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## AROUND TOWN

### Weststock's back

Toarmina's Pizza wanted to celebrate its anniversary in style this year by having 22 local bands perform at the William P. Faust Public Library's outdoor pavilion. With the troubled economic times, the pizza chain decided to throw a big free concert in the company's hometown of Westland.

Dubbed "Weststock," the celebration was scheduled for June 30. However, Mother Nature had different plans. The biggest storm of the summer disrupted the event after just a couple of successful hours. In fact, it hit during The Mailboxes' rendition of The Beatles *Here Comes The Sun*. You can catch that performance at YouTube: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=z56zfkxxjc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z56zfkxxjc).

But Weststock is back. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, relax and enjoy the music 1-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 29.

More than 20 bands will be playing short sets all day long. There will be pizza, T-shirts, and drinks for sale at Weststock.

You can also find a schedule of bands playing on the Internet at [www.Myspace.com/weststock09](http://www.Myspace.com/weststock09).

### In concert

Speaking of the library's outdoor pavilion, if your musical leanings are blue grass then stop by on Sunday, July 26, for the last installment of the Westland Cultural Society's Summer Concert Series.

The featured act will be Bandura Bridge with Mitch and Jesse Mann. The concert starts at 6 p.m. and are free. Bring your own chairs or blankets. In the event of rain, concerts will be rescheduled whenever possible.

For more information, call (734) 722-7620 or (734) 522-3918.

### Rally time

You won't earn a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records, but you'll come away with a belly full of good food when you eat at the 14 restaurants featured in the Westland Chamber of Commerce's Restaurant Rally Tuesday, July 28.

Tickets are available for the sixth annual food fest that runs 6-10 p.m. They're priced at \$25 each and are available by calling the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

This year's rally will feature Applebee's Restaurant, Ashley's Beer & Grill, Beaver Creek, Biggy Coffee, Buffalo Wild Wings, Lakeshore Grill at Macy's, LongHorn Steakhouse, Malarkey's Irish Pub, Marvasso's Italian Grille, Olga's Kitchen, Qdoba Mexican Grill and Texas Roadhouse. Newcomers include McDonald's at 34900 Warren Road and Vizzy's Pizza Palace.

Participants receive T-shirts that they wear for the rally. They can drive or ride trolleys to the restaurants which will provide samples of their menu items. Major sponsors of the rally are Antoinette Martin of Ameriprise Financial and Dan Martin of NovoPrint USA Inc.

## City heads group seeking home rehab money

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There is strength in numbers, according to the old axiom. By joining forces, Westland and five other neighboring communities are hoping to get federal money to rehabilitate more than 300 foreclosed or abandoned homes.

Westland is the lead applicant for the consortium that also includes Garden City, Wayne, Dearborn Heights, Inkster and River Rouge and has applied for \$13.25 million of the \$2 billion Neighborhood Stabilization Program II.

The first phase NSP funding went to entitlement communities based on income levels. Communities like

Garden City didn't qualify for that funding.

The second phase, however, is a competitive program. To qualify for the funding, a community had to show at least 75 housing units had been stabilized in the previous 24 months. That means rehabilitation of homes and resale to income eligible buyers.

"I saw that Westland would not be eligible on that," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis. "It's a great thing. If you didn't meet the eligibility criteria, you're allowed to form a consortium." Initially, Inglis said she had talked to Inkster about a partnership.

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### Water wonderland

The outdoor pool at the Bailey Recreation Center is the place to be for Stephanny Felix. The pool features a water slide and climbing wall. The pool offers open swimming noon to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. daily now through Sept. 7. Therapeutic Program swim hours are 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays. Residents adults pay \$5 per session, children \$4. Nonresident fees are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information, call the Westland Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 722-7620.

## Tip led to arrest of break-in suspects

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Schultz



Thompson

Fancy chrome wheels and a tip helped Westland police arrest two men for stealing a local woman's purse while she slept and going shopping with her credit card.

Raymond Schultz, 20, of Livonia and Westland resident Lawrence Thompson, 31, are each charged with first-degree home invasion. Schultz faces an additional charge of using the stolen credit card. Not guilty pleas were entered for both men at their arraignment.

The woman reported her purse stolen June 16 from the kitchen

table of her home on Bertram — a family member had left a door unlocked. Police were able to track the movements of the suspects based on the woman's credit being used at Meijer and White Castle in Livonia along with a Sunoco gas station on Warren at Merriman, all of which had security cameras.

Police released the security photos, which included both men and a burgundy Jeep with custom chrome wheels.

"We received a tip. His (Schultz) friends said people were telling him his vehicle was in the newspaper," Westland police Sgt. Steve Borisch said. "He had changed the rims — it looks like

he painted them black. The Jeep was registered to his mother, but he said it was his vehicle."

The vehicle was seized for forfeiture based on police finding marijuana residue inside and Schultz's account of using the vehicle to drive to Detroit to purchase the drug, Borisch said.

Schultz, who was on youthful offender status for controlled substance delivery, waived his preliminary examination in 18th District Court and was bound over for trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. He was being held on \$250,000 cash bond.

Thompson, located based on information provided by Schultz, is being held on \$1 million cash

bond and a second \$1 million bond on unrelated charges. He was also being held as a parole violator.

Having a history of home invasion convictions dating back to 1998, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Thompson is facing multiple additional charges of first- and second-degree home invasions and breaking and entering a building. He was released from prison March 31 and scheduled to be on parole until 2011.

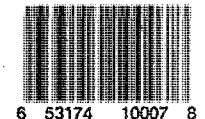
A preliminary examination for Thompson is scheduled for today (Thursday) in 18th District Court.

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## CANDIDATE PROFILES

The following are profiles of two more of the nine candidates for city council in the Tuesday, Aug. 4,



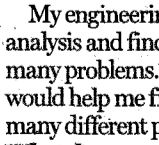
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primary election. Voters will decide which eight will advance to the November general election, when four terms — three four-year and one two-year — will be filled. Vying for a spot are Christine Cicirelli Bryant, Hal Dunn, Sam Durante, Janet Frederick-Wilson, Adam Hammons, Meriem Kadi, Kenneth Mehl, Dewey Reeves and Mark Rodriguez.

## Dunn: Wants to serve the citizens

Why are you seeking a position on the Westland city council?

I wish to serve the Westland citizens which should be the goal of city government. Since it appears that bad economic times are approaching, it definitely is not the time to raise taxes or even consider it! What qualities or skills do you believe you could bring to the council if elected?



Dunn

My engineering background involved analysis and finding the best solution to many problems. I believe this experience would help me finding the best solution to many different problems.

What do you see as the issues facing the city at this time?

The loss of housing values and the

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## HAROLD DUNN

Age: 77  
Family: Married 18 years to Sharon; seven children and 18 grandchildren  
Employment: Retired automotive engineer  
Education: bachelor of science in electrical engineering from Lawrence Tech; masters of science in automotive engineering from the Chrysler Institute  
Community Involvement: Active in the Constitution Party, formerly the U.S. Taxpayers Party; member of the We The People; member of Ron Paul's Campaign for Liberty Organization.

## Kadi: Experience will benefit city

Why are you seeking a position on Westland City Council?

I felt that the timing was right for me. Being on the Planning Commission for the past six years helped me feel that it was the next step. I also want to help the city I live in improve and make it a place where people are proud to live. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the council, if elected?

Well, being active in my community for years as a Realtor, a Planning Commissioner, Friends of the Library and various other committees, I feel has given me the experience that I think will be key.

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## MERIE M KADI

Age: 50  
Family: Single  
Employment: Realtor and appraiser  
Education: 1977 graduate of Fitch High School, received Real Estate license in 1990  
Community Involvement: President of the Friends of the Westland Library, member of the Westland Planning Commission, Westland Mission Green Committee, Mayor's Youth and Task Force committees, Westland Community Foundation, Westland Chamber of Commerce, volunteer for the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, 2009 Westland First Citizen.

# Write-in candidates must file for election

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Anyone who wants to run for Westland council or mayor on the Aug. 4 primary ballot has until 4 p.m. Friday to file an affidavit to be an official write-in candidate. State law requires the affidavit be filed — without that official status write-in votes would not be valid. During public comments at Monday's council meeting, resident Jim David made comments about regarding elections in general. "You should count absentee ballots and write-in votes should be counted. This is a democracy. You can't pick and choose, every vote counts," said Davis. "You should be allowed to vote for none of the

above. That's an idea that's been bouncing around in my head. I love it a lot." Clerk Eileen DeHart responded that if someone named "none of the above" filed an affidavit, then she would count any write-in votes received. "State law requires the affidavit for write-ins. People were writing in Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck," said DeHart. "There was no law against it. We had to count them and would have a list of 50 names." Short of any last minute write-in candidate, incumbent Mayor William Wild will be unchallenged. Nine candidates — Christine Cicirelli Bryant, Harold Dunn, Sam Durante, Janet Frederick-Wilson, Adam Hammons, Meriem Kadi,

Kenneth Mehl, Mark Rodriguez and the sole incumbent, Dewey Reeves — are on the primary ballot and all but one will move on to the Nov. 3 general election. The city has already sent out 3,400 absentee ballots for the primary election — there are 6,100 voters on the permanent absentee ballot list. Westland has just over 60,000 registered voters. "Our last city primary we had 12.5 to 13 percent turnout. I would expect about the same this time. I always hope for more. It's a big decision," said DeHart. In November, voters will fill four council seats from among candidates. The top three vote-getters will receive four-year terms while the fourth-place candidate will earn a two-year term. The council then elects a council president.

# 7 council candidates share views at forum

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lynn Hagman used a sheet containing three questions to jot down notes about seven of nine candidates who are vying for four seats on the Westland City Council this election season. "It's helped, it's clarified a few things," said the Westland resident. "Some of them started out saying one thing and ended up saying something else and I ended up changing my mind." A new group, the Westland Monitors, hosted the Meet the Candidates program, held last Wednesday evening at Joy Baptist Church. "We're not a big group," said Monitors' Judy McKinney who served as moderator for the program. "We glad to see the turnout. We put out fliers to generate interest. We plan to do this for the general election." With less than a month until the Aug. 4 primary election, the event was billed as an opportunity for Westland residents to ask questions, get to know the candidates and how they think. The event attracted seven of nine candidates — incumbent Councilman Dewey Reeves, Christine Cicirelli-Bryant, Harold Dunn, Sam Durante, Mark Rodriguez, Janet Frederick-Wilson and Meriem Kadi — who answered questions prepared by the Monitors and submitted by the audience. When questioned about cost cutting initiatives that would benefit the taxpayer, Kadi told the audience she didn't have an answer, but stressed that the council must work as a team with the mayor on problems. "The council has to listen to residents about what's important to them," she said. A cost-cutting measure

Reeves pointed to was the recent implementation of curbside recycling, which will help reduce what the city pays to send trash to a landfill. He noted that the city will have to address health care "across the board" for all city employees. "We going to have to make them contribute more," he said. "If we can increase those contributions, we can save millions of dollars." Dunn told the audience that he "would have to look at the budget, study it and come up with ideas." He also said he would not have outsourced the city's rental inspections with two inspectors on layoff who could have "served the city better." "I'll take the lead from you," he said. "You give me the question and I'll find the answer." Frederick-Wilson said she would start by doing the things she does in her office like recycling paper and cans. "My grandfather always told me, if you mind your pennies, your dollars will follow," she said. "It's a grand philosophy, something Westland needs." Rodriguez agreed with Kadi, saying that without having his hands on the budget, he wasn't sure where to begin cutting. However, he did tell the audience that city officials need to think of ways to use buildings more efficiently and renegotiate contracts to reduce costs. He added that the city could look at having its Youth Assistance Program run by volunteers. "We need to look at all aspects of the budget," he said. Dunn voiced support for Reeves' comments about employee health care, saying that the city needs to implement some preventative medicine. "When you're young, you can get what you need out of Big

Mac and a Coke, when you're 50 you have a an older chemistry and need help," he said. Cicirelli-Bryant said she would look at combining departments and making purchases with other cities, "anything to save the city money." She also spoke up in defense of the Youth Assistance Program. "We have a number of youth out there we don't want to end up in jail," she said. "By spending a small amount now is better than if they were in jail," she said. The group also talked about what should happen to Westland City Hall, with some favoring renovating it or building a new one. Frederick-Wilson, however, stressed that now is not the time, telling the audience that "we should be frugal, wait out the bad economy and save taxpayer money." A statement by Rodriguez that the city plans to build a new city hall on land west of Central City Park, land he had hoped could be used for a new recreational complex, was countered by Durante who said the sites the city is looking at don't involve Ford Road. "It's going to be in a TIEA (Tax Increment Finance Authority) District," he said. "I'm privy to this because of a couple of boards I serve on." The forum lasted two hours, and when it was done Hagman admitted she had her work cut out for her. "A lot of them have made some good points," she said. "It's going to be hard to narrow the field." Of the nine candidates, only eight will advance to the November general election, when four will be selected. The top three finishers will get four-year terms, the fourth a two-year term.

## KADI

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What do you see as the issues facing the city at this time?  
The success of the recycle program which is moving along, the Central City Park re-opening, and the vacant homes/foreclosures that many communities are

dealing with, but I have faith that our community can rise above in time and team work.  
How would you address those issues?  
I think it's very important to work as a team with the mayor and the administration and also listening to what the residents concerns are and figure out what the best solution is for that particular issue at that moment. The solution is not going to happen

overnight, but I believe that it can be accomplished.  
What do you want voters to know about you?  
That I have been an Westland resident since 1978, that I am reliable and that I care about the welfare of my family, friends and my community. I am not here to impress you, but to make an impression that I am a neighbor and a friend.

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budget problems of state government may seriously cut the city's income.  
How would you address those issues?  
Review all unessential city services and establish the city's cost and the number of citizens using the service. If not reasonable, cut the service or obtain a citizen vote, if possible, to continue the service.  
What do you want voters to know about you?  
That I have no financial problems and wish only to serve the citizens.

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Westland Mayor William Wild then suggested she contact other communities.  
The consortium would partner with developer Home Renewal Systems, which would handle much of acquisition along with rehabilitation and resale of the homes if funding is received.  
"By forming the consortium,

we could count the rehabilitation activities of the communities and Home Renewal Systems, so we easily met the threshold," said Inglis. "We'll work side-by-side with the developer to ensure eligibility, that there is homeowner counseling and reviewing their costs."  
The rehabilitation program also has to meet federal requirements for lead-based paint abatement and energy efficiency.  
The funding application was

submitted last week but whether the consortium will receive funding and when is unknown.  
"I have no idea, if we will get funding. The funding agreements that the communities would have to sign need to be signed by Dec. 1, if we get funding," said Inglis. "So, maybe that means we'd hear about funding in mid-October. There is \$2 billion in funding. New York City could probably justify that amount alone."  
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## New soccer complex eyed for old school site

BY KAREN SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Acting on its "last best chance" to use state grant money to develop part of the old Cooper school site in Westland into something positive, the Livonia school board has directed Superintendent Randy Liepa to continue negotiations with a company that wants to lease the property for a \$2.8 million soccer complex.

Under the terms of a cooperative agreement, Oakland County-based Breeze Management would lease about half of the 40-acre site for 30 years, paying the school district about \$2 million over that time period. The complex would include four outdoor soccer fields, a couple of training fields and a dome for indoor soccer.

The school district would use the remaining \$800,000 from a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality grant and about \$1 million from the district's sinking fund to improve the property, a former

landfill. Those improvements would include grading the property, capping the landfill, planting grass, building a retention pond for drainage, installing an irrigation system and adding a parking lot and lights, Liepa said.

The company would provide the dome, maintain the property and operate the facility. The school district would be able to use the facilities at no charge.

Trustee Patrice Mang said she is concerned about using sinking fund money for the project and then asking voters to renew the sinking fund in the near future.

"It's a huge investment up front," she said.

Other board members had questions about the agreement they want Liepa to investigate, but agreed he should move forward with negotiations.

Liepa said the clock is running out on the MDEQ grant. Calling it the district's "last best chance" to do something over there," he said the district will lose the grant money, if

it doesn't have a solid plan by Sept. 30 when the grant expires.

The school, built in the 1960s on a landfill, was closed in 1991 and the property fenced off because of contamination. The district has since torn down the building, using an initial portion of the MDEQ grant. A fence sits around the approximate 40-acre site located across from the new Cooper Upper Elementary School at 28550 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Over the years, three different developers have come up with three different plans for the site, Liepa said. Those plans have included a senior center and a larger soccer complex than the one currently proposed. Those plans fell through, primarily because of problems obtaining financing as the economy declined, Liepa said.

He said the district has been working since about 1997 to find a "positive reuse" for the site.

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Lauren McLean (left) and her mother, Mary McLean, dodged sightseers along Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles to introduce to their hometown newspaper, the Garden City Observer, to Matt Damon's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, during a trip to sunny California. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

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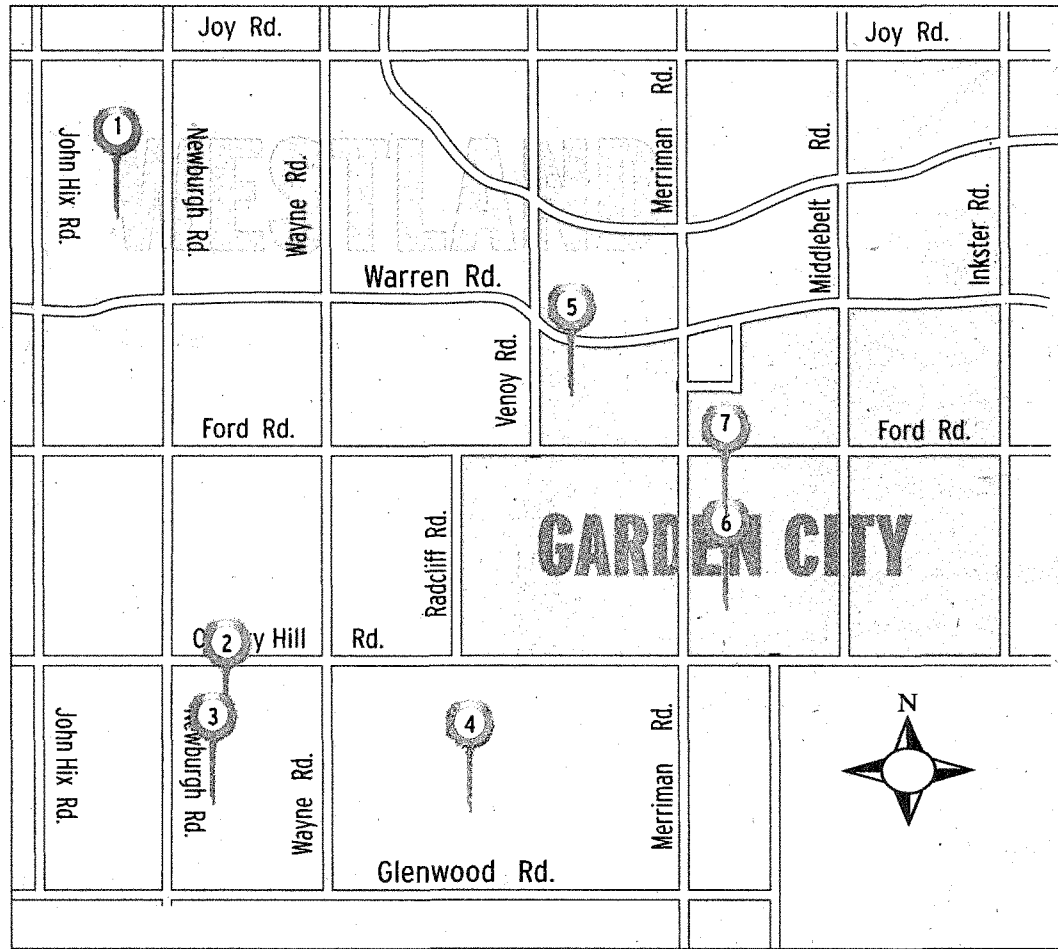
## Tenants discover tires, rims taken from cars

**Larceny from a vehicle**  
 Two residents of the Scotsdale Apartments reported all four tires and wheels stolen from their vehicles July 19. One resident in the 8100 block of North Newburgh reported tires and wheels valued at \$1,000 stolen from her 2006 Ford Fusion.  
 A second resident in the 37000 block of Dale reported tires and wheels valued at \$1,000 from his 2008 Ford Edge. In both cases, police said the vehicles were left sitting on cement blocks.

**Break-in**  
 On July 11, a resident in the 900 block of South Dowling reported that someone had broken into her home and stolen her daughter's purse. The woman said her husband saw the purse on a kitchen counter when he left for work at 3 a.m. When the daughter left for work at 7 a.m., the woman said she was unable to find her purse but needed to get to work.  
 The break-in wasn't discovered until 9 a.m. when family members found that a screen had been cut and an unlocked window slid open. Foot prints were found on chairs in the

**COP CALLS**  
 kitchen.  
**Larceny**  
 The owner of Howard Ternes Packaging, 700 Manufacturers Dr., told police he was checking on his business about 8:30 p.m. July 18 when he saw man loading scrap metal on a trailer in the parking lot. As the man drove away, the business owner said he asked the driver for identification. The driver acted as if he were reaching for identification, the man said, then sped away.

The gate to the lot is supposed to be secured with a lock and chain, the owner said, but it was found unlocked.  
 The vehicle was registered to a River Rouge man. The stolen steel scrap metal was valued at \$200.  
**Break-in**  
 A resident in the 33000 block of Alamo Court reported that someone had broken into his home July 16. Reported missing were a 32-inch LCD television and an Xbox 360 valued at \$1,300. The resident said he found



the rear door partly open and looked out to see a large plastic trash can next to the bedroom window. The window had been left slightly open and was now fully open, the man said.  
**Vehicle stolen**  
 On June 29, a Dearborn man reported his 1998 Jeep stolen from outside the an apartment in the 37000 block of Dale. The man told police that all of the

keys were accounted for and the vehicle was paid off.  
**Larceny from a vehicle**  
 A GPS unit valued at \$150 was reported stolen from a vehicle parked at an apartment in the 33000 block of Trafalgar Lane July 19. The owner told police he heard the vehicle alarm in the early hours and went to investigate. He said he found the door lock had been

punched and the GPS unit taken from the windshield.  
**Vehicle ransacked**  
 A resident in the 31000 block of Glen told police July 17 that someone had ransacked her unlocked vehicle overnight. The only item reported missing was a garage door opener valued at \$10.  
 - By LeAnne Rogers

## Duo arrested for breaking into vehicles

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER  
 Two Inkster men were arrested early July 21 for breaking into vehicles after they were spotted by a Westland police plainclothes officer.  
 Just before 1 a.m., the officer was driving an unmarked car through the Landings Apartment complex when he saw two men walking between the buildings. Due to the time and several recent larcenies in the area, the officer said he watched the men from a distance.  
 The two men left the Landings Apartments, the officer said, then moved to the Yalewood Apartments where they began running. The officer briefly lost sight of the men, but said he checked another nearby apartment complex — Hunters West — where he again spotted the men walking.  
 As the suspects continued walking into the Yalewood Apartments parking lot, just west off Yale, the officer said the men were went between vehicles looking into the windows.  
 The men opened the doors to one vehicle and were inside for a short time, the officer said, then opened the trunk before walking away. The officer, who had called for a marked patrol car, said one of the men was carrying an item as he left the vehicle.  
 Both men continued walking through the apartment complex parking lots until being stopped by uniformed officers. The men initially denied being inside vehicles. After a small jewelry box was recovered from one man's pocket, he told the officer that he had taken it from a vehicle. He later changed his story, telling an officer he found the jewelry box on the ground.  
 Police also confiscated a pair of jeans that the men were carrying.

## Garden City woman finds purse missing from car

**Home invasion**  
 When a resident in the 32700 block of Marco Drive didn't answer her apartment buzzer on July 17, a man cut the screen and stuck his head in the room of her ground floor apartment where she was. The woman had seen the man, whom she didn't know, look in a window

earlier.  
 She told police she had not seen the man before in the area.  
**Larceny from auto**  
 A Belleville woman said that after she and a friend parked at 120 Log Cabin Road at 3 p.m. July 12 to take a walk in Garden City Park.

She returned to find the purse gone that she hid under the passenger seat.  
 The window was smashed on the Ford Explorer which was parked in the southwest parking area.  
**Suspended license**  
 An 18-year-old Westland woman was arrested and

released on a personal bond, after Garden City police stopped her about 3:30 p.m. July 20 for driving a 2004 Chevy Cavalier with no front bumper. They learned that she had a suspended license.  
**License never acquired**  
 The police arrested a driver at 1:45 a.m. July 19

at Merriman and Marquette after he couldn't produce a driver's license during a traffic stop for an improper paper license plate. The car he was driving also was unregistered.  
 All that he could produce was a Michigan Department of Corrections ID card. He was released from prison in April.

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**OUR VIEWS**

**Carts at the curb:  
A sign of success**

We have to say that it's a beautiful sight to look down residential streets in Westland on trash day and see a line of blue carts at the curb. Now in its fourth week, it looks like residents are really responding to the city's new curbside recycling program.

And that is good news for the city. Every resident who participates helps cut the amount of garbage going to landfill and reduces the amount of money the city must pay in tipping fees.

We're sure city officials are pleased with the response. We think they hit on a winner of a plan when they linked recycling to a rewards program. It may not be perfect in that the points earned are divided among all who participate rather than individually, but something is better than nothing, and that's what residents got before this curbside recycling began.

We heard from one resident who is so excited about recycling was she is taking extra steps to make sure she is doing it correctly. She'd never recycled until she got her blue cart, but is now committed to it. Her spin on it? Those points good for gift cards she's earning now will come in handy at Christmas.

We congratulate city officials on coming up with the curbside recycling plan. It's a win-win for the city and residents. It makes recycling simple.

And we hope that all residents participate. Frankly, there is no excuse not to. The list of things that can be recycled is far more than what could be dropped off at the recycling center, and there's no need to separate. Toss it all into one bin and put it at the curb every other week on trash day. The biggest work out is walking back and forth to put things in the cart.

We are the stewards of this planet and we must take care of it for the generations to come. Recycling is one way of doing that. For those in Westland who are now recycling, we say good job. To those who aren't, we say try it, you just might like it.

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**ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS**

**• The reason for change**

Thank you for the voice of reason and clearing up some of the issues. You also took the time to explain about the quote and the recent need for change at all levels of business. All cities and schools will have to change the way they operate.

rodneymfield

**• Just like the New Deal**

Maybe some of the Limbaugh listening, Hannity viewing, right wing zealots should look at or study a little bit of our countries history. Start by looking up a thing called the New Deal. It was based on the 3 R's - Relief, Reform and Recovery. The country was in about the same shape then as now. By the way, the President then was FDR. I am not saying Obama should be compared to him, I am just saying they are following the same path, under much the same circumstances.

50yrinWestland

**• Flags made in China**

I think it's sick to buy an American flag that is made in another country. Home Depot sells Chinese made American flags as well as Kroger's. What's this world coming to...

MrScott

**COMMUNITY VOICE**

**Monday marked the 40th anniversary of the moon walk? Do you remember where you were when it happened?**

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



**"I wasn't interested in the least as I remember."**

Joseph Flores  
Westland



**"I was at a picnic in upstate New York. I was listening to the radio and listened to the landing. I was a real space nut."**

Ronald Pardi  
Westland



**"I was living in our first house in Wayne, I'd only been married a month."**

Stephanie McGrath  
Westland



**"My wife and I were dating, we were at her parents' house in Detroit. Her dad was a fanatic about the space program."**

James McAlister  
Westland

**LETTERS**

**Quote not best choice**

In regards to the recent "Citizen Panel" on the future of the Wayne-Westland Schools, I was stunned by the use of a quote by Mao Tse Tung, "Change Or Die" as a mantra for the meeting. Not sure if these folks did any research into Mr. Mao, but a if one had done but a little they would have found that this fine fellow made good on his words with many thousands of people (who refused to change and did indeed die.)

OK, I get it ... they were just words of enlightenment, challenge and concern. If that's the case perhaps a quote, such as "Words build bridges into unexplored regions" would have been equally encouraging ... Oh, but wait that was a quote from Adolf Hitler.

Words are indeed wonderful things. They are in point of fact the perfect double edge sword. If you understand their intent you are protected from the searing backswing of that sword. Without that knowledge, you run the risk of repeating the mistakes of the past.

In closing, may I suggest the following quote?

"If the children ... are untaught, their ignorance and vices will in future life cost us much dearer in their consequences, than it would have done, in their correction, by a good education."

This quote is from an equally fine fellow,

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although apparently not as accomplished as Chairman Mao (or even Chancellor Hitler for that matter). All this gentleman did was help found a country, based upon individual liberty and the hope for a better world ahead. That fellow's name? Thomas Jefferson.

Lawrence Derderian  
Westland

**Political pandering**

We have given little consideration to the February 2012 gubernatorial race, as frankly, we are too consumed with just daily survival tasks. However, our own Attorney General Mike Cox has taken himself out of consideration for the next governor, in our view. As Michigan's chief cop, Cox has lowered himself to the rawest and most loathsome political pandering we have recently seen at a state level. With great manufactured fanfare, Cox announced his filing a brief with the Supreme Court to strike down Chicago strict gun control ordinance.

You may rightfully wonder why our chief cop is involving himself in Chicago gun control politics? The only purpose is for Cox to demonstrate his affiliation with the National Rifle Association. This is fine, except Cox is pandering to the NRA on your dime. Yes, the filing of this brief is using your tax money.

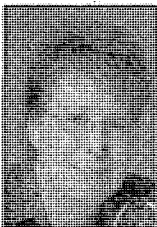
As our attorney general, Cox should be involving himself in reducing crime in Michigan and not involving our tax money in Chicago gun control politics. After this most recent demonstration of pathetic political pandering and ownership by the NRA, Cox has removed himself for consideration as our next governor by us.

Gerald and Dolores Maxey  
Farmington Hills

**New challenge to explore space is needed**

I wasn't old enough to act on President John F. Kennedy's call to action. You know, the famous one about putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade. But in looking back on that fateful day in January 1961, I have reaped the benefits of it.

The technology we enjoy today had its roots in what was developed to send man into space and to put man on the moon on July 20, 1969. The creativity of many translated into a perfect



Sue Mason

Apollo 11 mission, putting Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on the lunar surface and bringing them and Michael Collins back alive.

People — families — were glued to their television sets that evening, waiting for the first pictures of Armstrong setting foot on the moon. It seemed like it took an eternity to finally hear the Eagle had landed and twice that time to see Armstrong climb out of the lunar module and descend to the surface of the moon.

Kids gave up their evening of Hide-N-Seek to sit with Mom and Dad and watch. In an

instant, three men went from being astronauts to our new American heroes. The pride in our flag sprang anew as they planted it on the lunar surface.

This wasn't the stuff of childhood conversation about the man in the moon. These were real men, taking a real walk and planting a real American flag on the moon. We no longer could look at the moon and see a face outlined in the craters on its surface. We would see Armstrong and Aldrin. They were our men on the moon.

We were in the midst of the Vietnam War that was tearing the country apart. The year before was filled with turmoil and tragedy. Martin Luther King Jr. and Bobby Kennedy had been assassinated. The Democratic convention in Chicago had turned into a riot. Years later, the media would label 1968 as the "crack in time," the year when life as we knew it changed forever. We lost our innocence for good.

But on July 20, 1969, we recaptured that innocence for a brief spell as we sat and watched this amazing feat. We were allowed to be kids once more and sit awestruck as the greatest event in history unfolded before our eyes.

Putting a man on the moon was both inspiring and uplift-

ing. Our hopes were riding on these three men as they flew into space. Their success would put the so there in the space race with the Russians. We would prove once and for all we were the best and claim outer space as our own.

In Craig Nelson's book, *Rocket Men*, Collins, who remained in the space capsule, acknowledged that it would have been "a national disgrace," if anything had gone wrong. The whole world was watching, Apollo 11 could not fail.

"I really felt this pressure, an awesome responsibility, a completely negative sensation," he said.

These days, space flight has become ho-hum, a blip on the screen. Building an international space station just doesn't command the attention the early space flights did.

Back then, the launches were a big deal, covered live. Who could forget the voice of Mission Control and the immortal "T minus one and counting"? Today, it's a tragedy that attracts our attention. Back then, we sat and prayed the launch would be flawless. Today, the news tells us the space shuttle has landed. Back then, we'd peer into the TV screen for the first glimpse of parachutes and watch as the

space capsule splashed in the ocean. We watched the astronauts' rescue and their triumphant welcome aboard a waiting aircraft carrier.

So much has changed since then, but the lunar landing in the summer of 1969 remains at the top of what we as Americans have accomplished over the years. I wonder what John F. Kennedy would have said had he seen what his call to action had done. I wonder what his next challenge would have been for this country. We'll never know.

Forty years later, we can look back and still say, "thank you" to John F. Kennedy. His words inspired us and motivated us to accomplish great things, and I'm glad I was there to witness them.

Satellites now do our exploring. They may send back fabulous pictures of Saturn and wherever else they've been sent, but they don't inspire like the early space program. I hope I'm still here for the day we return to space exploration and go beyond the moon. We need that kind of challenge and inspiration for a whole new generation.

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## Try yoga and listen to live concert

The Yoga Shelter in West Bloomfield is offering three different opportunities — including a live concert — for individuals to try yoga on for size next month.

"We want yoga to be accessible to everyone," says Steve Feldman, co-owner of the Yoga Shelter chain of yoga studios. "Every person hears the message of awareness and empowerment in a different form. It's my job to ensure there are a variety of ways for people to find clarity and direction. That's why we're offering so many different programs."

Although 14,000 people attend class every month in one of the four Yoga Shelter studios special workshops, retreats and other events provide additional ways for people to test it out.

Feldman's "Slow Flow" class from 7-9 p.m., on Aug. 7 will include a live concert by local musicians Jill Jack and Billy Brandt. Cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Barbi Stalburg Bell will offer sample classes 7:30-10 p.m., Aug. 14 during the Orchard Mall's Girls Night Out. Vendors will offer deals on purchases and introductory services. At the Yoga Shelter, try yoga under Barbi's invigorating guidance in the first studio and learn about awareness from Paula Perelman in the second studio. Free of charge.

Yoga Shelter Life Training runs Aug. 27-31 and aims to help take self-awareness, community and connection to the next level. Some of the best gurus in town will be on hand during the week-end retreat. Yoga Shelter Life Training guides participants in meeting challenges head-on, staying in the moment and building awareness. Many people say that the training workshop makes them a better person in every aspect of their life. For more information, e-mail [steve@yogashelter.com](mailto:steve@yogashelter.com).

The Yoga Shelter in West Bloomfield is located in the Orchard Mall at 6363 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.



## Skating through summer

Campers at YMCA Camp Boomerang in Flint, pose with their new skates, with staff and Summit Sports General Manager John Fulkerth (kneeling left of sign). Summit Sports, in Farmington Hills, is collecting gently used skates for the camp through July 31. Underprivileged children who attend YMCA Camp Boomerang in Flint, will wear the refurbished skates. Donated skates must be in useable condition. Both adult and child-size skates are being accepted. Customers interested in buying new inline skates at Summit Sports, will receive \$10 off their purchase if they donated their used pair. The store is located at 28942 Orchard Lake Road.

## Browse sidewalk sales at Orchard Mall

Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield will hold its Summer Sidewalk Sale, Thursday-Saturday, July 30-Aug. 1.

Most mall retailers will have marked-down merchandise as well as new fall offerings during the sidewalk sale, which runs noon-p.m. Participating stores include The Beauty Lounge, Frameable Faces Photography, Panera, Yoga Shelter, Guys N Gals, Annie Sez and Eleganza Boutique, Nancy's Linens, Sally's Designs and Maria's Bridal Couture.

"We'll be offering hot summer photography packages at the sidewalk sale," says photographer and owner Ally Cohen.

Meanwhile, Eleganza Boutique will host a three-day trunk show for Angel knits, a family-owned business. Angel

Apparel offers unique, fashionable high-quality women's apparel, which is produced in Turkey using fine Italian yarns. The company is based in New York and run by Alen and Arthur Cakiryan.

"A trunk show gives customers an opportunity to view the complete collection," says Eleganza owner Sue Loussia. "It also helps me to see what styles and colors appeal to most customers."

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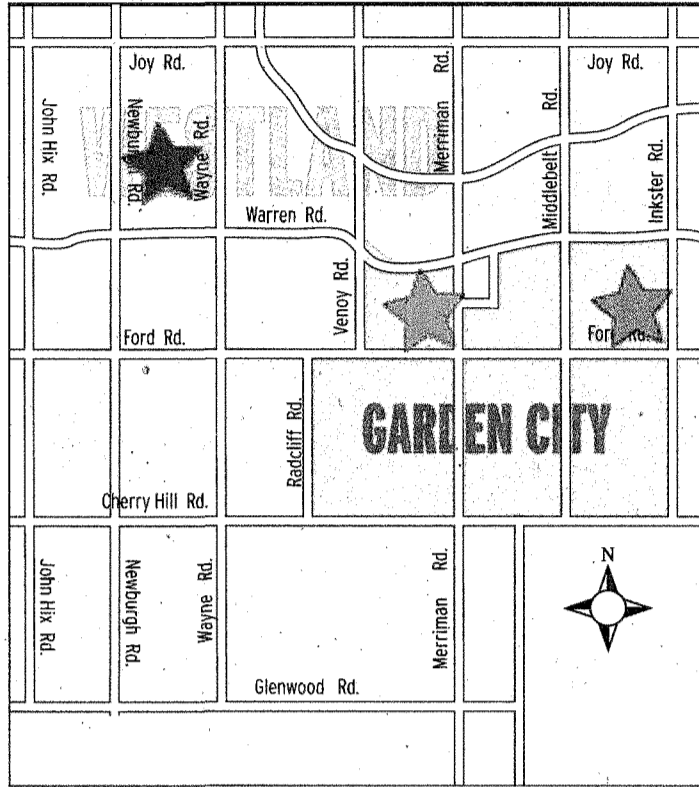
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**Bit of Vegas**  
The Hawthorne Valley Country Club will host a Vegas-style tribute show produced by Salute to the Superstars, featuring tributes to Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr. and Frank Sinatra Friday, July 31. Tickets are \$35 per person and includes full buffet. Dinner is at 7 p.m., followed by the show at 8:15 p.m. Tickets on sale now and available at Salute to The Superstars.com. Hawthorne Valley is at 7300 Merriman, just north of Warren Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 422-3440.

**Cutting the ribbon**  
Two new Westland businesses are holding ribbon cutting ceremonies his week. Mayor William Wild was on hand Tuesday to snip the ribbon at Happy's Pizza new location at 721 S. Wayne Road. Papa Romano's and Mr. Pita have opened a store together at 35299 Warren Road. Their ribbon cutting will be Friday July 24.

**Free seminar**  
DFCU Financial is offering an all-new seminar for college-bound students 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, at its Livonia Branch, 37373 Seven Mile. High school juniors and seniors, college freshmen and sophomores are invited to learn how to handle some of the financial challenges that college will bring. For reservations, call (313) 322-8225.



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## CHAMBER CHAT

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We also participate in local community networking programs as well as county programs.

Here's the dates of our upcoming networking events:

- Friday, Aug. 7 - Downtown For Breakfast 8:15 a.m. at Plato's Place, 30090 Ford
- Friday, Aug. 7 - Detroit Tigers baseball game at 7:05 p.m. A joint outing with Dearborn Heights, Wayne,

Westland, and Redford chambers.

- Tuesday, Aug. 25 - After-Hours Mixer at 5:30 p.m. at the Sports Venue Bar & Grill, 6327 Middlebelt. A joint mixer with Dearborn Heights Chamber of Commerce.
- Tuesday, Sept. 22 - Breaking the Boundaries Breakfast Style at 8 a.m. Ikea's of Canton, Ford and Haggerty.
- Thursday, Sept. 24 - 5 Star Luncheon at St. Peter and Paul in Dearborn Heights at 11:30 a.m. A joint luncheon with Dearborn Heights, Westland, Redford, Wayne and Garden City chambers.
- Tuesday, Oct. 6 - Garden City Chamber Luncheon at noon at Schoolcraft College's

Radcliff, Center 1333 Radcliff, Garden City. Cost is \$10 per person.

- Thursday, Nov. 12 - Membership Appreciation Breakfast at 8:30 a.m., location to be determined.
- Tuesday, Dec. 8 - Holiday Luncheon at the Straight Farmhouse/Garden City Historical Museum at noon. Cost is \$15 per person. A joint celebration with Dearborn Heights Chamber of Commerce.

For more information about these events or about other services available through the Garden City Chamber of Commerce, call (734)422-4448.

**Amelia Oliverio**  
executive director

# Living trust a great vehicle, no matter estate size

The death of Michael Jackson has been covered inside and out. However, one aspect of the story relevant to everyone has received little publicity.

Not only did Jackson execute a will to determine guardianship of his children, but also a trust to determine the distribution of his assets.



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom

What makes the trust so important to the estate is that it is private. Unlike the guardianship of a child, which is always an issue for a court, distribution of property upon death can be kept out of court and out of the public. Obviously, the estate of a public personality like Jackson is more newsworthy than what happens to your estate or mine. However, there are still many reasons why, upon death, we would not want our estates subject to court jurisdiction.

The reason you have an estate plan is because you love your family. That is why estate planning is so important.

The legal process is expensive and sometimes very time-consuming. The goal of estate planning is to make sure your estate goes to whom you want it to as quickly, painlessly and inexpensively as possible. The estate planning tool that accomplishes all of this is a living trust.

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The benefit of the living trust is that the assets in the trust do not have to go through the probate process. Therefore, assets in a trust can be distributed faster and less expensively than a probate process. In addition, because a living trust is not supervised by a court it makes contesting the estate much more difficult.

Of course, not everyone needs a living trust. For many assets you can name a beneficiary and those assets upon death also avoid the probate process. Unfortunately, we cannot name beneficiaries on all of our assets. Therefore, if you have assets that are not jointly owned or have a beneficiary associated with them, a living trust is a great vehicle, no matter what size your estate.

Regarding the Jackson case, much attention focused on

whom he named as guardians of his minor children. You may ask why he didn't name guardians in his trust. The answer is simple: He could not. The reason Jackson had a will was merely to deal with guardianship of his children, which is always under court supervision. However, what he accomplished was to effectively keep the assets of his estate out of courts and public scrutiny.

The trust explained here is a living trust. There are many other types of trusts that one can use but the most popular type for estate planning purposes is a living trust. These trusts are fully revocable and do not impact you or your assets during your lifetime. The advantages of the living trust occur upon death. By executing a living trust, you do not give up control of assets during your lifetime.

Jackson did the right thing regarding his loved ones. For those who don't do any estate planning, you're leaving your family's fate in the hands of others.

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## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### New physician

Dr. Julia Bemer has joined the staff at the Oakwood Healthcare Center in Garden City.

Dr. Bemer earned her medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School and completed residency in Family Medicine at the University of Michigan Hospital Department of Family Medicine. She is a board certified member of the American Board of Family Medicine and American Board of Family Practice.

Dr. Bemer will be joining the department of Family Medicine at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and

Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center in Dearborn. She is accepting new patients. To make an appointment, call (734) 762-3600.

### Awards scholarships

Telcom Credit Union recently presented five high school seniors with \$1,000 college scholarships, as part of its new FU\$E Young Members Program. The five recipients were selected from



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eligible students who are Telcom Credit Union members and plan to go to college in the fall.

The recipients were James Szymanski of Westland, Casey Ayers of Farmington Hills, Linnea Jimison of Grosse Pointe Park, Sarah Seewald of Madison Heights and Beth Wloszek of Berkley.

"We are happy to award these scholarships to these worthy young Telcom Credit Union members," said Ron Lang, Telcom Executive vice-president and chief financial officer. "These students have

demonstrated a proven record of scholastic excellence and community involvement, and we are glad to help them take the next step towards their educational goals and future careers."

Telcom's FU\$E program includes a FU\$E Reward Savings account for children of all ages, a FU\$E Checking account with a debit card, and a FU\$E Visa credit card for members 16-23 years old, as well as the FU\$E Scholarship Program for high school seniors.

"We strongly believe in building our future through attracting and retaining younger members," said Lang. "Our new Telcom FU\$E program helps our younger members manage their money and build a sound financial future."

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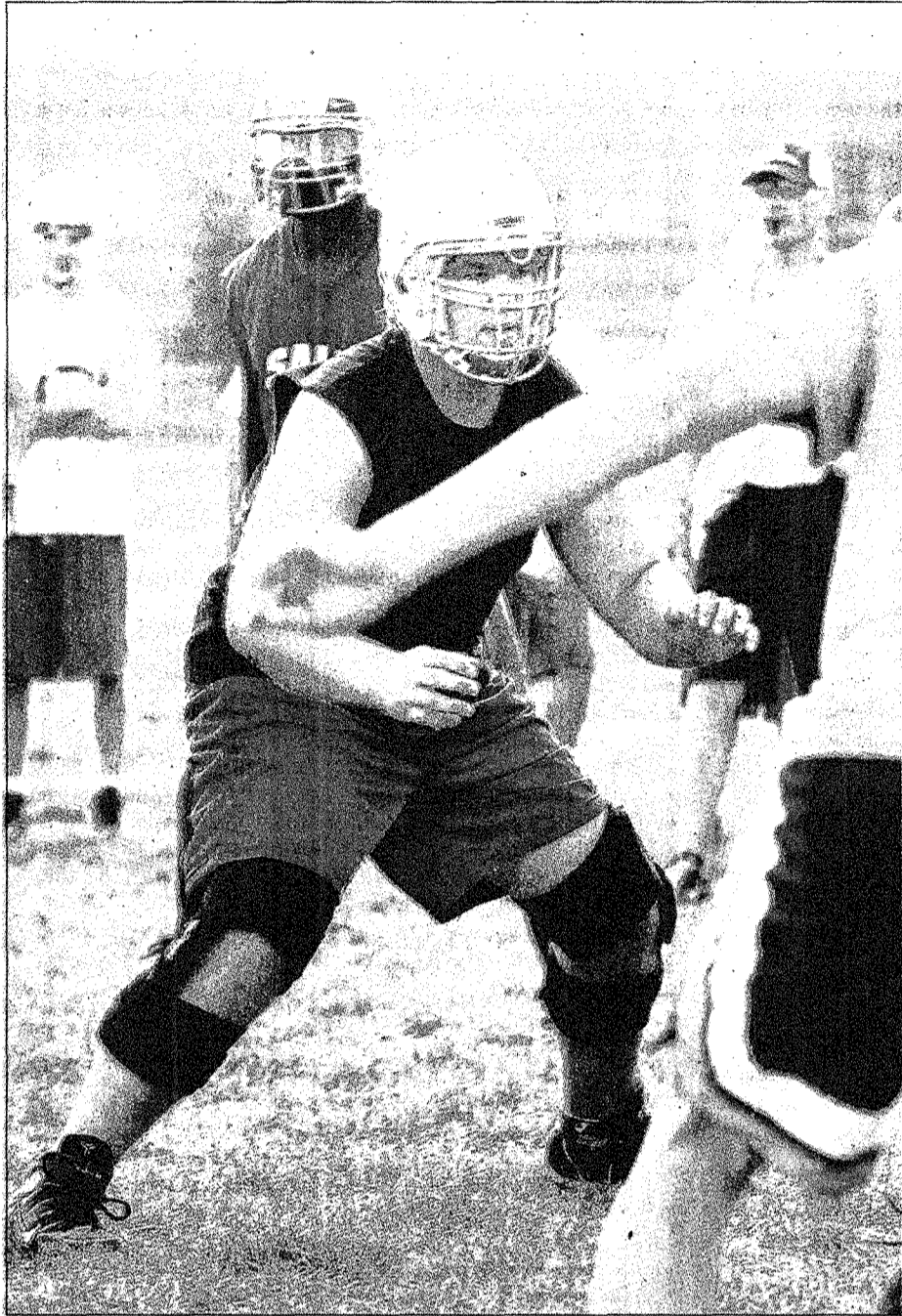
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# HOMETOWN LIFE



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Recent Plymouth Salem graduate Andrew Grabowski, shown here from a 2008 workout, played in the East-West All-Star Football Game (along with Canton grad Justin Sneddon).

## All-Stars bask in afterglow

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

College football isn't in the cards for all players who capped off their prep careers in grand style July 4 at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium.

But just being part of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All Star Game was almost a Heisman-type moment for those who won't be moving on up — such as Salem grad Andrew Grabowski and Canton grad Justin Sneddon.

Both 18-year-olds were thrilled to compete, having been nominated by their high school coaches (Salem's Parker Salowich and Canton's Tim Baechler), among only 88 high school seniors to get the nod.

"It was really cool to be part of it because it's not every day that you get to go against the best kids in the state," Grabowski said. "So it was a challenge, but it was fun at the same time."

Noted Sneddon, merely getting to play for the East All Stars was unforgettable, even though the West came away with a 43-22 victory. "It was exciting and I never thought I would have the opportunity," he said.

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**'Playing in the All-Star game will prepare me for the rest of my life because it showed me a lot of character and prepared me for what things are to come.'**

JUSTIN SNEDDON, 2009 Canton grad



### MHSFCA SPOTLIGHT

**Who:** Salem grad Andrew Grabowski (6-2, 260), whose parents are Irene and Joe Grabowski, plans on playing baseball at Henry Ford Community College. He earned second-team honors on the 2008 All-Observer football team and was an All-KLAA selection.

**Who:** Canton grad Justin Sneddon (5-10, 215), whose parents are John and Mickey Sneddon, was a Division 1 All-State selection for the Chiefs. He also earned All-Observer First Team accolades on offense for his performance during the 2008 prep campaign and also made the All-KLAA squad.

## SIDELINES

### Conover earns award

Jon Conover of Farmington Hills is one of 54 University of Michigan student-athletes to receive the Big Ten Conference's Distinguished Scholar Award.

This is the first year for the Big Ten program that honors student-athletes who have earned varsity letters and achieved a GPA of 3.7 or higher in the previous academic year.

Conover, who will be a senior in 2009-10, is a two-year letterman and wide receiver on the Michigan football team.

The former Catholic Central High School standout was named to the Big Ten all-academic team in 2007 and 2008.

### Road Runner Classic

The Northville Road Runners will stage the 2009 Road Runner Classic July 25 at Maybury State Park in Northville.

The one-mile run-walk begins at 5 p.m. followed by the eight-kilometer run-walk on dirt and paved trails at 5:30 p.m.

The family run event includes refreshments, pizza, home-baked goods, live music, story hour, face painting, age-group awards and scoring and timing by Everal Race Management.

Race day registration and packet pick-up begins at 3 p.m. The cost is \$20 for the 8K and \$5 for the one-mile run-walk. State park entry is \$6.

For more information, visit [www.northvilleroadrunners.org](http://www.northvilleroadrunners.org) or call Gary Haf at (248) 231-6114.

### Baseball tryouts

The Motor City River Sharks of the Kensington Valley Baseball/Softball Association will have tryouts for the 2010 season next month.

Tryouts for the River Sharks' 10U travel team will be 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, and Sunday, Aug. 30, at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Registration both days begins at 1:30 p.m. For more information, e-mail [motorcityriversharks@gmail.com](mailto:motorcityriversharks@gmail.com).

### Hawks golf scramble

The Farmington Harrison Football Boosters will have their fifth annual golf scramble Sunday, Aug. 9, at Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon.

The 18-hole event begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start. The cost is \$90 per person and includes golf, cart, hot dog at the turn, prizes and steak dinner.

To participate, call Al Upchurch at (248) 473-3994. Make checks payable to Harrison Football Boosters and mail to Al Upchurch, 28109 Statler Lane, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

## Diamond dandies

### Gladiators eager to make hall of fame showing

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Talk about a dream season.

The Gladiators, members of the Garden City Youth Athletic Association, find themselves in the midst of one of those as a plethora of sterling achievements this season is sure to make the 2009 baseball campaign one to remember.

Coached by David Ferracciolo, the 12U Gladiators Saturday showed their prowess as they totally destroyed their three opponents to earn top honors in the PONY Baseball Bronco Sectional Tournament held in Garden City. In registering a pair of victories over Westland and one more over Wayne, Ferracciolo's troops outscored their foes by a combined 68-2.

With those wins, the Gladiators stand 18-5-1 on the season and poised to make a successful showing at the upcoming PONY Regional Tournament in Dewitt, Mich. And if that isn't enough, the 11-player roster will take to the field in historic Cooperstown, New York, Aug. 15-21, to take part in the American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament.

"They are all so excited," said Ferracciolo of his team's trip to the site of Major League Baseball's Hall of Fame. "None of us have ever been there before and that is why it is going to be so special. All of us are really looking forward to making the trip."

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The 12U GCYAA Garden City Gladiators captured the top spot at the recent Pony Baseball Bronco Sectional Tournament held in Garden City, winning the two-game elimination tourney in three games. Solid hitting and pitching proved to be the difference as the Gladiators outscored the competition 68-2, thanks in part to a total of 15 home runs hit in the competition. Brendan Ferracciolo and Zackary Maszatics each clubbed three home runs, Brandon Smeltzer, Angelo Policicchio and Brendan Spehar had two apiece and Tyler Harnos, Nick Montroy and Ryan Browne hammered one each. Although Bryan Widmer, Nick Radtke and Jake Preiss did not hit home runs, they combined for 17 hits in the tournament. The team now moves on to the Pony Baseball Bronco Regional Tournament in DeWitt, followed by the American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament Aug. 15-21 at Cooperstown Dreams Park in Cooperstown, New York.

## Farmington Hills, Westland runners prevail

BY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Though he was already an established runner, Ricardo Galindo surprised even himself with his performance Saturday in the annual Farmington Founders Festival road race.

The 17-year-old Galindo, who will be a senior at Detroit Catholic Central High School, was the men's overall winner with a time of 21 minutes flat.

"I was very happy with that," the Farmington Hills resident said. "I wasn't expecting to be that fast. I just went out there to

run; I felt good and kept going."

It was the second time running the Founders four-mile race for Galindo, who placed third overall last year. He pulled away at the halfway point and finished nearly a minute ahead of the runner-up.

"It's a fast pace," Galindo said. "Last year I was a minute or two behind. We've been training during the summer as a team. I was just trying to see where I was at in my conditioning."

Galindo also won the 5K Jingle Bell Race in Northville last December. He usually does only a couple races in the summer, so he doesn't burn out before the high

### FARMINGTON FOUNDERS RUN

school cross country season.

"I like the course; there were some small hills," he said. "The last mile is generally downhill. It's very nice to run that last mile. It refreshes you a bit and makes it a little easier to finish."

"I tried to pace myself and stay with people. I kept a good pace going for the race and got a good time."

Galindo was second in the region and 26th at the state meet in cross country a year ago. In the spring season, he was third in the region and eighth in the state for

3,200 meters.

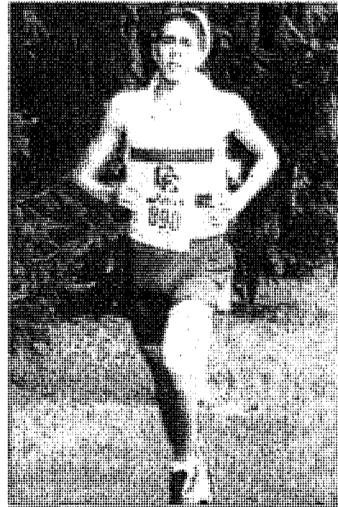
He plans to continue running at the collegiate level, hopefully at the U.S. Military Academy. He is in the process of trying to secure an appointment, but he's also considering Duke and Johns Hopkins.

### Women's race winner

Angela Matthews of Westland found the cool, breezy weather conditions Saturday especially suitable for her.

The 25-year-old technical editor cruised through the race to

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Ricardo Galindo of Farmington Hills and Detroit-Novu Catholic Central was the men's overall winner in 21 minutes.

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# Rams walk away with win over Concealed Security

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With nine walks being handed out, the Michigan Rams made the most of their four hits Monday in scoring a 6-1 triumph over Concealed Security in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League play at Ford Field.

Aaron Cieslak again carried the hot bat for the Rams as he cracked a single and a double, walked once and lifted a sacrifice fly to knock in two Rams runs. Nich Plinka and Kyle Vesey each had one hit and one walk, Joe Barnes scored two runs and drove in another, Justin Forster walked three times and scored twice and Brett Mazmanian and Ryan Abraham each picked up an RBI as the Rams improved to 19-9 on the season.

The victory went to starter Tom Hansen, who upped his season mark to 6-1. Hansen, who allowed one hit and three walks while striking out five, was able to maintain his 0.00 ERA as all three runs scored by Concealed Security in the third were unearned.

The Rams scored single runs in each of the first six innings

off Concealed Security hurlers Billy Harden and Drew Ordakowski.

Last Friday, the Rams and Michigan Bulls showed why they are the two best teams in the LCBL this season.

The Rams, winners of the Under 20 division, and the Bulls, champions of the Under 22 division, put on a solid display of baseball and settled for a split of their scheduled doubleheader.

The Bulls squeaked out a 6-5 triumph in the opener behind a three-run uprising in the sixth inning, while the Rams gained a 3-1 victory in the nightcap behind another outstanding pitching performance from Matt Broder.

In game one, Russ Luxton's sacrifice fly off Rams reliever Taylor Robson capped a three-run sixth inning by the Bulls and giving them a 6-5 lead. Starter Tim Simpson sent the Rams down in order in the seventh to notch the win as he scattered six hits and three walks while striking out six.

After spotting the Bulls (22-5) a 2-0 first-inning advantage, the Rams stormed back with four of their own in the second to take a 4-2 lead. Alex Trojan's

bases-loaded triple highlighted the frame.

Cieslak knocked in the other two runs for the Rams with a double and sacrifice fly.

Plinka and Jake Rhodes each stroked two hits for the Rams.

Jeff Bultinck and Jon Berti clubbed two hits apiece for the Bulls.

Brady Cooper got the start for the Rams, lasting four innings and yielding five hits and only one earned run.

In game two, the Rams this time proved to be the comeback kids as single runs in each of the fourth, fifth and seventh frames helped make a winner of Broder.

The hurler faced only 24 batters in going the distance, allowing two hits and walking one. He struck out four and gave up a single run in the third on a sacrifice fly by Tyler Hall.

The Rams totaled six hits, two each for Cieslak and Mazmanian. Both Rams players scored a run and knocked in one run as it was Cieslak's single in the sixth that plated Andre Ciennik with the go-ahead run.

Rhodes collected the other RBI on a double.



## Wire-to-wire Yanks

The Redford City League Yankees not only came away with a regular-season Capitol Park League title this summer, but a playoff championship as well following impressive victories over the Pirates (13-6) and Cubs (10-0). Coached by Mike Bobbish and assisted by Brian Levinsky, Pops Mullen and Ben Abela, the Yankees finished regular-season play 12-3 overall, including a heart-stopping 6-5 victory over the Cubs. Those players contributing to the season-long success included Mike Styles, Jourdan Bobbish, Chad Wilyard, Travis Wilyard, Thomas Woodrow, Roderick Howard, Mike Abela, Alex Riley, Corey Dziadzio, Paul Levinsky, Jon Bratcher and Josh Mullens.



## AABC World Series-bound Cards

The national stage is next for the 11U Canton Cardinals baseball team of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association. The Cardinals last weekend won the 11U American Amateur Baseball Congress state championship and will compete July 31 in Brooklyn, N.Y. at the AABC Gil Hodges World Series. In the front row (from left) are Ravi Mahanti (Farmington), Trevor McManus (Canton), Cameron Shaughnessy (Plymouth), Cameron Stella (Plymouth), Matt Bocketti (Plymouth) and Andrew Hejka (Canton). In the middle row (from left) are head coach Dan Hejka, Sr., Grant Hartwig (Plymouth), Kevin Anthony (Canton), Seth Hubbard (Canton), Andrew Jossey (Canton) and Griffin Shiminski (Canton). In the back row (from left) are assistant coaches Kurt Anthony, Vince Shiminski, and John Shaughnessy.

# Events honor 50th anniversary of 1959 Legion championship

Michigan teams have made it deep into the American Legion World Series, but the 1959 squad from Detroit Edison Post 187 stands alone as the state's only champion.

The team celebrates the 50th anniversary of its national title with a series of events this summer, beginning noon to 7 p.m. Saturday in Clarkston.

That's when the American Legion will showcase the '59 champions during the zone playoffs at Chief Pontiac Field.

Legendary Detroit Tiger and White Sox lefthander Billy Pierce, 82, will make an appearance along with storied baseball coach Art Kohn, 89.

Saturday is one of several upcoming events spotlighting the squad, coordinated by Canton resident and Post 187 baseball historian Raymond Rolak.

Team members also will be guests of honor at the American Legion state championship banquet at Blissfield Post 325, and they will be recognized at the opening game in Adrian July 29-30.

The Detroit Tigers will honor the group at Comerica Park Aug. 31 with a ceremony prior to the day game versus the Tampa Bay Rays.

Detroit Edison Post 187 outfielder Rich Miller, 67, has been chosen by his teammates to throw out the ceremonial first pitch that day.

At the Michigan State Fair on Sept. 6, there will be an American Legion Baseball historical exhibit as part of Armed Services Day at the Hudson Auditorium.



COURTESY EDISON POST 187

Jim Saskewitch of Detroit's Thomas A. Edison Post 187 baseball team motors into home plate for another important run during the 1959 American Legion World Series.

Meanwhile, as a legacy project, the team will participate in a pre-school reading clinic sponsored by the Plymouth District Library. Former Tiger and Plymouth resident Bill Zepp will moderate.

The team itself also has quite a legacy:

At the National Baseball Museum and Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., Chicago Cubs shortstop Ernie Banks awarded the Player of the Year trophy to Fred Bowen. He appeared on NBC's *Today* show and got to meet baseball legend Ty Cobb.

"At that time, (Cobb) was already in a wheelchair because of his diabetes," Bowen said. "He was having a good day, and I mostly remember

him just repeating, 'Do you want me to sign another ball, kid?' He kept calling me kid."

Bowen, 68, earned a baseball scholarship to the University of Detroit. He recently retired as an educator and sports referee.

Each Edison Post 187 team member received the famed Hillerich and Bradsby Black Bat Trophy. This was a Louisville Slugger ebony baseball bat with the players' name engraved in gold. The Major League World Series winners also receive this prestigious award each year.

Jim Saskewitch, 67, and Bill Takacs, 67, went on to sign professional baseball contracts. Most went on to college and all had successful careers.

## GLADIATORS

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According to Ferracciolo, the tournament in Cooperstown is not one where teams must qualify, but one of opportunity where teams must apply, and when selected, be able to travel and participate in a week full of games. A total of 104 teams will participate.

"They host tournaments there at Dreams Park every week for 12-year-old teams from all over the country," said Ferracciolo, whose coaching assistants include Keith Harnos, Jim Montroy and Tony Widmer. "Last year we all got together, and the parents just said let's go to Cooperstown. So we put in

for it and got selected to play in August."

The cost of the trip was made possible by everybody from players and coaches to parents and family members chipping in to help conduct a variety of fundraising events. Bowl-a-thons, football-mania and even poker tournaments all played a role in raising some \$15,000 needed to buy new uniforms and cover trip costs to various tournaments and Cooperstown.

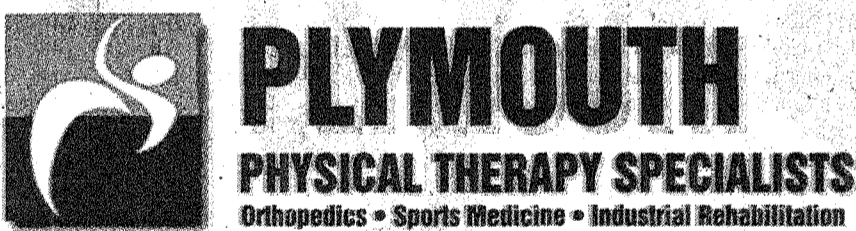
"It's all about teamwork on this team," said Ferracciolo, who is in his 22nd year of coaching. "They all feel like leaders. I told them they are all MVP's to win games like they have. They all accept they have a role to do and go out and execute them to the

best of their ability.

"You know you have a great group of kids, and it surely says a lot about them, when they come to you and say, 'I can sit coach,' so other kids can play," Ferracciolo went on. "And the parents get it, too, that it's all about teamwork. It's been a special season with all the support we have received."

With the success on the local level, it wouldn't be surprising to see even more hall-of-fame performances from Gladiators Brendan Ferracciolo, Zackary Maszatics, Brandon Smeltzer, Brendan Spehar, Angelo Policicchio, Tyler Harnos, Nick Montroy, Ryan Browne, Bryan Widmer, Nick Radtke and Jake Preiss while in Cooperstown.

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claim the title of women's overall champion with a time of 22:38. She was more than three minutes ahead of the next female runner.

"My pace was about 5:40; that's pretty typical of the way I've been competing and training lately," Matthews said. "That's a pretty good pace for me. I was happy with it."

Matthews, an assistant cross country and track coach at Southfield Christian High School, followed a pace set by SCHS head coach Matt Yacoub of Farmington Hills.

"He stayed about five seconds in front of the whole race, so it was good he ran a nice, even race," Matthews said. "He's a disciplined runner, too."

"Having a guy like that in front of me, I know he's not going to do anything crazy and go out like a banshee. I know how he races."

Despite her first-place finish, Matthews has had what she considers better races, citing a pair of fourth-place finishes at the Firecracker Mile and the Brian Diemer Race in Grand Rapids.

"I'm happier getting a fast time than necessarily winning," she said. "I've had a pretty successful spring and summer of racing and been staying healthy. July

was a big month. I had three races in a row every weekend.

"(Last week) was a high-mileage week. I was happy with how it went, but I'm focusing on other stuff down the road, too. I did as well as I could have done for that week."

Matthews competed in her first Founders race with many of her running associates who have informal weekly training sessions as Farmington High.

"I liked it, especially the finish," she said. "The last mile and a half was downhill, and we had the wind at our backs. That was probably my favorite because it was so fast."

"It's early (to commit to a title defense), but I did like the race and parade afterward. I can see myself going back. It was fun; it was a good time."

Matthews is a former four-sport athlete at Lutheran High Westland where she also played soccer and volleyball. She ran cross country and track at Concordia University in Nebraska.

The men's and women's over-40 masters division winners were Mark Wright, 44, and Cindy Bradley, 43. Wright (23:42) was ninth overall and Bradley (26:48) 42nd.

New Balance, a sponsor for the race, presented each of the four winners with a \$100 gift certificate for a pair of new shoes.



Angela Matthews of Westland was the women's overall winner in 22:38.

ALL-STARS

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CREAM OF CROP

According to Baechler, being picked to go to the MHSFCA game is a big honor in and of itself.

"There's over 400 kids nominated to play in that game, and they can only choose 88," Baechler said. "So it's quite an honor to be nominated, let alone be chosen to be on the team. That makes it a pretty big deal."

Both Grabowski and Sneddon — not planning on college football — played about two quarters worth of football, at offensive tackle and guard, respectively, as well as special teams.

Though considered physically undersized by some, their blocking helped spark a second-half surge that made the final score more respectable.

"I played more than I thought," Grabowski said. "Probably around two out of every three series on offense."

Baechler said he was proud of the way Sneddon (a Canton co-captain and Division I All-State honoree) handled himself throughout the week-long experience.

"It was a great way for him to go

out, even though they didn't win the game," Baechler said. "It was a great week. He met a lot of great guys and had fun."

"He represented himself, his family and Canton High School very well up there during the week. I watched him practice once and went to the game. All the coaches spoke very highly of him."

HOPE FOR FUTURE

Sneddon said being part of such a prestigious event is something that will pay off for him in his future.

"Playing in the All-Star Game will prepare me for the rest of my life," Sneddon said, "because it showed me a lot of character and prepared me for what things are to come."

Grabowski said the experience was a good one because he found out he could handle being taken out of his "comfort zone" and mesh with "new people and work with new coaches."

Going to East Lansing for the holiday game had an unexpected bonus for Sneddon.

"The game was a good way to cap off high school because I had my graduation party the day after the game," Sneddon said. "So all my family was there to watch."

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Clarifying the rule of a provisional ball

By Jeanne Myers

I suspect every golfer who has ever played the game at one time in their golfing life has proceeded incorrectly when he or she cannot find their ball. We all know the correct procedure and the penalty for a lost ball. The player must take a stroke penalty and return to the spot from which he last hit a shot and hit again. We call it "stroke and distance."

You know all the excuses — "I'll just drop here and add a stroke to save time," or "Somebody coming down the other fairway must have picked it up," or "I don't want to walk all the way back there."

If there has been virtual certainty that the ball has been moved by an outside agency, the player is entitled to drop on the spot from which it was moved. However, in the absence of that virtual certainty, the player is required to take the stroke and distance penalty. If he or she drops

and plays from the spot from which they "think" their ball was moved by an outside agency (without virtual certainty), they have played from a wrong place. In match play, the player just lost the hole. In stroke play, the player must add one stroke penalty for the lost ball, two strokes for playing from a wrong place and they must go back to where they hit their last shot and correct the mistake or be disqualified.

That is the most severe penalty in golf and this is probably the most abused rule in golf! If all players would just play a provisional ball when they think their ball might be lost, this kind of situation can be avoided. But don't forget to announce that you are playing a provisional, because if you do not announce it, then the ball you play is not a provisional, but is the ball in play under penalty of stroke and distance. "I'm going to reload," or "That might be out of here," or "That's in the next

zip code" do not constitute announcing! A player really has only two options in announcing. Since I have never heard a player say, "I am proceeding under Rule 27-2a," which is the first option, I believe we are all stuck with actually saying the word "provisional."

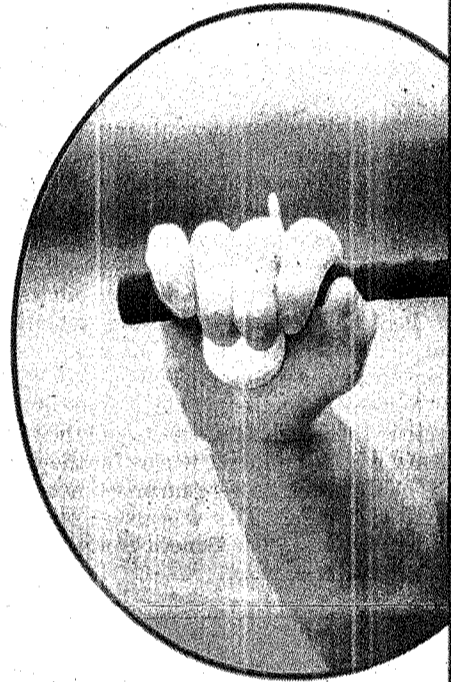
A player may play any number of shots with the provisional, until he reaches the place where the provisional ball is likely to be. If he plays a shot with the provisional ball from the place where the original ball is likely to be or from a place nearer the hole than that place, the provisional ball becomes the ball in play and the original ball is lost. If the provisional ball thus becomes the ball in play, and then the original ball is found, any further shot played with the original constitutes playing a wrong ball.

After playing a provisional, if you then find your original ball and it is in bounds, you must abandon your

provisional — you do not get to choose. Even if the original ball is in a water hazard or unplayable (situations that include stroke and distance as one of the options), you must abandon the provisional. If you then select stroke and distance as an option for the ball that is in the water or unplayable, you must take the stroke penalty and go back to the place from which you hit your last shot. The provisional ball must be picked up.

Always remember though, that if you play a stellar provisional, you are under no obligation to look for your original ball. Holing out a provisional on a par-3, for a 3, will probably make the best of us blind when looking for the original or even keep us from wandering in the original's direction at all!

Jeanne Myers is the Golf Association of Michigan's Assistant Director of Rules & Competition.



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Overeaters Anonymous meets 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard 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.aa.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.

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.

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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, learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages. Starting Sept. 13, Sunday service time changes to 10 a.m. 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.

New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville: 11 a.m., Sunday. (734) 846-4615 or www.newlifecommunitychurch4u.com

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.

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, Sunday; traditional worship at 9 a.m., Sunday, and contemporary service at 11:15 a.m. Sunday. 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.

Donate produce to feed the hungry

First Presbyterian Church of Northville is collecting excess fruits and vegetables from backyard gardens from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday until Sept. 19.

The donations will go to Forgotten Harvest, a metro Detroit organization that "rescues" perishable and prepared foods and delivers them to food pantries and other organizations that serve those in need.

Fresh produce is an important part of a healthy diet, but often is beyond the means of low-income families.

The First Presbyterian Church is located at 200 East. Main. The church's south entrance is on Cady Street.

Detroit visit on tap

On Monday, July 27, members of St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia will be traveling to St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Detroit to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, meeting at St. Colette's at 9 a.m. The Livonia parish is on Newburgh, north of Six Mile, across from Laurel Park Place mall.

Participants attend Mass at

noon at St. Aloysius, followed by lunch together (place to be determined). This opportunity provides a time to serve those less fortunate, to celebrate Mass together, and to enjoy each other's company.

Call Sandy Richards at (734) 591-6780 if you would like to participate of this ministry opportunity or if you have any questions.

Ordination Sunday at Ward

A service of ordination for Jared Dilley will be held on Sunday, July 26, at 12:30 p.m. in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile and Haggerty roads. This is the culmination of a journey that the congregation has traveled together with Jared, and his wife, Lara, over the past four years.

Jared Dilley came to the student ministries scene of Ward Church in November 2004, as director of Senior High Ministries. In November 2006, Session recommended to the Presbytery of the Mid-West

that he be taken "under care" and begin toward ordination as a minister in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Dilley has been promoted to director of Student Ministries for Ward Church, earned his master's of arts degree in missions from Calvin Theological Seminary, completed written and oral exams by the Ministerial Vocations Committee of Presbytery and Presbytery as a whole.

The Session has extended a call to Dilley to become an assistant pastor of Ward Church.

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## Schoolcraft College supporter raises money for student scholarships

Craig Bowles always has a smile on his face. But his happy-go-lucky, easy-going demeanor is just the outward demeanor of a man on a mission.

He wants people to know about the critical need for scholarships at Schoolcraft College and understand that as the local economy continues to struggle and job losses mount, students are challenged to find money for a college education.

"It's a tough economy and the need for student scholarships is higher than ever," says Bowles, secretary of the Schoolcraft College Foundation. "People are unemployed and going back to school. Many people can't afford a college education without some assistance," he adds.

That's why Bowles, after working on the Schoolcraft Culinary Extravaganza Committee for more than 18 years, agreed to take on the role as chairman of the premier fall food and wine event.

The fund-raising event attracts 800-1,000 people for sampling food and beverages from more than 50 of metro Detroit's finest restaurants and food/beverage vendors. A silent auction featuring vacation, sports and theater/dining packages is part of the program along with a raffle with prizes ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 in cash. Raffle tickets, \$5 each or 3 for \$10, also help the fund-raising effort and are available at the college's web site. The drawing will be held at the event. Ticketholders need not be present to win.

Bowles has been an enthusiastic member of the culinary extravaganza committee for many years serving on the auction committee, selling sponsorships and tickets. He's one of "two or three" all-time top sellers of raffle tickets.

### FRIENDLY RIVALS

Bowles and Raymond Friedrich, president-elect of the foundation board, challenge each other every year to see who can sell the most

### 2009 CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA

**Date:** Sunday, Sept. 27  
**Time:** 2-5 p.m.  
**Place:** VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia  
**Cost:** Tickets are \$50 (\$20 is charitable contribution). Sponsorship packages, which include tickets, media exposure and special event admittance, still are available ranging from \$300 to \$5,000. Call (734) 462-4518 or e-mail Marjorie Lynch at [mlynch@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:mlynch@schoolcraft.edu). Tickets also can be purchased online at [schoolcraft.edu](http://schoolcraft.edu). Raffle tickets help fund-raising efforts and are available for online purchase at \$5 each or 3 for \$10  
**Restaurant/Vendor List:** Five Restaurant at The Inn at St. John's, Bizzy Lizzy Bakery, Cadillac Coffee Company, Coffee Express Co., The Cupcake Station, Gnarly Head Wines - DFV Wines, Great Oaks Country Club, The Henry Ford, L. Mawby Vineyards, Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council, Mitchell's Fish Market, Steve & Rocky's, Trader Joe's and Zumba Mexican Grille

affle tickets.

"We each sell about 600-800 tickets the day of the event. He edged me out last year, but I won the previous year," Bowles says, adding that even if you don't win a cash prize, the raffle tickets will be valuable offering discounts at area restaurants including the college's American Harvest Restaurant.

How does it feel to be in charge of one of the college's largest fund-raisers?

"I really haven't thought about it

### CRAIG'S LIST

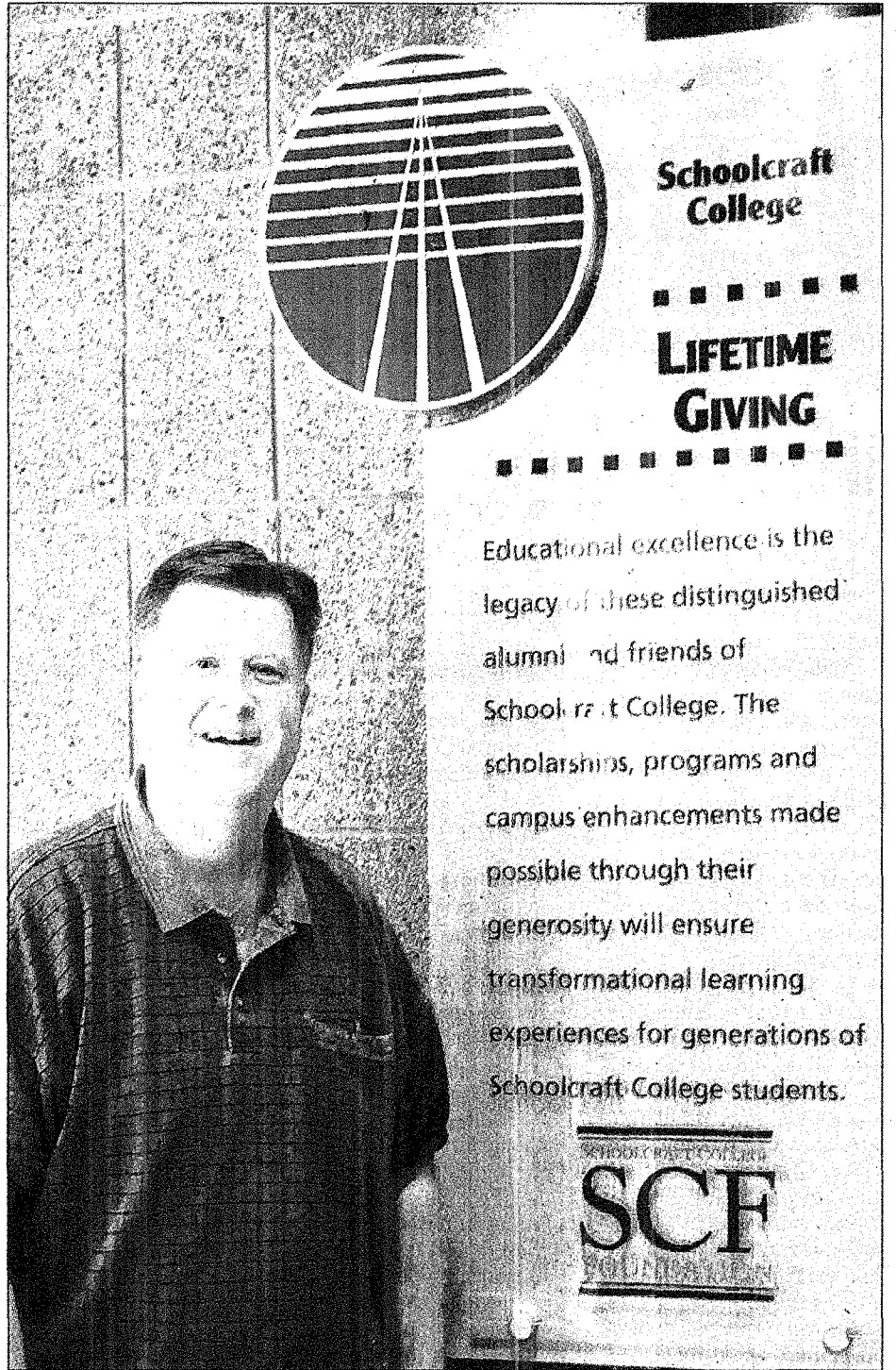
**Name:** Craig Bowles  
**Age:** 53  
**Hometown:** Farmington Hills (grew up in Livonia, graduated from Stevenson High School).  
**Family:** Wife, Diane. One daughter, Sarah, 26, computer graphic designer for Kelly Services, Inc., Troy.  
**Profession:** Sold his company Meadowbrook Products, a laser printer and supply company, after 19 years. Employed by Office Star (printing, mailing, office products) in Westland.  
**Education:** Ferris State University, BS in marketing.  
**Likes to spend his free time:** Volunteering, playing golf ("I'll play anywhere"), bowling and watching Red Wings hockey.  
**Plays every Sunday - 6 a.m. tee time - at Huron Meadows in Brighton with 11 other golfers.**  
**Original members of the group have been playing at the same course for 20 years.**

feeling any different," Bowles says. "I'm working with a great group of people. My role is to guide and direct the people who are on the committee getting the job done - making phone calls, talking about Schoolcraft, encouraging others to participate. I'm an ambassador for the college.

"The most important point is that all funds go to student scholarships," says Bowles, who is completing his fifth year on the foundation board.

Bowles calls the culinary event "an elegant way to help others further their education."

"What better way to raise money and learn about something than to share a meal and it's all about something that benefits us all - education."



Craig Bowles chairs the Schoolcraft Culinary Extravaganza Committee.

### CITY BITES

#### Coffee time

**Wayne County** - What better way to beat the heat while getting your daily jolt of java than Dunkin' Donuts' new Frozen Cappuccino? The company introduced its newest coffee drink this month, calling it "a strong coffee experience in a smooth, thick frozen beverage." A small, 16 ounce drink costs \$3.19.

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- 1625 S. Wayne Road, Westland
- 27919 Grand River, Farmington Hills
- 44532 Michigan Ave., Canton

#### Restaurant Crawl

**Plymouth** - Old Village Restaurant Crawl runs 5:30-8:30 p.m., Aug. 5.

Tickets are \$15 per person or \$5 for children 12 and under. Enjoy items from Crawford's Kitchen,

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#### Summer seafood

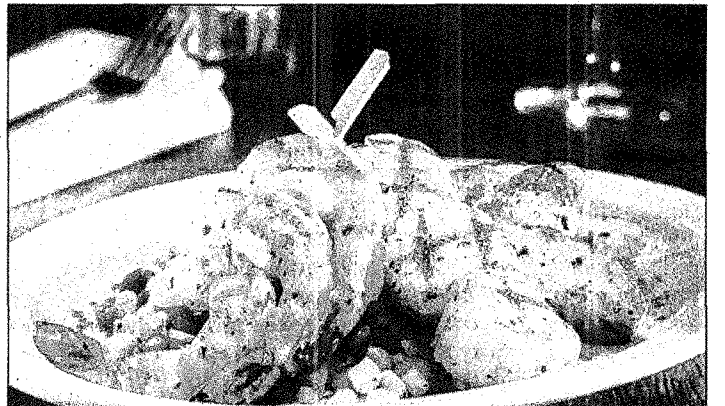
**Livonia** - Mitchell's Fish Market is promoting its "Summer Seafood Sensations," a three-course meal with fresh seafood entree for \$19.95. Customers choose one of three entrees, Shrimp & Scallop Mixed Grill, Parmesan Crusted Tilapia or grilled Chilean Steelhead, a house or Caesar salad and strawberry shortcake or fudge brownie with ice cream for dessert, through Labor Day.

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