 8-15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 27-31. The cost is \$175 per player.

For more information, visit madonnacrusaders.com.

#### Stevenson girls hoops

The Stevenson Basketball Camp for girls will be from 9 a.m. to noon (grades 5-7) and 1-4 p.m. (grades (8-9), Monday through Thursday, June 22-25. The cost for each sessions is \$67.

For more information, call Paul Tripp at (248) 563-0858; or e-mail trippa@northville.12.mi.us.

#### Blazer field hockey

The 2009 Blazer Field Hockey day camp for incoming grades six through freshman will be from 9 a.m. until yahoo.com.

#### Ladywood soccer camp

The 2009 Livonia Ladywood soccer camp for girls only (grades K-9) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, June 22-25, at the high school, located at 18600 Haggerty Road (between Five Mile and I-96).

Varsity coach Ken Shingledecker will be the head instructor along with current Ladywood players. Goalkeeper training is also available.

The cost is \$100 (includes camp T-shirt).

For more information, visit www.ladywood.org (visit athletics and click on camps). MU cross country

Madonna University will stage its summer 2009 base cross country camp from 8-9:45 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 27-31, at cost of \$70.

MU will also stage long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. each Saturday, July 11, 18, 25; Aug. 1 and 8; at Cass Benton Park (\$2 for each session).

For more information, call MU cross country coach Pat Daugherty evenings at (734) 658-0226 (cell); or (734) 432-5634 (office). You can also e-mail pdaugherty@madonna.edu.



and to see how the team's goals are the same goals we had in the beginning. When I played here our goal was to get to the national tournament and that's still the goal for this team.

"After last year, I know this team is expecting more of themselves. They fell short in their goal of going to the nationals and it is clear that they will work hard so this doesn't happen again. Knowing that, I expect that this team will use their previous success as a guide and a catalyst to drive them to go farther than last year."

The 2008 version of the Crusaders captured the WHAC regular season title and advanced to the WHAC playoff finals. MU returns 19 letter winners from a squad that finished 15-4 overall and 12-0 in the conference.

of a national tournament. For her efforts, Barker was

named the Defensive Most Valuable Player of the 2000 National Tournament and was later tabbed as a first-team All-American.

She was also twice named as an All-American Scholar Athlete for her efforts in the classroom. On Saturday, Barker was inducted into the Madonna University Athletic Hall of Fame.

"I'm very excited to be returning to Madonna," said Barker, a former All-State goalkeeper at Livonia Stevenson High. "It's great to see how far the program has come since the inaugural team

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The U.S. Open 2009 is June 15-21 Online Poll: Who will win this year? We want your vote!

Go online to www.homelownlife.com/section/sports25 to take part in our online pell. We'll compare your predictions with the final results on June 25!

## Is a golf course slope rating of 130 always really tough?

#### **By Doug Hendershot**

With nearly 900 golf courses in Michigan, there is certainly a wide range of golf course and slope ratings to select from. With this many courses you can find any degree of difficulty one chooses. And with some knowledge of the USGA Course Rating System, it is possible to find that special "hidden gem" that suits your game and makes the golfing experience even more fun.

The USGA Course Rating of a golf course (not slope rating) is designed to ensure that the rating of a golf course is in proper relation to the ratings of the other courses. This applies to your local courses, as well as courses throughout the entire United States.

The USGA Course Rating, generally found on a scorecard, is based on the performance of the scratch player and his or her scoring ability related to playing length and 10 obstacle factors. This USGA Rating System also provides procedures for determining a Bogey Rating based on the performance of the Bogey golfer and his or her scoring ability. This rating is used in connection with the USGA Course Rating to provide a slope rating. For a comprehensive list of all current USGA Course and Slope ratings in Michigan, go to www.gam.org and click the course finder tab under the Handicap section of the Golf Association of Michigan Web site.

OK, so now you have your list of courses that may be suited to your playing ability. It's time to take a closer look at both the course ratings and slope numbers to get a better feel for the type of poison you are about to be encounter. Through the collection of data on thousands of golfers and thousands of golf holes, the factors that affect the difficulty of a golf hole have been evaluated and assigned numerical values that yield an accurate course rating and slope rating when applied to an entire course. The slope rating is an indicator of the relative difficulty of a course for players who are not scratch players. Since the vast majority of golfers are not scratch players, we will now take a closer look at what really makes a tough golf course.

With permission from the author, the following are excerpts from an article, "Setting the Record Straight," by David Parsigian:

"What do the ratings Mean? Many golfers and golf magazine editors believe "slope" is the best indicator of difficulty. This is incorrect. Slope allows the golfer to accurately determine the number of handicap strokes they are entitled to on a given golf course. That's it! **The true key to fulfilling your need for selfpunishment is course rating.**  The USGA has weighted all of the factors for effective playing length and obstacles, and adjusted those weightings for how they affect the scratch and bogey player differently. Plugged into a formula with this weighting, the factors result in a different course rating for the scratch and bogey golfer.

Now we are ready to put it all together, the course rating represents the average of the better half of the scores of the scratch or bogey golfer under normal course and weather conditions. On a course rated 69.0 with a par 72, a scratch player will shoot that score one out of four times. So where does slope come in?

Slope simply measures how much more difficult a course is for the bogey golfer than the scratch golfer. The higher the slope, the greater the relative difference in difficulty between these two golfers. So, if you perfectly fit the criteria for a bogey golfer, slope is a reasonably good measure of difficulty. But a better one is to use the course and slope rating to determine the bogey rating. Below is the formula for men. Once you've figured out the bogey rating, you'll know that a bogey golfer will, on average, shoot that score only one out of four times.

Course Rating (Bogey) = Course Rating (Scratch)+(Slope Rating divided by 5.381), for women, just replace 5.381 with 4.24."

Now that I have empowered you with course rating knowledge, you can look at both the USGA slope and course rating to decide if a "130 Slope" is really that tough. Hint, "Remember to look at the course rating."

Doug Hendershot is the Golf Association of Michigan's Director of Course Rating.



## All-Area players prove their net worth

**FIRST-TEAM SINGLES** Jennifer Yen, N. Farmington: The junior standout is one of the top singles players in the state. She was a regional finalist and a No. 4 seed at the Division 2 state tournament where she reached the quarterfinals.

Yen didn't have the opportunity to win an OAA title since the division meet was not completed due to rain. She did post a 16-8 overall record with half her losses to two players.

"Jen has so many strengths; she has continued to improve and move up in the lineup every season," coach Whitney Wasielewski said. "She started her high school career with a state title at No. 3 singles as a freshman and has continued to impress me every year. She is steady and powerful, which is why she can compete with the top players in the state at No. 1 singles."

Ariana Kabodian, Mercy: The sophomore was unseeded but won her first two matches at the Division 2 state tournament and reached the quarterfinals where she lost to top-seeded Talia Johnson of Portage Northern. Playing against some of the best competition in the state, Kabodian had an 11-10 record.

"Ariana is a great girl who dealt with some injuries during the season but really pulled everything together at states," coach Jake Stocker said. "She should be very successful over the next two seasons."

Katie Blumberg, Farmington: Blumberg was the top player on a solid team, posting a 14-10 record against quality competition at No. 1 singles and leading the Falcons into the Division 2 state tournament. The junior won her flight at the Goodrich Invite and was a regional semifinalist. She and Yen split two matches.

2009 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TENNIS FIRST-TEAM SINGLES Jennifer Yen, Jr., N. Farmington Ariana Kabodian, Soph., F.H. Mercy Katie Blumberg, Jr., Farmington Tori Amponsah, Soph., Farmington Margaux Kabodian, Fr., F.H. Mercy Michelle Mac, Jr., Farmington **FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES** Emily Hand, Jr., N. Farmington Emily Jan. Jr., N. Farmington Alyssa Paul, Sr., F.H. Mercy Victoria Facchini, Sr., F.H. Mercy Lisa Carlson, Jr., F.H. Mercy Michelle Ho, Jr., F.H. Mercy COACH OF THE YEAR

Denise Berg-Grant, Liv. Churchill HONORABLE MENTION Singles: Angelica Woods, Soph. Franklin; Emily Wisniewski, Sr., Franklin; Allison Carpenter, Jr., Salem; Paige McNamara, Sr., Stevenson; Akanksha Vaishnav, Fr., N. Farmington; Gabrielle Sabatini, Sr., Stevenson; Linda Ling, Sr. Salem; Emily Walsh, Soph., Mercy; Janelle Burdiss, Sr. Canton; Carli

Marschner, Jr., Stevenson; Katelyn Foster, Sr., Churchill; Laura Gumpper, Soph., Stevenson; Stephanie Petrusha, Soph., Ladywood; Susan Vulaj, Sr., Redford Union; Jessica Sawyer, Sr., Redford Union; Michelle Mullen, Sr., Redford Union

Doubles: Val Rose, Jr., and Kristi Walker, Jr.; Churchill; Kimmy Ervin, Jr. and Erica Ley, Fr., Ladywood; Shannon Costello, Sr., and Chrissy Healy, Sr., Farmington; Danielle Balsis, Soph., and Heena Patel, Jr., N. Farmington; Lauren Dubosh, Sr., and Sarah Tiernan, Jr.; Mercy; Ariel Rojo, Sr. and Rachel Norman, Jr., Salem; Shannon Dwight, Soph., and Ashley Benvenuti, Soph. Stevenson; Paige Babala and Kayla Davis, Canton; Britta Swanson and Kayla Griffey, Plymouth.

"Katie is an excellent leader who worked extremely hard to make her team better by giving time to younger varsity players and even assisting with the JV team," coach Gary Nicholls said adding Blumberg was chosen team captain by her teammates. "She played very well against the most talented players in Oakland County."



**Katie Blumberg** Jennifer Yen **N. Farmington** Farminaton

Victoria Amponsah, Farmington: Amponsah compiled an impressive 23-1 record at No. 2 singles for the Falcons. She was the Goodrich Invitational winner at her flight and was the OAA White Division champion. The sophomore standout was seeded

No. 2 and was a semifinalist at the Division 2 state meet. "Victoria is a powerful player with great strokes off both wings," coach Gary Nicholls said. "By improving her serve, she also captured many easy points. She plays an attacking stvle that intimidates many

opponents." Margaux Kabodian, Mercy: The freshman sensation was a quarterfinalist at No. 2 singles in the Division 2 state tournament, falling to the No. 1 seed from Forest Hills Northern, Caroline Aleck. Kabodian finished her first season of high school tennis with an 18-9 record.

"Margaux did a great job for our team the entire year, coming up with some huge wins," coach Jake Stocker said. "Having her back for another three years will be very helpful for our team."

Michelle Mac, Farmington: The junior had a super season at No. 3 singles, finishing with a 22-1 record. She was the Goodrich Invite and regional champion at her flight. Mac was seeded No. 3 and advanced to the quarterfi-



Michelle Mac

nals of the Division 2 state tournament. She's also a 4.0 honor

"Michelle is a well-condi-

**FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES** Emily Hand-Emily Jan, N. Farmington: The outstanding junior duo, known affectionately as Emand-Em, compiled a 24-2 record were 19-0 until losing to Lahser in a three-set regional final. They were seeded No. 2 at the Division

Northern in the final. "Emily Jan and Emily Hand are not only amazing players and contributors to the North Farmington tennis team; they are also wonderful team leaders (as tri-captains)," coach Whitney Wasielewski said. "Their leadership skills on and off the court helped lead our team to a very

"Emily and Emily play doubles the way it is supposed



N. Farmington

sive and working together as a

team This is why they only had

two losses the entire season and

were state finalists. They work

Alyssa Paul-Victoria Facchini,

unseeded at No. 1 doubles, the

and Facchini fared well at the

Division 2 state tournament.

They upset the Nos. 4 and 5

seeds from Birmingham Groves

(6-3, 3-6, 6-3) and Birmingham

Seaholm (6-2, 6-4), respectively,

to earn a semifinal berth. Their

Cinderella run ended with a loss

to the No. 1 team and eventual

state champs from Forest Hills

Northern. The Marlins finished

"Victoria and Alyssa were

job this entire year," coach Jake Stocker said. "Their run to the

accomplishment, and they will

Lisa Carlson-Michelle Ho, Mercy:

doubles. They were seeded No. 2

for the Division 2 state meet but

were upset by the East Lansing

team in the quarterfinals (3-6,

"Lisa and Michelle are a

great doubles team," coach Jake

Stocker said. "They provided the

team with many important wins

6-4, 6-4).

great players and did a great

state semifinals was a great

greatly be missed next year."

The juniors ended the season

with an 18-4 record at No. 3

with an 11-8 record.

senior combination of Paul

Mercy: Though they were

and play beautifully together."

Michelle Ho Мегсу

Denise Berg-Grant Churchill coach

and could always be counted on to give full effort. We look forward to them returning next year."

**COACH OF THE YEAR** Denise Berg-Grant, Churchill: The 15th-year Churchill girls coach posted her best season as the Chargers finished with a 10-2 overall dual-match record and a KLAA South Division title.

Berg-Grant also guided Churchill to a third-place finish at the Woodhaven Tournament, as well as sixth places at both the Kensington Conference and Division 1 regional tourneys.

"We had people pick us up where others couldn't, and we were able to pull off the win," said Berg-Grant, who has coached a total of 20 seasons. "We had a set lineup, but we had some depth."

Berg-Grant also credits assistant coach John Webster for the team's 2009 success.

"We work well together and he works hard," Berg-Grant said. "We also have a group of parents willing to help. They take care of other things, which allows us to coach."

Berg-Grant, a graduate of Inkster Cherry Hill High School, played four years of collegiate tennis - three at Wayne State and one at Henry Ford CC. She teaches physical education and health at Livonia Franklin.

## Livonia bowler gets new lease on life through the sport



**Ten Pin Alley** 

Al Harrison

et's call this story "The Curious Case of Timothy Wilson."

He is a 69-year-old bowler from Livonia who said that being a bowler actually saved his life.

"In the late summer of '08 I was having a problem keeping my balance while riding my bicycle," Wilson explained. "I kind

of wanted to go left all the time. Otherwise, everything else seemed

bowling average had dropped by a staggering 25 pins and this was more worrisome as I had always been in the 190-200 range.

"When I got up on the approach, It didn't feel just right and I couldn't get to the line in my normal way. The coordination wasn't there and it seemed that I couldn't get my body to do what I wanted it to do."

Some people might pass this off as part of getting older, but fortime in getting to his doctor.

"My doctor sent me directly to a neurologist and he ran an MRI which led to a diagnosis of something called Hydrocephalus of the third Ventriculostomy," Wilson said. "That translates to water on the brain, a very serious condition which if untreated would lead to severe problems which include memory loss, loss of bladder control and balance."

If not treated early, these symp-

likely lead to Alzheimer's disease.

"I thank bowling for discovering the problem early enough that I was able to get the proper treatment for it," he said.

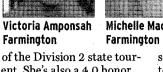
The procedure included drilling a hole into his skull to the bottom of his brain so the liquid could drain.

Wilson has been a very active bowler on the local scene for about 50 years. He has been secretary-treasurer of the Woodland Men's League

Tuesday Men's Classic at Town 'n Country Lanes in Westland, as well as the Friday Nite Men's Classic at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

You might say that bowling has been a focal point in the life of Wilson, and he is ever so thankful for that.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield, a member of the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame and the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be reached by email:



student and a classical concert pianist.

tioned athlete who consistently wore opponents down," coach Gary Nicholls said. "She improved her ability to attack this season, but her strength was still the ability to get every ball back. If you want to win a point from her, be ready to hit 20 to 30 balls."

at No. 1 doubles. Hand and Jan

2 state tournament and won three more matches before losing to the No. 1 seed from Forest Hills

successful season,

to be played, being very aggres-



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# Strictly Business

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### New location

LaKritz-Weber & Company, the retail real estate experts, announce a 2,400-square foot lease in Tall Oaks Plaza at Wayne Road and Ford in Westland to Bee's Dance and Skate. The longtime Westland business is relocating from its place at 32500 Warren Road east of Venoy to the plaza. For more information about Bee's, call (734) 421-8855.

#### Birthday special

If it's your birthday, the drinks are on DJ Dave Moore at Malarkey's Irish Pub in Westland. Make your reservations through him at www.myspace.com/djdavmoore and he'll handle the rest. Moore is at Malarkey's every Wednesday. There's \$1 bottles of beer for all and \$2 drink specials for the ladies. You'll find the sports bar at 35750 Warren Road west of Wayne Road, Westland. Check out the pub's Web page at www.myspace. com/malarkeys.

#### Need for speed?

If you're into slot cars, radio controlled

#### **BUSINESS MILESTONES**

boats and airplanes, model trains and rocketry, you'll find what you need at Nankin Hardware and Hobby at 35101 Ford, east of Wayne Road, Westland. The store is a fixture in the community and is more than just a hardware store. It offers an assortment of supplies and accessories to suit almost everyone's hobby needs, not to mention being the largest dealer of Boy Scout and Girl Scout supplies in the Midwest. Stop by and see for yourself. For more information, call (734) 722-5700.

#### They're called Red Wing, but don't

confuse them our favorite hockey team. We're talking Red Wing shoes, boots and similar footwear that are "built to fit" and "built to last." They can be repaired in the store or sent to an authorized shoe repair shop and even resoled, especially if the upper part of the boot has been well maintained. Visit the Red Wing Shoe Store at 33145 Ford or call (734) 522-5950 to find out more. Lobsterfest 2009

#### Ashley's Bar and Grill is holding its

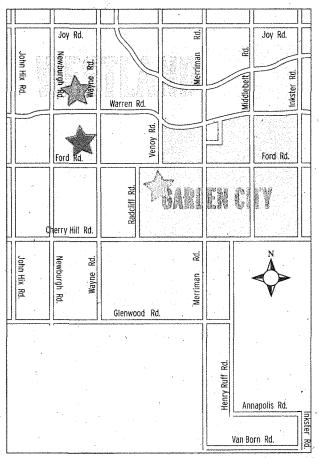
annual All-You-Can-Eat Lobsterfest today through Saturday, June 25, at the bar and grill on Wayne Road north of Warren Road, Westland. For the past 25 years Ashley's has set aside Father's Day weekend for pure lobster pleasure and enjoyment. To ensure the best quality lobster's, they are flown in fresh every morning and cooked to order to assure the flavor. Enjoy a single lobster dinner for \$19.99, a double lobster dinner for \$29.99 or an all-you-can-eat lobster dinner for \$62.99. For reservations, call (734) 525-1667. Don't wait until the last minute and miss out on the experience and fun of Lobsterfest at Ashley's. **Father's Day Sale** 

Work 'N Gear is holding a Father's Day Sale now through Sunday, June 9. The store, now located inside Westland Shopping Center is offering huge price markdowns and savings on brand names, including Timberland Pro, Wolverine, Carhartt and more. Also save on new fashions in scrubs and up to 50 percent on a new selection of men's products. Don't delay, Father's Day is Sunday. Free pizza

Toarmina's Pizza celebrating its 22nd anniversary by offering \$22,000 in free pizza now through June 25 at its metro Detroit locations, including three stores in Westland. Toarmina's is calling as many as 900 customers a day Monday through Thursday to let them know that they have been picked to win a free 12-inch pizza, no strings attached! Close to 10,000 customers will be called. You can find the location near you by calling (888) 24DELIVer or by visiting toarminas.com.

#### ONGOING

Copper Country treat Mention pasties and you automatically think of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. You can get one of those Copper Country favorites at Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe at 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The pasties are made from an old family recipe that's been passed down for generations. They made with ground sirloin, potatoes, rutabaga, onions and carrots. They are old fashioned and made fresh in the bakery by Baker Charlie. Stop by and try one. Also available are chicken pot pies and pizza rolls. Call (734) 261-3680 of (888) 715-4479 at least an hour before and Charlie will bake them for you. You can pick them up hot and ready for lunch or dinner



#### IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

#### Grant program

In honor of its 50th anniversary, Art Van Furniture has committed to supporting Michigan-based children, health and human services programs by providing \$1 million to fund 50 grants, ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

Art Van will design the grants as Challenge Gifts in order to encourage others to donate and maximize fund-raising opportunities. To be eligible for a grant, an organization must be recognized as a taxexempt 501(c)(3) and not be a private foundation. Organizations must also submit to a financial audit by an independent, certified public accountant, and not discriminate based on age, race, creed, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation or ethnicity, in policy or in practice.

Those not eligible for the grant program include: individuals, private foundations or endowment funds, religious organizations, political activities, parties or candidates, veteran organizations, fraternal or labor

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organizations, courtesy advertising program books and yearbooks, entertainment events, scholarships or conferences, sporting events or teams, and travel groups or tours.

Interested organizations must submit a grant application through the Art Van web site at www.artvan.com. Grant applications are due by midnight June 30. The winners will be announced July 31. For online application form questions, call (586) 983-2050.

#### Send it

**BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS** 

Get in on the Strictly Business Page of the Westland and Garden City Observer by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones.

It's simple. Just e-mail all of the details to Sue Mason, editor, at smason@hometownlife.com and she'll take care of the rest.

Our local business page runs each Thursday in your Westland and Garden City Observer. We welcome comments and suggestions, too. We look forward to hearing from you.



Manager Kenny Dailey and co-worker Sara Wojtysiak are serving up 'high quality food at affordable prices' at Gabriel's Cheese Steak Hoagies on Wayne Road in Westland.

## Gabriel's: Good food, good price

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of service and/or products you feature.

Gabriel's Cheese Steak Hoagies offers quick, high quality food at affordable prices. We are known for our hot cheese steak hoagie sandwiches, and also offer cold subs, party subs, and salads.

#### Observer: What makes your business unique?

We are committed to "serving great people, great food." All of our items are fresh and made to order. Our prices speak for themselves, you can count on a great meal for not a lot of money.

Observer: How did you decide to open your first business? The original Gabriel's is

**GARDEN CITY CHAMBER** 

Don't miss out on the chamber's annual Afternoon Delight

series going on Wednesdays

entertainment for kids of all

ages and takes place at 11:30

a.m. at the main pavilion in

Garden City Park at the corner

of Cherry Hill and Merriman.

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for purchase through the Put Me

In Couch Batting Cages.

Pack a lunch or enjoy food and

now through July 9. It's family

#### GABRIEL'S CHEESE STEAK HOAGIES

Business name: Gabriel's Cheese Steak Hoagies Business address: 1919 N. Wayne

Road, Westland Name and Title: Kenneth Dailey, Manager and Treasurer Your Hometown: Ypsilanti Business opened: Sept. 17, 2007 Number of employees: 6 Your business specialty:

Cheese steak hoagies Hours of operation: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday

Business phone and Web site: 734 722-4224, www.gabrielshoagies.com, facebook: Gabriel's Hoagies Westland out of Ypsilanti, Michigan. It opened it's doors in 1959. Our customers wanted us to expand to another convenient location, and Westland was the perfect place. How did you decide to locate in the Westland community?

We felt that Westland was close enough to home to be known, yet far enough away to attract new customers. Westland is an all-American working class city, which is the kind of business we enjoy serving.

Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

We would like readers to know they can enjoy our original cheese steaks at the Westland Summer Festival this July 1-5.

#### CHAMBER CHAT

The upcoming schedule includes Backyard Shakespearean Players on June 24, Arts & Scraps on July 1 and Rock Star Saver, presented by Co-Op Services Credit Union, on July 9.

And golfers, now's the time to sign up for the chamber's annual Tee Party golf outing on Tuesday, July 14, at Hickory Creek Golf Course.

The outing will have a 8:45 a.m. shotgun start. It costs is \$125 per golfer and includes 18 holes with cart, buffet breakfast, contests, prizes, beverages on the course, raffle prizes and awards banquet afterwards. Business sponsorships available.

To register call the chamber office at (734) 422-4448.

Also, mark your calendar for Dine & Dash, planned for Tuesday, Sept. 15. Sample restaurants in Garden City. It starts at 6 p.m. Seating is limited, so call the chamber to reserve yours.

> Amelia Oliverio executive director





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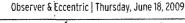
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FRANCES WIMSETT "Wimpy" FORESTER

Died in Southfield on Sunday, June 14, 2009. Age 88. Wife of the late "Tiny" George Wayne Forester, Jr. (1920-2001) for 55 years. Life-long resident of Birmingham, Michigan. Born Frances Marion Wimsett on April 20, 1921 at a house her parents were renting in Birmingham which is four houses north of her residence for the last 49 vears on Pierce Street. She was the only child of the late Nellie Elizabeth Smith (1894-1954) of Clarkston, Michigan and the late George Leo Wimsett (1894-1942) of New Haven, Kentucky. Frances was educated in Birmingham at Barnum Elementary School and graduated from Birmingham Baldwin High School in June of 1939. She was a member of the Baldwin school bands, playing the saxophone which two of her children later played. Frances began working at Michigan Bell Telephone Company as an operator in 1939, eventually becoming an assistant chief operator and then head clerk. At the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham on April 10, 1946 she married her beloved "Tiny" -George Wayne Forester, Jr., the last of six children of the late Mary Elizabeth Clift (1890-1957) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and the late George Wayne Forester, Sr. (1885-1951) of Detroit, Michigan. After her marriage, Frances continued to work part-time at Michigan Bell helping with monthly accounting and statistics. She was very proud to be asked to come back to work full-time during 1950 to help with what was called "the cutover" the change to dial telephone service in the Birmingham area. After that was completed, Frances left Michigan Bell to start preparing to raise what would be a large family. Three years later her children began arriving at an almost alarming rate. By the summer of 1953 Frances and George had built a small summer cottage on the water on Saginaw Bay near Caseville. Michigan. Their six children were born from 1953 to 1962 so two more bed-rooms were added to the cottage in the 1950's. The family spent many happy summers there, she and the children from June through Labor Day and George driving up almost every week-end and for vacations. Frances was active in Baldwin Elementary School, Barnum Junior High School, and Seaholm High School in a variety of roles. Her children were involved in many sports, drama, and music in school and outside of school and she made every effort to attend as many games, meets, and performances as she could to support them. Frances was a voracious reader and very knowledgeable about what happening locally and globally. She was a strong supporter of all the Detroit sports teams and loved to watch any team or individual sport -tennis, golf, the Olympics - on television. There can be no mistake that Frances raised her children with help from George. Her children and grandchildren, all Foresters, sorely miss her and honor her memory. Steve (Kathy Nunez) and daughter Mackenzie and son Jack of Dearborn, Greg (Lisa Boynton) and son George of (Rochelle Randolph Metamora, Rosenthal) and daughter Ivy of (Lauretta Birmingham, Thom Gambino) and sons Mike and Tom, Jr., of Royal Oak, Nancy of Portage, and John (Elaine Staley) of Oak Park. She is survived by two sisters-in-law, Helen Forester Seiden of Florida and Irmalee Forester Halsey of Michigan. Frances is mourned by her many nieces and nephews and their children and grandchildren. She was a person who never failed to keep in touch with her family and the people she knew. Frances is greatly missed by the many people whose lives she touched Service of remembrance was held Thursday, June 18th. Interment Greenwood Cemetery. Memorial tributes to The National Audubon Society, or Leader Dogs for the Blind, or The Lighthouse Preservation Society, view obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



KATHLEEN "Kathy" P. GOUDREAU

Age 69, of Northville, MI, passed away suddenly in the early morning hours of Saturday, June 13, 2009 at Providence Hospital as the result of a heart attack. Her loving family was with her when she went to be with the Lord. Kathy was raised in St. Ignace. MI by her parents, Bernard and Gertrude Crouch. She graduated in 1957 from La Salle High School. She started college at Northern Michigan University but left to marry her high school sweetheart Wilbur "Pudd' Goudreau and to raise her children. They moved to the Detroit area and she began her career in her 20's selling Rubbermaid and Tupperware. In 1981 Kathy and her husband opened Kaman Office Products in Pontiac, MI. She devoted endless hours to building a successful business and worked so hard until the very end. When Kathy wasn't working she enjoyed travelling with her family, especially taking trips to Disney World with her grandchildren. She enjoyed her collection of Beanie Babies, Santa Bears, and dolls. Shopping at TJ Maxx was a favorite pastime. Kathy gave a lifetime of generosity to her family, friends, employ-ees, and even strangers. She was a very strong and proud woman who was loved deeply by her family and friends. They will miss her more than words can express. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband of 51 years Wilbur; daughters Carol Goudreau Roxanne (Jeffrey) Fesko, and Angela (Ryan Terry) Goudreau; grandchildren Amanda, Christian, and Cassie; father Bernard Crouch; sister Bonita Meade brothers Terry (J.A.) Crouch, Daniel (Stephanie) Crouch, and Brian (Lisa) Crouch. Also surviving are many nephews, aunts, uncles, nieces, cousins, her beloved dog Coco and cat Rumor. Kathy was preceded in death by her son Robert Paul, her mother, her brother Bill and sister Penny. Friends and family may visit Wednesday, June 17, 2009 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held Thursday June 18, 2009, 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. She will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, or Michigan Humane Society

#### THERESA A. RINGHOLZ

## **Church collects** nonfood items for those in need

**BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

**Rickey Amstutz is Cross** Connections coordinator at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia. "It means I get people to do things in the community," she said.

The church, with partners including the city of Livonia, has begun a nonfood pantry for residents of Livonia.

"We try to supply the nonfood pantry to all the Livonia residents that need it." St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, Emmanuel Lutheran Church of that city, and the Livonia Rotary Club assist.

"They have helped at times," said Amstutz. A couple who help with inventory and notices of what's needed, Tammy and Joe Wojcik, members of Holy Cross, are key.

"They're the ones that kind of organize it, and make sure I have things to give out."

It's been about a year for the project, which helps those who can't use their government assistance for nonfood items, as only food is covered. "I real-

ized that a lot of people do a lot of things helping people with food assistance," Amstutz said.

She contacted the city of Livonia and bounced the idea off officials. Together, they came up with a method to get items to the items to people who need them.

Those in need go to Sharon Sabat at the city of Livonia for referrals. "They bring those referrals to me." The demand is great.

"Oh, my goodness, the need is growing." Amstutz said Holy Cross distributes six-10 boxes a week to Livonia residents only.

"We can't possibly do everybody. Any donations would definitely be appreciated."

Items needed include: toilet paper, dish soap, paper towels, floor cleaner, Kleenex, shampoo, bleach, toothpaste, laundry soap, bar soap, and dryer sheets. Any help (one time or ongoing) is appreciated. Organizers can receive donations 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Holy Cross is on Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt in Livonia. Nonfood items are generally

give out Mondays, Thursdays



You can help fill empty grocery bags with nonfood items being collected by Holy Cross Lutheran Church working with the city of Livonia.

and Fridays during business hours. For additional information, contact Rickey Amstutz at

Holy Cross at rickey@holycrosslivonia.org, (734) 427-1414 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Thursday, Friday).

## Local Felician Sister Jamroz tapped to serve on religious order's council

Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz, Madonna University's dean of Students and vice president for Student Services and Mission Integration, recently was elected to serve on the Felician Sisters new governing council.

Sister Jamroz represents the Livonia province on the council, which includes representatives from the eight provinces that make up the religious order's organizational structure in North America.

With its recent election of council members, a new vicar and minister, the religious order is taking steps to merge its eight separate provinces into one. The Felician sisters have more than 2,000 members on four continents, with about 900 in the United States and Canada.

"This new configuration will allow us to more effectively meet the needs of the times and to fulfill the mission of the Congregation which is to cooperate with Christ in the spiritual renewal of the world,," stated the provincial ministerelect Sister Mary Christopher Moore of Coraopolis, Pa.

The new council will be installed Nov. 21, on the 154th anniversary of the founding of the Congregation.

Felician Sisters can be found working with the underprivileged and within poor communities, as well as in schools, hospitals, parishes, and various other locations.

Sister Jamroz attended St. Raphael Elementary in Garden City and

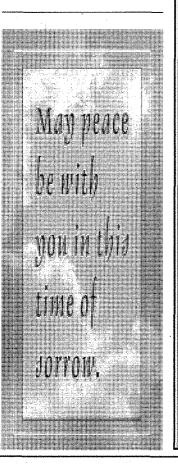
Ladywood High school in Livonia before entering the Felician Sisters in 1959. She received an undergraduate degree from Madonna (College) University; a master's in educational administration from Marygrove College and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Detroit Mercy.

She ministered in elementary and secondary schools in the Detroit and Jackson areas for 25 years. She has been with Madonna University since 1983.

The other Felician council members are from Connecticut, Illinois, Ontario, New York and New Jersey.

For more information about the religious order, visit www.feliciansisters.org.

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Beloved wife of Michael. Dear mother of Joseph (Christina), Terry, and Shaun (Angie). Daughter of Virginia and the late William Helfrich. Sister of Gail Hassel and Richard Strain. Grandmother of Michael, Shayler, Drake, Amelia, and Haley. Services at The Uht Funeral Home, Westland, Thursday, June 18, at 11:30am. Visitation at the funeral home Wednesday, 3-9pm. Cremation rights were accorded. Please view memorial and send tributes at: www.uhtfh.com

#### STANLEY TELMAN

Age 95, passed away June 14, 2009. Beloved husband of Sophie for 72 years; dear father of Don (Mickie), Ray (Rhonda), and the late Diane (John) Breintenbach; dearest grandfather of Mark, Teri, Ashley, and Kristen; and great grandfather of Tori and Donovan; also survived by sister Anita Conser. Funeral services will be 10:30 am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. The family appreciates memorial contributions to the Livonia Rotary Charitable Trust, PO Box 51964, Livonia, MI 48151. Please share a memory with the family at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



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#### **Deadlines:**

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#### **JUNE 18-24**

#### Family film

See "Kung Fu Panda" outdoors at 8 p.m., June 19 at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. (734) 525-3664 or www.betheloflivonia.com.

#### Bethany Suburban West

Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's), Garden City. Separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy M. (734) 513-9479.

#### JUNE 25-JULY 1 Bethany Suburban West

A Day at the Races 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27, at Pinnacle Race Track, 18000 Vining, between Sibley and West Rd., New Boston (Exit 13 off I-275). Buffet at 11 a.m. For details, call Robin (734) 676-4515.

#### Food pantry

Saturday, June 27, at Trinity Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, west of Beck, in Plymouth. Reserve a pick-up time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. from Monday-Thursday, June 22-25. Garage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday-Friday, June 25-26 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 27, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford. (313) 538-1142 Polish wedding party

The West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society, a nonprofit organization in historic St. Hedwig Catholic Church in Detroit, holds a 60s Polish Wedding Party 7-11 p.m. Saturday, June 27 at the St. **RELIGION CALENDAR** 

Aidan Catholic Church social hall, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia, from 7 until 11 p.m. Highlights of the evening include dancing to the music of a live polka band; a traditional, full-course Polish dinner (as it would have been served at a '60s wedding reception); a "bridal party" with musical accompaniment; traditional bread and salt blessing by the cook as the "bride and groom" enter the hall; wedding cake; Oczepiny (unveiling) and Grand March, and dancing to mainstream '60s music played by the band. All are welcome. Those married in the '60s are invited to bring a framed photograph of their wedding to be used as a table centerpiece and ladies are invited to bring a bridal veil to wear for one of the Oczepiny dances. '60s attire is encouraged but optional. Tickets \$25 per person, \$45 per couple (any two people) and include two drink tickets with each ticket. Tickets are by advance reservation only no later than Friday, June 19. Send check or money order payable to WSDPAHS to Laurie Gomulka Palazzolo, c/o 32101 Shiawassee Rd., Farmington, MI 48336. All reservations will be held at the door, no tickets will be mailed. For information, contact Laurie Gomulka Palazzolo at (313) 407-5534 or Ipalazzolo@detroitpolonia.org. Reservation form can be downloaded at www.detroitpolonia.org.

#### ONGOING

AWANA Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

#### Classes/study

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is designed to reduce stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any

time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www. orchardumc.org for updates. 🛚 Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472.

Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you. Scripture studies, from 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford, Call (313) 534-9000.

Learner's Bible study, 7 p.m., Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920. Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine – a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions – at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Classes include: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@energeticarts.org. Bible study, 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200. Bible talks, 4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class the second Monday of the month at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer,

snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. Call (248) 348-7600.

A study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy. A group at 10:30 a.m., Thursday examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. (313) 274-3820. Concerts

Rush Hour concert series continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert 5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit www.metroumc.org.

#### Fellowship dinner

The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, caters dinners at 6 p.m., Thursday, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

#### Hall rental

Volkmar Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

#### Prayer

Music, singing, prayer at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through entrance #2, at the back of the church. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

📁 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Participate in

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an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests. Call (248) 476-8860.

 Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service, For information, call (734) 261-1455.
 7-9 p.m. the first and third

Tuesdays of the month for prayer, spiritual healing and outreach at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Call (734) 427-3660. **Singles** 

■ Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics at 11:30 a.m., Sundays, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia. Walking club meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office. All fitness levels welcome.

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

Learn about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit by participating in its "Day of Service" prógram. Dine with guests at the soup kitchen, tour the Earth Works urban garden, and take a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is seventh grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@ thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

#### Support

A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia.

There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

Are you or someone you know struggling with depression, divorce, grief, addiction, relationship difficulties, or job loss? Real Life Church through its volunteers and partnerships with area ministries and professionals provides classes, seminars, care, support & recovery groups, counseling, and prayer to help you get through life challenges. Visit the Web site for details on current classes and groups offered as well-as location, days and times www.realifeplymouth.com. Clothing Bank has moved to a new location west of Canton Christian Fellowship. Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need is available 10 a.m.-noon the fourth Saturday of each month, at 41711 Joy Rd. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org for information.

Overeaters Anonymous meets

Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia, and 7 p.m. Sundays, in Classroom 1 at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia. (313) 387-9797. www.oa.org St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care is provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association. Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. for this weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard

■ Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For more information, call (248) 433-1011.

Addiction No More offers support. for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244. Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville offers Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group

discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www. celebraterecovery.com and www. wardchurch.org/celebrate. briff store

#### Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. Worship ■ Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901

Middlebelt, Farmington Hills: 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Sunday and 6 p.m., week days. (248) 851-5100. Anglican Church of Livonia: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia, 10 a.m., service at Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. www.hischurch.us. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia: 9:45 a.m., Sunday, contemporary multimedia service is informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments, and occasionally dramas; 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. traditional services; 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes. (734) 522-6830. Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland: 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Sunday worship, 9:45 a.m., Sunday school, 7 p.m., Wednesday prayer and Bible study. Youth fellowship 7 p.m., every other Friday. 📽 Due Season Christian Church holds services at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services at 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m., Tuesday Bible study. (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org. 🗯 Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five

Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia: 9:30 a.m., Sunday, 8:15 a.m., learning hour is at 8:15 a.m. for all ages. Visit www. livonfaith.org.

■ Garden City Presbyterian Church, Middlebelt one block south of Ford Road: 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music; 10 a.m., youth Sunday school and nursery care; 8:30 a.m. adult Sunday school; 6 p.m., informal gathering with scriptures and discussion every Sunday. Call (734) 421-7620.

 Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with communion each Sunday; Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. (734) 427-3660.
 Grace Lutheran Church, 46001
 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service, and 10:30 a.m., contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m. (734) 637-8160.

■ Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday, 9 a.m., Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday worship in the chapel. Call (734) 427-1414.

■ New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford: 10:30 a.m., Sundays. (313) 255-6330.

■ Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday worship. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs available at both services. (734) 453-5534.

■ Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour follows each service. (734) 722-1735. ■ Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia; Non-traditional service designed to touch all the senses, 6:30 p.m., every second and fourth Sunday of the month at the church. Step into the light with relevant messages and modern music in a casual atmosphere. (734) 464-0990.

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Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia: 9 a.m., last Sunday of the month features a contemporary service with church members presenting a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494. St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, traditional worship at 8:30 a.m., and 11 a.m., Sunday, contemporary service at 9:50 a.m. Sunday and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for additional information

■ St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia: contemporary service, 11:30 a.m., fourth Sunday of the month. (734) 422-6038.

■ St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia: 10 a.m., Sunday. (734) 422-1470.

 Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575
 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday, 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, 6 p.m., Sunday Bible studies and worship center for all ages includes dinner, child care. Call (734) 699-3361.
 Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads: 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sundays. (734) 421-1760.

■ Westwood Community Church, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland: 10-11:15 a.m., Sunday. Come as you are. Coffee and doughnuts, children's church every Sunday.

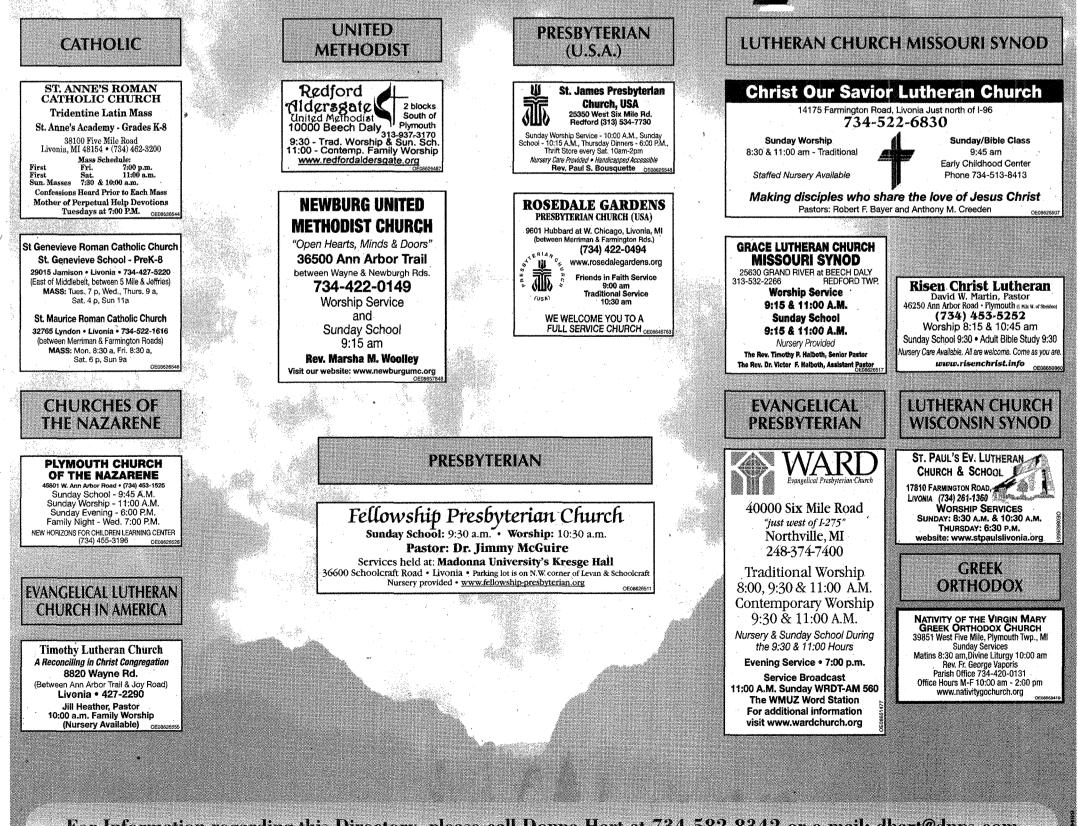


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#### **BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER**

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The Rev. Faith Fowler promises "out of this world" food, a "spectacular view" and a sky-high seat for anyone who attends Catch the Fireworks with Cass on Wednesday, June 24 in downtown Detroit.

Rev. Fowler heads Cass **Community Social Services**, (CCSS) the organization that will benefit from the \$250 per ticket fund-raiser set in the Coach Insignia restaurant at the top of the Renaissance Center.

"This is our fourth or fifth year (for the fund-raiser). There's nothing better. It doesn't feel like many other fund-raisers ---- it's pure fun."

The event will start at 6 p.m., with a gourmet strolling dinner, open bar and silent auction. Ticket-holders will get an in-your-face view of the pyrotechnics at approximately 10 p.m. Honorary chairman, Earvin "Magic" Johnson will be on hand to meet and mingle with other guests. Parking is included in the ticket price.

"For me it puts everything in perspective. From that height you can see for miles, from Detroit to the suburbs. You see how it all is one piece of the pie."

Rev. Fowler said ticket proceeds this year will benefit CCSS' operating budget because some of the grants the organization has depended on in the past have been "slashed."

"More and more people are needing help with emergency services, in particular as they are facing foreclosure."

CCSS runs eight sites throughout Detroit, offering food, permanent and transitional housing, clothing, medical aid, job training and placement, and youth mentoring and recreation, Tickets for Catch the Fireworks with Cass are available by calling (313) 883-2277 or by visiting casscommunity.org.

Representatives from one of CCSS' Green industries will be on hand June 19-20 at the Canton Liberty Fest, selling mud mats made from discarded tires. Check out their booth in the festival's "green" area.

The Parade Company's VIP Rooftop Party will benefit the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation and offers a view of the Target Fireworks from atop the Miller Parking Garage. Benefit tickets are \$175 and children's tickets (6 and under) are \$75. Entertainment, food, games and children's activities will keep participants busy until the fireworks start. Buy tickets at (313) 432-7831.

#### LIBERTY FEST

John LaFever is in "crunch mode" this week as the 18th annual Liberty Fest - three days of entertainment, food, games, carnival rides, with a car display, parade and fireworks - gets underway in ` Canton.

LaFever coordinates the festival, including the fireworks, and says every seat in Heritage Park offers a great view of the 40-minute display.

"Anywhere within the park you're within 300 yards away from where they're being shot," he said. "The amphitheater is usually packed because we have entertainment leading up to it and we've added a second stage.

"Some people sit in their cars, but the regulars will bring a lawn chair or blanket."

LaFever suggests that viewers wait for the grand finale and "not be faked out" by the great displays leading up to the end of the show. "Some people left early last year," he explained. He's a fan of the fireworks that "blow out like a flower," but says viewers will see a variety of dazzling colors and shapes.

get." Heritage Park is located on Heritage Park Drive, west of S. Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.

Look for a more fluid show this year with less time between each spectacular display. Other upcoming fireworks displays:

#### LIVONIA

Fireworks cap Spree 59, the city's annual birthday celebration from June 23 to June 28. The 30-minute show starts at 10:15 p.m., Sunday, June 28, at Ford Field, located between Stark and Farmington roads, between Lyndon and Schoolcraft. Shuttles will run from noon until after the fireworks, from Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, south of 5 Mile and east of Farmington Road.

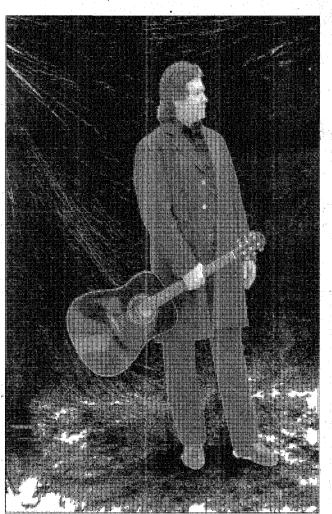
#### WESTLAND

The Westland Summer Festival runs July 1-5 on the grounds of Westland City Hall, located south of Ford Road, east of Newburgh. The fireworks show, one of the largest in the tri-county area, starts at approximately 10:15 p.m.



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#### **Gypsy swing**

Music lovers can enjoy an evening of hot acoustic jazz music with the Caravan Gypsy Swing Ensemble 8 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. All seats are \$15-general admission. Currently on tour promoting their self titled release "Caravan Gypsy Swing Ensemble" on Hot String Swing Records, this ensemble is an instrumental acoustic jazz group based out of Madison, Wisc. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater. Tickets can also be purchased at Summit on the Park by phone at (734) 394-5460 or in person.



## Starring in the Park

Terry Lee Goffee, the "Ultimate Johnny Cash Tribute Artist," drew a crowd of 1,500 Cash fans to Heritage Park in Farmington Hills last year. He'll sing again on June 23, during a special Tuesday presentation of the Thursday summer series, Stars in the Park.

## Concert will give back to community

Bring some cans of food to the Chicago and Earth, Wind &

Fire concert at DTE Energy Music Theatre on Wednesday, June 24, and you'll have access to even more of their music.

In exchange for a donation of at least three non-perishable food items, fans will be given a download card to access three songs recorded earlier this year.

Concertgoers will also be helping the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

In conjunction with Palace Sports & Entertainment, the two groups have also partnered with Oldies 104.3 WOMC and WXYZ - Channel 7 to support the 15th Annual Woodward

Dream Cruise. A portion of the ticket proceeds will benefit the Woodward Dream Cruise charities.

On the night of the concert, classic cars will be on display in the DTE Energy Music Theatre parking lot. DTE Energy Music Theater is located at 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston.



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#### GET OUT

#### ART

**Northville Art House:** The Painted Stage Theatre Portrayed Through the Artist's Brush, (A Tipping Point collaboration) through June 20. Classes for adults and children, 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org. **Orchard Lake Fine Art Show:** July 24-26, includes artist awards,

demonstrations, entertainment, kids activities and a youth art competition, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, Orchard Lake, (248) 684-2613, www.HotWorks.com. Plymouth Art in the Park: July 10-12, Kellogg Park.

#### AUDITIONS

Village Theater at Cherry Hill: Still Got It theater group, (for actors, age 50-plus) auditioning for "Anybody for Tea?" and "Funeral Tea" auditions, 4:30-7:30 p.m., June 23, at the theater, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. Performances will be in August. Call Debbie Lannen -at (248) 739-0987 or visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

#### BENEFITS

AIDS Partnership Michigan: Solstice, live jazz, wine, strolling dinner, dancing, silent auction, casual chic attire, 7 p.m. June 20, \$95, 34500 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, www.aidspartnership.org. The Parade Co: The Parade Company's Official VIP Rooftop Party, 6-11 p.m. June 24. Entertainment, food, games, activities for all ages, viewing of fireworks. Benefits the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation. Miller Parking Garage, 400 Renaissance Center Drive, Detroit. \$175, children six and under \$75. Tickets: '(313)432-7831, www.theparade.org.

#### **CLASSICAL/CHAMBER MUSIC**

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: Final Concert, 8 p.m. June 20, Seligman Center at Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.

#### CLUBS

**Soundboard:** Sinbad, July 25; Melissa Etheridge, June 26; Gary Allan, Aug. 21; An Evening With Natalie Cole, Oct. 3, MotorCity Casino Hotel, Detroit, www.ticketmaster.com, www.motorcitycasino.com.

#### COMEDY

JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com. Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Show Up, and Go Up, 9 p.m. third Thursdays, open call, free, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532, www. jazzcafedetroit.com.

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia: Joey's Summer Variety Extravaganza, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30. 7:30 p.m. seating and live music. Live orchestra, stand up comedy, improv, mime, break dancing, tap dancing, belly dancing, \$5, 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays; 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

#### CONCERTS

Callahan's: Summertime blues concerts, 8 p.m. Ronnie Baker Brooks, June 18; Cedric Burnside & Lightnin' Malc& Olm, June 19; Roomful of Blues, July 12; Tinsley Ellis, July 24. 2105 South Boulevard, south of the Palace, Auburn Hills. www.atcallahans. com, 248-858-9508.

Clutch Cargo: Framing Hanley and Red, July 2, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac.

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(248) 645-6666. **Comerica Park:** Kid Rock, July 18; Vans Warped Tour, July 31; 1-800-745-3000, Ticketmaster.com, www.warpedtour.com. **Detroit Institute of Arts:** Friday Night Live concerts, 7 & 8:30 p.m., 5200 Woodward Ave. (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org. **DTE Energy Music Theatre:** The Music of Led Zeppelin: A Rock Symphony, June 20; The Legends of Motown, June 21; Earth, Wind & Fire and Chicago, June 24; New Kids on the Block, June 25; The Fray with Jack's Mannequin, June 27; Rock The Bells 2009 Festival, June 28; Heart, June 30; Bad Company/Doobie Brothers, July 1; Blue Oyster Cult/Over the Rainbow, July 8; REO Speedwagon/Styx with .38 Special, July 9; Brad Paisley w/Dierks Bentley, July 10; Judas Priest w/Whitesnake, July 15. 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston (248) 377-0100

Fillmore: Rise Against, June 24, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

Fox Theatre: Aretha Franklin, July 11, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.ww

Magic Bag: The Motorflys, June 19; The Lemonheads, June 21; Taylor Hicks, June 22; The Cliks, June 23; The Church, June 25; Leon Russell, June 26; Dr. John, June 27; Live The Who, July 10; The Original Wailers, Aug. 7; The Why Store, Aug. 14; 40oz. To Freedom, Aug. 16; AJA, Aug. 21, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

Heritage Park, Farmington: "Stars in the Park" Thursday nights. Farmington Community Band, June 18; Terry Lee Goffee/"Johnny Cash," Tuesday, June 23; "Night Moves," June 25. 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Rain-out site, Costick Center, www.fhgov.com, 248-473-1857.

Meadow Brook Music Festival: "Regeneration Tour" with ABC, Wang Chung, Heaven 17 and Cutting Crew, June 27; Counting Crows w/ Augustana, July 8; 1964 The Tribute, July 9; Comedian David Alan Grier, July 11; ABBA The Tour, July 16. 3554 Walton Blvd Rochester Hills. Ticketmaster.com. (248) 377-0100

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Magic Stick: The Homosexuals, June 18; Propagandhi, June 19; The Detroit Cobras, June 20; The Germs, June 25; Thunderheist!, June 26; Jay Reatard, June 27; Greg Cartwright; June 28; The Present, June 29; Black Moth Super Rainbow, June 30, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.majesticdetroit.com.

Majestic Theatre: The Gories/The Oblivians, June 27; Leftover Crack/Casualties, July 1, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www. majesticdetroit.com.

Northville Friday Night Concerts: Shawn Riley Band, June 19; Gia Warner, June 26; Randy Brock Band, July 3; Mass Transit Band, July 10; The Kris K Band, July 17; Soul Academy, July 24; Fifty Amp Fuse, July 31, 7-9 p.m., Town Square, (248) 349-7640, www.northville.org.

**Royal Oak Music Theatre:** Robin Trower, June 20; Sonic Youth, June 29; Reel Big Fish & The English Beat, July 3; Asher Roth and Kid Cudi live, July 18; Wilco, July 21; Fleet Foxes, Aug. 5; The Decemberists, Aug. 11, 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak. (800) 919-6272, www.royaloakmusictheatre.com.

St. Andrew's Hall: Robin Trower, June 20, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

## Canton's Liberty Fest offers fun for whole family, fireworks too

Enjoy a full lineup of rides, games and special attractions as Liberty Fest returns to Heritage Park in Canton June 19 - 20.

This year's festival kicks off from 1 p.m. to dusk on Thursday, June 18, with a special sneak preview of Family Zone activities, with over a dozen rides and games. A free concert by Trilogy is set for Thursday evening at the Heritage Park Amphitheater. On Friday and Saturday, the

Family Zone will feature over 30 rides, midway games, inflatables and attractions. Video game enthusiasts can play popular games for free at the new IGX Interactive Video Gaming Area and participate in a Guitar Hero Tournament. A day-long wristband is \$20 or \$1 per ticket for the rides and attractions.

All ages will enjoy the entertainment, which starts Friday with a 4:15 p.m. performance by Juice. That's followed by LIANG Acrobatic & Comedy Show; Live Band Karaoke; Air Margaritaville; and Movie Under the Stars, featuring "Madagascar 2." Guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets.

Saturday's highlights include: the Annual Liberty Fest Parade down Ford Road; the Iron Chef Competiton; Senior Activity with a "Yankee Doodle Dandy" theme; K9 presentations by Canton's Public Safety and "Rock'n Roll K9;" and the International Festival.

Back by popular demand, America's Most Wanted Car Show will be located around the pond throughout the day on Saturday.

Mick Archer's Dueling Piano Show Saturday evening will be followed with a spectacular fireworks show at dusk.

There's lots more, too. For more information, visit www. cantonfun.org.

Now in its 18th year, Liberty Fest 2009 is hosted by Canton Leisure Services. Heritage Park is adjacent to Canton's Administration Building, west of Canton Center Road.





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#### FOOD AND WINE

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## Celebrate Dad with dinner and a toast

Carrabba's Italian Grill suggests two ways to make Dad happy on Father's Day.

First, whip up a tasty steak or chicken dinner from an authentic family recipe by Carrabba's founders, Johnny Carrabba and Damian Mandola.

Next, raise a glass and honor Dad with a toast. And don't forget to enter Carrabba's Toast to Dad contest online. He'll thank you if the entry wins the grand prize four-day trip to Napa Valley for two. It includes a tour of the Rubicon Estate and Francis Ford Coppola Winery, a case of Coppola wine and dinner with a Coppola winemaker for the prize recipient and their dad.

Ten runners-up will get dinner for four and Coppola wine at Carrabba's. All contestants will receive a certificate for a free appetizer valid on a future Carrabba's visit.

The restaurant has eight locations in Michigan, including Canton and Novi.

Enter the contest through June 30 at www.carrabbas.com.

CHICKEN BRYAN

(Yields 1 serving) Ingredients: 1 chicken breast, boneless, skinless 2 teaspoons salt 3 teaspoons pepper 4 tablespoons olive oil 2 Ounces goat cheese 2 Ounces Lemon Butter Sauce 10-12 pieces sundried tomatoes 2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped



Chicken Bryan

Instructions:

Season chicken on both sides with salt and pepper. Dab with olive oil.

Grill chicken until cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees, and then place goat cheese on each side of the breast and continue to cook until warm.

To a sauté pan add the lemon butter sauce, sundried tomatoes, and the basil. Place over medium flame until hot. Do not overheat or sauce will break.

When done, place chicken on a hot plate with grill spatula and spoon sauce over. Accompany chicken with choice of side.

#### LEMON BUTTER SAUCE

Ingredients: 4 tablespoons butter 2 teaspoons onion, chopped 2 teaspoons fresh garlic chopped 3 tablespoons white wine 4 tablespoons fresh lemon juice Pinch White pepper to taste

#### Instructions:

In a sauté pan place 1 tablespoon butter, and sauté onions and garlic until softened. Add white wine and lemon juice; simmer approximately 10 minutes on medium-low heat to reduce. A little at a time, add remaining 3 tablespoons butter until butter melts and mixture emulsifies.

#### MARSALA DI CARRABBA

4 ounce sirloin steak 4 ounce chicken breast (pounded thin) ½ cup sliced button mushrooms 2 teaspoons yellow onion (fine chopped) ½ cup dry marsala wine 12-15 pieces of prosciutto ham (thinly sliced, cut into ‡ inch strips) ½ stick unsalted butter Flour Salt Black pepper Italian parsley (finely chopped)

#### Instructions:

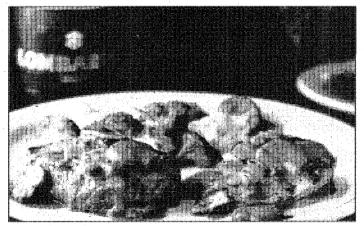
Season the sirloin and grill to desired temperature. While the steak cooks, prepare the rest of the dish.

Lightly season chicken with salt and black pepper. Heat oil or clarified butter over medium high heat in a sauté pan. When the oil is hot, lightly dredge the chicken in flour and add to sauté pan. Cook chicken for 2-3 minutes until browned and then flip over.

Cook chicken for 2-3 minutes until browned and then flip over. Cook about 1 minute more, add the mushrooms and cook for another minute. When chicken is almost finished, add the Marsala wine, prosciutto, onion, a pinch of salt and black pepper, and allow the wine to reduce by 85 percent. When most of the wine has been evaporated, remove from heat and toss the chicken and mushrooms well. The wine should be almost all evaporated and reduced to a thick syrup.

Allow the pan to cool for a minute. Cut the butter into small cubes (about 6). Return the pan to low heat and, using a wire whip, fold the butter into the reduced wine one cube at a time. Stir constantly as you add the butter. Do not allow the sauce to get too hot or it will separate. After all the butter is folded in, add chopped parsley and toss.

Place the cooked sirloin on a plate. Place the sautéed chicken on the plate and spoon the remaining sauce over the chicken and sirloin. Serve with your favorite side of pasta or vegetable.



Marsala di Canabba

#### **CITY BITES**

#### **Donating Produce**

NORTHVILLE — Seed producers, green house growers, and garden retailers all report booming sales as more families plan vegetable gardens this year to save on food costs. In Northville, volunteers at the food pantry Civic Concern hope most of those gardeners will plant a row of produce to donate to Wayne County residents in need.

"We're thrilled by a partnership with the Master Gardener Association of Wayne County and the Northville Farmers Market which will allow us to distribute fresh produce to our clients," stated Marlene Kunz, Director of Civic Concern.

"Every Thursday at the Northville Farmers Market home gardeners can drop off produce at the Master Gardeners' booth until the Market closes at 3 p.m," said Sher Watkins, market master., "And if the rabbits get to the romaine before gardeners do, they can consider purchasing produce from one of the market's vendors and walking it over to the Master Gardeners in booth #57 for the benefit of Civic Concern."

Produce collection at the Master Gardener booth continues every Thursday through Sept. 24. Community gardeners also may donate produce directly to Civic Concern, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday or Friday, at its location in Highland Lakes Shopping Center, 42951 Seven Mile.

#### **Tagalong Blizzards**

**WAYNE COUNTY** — No, you can't earn a Girl Scout patch for ordering Dairy Queen's newest Blizzard. But you'll satisfy off-season cravings for Girl Scout cookies as you spoon your way through the vanilla soft serve ice cream layered with crispy Tagalongs, the peanut butter patties sold by troops every February and March.

The Tagalong Blizzard will be Dairy Queen's flavor of the month for July, just in time for Girl Scouts Appreciation week beginning July 20. The DQ will celebrate with events at its locations nationwide.

This is the second year that Dairy Queen has partnered with the Girl Scouts. Last year's team-up resulted in the Thin Mint Blizzard, which will be August's Blizzard flavor of the month this year.

The average price of the Girl Scouts Tagalongs Peanut Butter Patties Blizzard and the Thin Mint Cookie Blizzard is \$3.09 for the 12 ounce, \$3.49 for the 16 ounce and \$3.99 for the 21 ounce.

#### Free Pizza

WESTLAND — There's just one week left to win a free Toarmina's Pizza in celebration of the restaurant chain's 22nd anniversary. The restaurant opened in Westland in 1987 and now has locations in Canton, Livonia, Novi, Plymouth, South Lyon and many other communities.

"We are showing our gratitude by offering 22,000 dollars in free pizzas to our loyal customers," stated founder Lou Toarmina. "We hope that by celebrating our 22nd anniversary with a bang we can attract new customers and at the same time reward the customers who have been coming to us for years."

Toarmina's Pizza is calling customers to let them know they've won a free 12-inch pie.

Find the nearest location of a Toarmina's Pizza by calling (888) 24DELIVer or by visiting toarminas.com.

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