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Battle on

The margin was narrow as Westland firefighters edged ahead of Westland police in the recent Battle of the Badges blood drive, but some members of the police department apparently didn't take the loss well.

As a result, fire Capt. John Adams had a presentation for police Chief James Ridener at the council meeting last week. "I would like to present Chief Ridener with the Golden Blood Bank Award, but I can't — the police department lost by a slim margin," said Adams. "I will present him with a set of wine glasses with the fire department logo."

Ridener was not among the grumblers, Adams noted as he presented the glasses. "They (the glasses) will come in handy when we stop for dinner at the fire station," said Ridener. "While they are in the station sitting in a La-Z-Boy, we are out on patrol keeping the city safe."

During the American Red Cross blood drive, donors designate support for police or firefighters. At the most recent blood drive, firefighters received support from 17 donors while 16 donors designated the police department.

"The fire department keeps the count and we always lose by one," noted Ridener.

A Battle of the Badges rematch has been scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the Bailey Center. Walk-ins are welcome.

Voter Guide

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has prepared a nonpartisan Voter Guide for the Aug. 4 Westland City Council primary election.

All but one of the nine council candidates participated by submitting responses to the league's questions. The Voter Guide can be found on the league's Web site at www.lwvnmw.org.

The League of Women Voters is a trusted source of nonpartisan candidate information, and the Voter Guide provides an easy vehicle for the voters to compare the candidates before the Aug. 4 election.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. It never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

Brothers love

It's a 10-year-old's dream come true, a chance to see the Jonas Brothers in concert.

And that's just what Katrina Stebbins got after her mom, Diane, won two tickets to see the popular American boy band in concert this evening at the 7 p.m. this evening (Sunday) at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Katrina was very excited about attending the concert. Diane Stebbins is a Department of Defense employee who works in Okinawa, Japan but brings her family including Katrina to spend the summer in Westland with Diane's mother.

Stebbins was among 140 people who entered the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers'* Jonas Brothers contest. Also winning tickets was 18-year-old Sarah Weber of Livonia.

6 stores cited for selling alcohol to minors

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Of 66 stores recently visited for compliance checks, only six were cited for selling alcohol to an underage decoy.

Officers in Westland, Garden City and Wayne had conducted the checks in May and June as Youth Alcohol Enforcement Teams funded through a federal Office of Highway Safety Planning grant administered by Wayne County.

"Our goal isn't to hope that the stores are selling to minors. We want

compliance," said Westland police Sgt. Ron Kroll, who obtained the grant funding and serves as program coordinator. "If a store says no to our volunteer, I go in and thank them. It's public relations. We're looking for compliance, so we want the stores to know we are out there."

If the volunteer — an 18-year-old instructed to try to buy alcohol and show their identification, if requested — does make a purchase, officers issue citations to the employee and business, along with notice to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Due to scheduling difficulties, Kroll said the three departments didn't coordinate scheduling of their enforcements as closely as last year.

The Youth Alcohol Enforcement Teams also dispersed 13 parties with underage drinking, issued 17 citations for minors in possession of alcohol and one ticket to a party host for providing alcohol to minors. There also were misdemeanor arrests and three tickets were issued for open intoxicants.

Incidental to the enforcement efforts were two drunken driving arrests, two drug arrests, one suspended license citation and five other

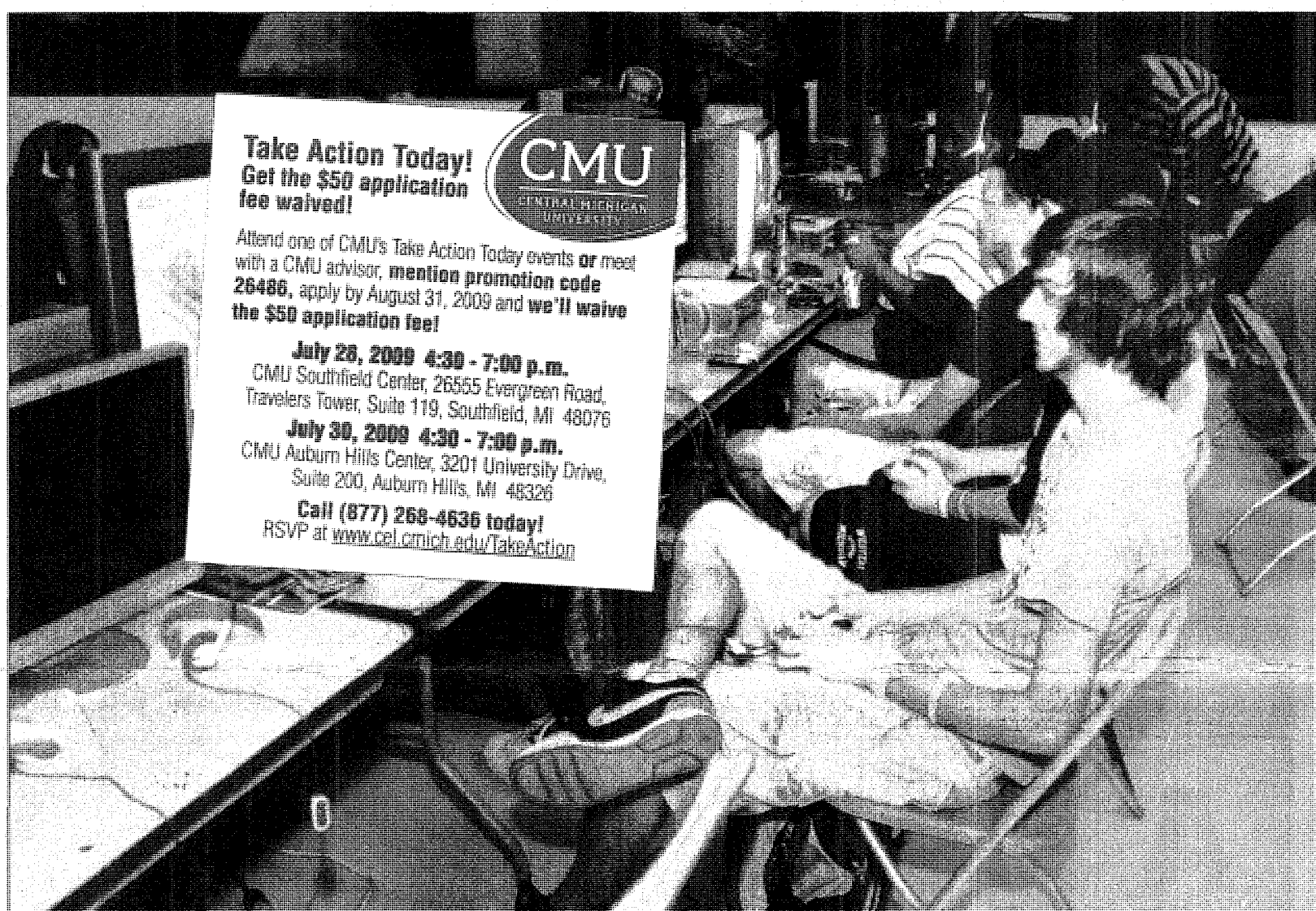
traffic-related citations.

This is the third year Westland has had a summer Youth Alcohol Enforcement Team and the second year for Garden City and Wayne.

"The best thing we've done is the compliance checks. I'm not afraid to let them (store owners) know about it," Kroll said.

Every store in the three cities that sells alcohol can expect to have a visit from the Youth Alcohol Enforcement Team, which will continue through Aug. 22.

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Patrick Steffes of Westland joins other gamers in playing online to help the Gamers Outreach Foundation.

Game on: Video event helps sick kids

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The floor of Skateland West looked more like a computer show than a roller rink, with close to 300 people from around the country playing games to raise money for a project that will put video gaming within reach of sick children at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

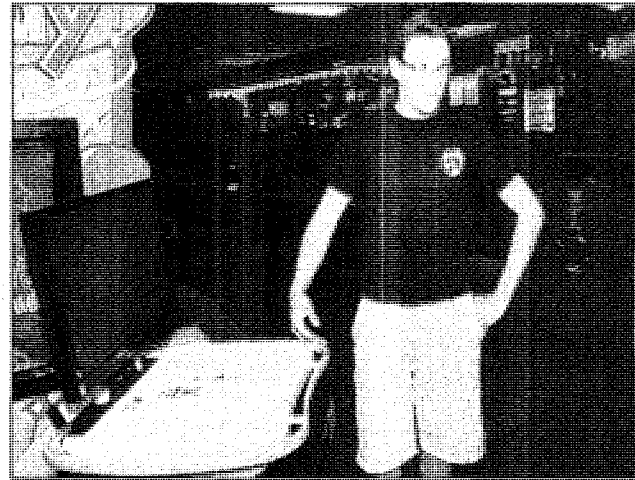
The Gamers 4 Giving Summer LAN went nonstop from 4 p.m. July 17 through to 10 a.m. July 19 and raised more than \$5,000 for the Gamer's Outreach Foundation. The

money will be used to build gaming kiosks that can be wheeled to a child's bedside.

"It's just to test out the building to see if it can support the event," Dave "Wild Card" Mayne of Redford said. "Next time, it'll be double in size."

"Every year, Gamers 4 Giving holds a big fund-raising event, usually in February or March at EMU," said Zack Wigal of Milan, who started the Gamers Outreach Foundation. "The Skateland owners contacted us and said they had this venue, so we're trying it out with a

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Justin Slanec of Garden City shows off the prototype of a kiosk that Gamers Outreach Foundation wants to build for children at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

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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, 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.

Mehl: Will represent residents' interests

Why are you seeking a position on Westland City Council?

I am seeking a position on the Westland City Council because I feel in these serious detrimental economic times my knowledge and experience will be



Mehl

helpful in keeping Westland solvent and avoid future financial problems. The citizens of Westland need to have their best interests represented and I feel that I very qualified to do that.

What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the council, if elected?
My past experience on the

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Reeves: Will listen and speak for people

Why are you seeking a position on Westland City Council?

I am seeking re-election to the Westland City Council. I am a councilman who listens to and speaks for the citizens of our



Reeves

city. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the council, if elected?

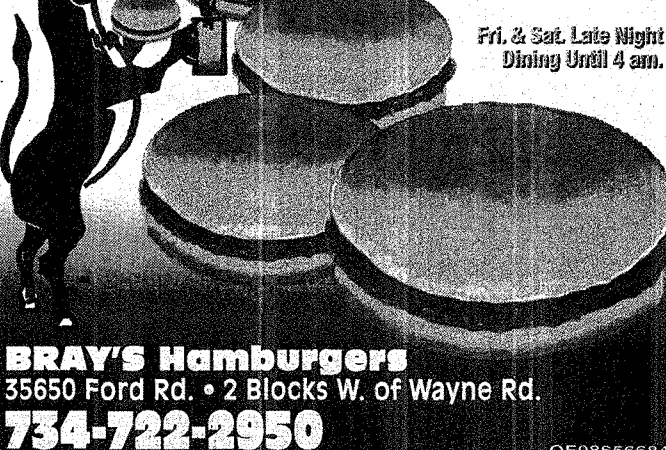
I have over three years of experience and have assisted in balancing the city's budgets and providing continuing service to the residents

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Westland moves forward on rehab of homes

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plans for a combination of new construction and rehabilitation at six foreclosed vacant homes in southeast Westland are moving forward.

Last week, the council approved acquisition of two Department of Housing and Urban Development homes for \$1 plus the cost of back taxes. One house at 31669 Birchwood is scheduled for rehabilitation while the second house at 35020 Donnelly would be demolished and its large lot divided to allow construction of three new homes.

"These properties would be redeveloped for homeownership opportunities for Westland residents," said Community Development Director Joanne Inglis.

Also receiving approval was an agreement with Habitat for Humanity to build new homes and the first home rehabilitation projects for the nonprofit in Westland.

The city has also acquired homes through the Wayne

County Land Bank. Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds are being used for rehabilitation projects at 37241 Vincent and 2601 Christine. Work totaling \$25,000 is slated to begin next month.

New construction with a budget of \$60,000 per house is scheduled to begin in January 2010 at 28130 Eton and 27544 Hanover.

The three homes at the divided 35020 Donnelly would receive \$40,000 apiece in funding through the federal Home Partnership Program, which provides money for affordable housing initiatives. That work is scheduled to get under way in September 2010.

"It costs Habitat for Humanity \$80,000 to construct a new home. They get the other \$20,000 in donations (of cash or in-kind)," said Inglis, adding the new homeowners also are required to help with the construction to build their sweat equity.

Qualified low-income buyers of the homes — their income has to be at or below 50 percent of area median income — obtain their

mortgages through Habitat for Humanity which uses the repayments for new projects.

Part of the agreement with Habitat for Humanity calls for coordinating efforts for students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center's construction technology program to participate in the projects.

In particular, Inglis will be meeting with staff at the Career Tech Center about students handling the rehabilitation work at 31669 Birchwood.

"I really want to partner with them when we do that house," said Inglis.

Westland had received just over \$2 million from the NSP to acquire and rehabilitate or demolish vacant foreclosed homes. The city is focusing its efforts in the Norwayne area in southeast Westland. Part of that effort includes a rental housing rehabilitation program and leaving some demolished sites vacant or offered to neighboring property owners to reduce the high density in the area.

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MEHL

FROM PAGE A1

Planning Commission and 12 years serving the citizens as council member make me well qualified to perform the duties of council member. My experience in the city budget process, planning and knowledge of the city charter will be valuable in making the proper decisions that will effect our city now and the future.

What do you see as the issues facing the city at this time? How would you address those issues?

It is evident that financial stability of the city is a top issue. My 12 years of working on the budget makes it much easier to understand the problems the city faces and possible resolutions to those problems. We need to control our spending so we do not put the city in long-term distress.

The city council must work with the administration to do everything we can to fill the

KENNETH E. MEHL

Age: 62

Employment: Retired early from General Motors

Family: Divorced with adult children and grandchildren

Education: Bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering, Lawrence Institute of Technology

Community Involvement: Past member Westland Dad's Club; Westland Youth Athletic Association; council member for 12 years, including 6 years

as council president, Westland Planning Commission member for six years, including three years as chairman, Westland Festival Committee member for more than 30 years, 10 as chairman, chaired the committee that brought the Vietnam Moving Wall to Westland in 2006, chairman of the Westland Veterans Association; Trustee of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Romanowski Post 6896, Westland

What do you want voters to know about you?

I have been involved in the city since I moved here in 1969. My knowledge of city government, involvement in civic organizations and dedication to Westland residents is evident. I will be able to work without any "on the job training" and have the time to be a "full-time" council member and be accessible to citizens at all times.

vacant commercial buildings in order to get the Personal Property Tax base back in order. The large number of vacant buildings has a direct effect on the budget and we must get that problem resolved as soon as possible.

The council must work with the administration to eliminate bight in the city. We need to look at our ordinances and ordinance enforcement to resolve this problem.

Second suspect ordered to face break-in charges

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A second man has been ordered to stand trial on charges of breaking into a home and stealing a Westland woman's purse while she slept.

Lawrence Thompson, 31, waived his preliminary

examination in Westland 18th District Court Thursday. He was ordered bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court on a charge of first-degree home invasion over the June 16 theft.

Additionally, Thompson is facing multiple additional charges of first- and second-degree home invasions and

breaking and entering from unrelated home and business break-ins.

Held in lieu of two \$1 million cash bonds, Thompson is also being held as a parole violator. He was released from prison March 31 and scheduled to be on parole until 2011. He has a history of breaking and entering convictions dating back to 1998, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Livonia resident Raymond Schultz, 20, had earlier waived his preliminary examination on a charge of first-degree home invasion and using the woman's stolen credit card. His bond was set at \$250,000 cash/surety.

Westland police had obtained numerous surveillance video photographs of suspects using the victim's stolen credit card at Meijer and White Castle in Livonia and Sunoco in Westland. Custom chrome wheels on a Jeep driven by the suspects resulted in a tip to police.

REEVES

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even though state revenue to the city has been cut and property tax revenue has been reduced.

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

The issues are:

- Reduced state revenue.
- Housing foreclosures.
- Safe and secure environment.
- A business friendly environment.
- Maintaining a fund balance.
- Cutting medical expenses.

How would you address those issues?

- Use lobbyist to locate resources.

DEWEY REEVES

Age: 56

Family: Married to Gail

Employment: Retired Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department deputy, operates a home-based clothing design business and is a self-employed wardrobe consultant

Education: Studied industrial

technology at Eastern Michigan University

Community Involvement: Westland Downtown Development Authority, Lions Club, Westland Historic Village Park, Westland Southeast Homeowners Association, Annapolis Park

What do you want voters to know about you?

I am a family man, a great listener, compassionate, straightforward and to the point. I'm a man who will work tirelessly for the citizens of Westland, the city I love.

- Work with local banking institutions.
- Maintain police and fire and DPS and their equipment.
- Develop new marketing techniques with DDA.
- Cut all excess spending.
- Increase employee health care contributions across the

AROUND WESTLAND

Avoid identity theft

Have your personal documents safely disposed of free of charge to help avoid identity theft. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, an industrial shredder will be on site in the Westland Friendship Center parking lot, at 1119 N. Newburgh. Westland residents

may bring their documents - up to three boxes/bags per vehicle. For more information, please call (734) 722-7628.

For job seekers

People who need to file for unemployment, create a resume in Microsoft Word or learn how to upload your

resume into the Michigan talent bank or other job-searching websites can get it at the William P. Faust Library's Job Seekers Lab open 1-4 p.m. Friday, July 24, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 28. A librarian is available to assist people in their employment endeavors, just drop by during the lab's open hours.

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Children's fair benefits fire safety unit

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There will be carnival rides and a chance for a closer look at some fire department equipment at the Children's Fire Safety Carnival Wednesday through Saturday. Hosted by the Westland Firefighters Public Awareness Committee, the carnival will

be held on Wayne Road just north of Warren at the site of the former Quo Vadis Theater. The carnival, with rides provided by Mid-America Shows Delaware, will be open 4-11 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and noon to 11 p.m. Saturday. Firefighters are sponsoring the carnival as part of their efforts to raise money to pur-

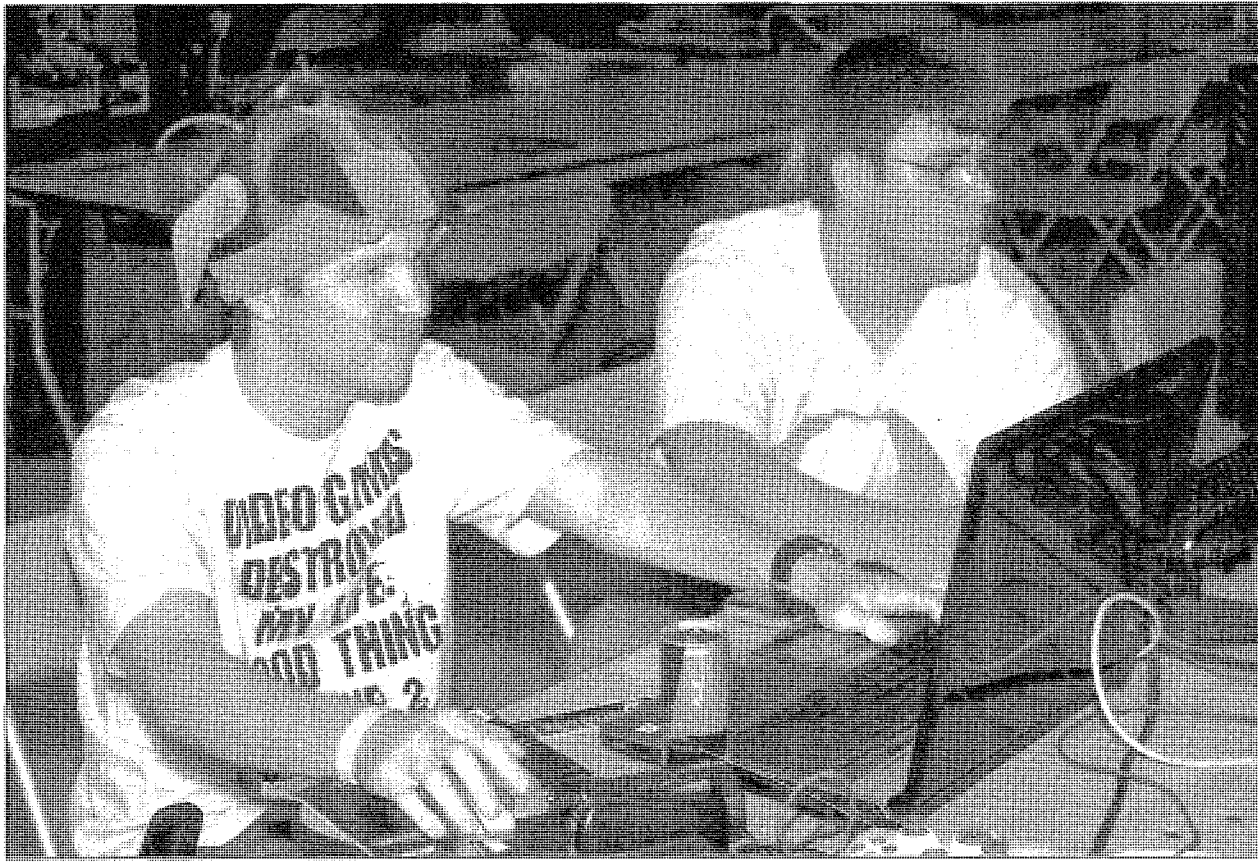
chase a mobile children's fire training unit. After two years' effort, Fire Capt. John Adams said firefighters are close to raising the \$30,000 needed. "We've had a stationary one at the main fire station. With the budget constraints, attendance is down due to transportation costs," said Adams. "We can take this unit to different functions. It broadens

our ability to provide that education." Along with carnival rides, midway and food, Adams said firefighters will be on hand to let guests get a look at vehicles and equipment along with getting some fire safety information. "We're working with the Michigan Humane Society to come out on Saturday for pet

adoptions," said Adams. The mobile training unit would be ready for unveiling in time for October which is Fire Safety Month. An important feature in the unit is the ability to fill it with nontoxic smoke. "We go into the schools but we're limited in a classroom environment. This mobile unit educates kids on how

to get out of a smoke-filled house — to stay low, to have more than one way out," said Adams. "And that they need to pre-plan and have a gathering place to meet outside." Firefighters will be holding a Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament fund-raiser in September.

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Jordan Lorkowski and Josh Lagrou are among gamers who came out for the Gamers 4 Giving Summer LAN at Skateland West.

GAMERS

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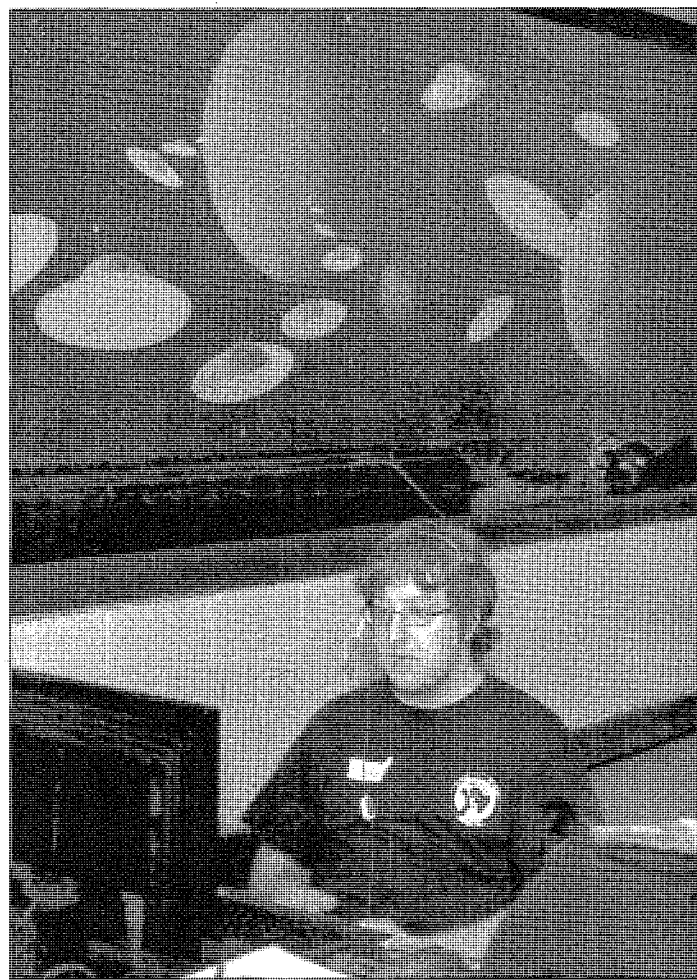
summer event." The summer LAN was small in comparison to the last Gamers 4 Giving event that attracted 1,000 people. The summer LAN brought in gamers from throughout Michigan and from as far away as Arkansas and California. Coming in from Grand Rapids was David Walsh, who has found financial success as a professional player in Major League Gaming.

Walsh wasn't there to advance his career. He decided not to compete in the 32-person Halo tournament with the \$1,000 prize, leaving the door open to local gamers. Instead, he did exhibitions for those gathered for the event.

"It's been a hobby my entire life and I've been able to make a living for about five years," he said. "I makes six figures; that's very rare, very lucky."

One of the local gamers was Patrick Steffes of Westland. The 19-year-old heard about the event on the Internet and decided to come out to have fun and help a good cause.

"I've been gaming pretty much since I could pick up the controller," he said. "I originally started with Super Mario Brothers. I still go back and play the old games. Once in a while, I'll break out my Super



David Wayne of Redford sits in one competition during the Gamers 4 Giving LAN at Skateland West in Westland.

Nintendo."

Participants brought sleeping bags and camped out at the rink. Some stayed up all night with the help of energy

drinks like Red Bull, one of the event sponsors, according to Mayne, who hooked up with Wigan at last year's Gamers 4 Giving.

"I won almost every raffle prize at it," Mayne said. "I started talking with him and saw the blueprints of the kiosks. I was impressed. The first big event went to, I went with Zack to help spread the word about this."

According to Justin Slanec of Garden City, it took about 10 weeks to organize the summer event, and less than a day to set up the equipment.

"KLA Laboratory donated all the power equipment, about \$70,000 worth," he said. "It took about three hours to set up."

He added that cameras were set up around the venue so the competition could be watched live over the Internet. People could go on and see it "from every angle," he said.

Entry fees, donations, sponsorships and T-shirt sales helped raise money for the kiosks. A prototype was on display for gamers to see. According to Wigan, the cost to build one ranges from \$1,500 to \$3,000.

With the summer event history, planning has already started for the foundation's biggest event, Gamers 4 Giving.

It will take place in March 2010. More information that event or the Gamers Outreach Foundation go online to www.gamersoutreach.org.

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Rooks, knights and checkmate

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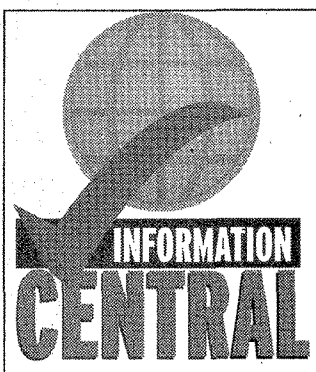
Chess is played on a square chequered board with 64 squares arranged in an eight-by-eight grid. Each player has 16 pieces: one king, one queen, two rooks, two knights, two bishops and eight pawns. Every piece has specific moves that it is allowed to make in order to try to capture your opponent's pieces.

The object of the game is to checkmate your opponent's king, which means that the king is under immediate attack and there is no way to remove it from attack on the next move.

At the Westland Public Library, we recently started hosting a Chess Night at 7 p.m. every Thursday. It is a great way to play a stimulating and exciting game and meet other chess enthusiasts. Complete novices to chess masters are all welcome. Bring your own board or use one of ours.

If you'd like to improve your skills or just learn the game, Chess Night is a great place to come. Chess Night, however is not the only way the Westland Public Library can assist your chess needs. You can tweak your strategy by checking out "The Mammoth Book of Chess" by Graham Burgess, "How to Win at Chess: 10 Golden Rules to Follow" by Daniel King or "Winning Chess Strategies" by Yasser Seirawan.

Learn everything there is to know about chess with "The Chess Encyclopedia" by Nathan Divinsky and the "U.S. Chess Federation's Official Rules of Chess." You can also check out the DVD, "Winning



Chess the Easy Way" with Susan Polgar the four-time Women's World Champion.

Many chess aficionados find great competition online against both other players and the computer at www.chess.com. You can find the United States Chess Federation (USCF), the not-for-profit official U.S. membership organization for chess players and chess supporters of all ages and strengths at www.uschess.org.

As always, the Westland Public Library is here for your information needs. You can call us at (734) 326-6123 or visit us online at westlandlibrary.org.

Highlighted Activities

Science Fiction Book Club: 7 p.m. July 29

Join us for a discussion of Jules Verne's classic, "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." Copies of the book are available at the Reference Desk.

D.I.Y. Decorative Painting - Textured Painting: 7 p.m. July 30

Get some do-it-yourself, hands-on experience in the art of textured painting. Peggy Vastine from Lowe's of Westland will show you how to make your walls look fabulous! Seating is limited, and sign-up is required. See the Reference Desk to

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Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the library: Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Chess Night: Every Thursday evening at 7 p.m.

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There's still time to join the Adult Summer Reading Program, "DIY @ Your Library." Programs, prizes and reading now through Aug. 15.

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian Kristy Cooper. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

'Black box' reveals details of car-train crash

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 2006 Ford Fusion driven by Daniel Broughton in the Amtrak collision at the Hannan Road railroad crossing July 9 reached speeds as high as 68 mph as it approached the crossing, according to information retrieved from the car's Powertrain Control Module.

The car's "black box" also showed Broughton, the 19-year-old Woodhaven man who was driving the Fusion at the time of the accident, slowed to approximately 30 mph as he approached the crossing just prior to the crash, Canton Township police have confirmed.

Five people, including Broughton, were killed when he tried to beat the oncom-

ing passenger train bound for Chicago shortly after noon.

Canton police retrieved the black box after obtaining a warrant. The warrant became necessary, police explained, once the car was removed from the scene. Because of the sophistication of the equipment, police said, an outside consultant was brought in to help police decipher the information.

A nearby business's video security camera recorded the crash and shows the driver did not try to stop and skirted past a white SUV waiting at the crossing. The train crossing's safety arm was lowered and its alarms and sirens were flashing at the time of the crash, witnesses said.

"When you place it in reference to the video, (Broughton) is coming northbound on

Hannan Road, so he's accelerating up the road," said Canton Police Sgt. Mark Gajeski. "He sees the car stopped in front of him and he has to slow down to get around it."

The speed limit in that area, Gajeski said, is 45 mph.

The accident remains under investigation by the department's Accident Investigation Unit. Gajeski said police hoped to have the investigation completed by the end of the month. Investigators, he said, are still waiting on reports from the Wayne County Medical Examiner, including toxicology reports that would tell whether drugs or alcohol were a factor.

Gajeski said previously there was "nothing at the scene" to indicate that to be the case.

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Buy Michigan Now Festival starts Monday in Northville

A week-long festival, promoting the purchase of Michigan-made products and use of Michigan-based services, kicks off Monday in downtown Northville.

The Buy Michigan Now Festival features vendors and exhibits promoting Michigan-made products. Food, entertainment and guest speakers on energy, health, business and the economy are packed into the week-long event. (Go to hometownlife.com and see the Buy Michigan special section; for event schedule and updates, go to buymichigan-now.com.)

Lisa Diggs, founder of the event, said many of the workshops and seminars will be worthwhile for area residents to attend, because they will address environmental and economic issues that affect us all.

Each day has a special theme, and Main Street in downtown Northville will be closed to traffic from Hutton

to Wing streets for the various vendor booths Friday, Saturday and Sunday, beginning at 5 a.m. Center Street will remain open.

Lori Ward, director of Northville Downtown Development Authority, said Northville was selected as the host for the event because of its strong independent merchant base and because of events that were already scheduled in the city, including the Tunes on Tuesdays Children's Concert at Town Square, the Grub Crawl on Tuesday night, the Farmers Market on Thursday morning and the Friday Night Concert.

Monday's theme is "Going Green in the Eco-Peninsula," with speakers discussing how to reduce our carbon footprint and energy audits.

Tuesday is "Family, fun and food." Festival organizers are aiming the events at the next generation. Building pride and local buying habits start at an early age, Diggs said.

Wednesday's focus is well-

ness with Carolyn Simon of the Red Pepper Deli leading a discussion on preparing healthy dishes from Michigan foods. A free resume review will be available by a panel of human resources experts, 8-10 a.m.

"Creating Commerce" is theme for Thursday, with sessions on doing business in Michigan and careers in franchise ownership.

Friday is all about "Cultivating a Creative Economy," how art is having an economic impact. Northville's sidewalk sale with evening concerts and entertainment are also on tap. A panel discussion on the film industry will be held 2-4 p.m.

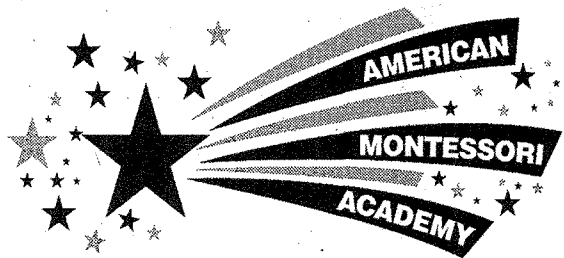
Saturday and Sunday events celebrate Michigan food, talent and innovation.

The timing of the festival was chosen to coincide with the official proclamation by Gov. Jennifer Granholm of July 27-Aug. 2, 2009, as "Buy Michigan Week" throughout the state.

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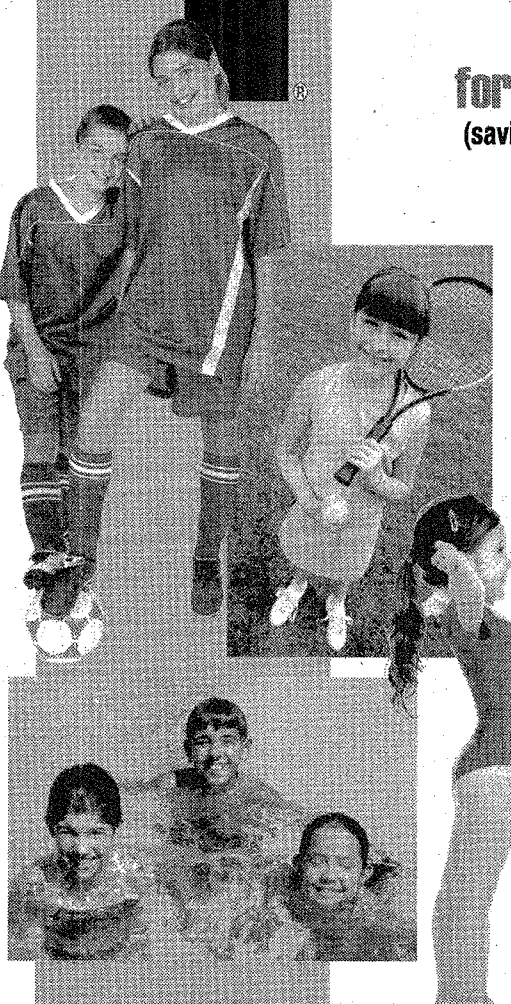
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Brim full with guests, Greenmead tea is sellout

Nearly 100 attendees donned period hats Tuesday while enjoying sandwiches and scones during the Mid-Summer's Night Tea at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

The annual event raised \$1,400 to \$1,500 for restoration of the Simmons Hill House, the centerpiece 1841 Greek Revival at Greenmead, said Linda Wiacek, recreation supervisor for the city of Livonia.

"It was a sellout," Wiacek said. She said she doesn't have all of the bills in yet for the event, but all proceeds will go to the Simmons Hill House restoration.

Livonia resident Suzy Golden, owner of a collection of approximately 1,600 hats, was the guest speaker.

Each of the attendees was invited to select a hat from Golden's collection to wear during the event. Among them were hats from the late 1800s



Betty Evenden serves tea sandwiches at the Mid-Summer's Night Tea Tuesday at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

up until the 1970s, including Victorian-era hats, hats from the Roaring '20s and Jackie Kennedy-style hats from the 1960s.

"They enjoyed trying them on and coordinating them with

their outfits," Wiacek said of the women who attended. "It was really, really fun."

The recreation department hosts four teas a year and always has a different speaker or musicians, Wiacek said.



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Christine Abbey serves tea to Loretta Lupa of Westland and Margery Salek of Garden City.

The Mid-Summer's Night Tea, held among the flower gardens on the lawn of the Simmons Hill House, is the only one that is outdoors.

The next tea is the Christmas tea, held at the Alexander Blue

House at Greenmead, a 95-acre park and site of the homestead of Michigan pioneer Joshua Simmons. The park includes the original farm complex, historical village, picnic facilities and recreational areas.

The Christmas tea will feature red and green linens and fine Christmas china.

For more information, call (248) 477-7375.

- By Karen Smith

Rides, food fill Sahara Fest

The Middle East came to the Basilica of St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church at last week's second annual "Sahara Fest."

The Sahara Fest featured authentic Arabic food, including falafel, beef and chicken shawarma, kafta, hummus, and zalabieh as well as carnival rides, classic cars, group games, such as charity casino, and more fun for the whole family.

The Sahara Fest benefits the development of the Mariam Center, a 30,000 square-foot family and youth enrichment center, planned for completion in 2011. The center will help support family and ethnic-oriented activities in Livonia



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Fadme Karam and son Loai Karam enjoy Sahara Fest Thursday evening.

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LTU seminars offer networking, resume help to unemployed

Lawrence Technological University will host a free networking reception and panel discussion for displaced workers with college degrees from 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, on its campus at 21000 West 10 Mile Road in Southfield.

The networking reception and panel discussion are not restricted to Lawrence Tech alumni and students. Job-seekers will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from approximately 40 companies, according to Peg Pierce, director of Lawrence Tech's Office of Career Services.

A panel with representatives from several employment sectors will discuss what different employers are looking for from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and again from 7-8 p.m.

"This is a chance to talk to people in different sectors about the knowledge base and skill sets they are looking for," Pierce said. "Job seekers can get a better idea of how to prepare themselves for today's challenging job market."

Displaced workers with college degrees should register in advance at ltu.edu/recovery/receptions.asp. Questions can be sent to recovery@ltu.edu. There are no fees to participate.

To help displaced workers prepare for the networking reception, The Ayers Group of Southfield — a career transition management firm and a division of Kelly Services Inc. of Troy — is teaming up

with Lawrence Tech's Office of Career Services to offer a free workshop on networking from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, in the Science Building auditorium on the Lawrence Tech campus. Participants should register for these workshops in advance at ltu.edu/recovery/receptions.asp.

Ayers also will hold a workshop on using social media in a job search from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the same location. Additionally, from 1-4 p.m., Kelly recruiters representing specific industry sectors will review resumes with individual job applicants and provide feedback.

The networking reception and workshops are part of Lawrence Tech's \$3 million "Recovery Starts Here" stimulus package for displaced workers. The initiative includes 400 "Recovery Grants" that provide 50 percent of tuition for eligible displaced workers or their dependent children through the completion of a degree program. These grants will enable displaced workers to take advantage of Lawrence Tech's expanded academic programs in areas such as sustainability, alternative energy and life sciences.

Students may also be eligible for further tuition assistance through the "No Worker Left Behind" program administered by Michigan Works!, essentially allowing them to attend Lawrence Tech tuition-free. "These workshops and the

networking reception are an important part of our outreach and service to the community during these difficult times," said Lawrence Tech President Lewis N. Walker. "Our goal is to help match displaced workers with available jobs and help workers retool when necessary to take advantage of opportunities in emerging economic areas."

The Ayers Group, headquartered in New York City, operates five offices in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Michigan. Through its partnership with Career Partners International, The Ayers Group/CPI has offices in more than 175 locations throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, South America and the Pacific Rim.

Kelly Services Inc. is a world leader in workforce management services and human resources solutions with headquarters in Troy. Kelly offers temporary staffing services, outsourcing, vendor on-site and full-time placement to clients on a global basis.

Lawrence Technological University, ltu.edu, offers nearly 100 undergraduate, master's and doctoral degree programs in colleges of architecture and design, arts and sciences, engineering and management.

Lawrence Tech's 102-acre campus is in Southfield, and programs are also offered in Detroit, Lansing, Petoskey and Traverse City.



Harrison Bailey throws the stone during last year's stoneput competition.

Scottish festival returns

An event touted by organizers as the longest-running Scottish festival in North America is returning to Livonia Thursday through Saturday.

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is celebrating the 160th anniversary of its annual Highland Games at Historic Greenmead Park, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile.

"There's a wee bit of something for everyone. The games are a family-oriented event bringing all things Scottish to metro Detroit," said Scott David of Plymouth, president of St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. Children 12 and under are admitted free. "It's a great staycation," David said.

This year's games feature a combination of Scottish history, pageantry, athleticism and Celtic entertainment.

Some of the many scheduled activities include a heavy athletics professional invitational, solo bagpipe and bagpipe band competitions, drum major and drumming competition and Highland dance competition. Other events include the Tug O'War competition featuring the reigning champions from the Livonia Fire Department, Wee Bairns Games for children ages 4-11, two entertainment tents, genealogy and

HIGHLAND GAMES

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When: Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Where: Greenmead Historical Park, near the corner of Newburgh and Eight Mile, Livonia
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clan tents and a display of animals native to Scotland.

The festival kicks off with Movie Night in the Park, a free admission event with a \$5 parking fee from dusk to 11 p.m. *The Waterhorse: Legend of the Deep* will be shown outdoors.

Blankets, coolers and lawn chairs are permitted, but no alcoholic beverages are allowed. Popcorn and beverages are available for purchase at Movie Night.

The Ceilidh (pronounced Kay-lee) will be 5-11 p.m. Friday, and the 160th annual Highland Games from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Ceilidh tickets must be purchased in advance and are \$15, with free admission for children

5 and under. Entertainment on Friday features Detroit's own Celtic groups with String Cheese and The Kreellers, and also Alex Beaton, NeedFire and Tartanic.

One of the festival highlights is the Highland dance championships. Nearly 150 dancers — from primary to premier — will high-step their way Saturday.

Pipe bands will perform at the games, including the Shrine Highlanders of Detroit, the Michigan Scottish Pipe Band and the Caber Feidh Pipe Band of Canton, among others.

Top competitors will toss everything from large stones to hammers and the caber, a large wooden pole.

Frequently seen on the ESPN 2 cable channel, which televises Gaelic heavy athletics and Strongmen, organizers call the heavy athletics competition the hallmark of the games.

"We're very fortunate to have most of the continent's top performers coming to compete year after year," says Kurt Pauli, a former four-time champion of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games.

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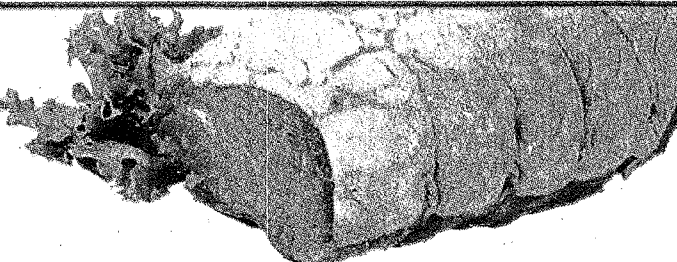
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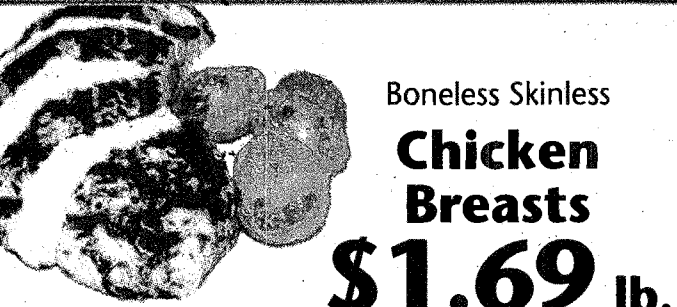
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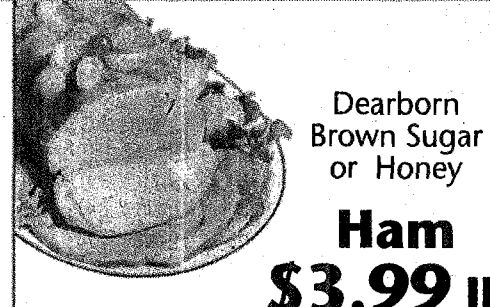
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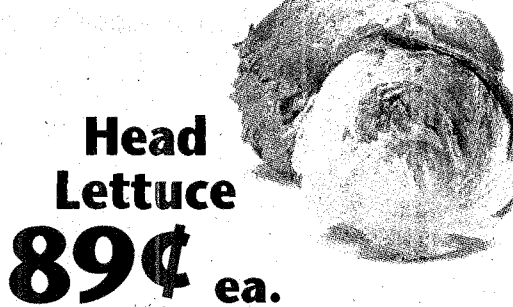
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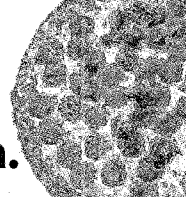


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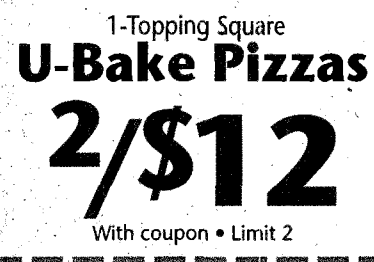
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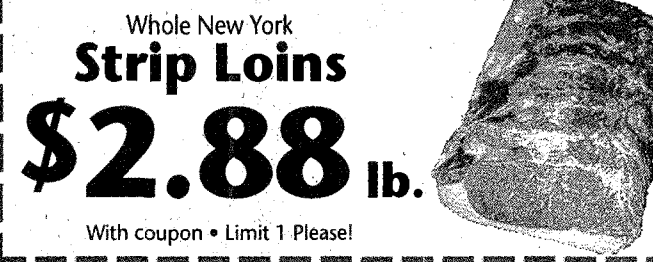


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UPCOMING EVENTS

Car show
American Legion Post 32 host a car show 5-8 p.m. every Thursday evening throughout the summer at the post, 9318 Newburgh, just south of Ann Arbor Trail. The post kitchen is open and serves a variety of dinners for \$7 each and also have grilled items like hot dogs, hamburgers and sloppy joes outside. There also is a DJ, 50/50 raffle and bake sale hosted by the American Legion Riders. Everyone is welcome.

School registration
St. Damian School is accepting students for the 3-4-year-old preschool program as well as students in kindergarten through eighth-grade. The school is fully accredited by MNSAA, with certified, experienced teachers, hot lunch program and many other school programs and extracurricular activities. A licensed morning and afternoon latchkey is available. School tours are available upon request. St. Damian School is at 29891 Joy in Westland. Call (734) 427-1680 for more information or visit the school's website at www.stdamian.com.

Crafters needed
St. Theodore CCW has table rental available for \$25 for its Fall Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Contact Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voicemail 10) or Mary Ellen at (734) 261-8821. No vendors.

Community Baby Shower
Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's 12th Annual Community Baby Shower will be held 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at Wayne County Community College's Downriver Campus in Taylor. The Community Baby Shower is a free event for low-income expectant parents and those with infants up to 3 months of age by Sept. 24. Parents will receive valuable information and resources regarding their new bundles of joy. Guest speakers will share information regarding family safety, parenting tips and healthy relationships. Participants will also enjoy lunch, prizes and raffles throughout the event. Call for information regarding on-site childcare. Space is limited. Call (734) 246-2280, Ext. 122, for more

information or to register. Callers who reach a voice mailbox should leave their name and telephone number so that their call can be returned and the registration process can be completed.

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

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

Wayne Memorial Class of 1983 will hold its 26th class reunion noon until dark Saturday, Aug. 29, at Independence Lake Park in Whitmore Lake. The reunion is a family-friendly pot luck event, bring the kids. A donation of any amount - \$5-\$10 suggested per family - is suggested to cover the cost of pavilion rental. For details, call Mary Gills Orwin at (734) 968-6368.

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

Higher Rock Cafe
The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out



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Weststock is back

Toarmina's Pizza will celebrate its 22nd anniversary with local bands performing at the William P. Faust Public Library's outdoor pavilion 1-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 29. Dubbed "Weststock," the celebration will feature more than 20 bands which will be play short sets all day long. There also will be pizza, T-shirts, and drinks for sale at Weststock. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, relax and enjoy the free music. You can also find a schedule of bands playing on the Internet at www.Myspace.com/weststock09. This is the second time Toarmina's tried to stage Weststock. The first mini music festival was shut down abruptly on June 30 because of storms. Among those able to perform before the rain were Jake Lemond and Justin Walker of the band Street Light

Higher Rock on the Web at www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

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

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

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

and their families. For more information, call (734) 563-5005.

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

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

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

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

VOLUNTEERS

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

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

VNA Hospice
Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

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

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

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

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

ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

TOPS
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) M128 of Westland meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland. For more information, call Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879.

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

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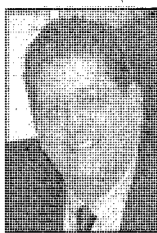
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Consider factors before buying low-cost homes

Q: Dear Rick: I found out I can buy houses in Detroit for as low as \$1,000. My game plan is to buy six or seven houses and then rent them. My problem is I don't have the money to buy the homes. However, this is a great opportunity and I don't want to miss it. I have a few options to get the money. I can either take a cash advance on my charge card or I can use the money in my IRA account. I have about \$10,000 in my IRA. I am 27 and if this goes well, I will be able to quit my job and live off the rent. Can you tell me the best way to finance the homes?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

is to talk to someone who is a landlord so you will understand what is involved before you purchase the homes.

There are many books written by landlords that will be helpful to you.

Another issue to consider is the homes are probably not in any condition to be rental property. Many of the homes being sold for rock bottom prices in the city need substantial work. Before you buy an investment property know what it is going to cost to put it in the proper condition to rent.

In calculating your costs, don't forget to include legal fees. Not only are there going to be some to purchase the

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home, but also to ensure that, as a landlord, you dot all of the "I's" and cross all of the "T's."

As a landlord you have certain legal obligations. As to financing the homes, I do not recommend using your IRA. If you withdraw money from your IRA, you have to pay taxes and a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty. By the time you pay state and federal taxes, along with early withdrawal penalties, you can lose up to 40 percent of your money.

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Using a charge card and taking the cash advance also makes no sense. Not only will you have to pay high rates of interest on a cash advance (at least 18.5 percent) but

the money would not be tax deductible. I am not a fan of using credit cards to finance purchases.

Instead of your IRA or charge cards, a better course of action is to find a partner or an investor. This would ensure that your eggs are not all in one basket. As opposed to you putting cash into the deal, you can exchange sweat equity.

After all, being a landlord and renting out homes is more than an investment, it is also a business that someone needs to be involved with on a day-to-day basis.

If you do find a partner, it is important to document your relationship in writing. Consider the legal entity that your new venture will be. You have choices between corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies. All things being equal, particularly with partners or an investor, I would lean toward a limited liability company.

There is no doubt that there are real estate deals out there and that a smart entrepreneur can capitalize on the collapse of the real estate market. However, as any landlord will tell you, it is not easy. My advice is to proceed, but with caution. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Garden City hold its regular meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Administrative Service Center Board Room, 1333 Radcliff, beginning at 7:00 p.m.; further, when feasible, the Board endeavors to designate the second regular board meeting of each month as a meeting to be held at a school building also starting at 7:00 p.m. It should be noted that all student expulsion, disciplinary or appeal hearings will be conducted at the Administrative Service Center.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 14 07/20/09**

Presiding: President Pro-Tem Graunstadt
Present: Graunstadt, Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer
135: Appr. minutes of 7/06/09.
-Approved req. from JGHS to hold Homecoming Parade 10/2/09.
-Appr. req. from Library to host Weststock on 7/29/09 & waive pavilion fees.
-Appr. req. from Target to host 26th NNO on 8/4/09.
-Appr. req. from WFPAC to hold carnival at 7420 N. Wayne Rd. 7/29-8/1/09.
-Appr. bid for dump truck #74 to Cannon Equip., amt. \$46,709.00.
-Appr. bid for backhoe to Mich. Cat; amt. \$94,396.00.
-Appr. bid for fencing for Spray Park to Motor City Fence; amt. \$14,509.00.
-Adopt. MOA with SHPO for Norwayne sub. recordation.
-Adopt. MOU with Habitat for Humanity for construction & rehab of multiple properties.
-Adopt. Prep. Res. for HUD Homes Acquisition to purchase 2 properties.
-Adopt. Prep. Res. of MYP for fiscal yrs. 2010-2012.
-Appr. agrmt. with Clemis for 3 yr term to exp. 12/31/2013; amt. \$3,313.00.
136: Appr. Spec. Land Use for Body Art Studio, n. side of Ford, w. of Newburgh.
137: Appr. Spec. Land Use for Body Art Studio, 8043 Middlebelt.
138: Conf. re-appt. S. Wiacek to DDA for 4 yr. term to exp. 7/13/2013.
139: Appr. checklist: \$726,182.07 & Prepaid: \$ 1,088,891.38.
Mtg. adj. at 8:10 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

Cheryl Graunstadt
Council President Pro-Tem

Eileen DeHart, CMC
City Clerk

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**Local actors
'Still Got It' in
pair of plays**

The Still Got It Players, a new theater company composed of performers age 50 and up, debut their first show, a pair of one-act comedies that will be performed on the main stage at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton next month. The two plays - *Any Body for Tea?* by C.B. Gilford and *Funeral Tea* by Pat Wilson - put the focus on a couple of different groups of ladies, according to Debbie Lannen, the director of The Still Got It Players.

"In *Anybody for Tea?* is a wonderful group of elderly ladies dying to meet the handsome detective across the street, and the lengths they go to meet him are hilarious and quite unexpected," Lannen said. *Funeral Tea* introduces us to a different group of eccentric ladies faced with the dilemma and privilege of finding the perfect resting place for a favorite uncle."

Performances are set for 1 p.m. Aug. 26-27; 7 p.m. Aug. 28-29; and 2 p.m. Aug. 30, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office, (734) 394-5460, or on-line at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door/ Box office opens one hour prior to show time. Tickets are \$15



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The Still Got It Players, featuring (from left) Shirley Reynolds of Canton, Agnes Hay of Northville, Thomas Strock of Canton, Lanna Collins of Garden City, Beth Brooks of Northville and Lee Thomas of Plymouth, present *Anybody for Tea?* at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.



The Still Got It production of "Funeral Tea" features (front, from left) Joanna McKay of Canton and Beth Brooks of Northville, as well as (back, from left) Robin Hoover of Belleville, Lanna Collins of Garden City and Linda Trygg of Westland.

for adults, \$13 for seniors and students under 19 and \$12 for groups of 15 or more. Still Got It Players, which features actors from Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Belleville, Garden City, Westland and Redford, is

part of the Spotlight Players organization. Spotlight Players is the resident adult theater group for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild, Spotlight Players is a non-profit

TAKING THE STAGE

- **What:** Still Got It Players productions of "Any Body for Tea" and "Funeral Tea"
- **When:** Aug. 26-27, 1 p.m.; Aug. 28-29, 7 p.m.; Aug. 30, 2 p.m.
- **Where:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton
- **Who:** Still Got It Players features actors from Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Garden City, Westland and Northville
- **Tickets:** \$15 for adults; \$13 for seniors/students under 19
- **Info:** www.spotlightplayersmi.org or call (734) 734-480-4945

501(c)(3) organization and has been part of the community for 62 years.

For more information about The Still Got It Players, visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org or call Lannen at 734-480-4945.



**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
August 10, 2009**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, August 10, 2009 at 6:58 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the proposed change to the Salary Ordinance for the City Manager as follows.

Proposed Ordinance A #10-

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

A **Salary Ordinance** in accordance with the Charter of the City of Garden City, Section 5.02 (9):

POSITION	SALARY
CITY MANAGER	\$91,000. - \$119,500 annually

In addition to the above salary established herein, fringe benefits agreed to in the Employment Agreement are made part of the total compensation package and are affirmed and established as if set out in full. Above salary shall be in effect as of July 1, 2009.

The amendatory ordinance is declared to be effective upon publication as required by law.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of the City Clerk, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

ALLYSON BETTIS
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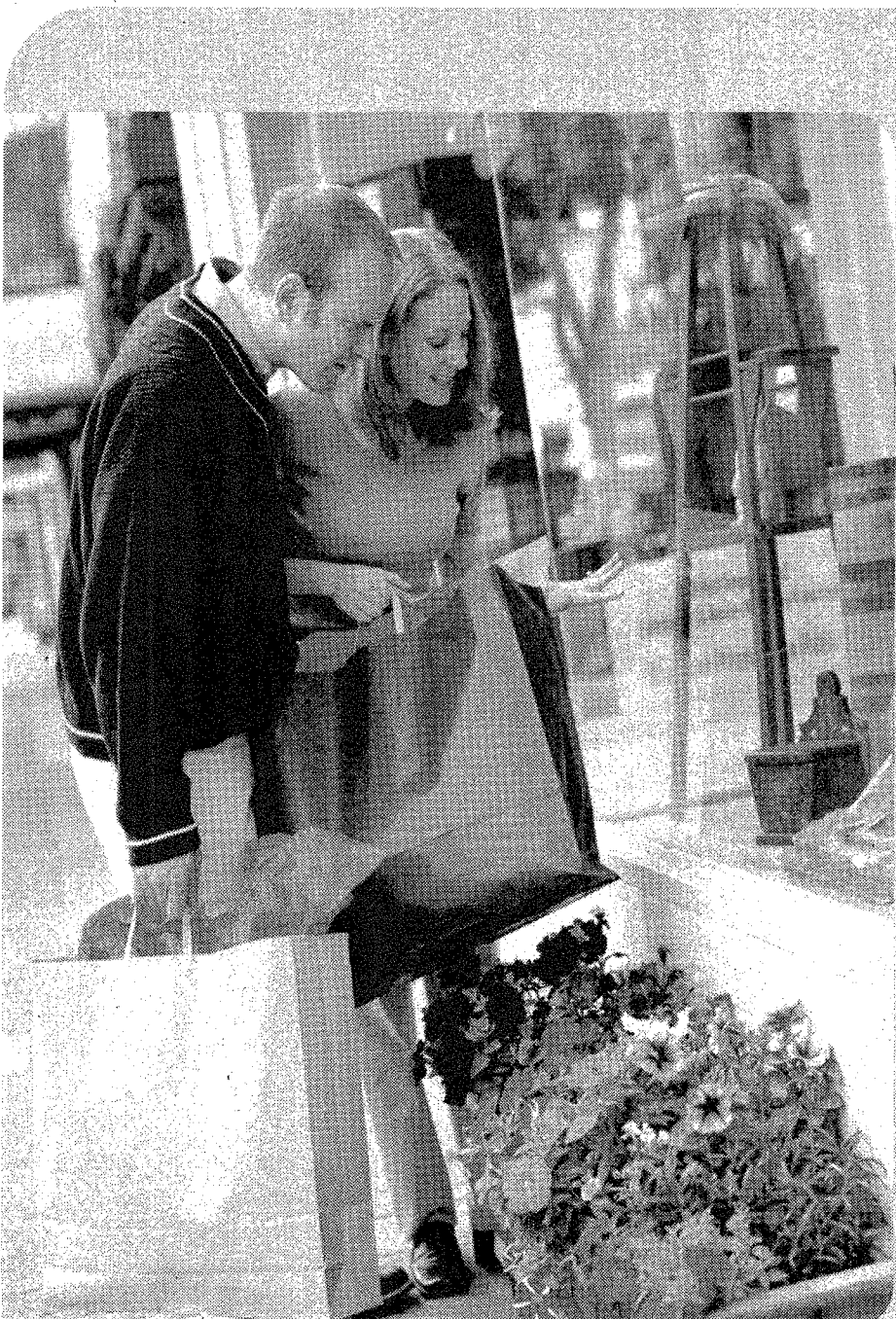
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ALA asks cyclists to Ride for a Reason

The American Lung Association is inviting local cyclists to Ride for a Reason and help stamp out lung disease on the 24th Annual Bike Trek to Shakertown Sept. 19-21.

When it comes to autumn bicycle tours, the "Lung Ride" sets the standard for beautiful routes, spectacular scenery and first-class service. Featuring a visit to Shakertown and a tour along some of central Kentucky's most scenic backroads, the trek makes a perfect regional get-away.

Last year's trek attracted riders from seven states and raised more \$163,000 for the fight against lung disease. Proceeds from the event help support medical research and lung health education programs throughout Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan and Tennessee, the region served by the American Lung Association of the Midland States.

Registration for the event is well underway, and since space is limited, interested riders are encouraged to sign up now.

Sponsored by Kindred Healthcare, the Bike Trek to Shakertown is a 2- or 3-day, fully supported cycling excursion through the Kentucky countryside, beginning and ending in Harrodsburg. Riders will spend Saturday night at Danville's famous Pioneer Playhouse. Sunday morning, it's on to Shakertown, where cyclists may tour the restored 19th century Shaker dwellings and visit the craft shops.

Three-day riders will enjoy a country gourmet dinner at Shakertown, and a concert by Lexington musician/recording artist Ben Sollee. They stay overnight at the historic village before cycling back to Harrodsburg on Monday.

The 2-day option (Sept. 19-20) includes Saturday's ride

and overnight in Danville, plus Sunday's ride to Shakertown with a chance to tour the village. The 2-day ride wraps up Sunday afternoon with a shuttle back to the start point.

No matter the level of cycling ability, there's something for everyone. Beginners can opt for the basic route of 30-35 miles each day, while those wanting a greater challenge will enjoy

a 69-mile, moderately hilly ride on Saturday and a similar option on Sunday. Monday's routes will both be shorter.

Some of the trek's amenities include experienced tour leaders, a gear truck for luggage, on-road repair service and rest stops with refreshments. Throw in free massages, meals and live entertainment, and it's easy to see why this event is often billed

as a mini-vacation on wheels.

According to Trek Director Carolyn Embry, "Contributions raised by Bike Trek participants help the 35 million Americans living with lung disease. Proceeds fund medical research, education, and advocacy for public policy that will advance the association's mission to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung

disease."

Embry added that for many participants the ride is special because lung disease has touched their lives in some way. "We have riders who suffer from asthma and others who have lost loved ones to lung cancer," she said.

To register for the trek, each rider pays a \$60 registration fee and agrees to raise pledges to

fight lung disease. Participants can qualify for a wide array of prizes as they reach various pledge levels.

For more information about the Bike Trek to Shakertown, including pre-trek information programs, training rides and corporate teams, call the American Lung Association at (800) 586-4872 or visit the website at www.kylung.org.

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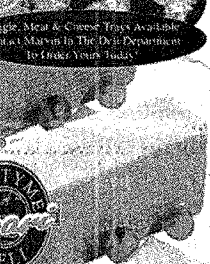
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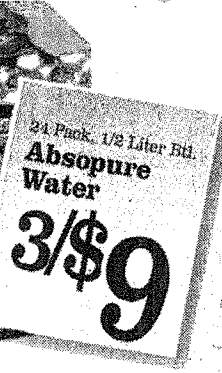
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HOMETOWN LIFE

Idyl Wild to host junior tourney

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the fifth year in a row, the Livonia-based Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club is spearheading a Junior Golf Tournament with the goal of helping youngsters perhaps discover the game.

This year's event is set to begin at noon Sunday, Aug. 9, at Idyl Wild Municipal Golf Course, located on Five Mile between Newburgh and Farmington roads in Livonia.

"We had 75 or 80 kids last year," Wolverine board member Bob Murray said. "We'd like to double that this year."

Those who register by the Sunday, Aug. 2, deadline will have the chance to compete in boys or girls divisions for the following age brackets: ages 15-17, 13-14 and 10-12. There will be two prizes awarded to the top golfers in all six brackets (three divisions each for boys and girls).

"But there is no same-day registration or registration at the golf course," said Murray, who also has been a high school hockey and baseball coach at Redford Union in recent years.

Murray stressed that those who want to take part in Wolverine's fifth annual Junior Golf Tournament must call him to do so at (734) 751-4466.

Those who register by Aug. 2 will receive the following from Wolverine, free of charge: 18 holes of golf, lunch and a T-shirt.

Meanwhile, fliers about the tournament are available at Livonia's three public golf courses.

Wolverine Sports and Conservation, a nonprofit group, donates \$50,000 annually toward different activities based on recreation, fitness and conservation, Murray said.

According to the group, its goals "include the introduction and support of community-based sports and recreation programs."

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Max Kollin of Farmington Hills competes for the first time on an international stage in the Junior Optimist Golf Championships.

Teen meets international challenge

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Max Kollin of Farmington Hills is one of three area teens venturing into the big time at The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships.

Kollin, 15, is among some of the best young golfers in the world who are competing at the PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Thirty countries are represented, including 38 states and Canadian provinces. There are 14 Michigan golfers

among the 650 boys and girls in four age groups.

Kollin, who will be a sophomore at North Farmington High School, was in the 14-15 division, which concludes its three-day, 54-hole tournament Monday.

Two other area golfers also qualified — Plymouth's Zak Fadden (12-13) and Farmington's Ian Ellis (16-18), a June graduate of Farmington High and a member of the All-Observer first team.

"I'm just looking forward to having a great time," Kollin said Thursday night. "I'm sure it will be a lot of fun."

It's the first national event for Kollin, who did aspire to play well, obviously, and was ready to give it his best shot.

"I'm definitely looking forward to putting my name on the leaderboard," he said.

"I was looking at some past scores, and I think one or two under par for the tournament could win it."

"I'm looking to do pretty good one day and have two other sub-par rounds."

Kollin was a key player and consis-

Please see **INTERNATIONAL, B2**

Hitting, pitching spark Canton 9U Cubs

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Talk about a juggernaut.

The 9U Cubs of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association rolled to a 10-1 regular season record, good enough to capture their division.

It didn't hurt to have six players with at least a .500 batting average or a pitching staff that struck out 132 batters in 51 innings. The entire team's batting average was over .400.

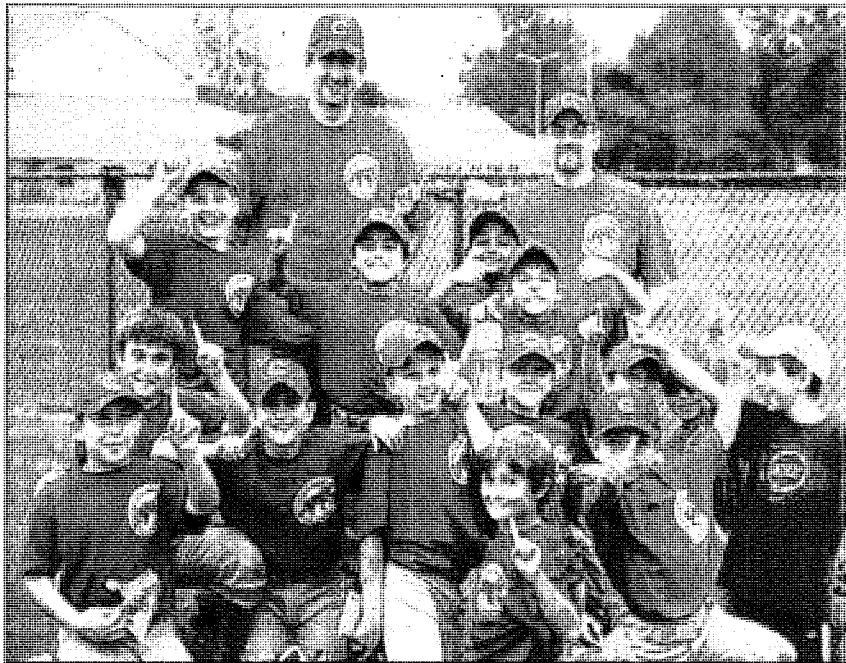
"Some of these boys have been playing baseball together for five years," said head coach Bill Boyd about the outstanding season. "(There's) great team chemistry."

The Cubs focus on "working hard, listening and having fun," noted Boyd, continuing that great support from parents makes coaching an enjoyable experience.

Players who made the 2009 team so successful were many.

At the top of the list were the co-MVPs, pitcher Joe Watson and catcher Brendan Olepa.

Please see **CUBS, B4**



Celebrating their recent clinching of their division are the 9U Cubs of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association, coached by Bill Boyd and Ed Olepa.

Michigan Rams register 20th collegiate baseball win

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Rams continued their strong play over the second half of the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League campaign as they posted a 3-0 shut-out of the Michigan Blue Knights Wednesday evening at Ford Field.

Kyle Vesey's double in the sixth inning broke a scoreless tie and the Rams went on to score two more times in the frame as they recorded their 20th win against nine losses. Vesey finished with two hits, two RBI and one run scored, while teammate Ryan Abraham ripped three hits in three trips and scored one run. Brett

Mazmanian had the other hit for the Rams.

A trio of Rams pitchers combined to limit the Knights (17-15) to five hits and struck out eight batters. Tom Whiting tossed the first four innings, Ben Schroeder came on to pitch the fifth and sixth frames and got the win, and Ryan Abraham struck out the side

in the seventh to earn the save.

Matt Mahalak took the loss for the Knights after giving up all six hits and being charged with the three runs.

Tony Pounders had two hits for the Knights and Frank Persichino, Brandon Schwanz and Chris Stephens picked up one each.

GAME WRAPS

Ladies football camp

The second annual Lady Hawks Football Camp will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Farmington Harrison High School.

The camp is open to any female wanting to learn football. Members of the Harrison coaching staff will be the camp instructors.

The camp includes station drills, chalk talk and film, conditioning and a short scrimmage. Lunch will be provided. Ladies should bring workout clothes, tennis shoes and courage.

The cost is \$30. Checks should be payable to HHS Football Boosters — Hawks Camp and mailed to Tammy Levitan at 27672 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Levitan can answer questions about the camp at (248) 345-8135.

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.

All-star spiker

Katey Ramthun, a graduate of Lutheran Westland High School, will be a participant in Friday's Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches

Association All-Star Game to be held at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. A pair of semifinal games will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the consolation and finals schedule for 7:30 p.m.

Ramthun, selected to the All-Observer First Team in 2008, helped her Warrior teammates to a 46-6-5 overall ledger in last fall and a runner-up finish to Battle Creek St. Philip in Division 4 state tournament play.

New PCHA Web site

The Plymouth Canton Hockey Association has a new Web site (www.usahockey.com/plymouthcantonthockey) and registration for the fall instructional program and teams is ongoing.

Fall ball signup

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball/Softball Association is accepting registration from youth between the ages of 4-14 and for the Fall Baseball season. Games begin in mid August and continue through early October.

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MEN'S SENIOR PUBLINX GOLF RESULTS

■ The Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association had its eighth of 14 tournaments July 18 at Selfridge Golf Course in Macomb County. The tournament produced 16 winners from a handicapped field of 75 players (50 years and older) representing 13 communities in southeast Michigan.

The low gross player was Mike Phillips of Bloomfield Hills who shot a 3-under-par 69. Phillips also leads the field in the Briegel Cup standings (low gross score relative to age).

For more information, visit www.mpsga.org or call 734-207-7888. The prize winners by flight are as follows:

Flight A (Gross/Net) — first: Dan Sutherland, Northville (77/65); second: (tie) Kyu Kim, Bloomfield Hills (72/67); Mike Phillips, Bloomfield Hills (69/67);

Alan Teeter, West Bloomfield (77/67)
fifth: Harry Hicks, Commerce Twp. (79/68).

Flight B (Gross/Net) — first: Anthony McCauley, Detroit (80/65); second: (tie) Albert David, White Lake (84/70); John Dodd, Farmington Hills (85/70); fourth: (tie) Jim Adams, Southfield (86/72); Marty Schine, West Bloomfield (89/72).

Flight C (Gross/Net) — first: (tie) Randall Bisby, Clinton Twp. (86/67); Daniel Stankewitz, Harrison Twp. (92/67); third: (tie) Morris DeFever, Shelby Twp. (92/68); Lacy Wright, Dearborn (90/68); fifth: Larry DuBois, Bloomfield Twp. (94/69).

■ The Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association had its seventh tournament July 9 at Fieldstone Golf Club in Auburn Hills.

The tournament produced 25 winners from a handi-

capped field of 111 players (50 years and older) representing 20 communities in southeast Michigan.

The low gross players were Clifford Davis of Rochester Hills and Mike Phillips of Bloomfield Hills. Both shot 73. Phillips also leads the field in the Briegel Cup standings (low gross score relative to age).

The prize winners by flight are as follows. For more information, go online to www.mpsga.org or call 734-207-7888.

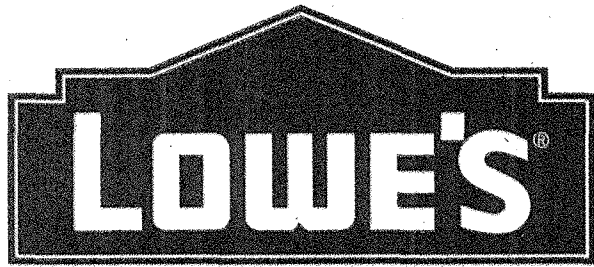
Flight A (Gross/Net) — first place: Clifford Davis, Rochester Hills (73/67); second: (tie) David McTear, Redford (79/69); Jim Mlynarczyk, Northville (77/69); Sal Petruis, (79/69); fifth: Mike Phillips, Bloomfield Hills (73/70); sixth: (tie) Everett Bailey, Manchester (78/71); Larry Brady, Shelby Twp. (80/71).

Flight B (Gross/Net) — first: Larry Bell, Fenton (79/61);

second: (tie) Dennis Frantz, Wixom (83/66); Paul Sleboda, Auburn Hills (81/66); fourth: Christopher Frye, Clawson (81/67); fifth: David Piasecki, Farmington Hills (81/68).

Flight C (Gross/Net) — first: Rick Reichenbach, Rochester Hills (85/65); second: Dan Moore, Plymouth (89/67); third: Gerry Garcia, St. Clair Shores (91/68); fourth: (tie) Ron Bisby, St. Clair Shores (90/69); Bill Landrem, Fenton (89/69); sixth: (tie) Curt Wagner, White Lake (88/70); Thomas Yagley, Madison Heights (88/70).

Flight D (Gross/Net) — first: (tie) Richard Comiskey, Canton (91/66); Maurice DeCock, Macomb (95/66); third: (tie) Daniel Hajduk, Dearborn (98/67); Tom Kurczewski, Shelby Twp. (102/67); fifth: (tie) Fred Hackstock, Lake Orion (96/68); John Pullum, (97/68).



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tent low scorer for North Farmington's championship varsity team as a freshman the past spring.

He has a three handicap, which is up slightly from a low of 2.3, and he has an average 18-hole score of 75 on his home course at Twin Beach Country Club in West Bloomfield.

Kollin won the Optimist district tournament in Farmington Hills, and he tied Sean Friel of Rochester Hills for first place in the state tournament at Shanty Creek.

Both shot one-under 71s. Friel won a one-hole playoff, but both golfers had already qualified for the national event.

Kollin was anticipating a practice round Friday and his first look at the PGA National championship course, the site of the Honda Classic.

"It's a different style grass; it's pretty fast," he said. "I understand (the course is) pretty tough. The pros have a little trouble with it, so I'm sure it will be harder for us."

Kollin's father, Jim, said the course is shortened for the younger players, which benefits the ones who don't hit the ball as far off the tee.

"Max is a long driver," he said. "He's used to playing against kids who are 17 and 18. It would be better if it was 7,000 yards, so he can take the driver and boom it."

"He'll have to play it smart with an iron off the tee. They try to make it fair for the younger kids, but some big hitters have to tone it down."

Kollin started swinging a golf club before he was 3, and he was ready for the golf course a few years later.

With support from his parents, Kollin continued to work on his game and has made himself into the player he is today.

Kollin got his early start soon after his parents bought a house adjoining the first tee at Copper Creek Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

"When he was a baby, my wife and I would walk on the course in the evening, and we'd take Max with us," Jim Kollin said. "He'd run and tire himself out."

"At two and a half, I'd give him a club. I didn't think he'd hit the ball, but he did. At 3, he started creaming it. People would come out on their decks and watch him hit the ball. By 7 he was ready to go to the course, and we joined Twin Beach when he 13."

In the meantime, Kollin has acquired an extensive collection of clubs and golf accessories — the result of his constant experimenting.

"I'm quite an equipment guy," he said. "I'm trying different putters and wedges all the time. If something isn't working, I'm always throwing a new club in there to see what's going on."

Kollin expects to play four years at North Farmington, but his ideal situation would be to attend a golf school in the South and complete high school there.

"That would definitely be a fun experience," he said. "It would be a lot better than just staring at the clubs all winter instead of getting out there and actually playing."

Kollin's eventual goal is to play golf at the NCAA Division I level. For now, he said he has to keep working at it and getting better.

"I'm hoping my game will improve a lot," he said. "At this point, I'm kinda young to make predictions; at this point, anything can happen."

Like, winning a Junior Optimist international championship, perhaps?

Kids rock out at annual day camp

All Saints School in Canton was one rockin' place to be the last two weeks as young musicians sang, strummed guitars, beat drums and played keyboards at DayJams, a national music program that offers summer camps in local communities.

Campers learned to express their ideas through music and lyric writing and then rehearsed and performed their original songs in a band. They were grouped by age, level of experience, and musical preference under the guidance of a teacher/band manager. The day camp's art staff also helped each group create a band logo and design a shirt, poster, CD cover, and other promotional band materials.

"It was a good time," said Heidi Dunavant, who works in marketing and sales for DayJams.

She said enrollment was down "a bit" this year because of the poor economy. It also was the first time a DayJams camp was held in Canton.

"We were in Ann Arbor and then opened one in Farmington Hills. Both were dropping off a bit so we combined them and put it in Canton. It was a new campus for us there."

The National Guitar Workshop created the music day camp for kids, ages 8-15 in 1984. The camp's staff of directors, music teachers, art teachers, recreation leaders, and counselors offer one-week sessions of fun, music and creativity throughout the country.

Two one-week sessions were held in Canton.

"We sent out our thank yous a couple of days ago. We've had a good response from families thanking us back," she said, adding that parents said their children enjoyed the camp.

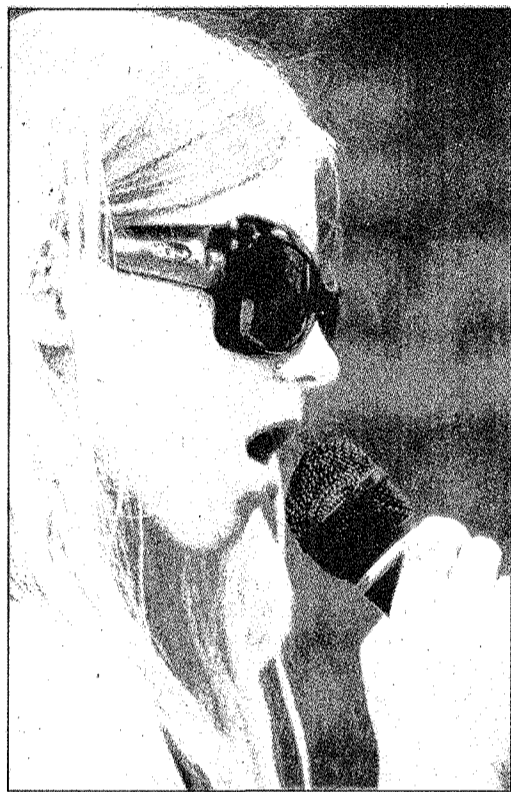
DayJams is accepting registration now for next year's summer camp. Campers receive \$100 off the regular \$575 tuition if they enroll before Aug. 31. Call (800) 295-5956 for more information or to register.

- By Sharon Dargay



Nick Skinner of Plymouth plays for the funk band Stuck In My Straw at DayJams, a rock music camp for kids.

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Singer Karen Roggenkamp sings with the band Dross Sun during DayJams, a rock 'n' roll summer camp for kids.



DayJams campers design banners to hang during their band performance. The Time Breakers band includes Ali Kahler of Plymouth, (left) William Jozwiak of Farmington Hills, Steven Philippou of Ann Arbor, and Jennie Breen of Farmington Hills.

Reader makes good sense

A person in Plymouth sent me an e-mail and I would like you to read it. It applies to my previous column talking about energy efficiency with refrigerators.

"Dear Mr. Gagnon, Last time we bought a refrigerator, we made sure to select a model with condenser coils on the back, rather than underneath, believing that it would make for better efficiency, less accumulation of dirt, and easier cleaning. Furthermore, ours is not situated in an enclosure and thus has freer circulation of air around it. Our daughter's first refrigerator had its condenser coil underneath,

where it depended on a fan and a baffle for air circulation. It was difficult to reach, impossible to clean thoroughly; and it collected an astounding quantity of dirt and crud. The baffle was of flimsy material which fell out of position and obstructed air flow. She was convinced to replace it with a unit having exposed coils on the back. In the 1930s my grandparents had a G.E. four legged refrigerator with a condenser that resembled a giant crown on top — until Grandpa relocated the crown to the cool basement, making for a very efficient refrigerator. Which leads me to believe that locating a central air conditioner's condenser component in the shade should be advantageous, though some installers claim it doesn't matter. Does any of the above seem sensible to you?"

I thank this person for reading my column and for the great knowledge he or she passes on to our readers. All of it makes terrific sense and many of our seniors can relate to their own experience of the old time refrigerator in their homes. We have in our garage a 1948 Philco which keeps the

pop at a temperature of 35 degrees and a 1958 GE refrigerator at the cottage which does the same. I wonder how many of today's models can do the same? The cost to operate each of these older refrigerators is about \$6.00 per month. I'll bet the cost to operate our modern refrigerator in our kitchen is twice that amount. The old style coil on back system is still sold today but you will have to ask for it when shopping. Becoming popular in the 1950s and '60s was the old freezer-on-the-bottom refrigerator which gave way to the new side-by-side style. The side-by-side was such a hit that production ceased on the bottom mounts until the mid-'70s when Amana brought them back into production. Today it is a well sold product which points in the direction of what goes around comes around. The side-by-side introduced the coil underneath so that kitchens could be designed with a built-in look. It created much work for service technicians because problems multiplied. I've recently read that LG's French door refrigerator coming out this fall is going to sell for \$3,399. This beautiful-looking model will have two freezer doors on the bottom with the feature of pushing buttons to open each door and several other bells and whistles which will draw the buying public to seriously consider the purchase. It is the way it is and you must agree that the modern appliances of today sure enhance the appearance of any room. I only wish that manufacturers would consider using some of the old technology that still applies today. You can't tell me when selling someone a new central air conditioning system that it doesn't matter if the condenser outside is placed in direct sunlight.

Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and 2 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400. E-mail questions on appliances to appldr@twm.rr.com.



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NEIGHBORS

Yes, we can: Couples who work together make it work out

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Moonlight Printing on Warren Road in Westland is truly a family affair. It's owned by Kelly and Glen Gable of Dearborn, who mark their 11th wedding anniversary this year. "I married into the business," said Kelly Gable, who has a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Eastern Michigan University. Glen's been with the business 22 years.

"My husband's had it from Day One," she said. "He started the company."

A year or two after their wedding he bought another print shop. The work was too much, so she left her job in customer service in the automotive field and came into the business in October 2000.

"It's very hard," she said of couples working together. "I call it the true test of a marriage because we spend every waking moment together. You just have to learn to leave work at work and home at home."

The couple has no children and no other employees, so their workload's demanding. Their two dogs come to work with them every day.

When asked her advice for young couples who are thinking of starting a business, her semi-serious response is "Don't do it."

It takes long hours, she said, and isn't a Monday-Friday daytime job.

"If we don't produce the work, we don't eat. You have to be willing to go through struggles."

TOGETHER SINCE 1978

Realtors Mike and Mary Gladchun are also married co-workers. They're brokers/owners of RE/MAX on the Trail on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

The Gladchuns, who consider themselves agents first and foremost, have been working together since their 1978 marriage, and with the current company since 1993. They met at Eastern Michigan University

Mike Gladchun too has advice for younger couples starting a business together. "Everybody underestimates some things. Expect the best and plan for the worst." They've achieved a good name in their business and community recognition, focusing on Plymouth primarily as well as Northville and Canton real estate.

as seniors in 1975, and both hold bachelor's and master's degrees.

The Gladchuns opened their own business with knowledge gained from years of work, "just to have it done our own way." Mike Gladchun likes offering more personalized service to clients.

"Most people say they would never even consider it," he said of working around the clock with a spouse. "The 24 hours just blends together. Everything just works together fine."

The Gladchuns, Plymouth Township residents without children (they have an extended family and dog), respect each other's opinions. "Put each other first as well," he said.

EXPECT THE BEST

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"Plymouth's always been our priority from Day One," Gladchun said.

They used to travel more extensively before they had their own business. These days, it's shorter trips to Charlevoix, which they like because it's similar to Plymouth "but with water." They also fly a single-engine plane and enjoy boating.



Glen and Kelly Gable, who own a Westland print shop, are among couples who work together.

"It's a lifestyle and it's something we accept," Mike Gladchun said of working together. Other couples say they couldn't do the same. "But they recognize it works for us."

Businesses often involve couples and families, and sometimes ministries do as well. Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Capt. Joanna Rose enjoys working with her husband and fellow corps commander, Derek.

"I actually enjoy it that way," said Joanna Rose, who's been married to

Derek seven years. They have two children ages 6 and 2. The Wayne residents have been at their current post one year, and three years in Livingston County with the Salvation Army before that.

She noted their work with different responsibilities often takes them out in different directions. "We both know exactly what's going on in each other's lives," Rose said.

Most Salvation Army corps are led by married couples, and she said

friends of theirs enjoy that arrangement as well.

"It really works out well when you're juggling a family. You're doing the same things and you just work together on that."

Derek recently took their son, Logan, to camp and she missed them while they were gone. She tells couples working together to "take time and enjoy each other as husband and wife off the clock. It can be easy to go home and talk about work."

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Class of 1979
30-year reunion 7 p.m. Aug. 15, at Genitti's in Northville. Tickets and more information at www.classcreator.com/Northville-MI-1979/index.cfm.

Plymouth Canton & Salem Class of 1979
30-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, at Hyatt Regency Dearborn. 6:30 p.m. to midnight, with food stations open at 7 p.m. Tickets \$60 per person before July 1, \$75 per person after. For information, visit <http://home.rrc.com/phs30yearreunion> or send e-mail to phs_1979@yahoo.com.

Plymouth High School Class of 1969
40th class reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday Sept. 19, at the Plymouth Elks Club. Dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Cash bar. For more detail or to RSVP contact phs1969@aol.com. Looking for missing classmates. Contact phs1969@aol.com with your name address telephone number and e-mail address.

Redford Thurston High School Class of 1969
A 40-year "casual" get together, Saturday, Sept. 5, Labor Day weekend, at G. SUBU's Leather Bottle Restaurant, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$10 at door. Discounted bar and a band will play. Reserve tickets by calling Ted Enright at (734) 564-1699, or e-mail TedEnright@AOL.com.

Romulus High School Class of 1979
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St. Frederick High School All school
The Annual Pontiac St. Frederick Mass and all class reunion will start with Mass at 11 a.m., on Sept. 13, at St. Vincent De Paul Church in Pontiac, followed by a luncheon at Santa Hall on Cass Lake Road in Keego Harbor. Tickets cost \$22 and are available at the Madonna Shop in Pontiac (248) 681-3964 or contact Jim Russell at (248) 363-4209. E-mail address is: st_freds_alumni@yahoo.com. Ticket deadline is Sept. 11. Anyone who attended St. Fred's is welcome.

St. Mary of Redford Class of 1969
40-year reunion, Saturday Nov. 14, 2009 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia. If interested in helping to plan the event or contacting classmates call Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or e-mail to mcoulter@gr-lakes.com.

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Troy High School Alumni from 1982-1986 meet Aug. 1, 2009 at the Centerpoint Marriott in Auburn Hills. Live band and food. No tickets will be sold at the door. Log onto <http://www.classcreator.com/Troy-MI-1982-1986> to reserve a spot for the party.

Visitation High School Class of 1959
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Wayne Memorial Class of 1983
26th reunion, noon until dark, Sunday, Aug. 29, at Independence Lake Park, in Whitmore Lake. A \$5-\$10 donation per family is suggestion, but participants can contribute any amount to help cover the cost of pavilion rental. Family-friendly event. Potluck. For more information call Mary Gillis Orwin at (734) 968-6368.

Westland John Glenn Class of 1969
40th Reunion Weekend, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10. Friday activities: 6:45 p.m. football game JGHS vs. WMHS; 7:30-11:00 p.m. social mixer at Hilton Garden Inn, near airport. Saturday activities: 10:30 a.m. tour of John Glenn High School, 6 p.m.-midnight reunion dinner at Hilton Garden Inn. For tickets and information, contact jghs69@aol.com; Facebook JGHS Class of 1969 or Sandra Shepherd Legg at (313) 273-7950. Registration deadline, Sept. 5 at jghs69@aol.com.

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Belleville Garden Tour

The Fred C. Fischer Library, 167 Fourth, in Belleville will host its fourth annual garden walk 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 26. The tour will include a garden marketplace on the library lawn. Proceeds will benefit the library. Tickets are \$8 in advance from the library. Antiques on Main, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Garden Fantasy Greenhouse & Florist and Main Street Flowers & Gifts. For more information or to order an advance ticket, call (734) 699-3291. Pick up a garden map on walk day. \$10 tickets will be sold the day of the event only.

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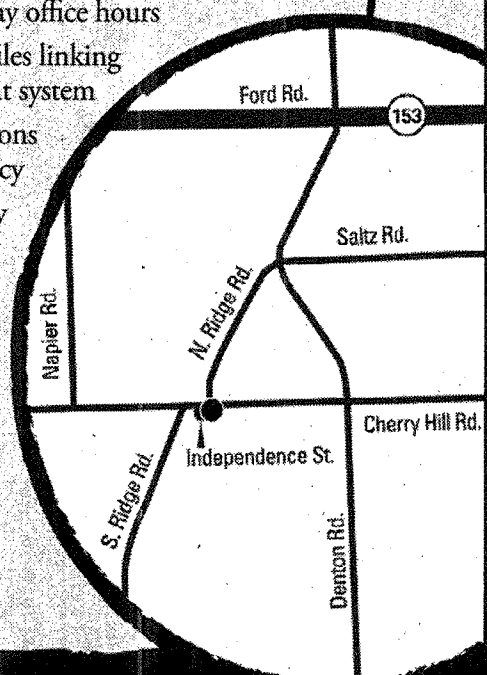
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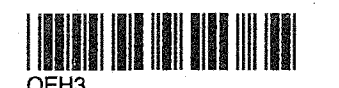
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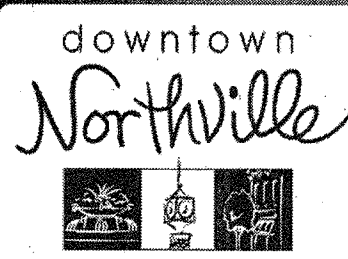
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New support group
Botsford Hospital begins a new diabetes support group at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 6 in the Wellness Complex, 39830 Grand River Avenue, Novi. It will meet every other first Thursday of the month. (248) 477-6100.

Golf scramble
Gilda Club, the metro Detroit support group for individuals with cancer, their friends and families, will hold its Golf Scramble at 1 p.m., Monday, Aug. 3, at Red Run Golf Club, located on Rochester Road just north of 12 Mile, in Royal Oak. Event includes 18 holes with a golf cart, use of range, shotgun start, access to Red Run pro, use of locker room, buffet barbecue dinner, free keg beer at halfway house, hole-in-one prizes that include a Harley Davidson motorcycle, and lots of contests along the way. Cost is \$175 per golfer or \$700 per team of four. Dinner tickets for non-golfers are \$35 each. They include access to the silent auction and short comedy event. Proceeds benefit Gilda's Club. (248) 577-0800, Ext. 28, or e-mail to ebattle@gildasclubdetroit.org.

ONGOING

Fitness classes
Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength

training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

Overeaters Anonymous
Meet 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 at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.ooa.org.

Breast cancer support group
Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Caregivers support group
St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Wayne metro caregiver support
Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to their loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave.,

Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

Parkinson Support
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 information, call (248) 433-1011.

CPR classes
Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Caris Dr., Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314.

Arthritis support group
2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Caris Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

Tai Chi classes
At 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Presented by nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

Recovery, Inc.
The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an interna-

tional, non-profit, self-help, community-based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail marthapaul@sbc-global.net.

Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

Low vision support group
Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

Arthritis Foundation programs
Winter classes begin for warm-water and land-based exercise programs, Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis self-management, in Canton, Redford and Westland. Call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Health enhancement classes
Classes for exercise (including yoga), CPR and childbirth, and support groups for cardiac, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; Alzheimer's caregivers; and the hard of hearing. The classes are part of an array of offerings at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center. For more information, call (734) 458-3242. Blood pressure (free) and cholesterol (\$5) testing are also available noon to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in Garden City Hospital lobby. No registration required. The hospital also offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

New book focuses on healing depression in natural way

The Michigan School of Professional Psychology in Farmington Hills announces the publication of adjunct faculty member Nancy Liebler's new book, *Healing Depression the Mind-Body Way*, by Wiley Publishing Company.



Nancy Liebler

MiSPP President Kerry Moustakas, Ph.D., is proud to see Liebler's skills as a clinician and teacher showcased in her timely handbook on coping with depression.

"Nancy's enthusiasm for her work on more holistic ways of helping people who suffer from depression has expanded and become more passionate in the last few years," said Moustakas. "Now, through this publication, others can learn the techniques that Nancy has found so beneficial in combating the growing problem of depression in our society."

Liebler says she was inspired to write the book because depression is epidemic and Western treatments are "not holistic."

"I hope that by reading this book, people will realize that depression is created," said Liebler. "And, therefore, that depression can be undone. Depression can be genetic, situational or chronic, it doesn't matter. This book can be helpful for anyone on the continuum of depression or anyone who wishes to prevent depression and beat the blues."

Liebler is a clinical psychologist, teacher, and lecturer. Her expertise in clinical psychol-

ogy extends to family therapy and the treatment of psychosomatic disorders. She is the former director of Training at Oakland University and co-authored a previous book, *Enlightened Medicine*.

Healing Depression The Mind-Body Way includes information on treating depression with yoga, meditation, and breathing techniques, as well as providing guidance on nutrition, exercise, lifestyle, and spiritual matters.

Major depression affects approximately 15 million American adults, or about 8 percent of the U.S. population age 18 and older, in any given year. Approximately 80 percent of people experiencing depression are not currently receiving any treatment. By the year 2020, depression will be the second most common health problem in the world.

"Happiness is connected to general health," Liebler said. "And according to Ayurvedic medicine, happiness is our birthright."

Web site is new resource for caregivers

With more than one million people in Michigan caring for an older or disabled loved one, a group of local organizations has launched a new Web site to connect designated caregivers and seniors to local services and resources in the seven-county region of southeast Michigan.

ClickonAging.com has comprehensive information on many topics, including planning and paying for long-term care, help with paying for prescription drugs, housing options, legal documents, home delivered meals, caregiver support groups, nursing home care, qualifying for Medicaid and so much more.

Articles on the site are updated frequently

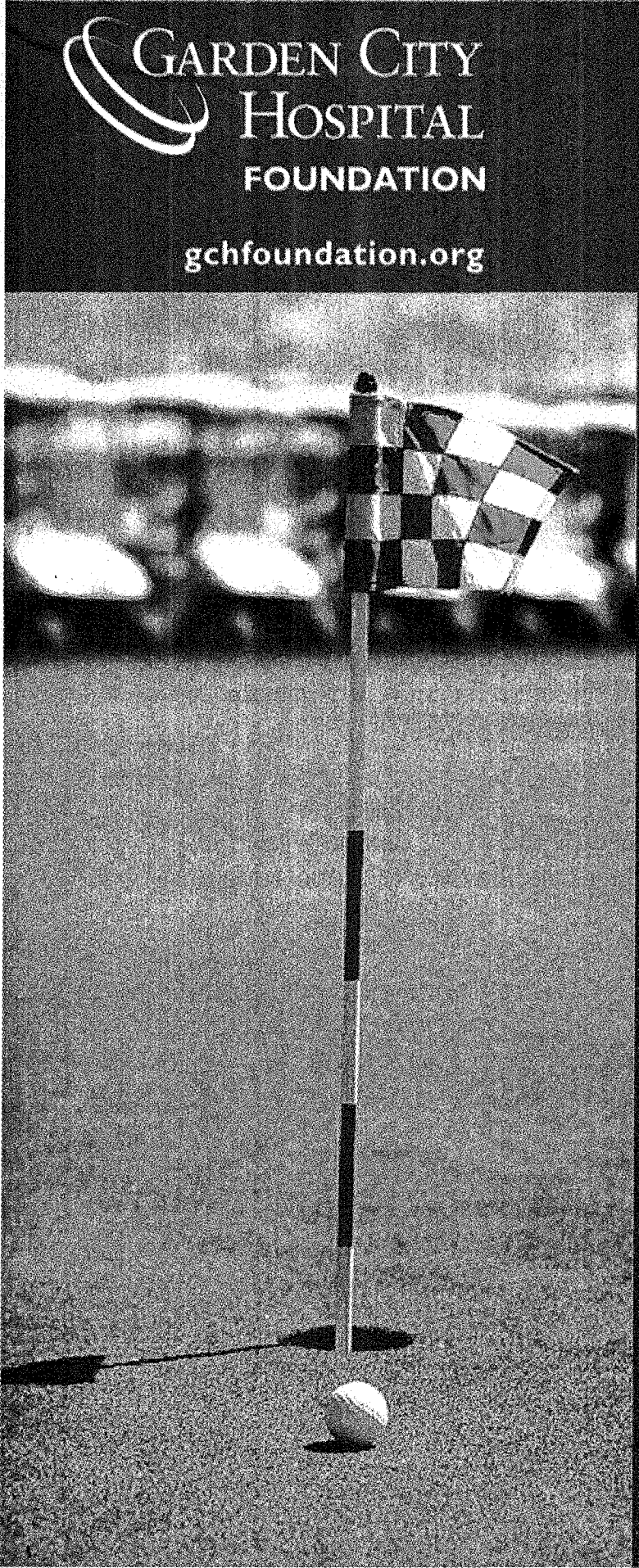
and are contributed by leading local professionals, including elder law, finance, senior providers and disease state organizations.

"With the rapidly growing older adult population, the demand for information on services and resources to help this population age with dignity and independence will continue to grow," said Jim McGuire, director of research, policy development and advocacy for the Area Agency on Aging 1-B. "ClickonAging.com has been developed as a public service and is a free resource. The site can benefit caregivers of older adults, adults with disabilities and seniors who are

looking for information on long term care options in their community."

ClickonAging is supported by Adult Well-Being Services, Area Agency on Aging 1-B, Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter, Binson's Home Health Care Centers, Glacier Hills Retirement Community, Luella Hannan Memorial Foundation, Medilodge Group, Nexcare Health Systems, The Senior Alliance - Area Agency on Aging 1-C, Trinity Home Health Services, Trinity Senior Living Communities and the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan.

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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith, member of the IALVS, fits special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions.

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

Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. Patients often end up using weak, clumsy, hand-held magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use.

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Bioptic glasses can be used to pass the DMV vision test in many states, including Michigan. Special reading glasses start at \$600 and custom telescopes can cost from \$ 1800 to \$2500.

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

Of course, safeguarding present vision levels is crucial. Sun filters and nutritional supplements can improve vision and prevent further loss.

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it.

Low Vision Testimonials

Here's what a few of Dr. Smith's many low vision patients had to say about the freedom and mobility that low vision care has gotten them.

"I think these driving telescope glasses are very useful and especially good for older people who have to drive. They make me a safer driver and help me keep some of my independence. I am glad they are available."

I.K., age 86

"I am really happy that I can keep driving and doing the things that make life great like fishing and enjoying the outdoors."

L.H., age 76

"Driving changes your whole life. I wish I hadn't waited so long."

T.R., age 59

"I got two pairs of glasses. I can now watch television and play cards. I began vitamin therapy and after three weeks my vision improved."

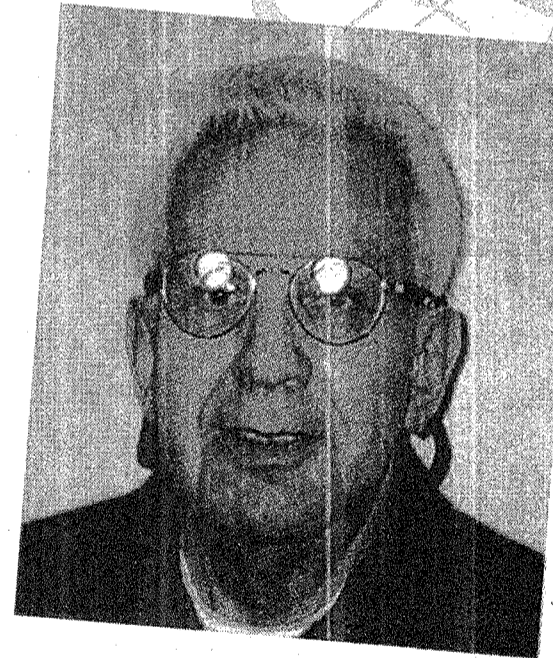
E.A., age 82

"I could not see street signs or traffic signals to drive. After Dr. Smith fit telescopic lenses into my glasses, I could drive again. The telescopic lenses also helped me see the television screen in its entirety. Special reading glasses help me read books, newspapers and my wrist watch. There is always hope."

J.R., age 82

"The telescopes for TV are terrific and I like how the attachment makes reading the words darker, while the driving telescopes help me recognize objects far ahead in the distance sooner just like they're supposed to do."

R.T., age 60



You can reach Dr. Sheldon Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan for more information and a...

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