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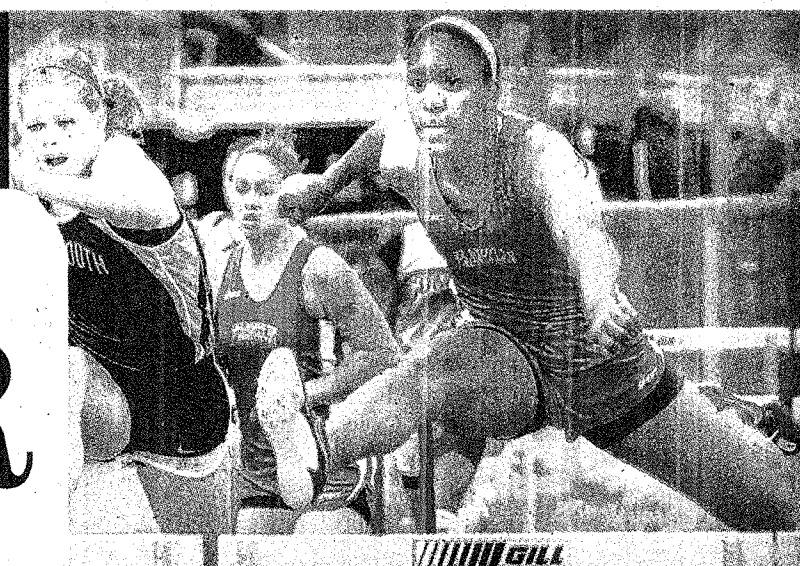
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City offices, including the William Faust Public Library, recycling center and 18th District Court, will be closed on Monday, May 31, due to the Memorial Day holiday. The library and recycling center also will be closed on Saturday, May 29, and the library will be closed on Sunday, May 30.

There will be no rubbish pickup on Memorial Day which will delay the regular trash collection one day for the rest of the week.

### Pool opens

The Bailey Pool and H2O Zone will open Saturday to kick off the summer season.

The Bailey Pool will be open from noon to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. on weekends, weather permitting. Weekday hours will be 4-7 p.m. until Thursday, June 17. The Bailey Pool features a water slide and a climbing wall.

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Call the Westland Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 722-7620 or visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) for additional information on hours and rates.

### Planting day

The rescheduled planting day for Westland's DTE Energy Community Garden will be Sunday, June 6.

Volunteers are still being sought for planting, weeding and harvesting the food that will be grown and donated to Gleaners Food Bank of Southeast Michigan to be distributed to children, seniors, disabled people, working families and other individuals in need of emergency food.

Volunteers should plan to bring their own gardening tools, sunscreen, drinking water and closed-toed shoes. The DTE Energy Garden is located at 38155 Cherry Hill, west of Newburgh.

# RESA drops plan for school millage

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Officials at Wayne Regional Educational Services Agency needed school districts representing 51 percent of the county's public school students to ask for a ballot initiative that would have created a countywide 1.9-mill school enhancement millage to help financially struggling school districts.

They didn't get it.

Already facing an uphill battle when three of the county's larger districts — Dearborn, Livonia and Plymouth-Canton — decided not to take part, RESA's initiative was killed last week when officials at Detroit Public Schools, the state's largest district, decided not to take part.

That left 17 school districts, representing just 22 percent of the county's students, in favor of the initiative.

"When Detroit backed out, that left them well short," Plymouth-Canton

Community Schools Superintendent Craig Fiegel said. "It's really too bad they didn't announce that decision sooner. It would have saved a lot of angst."

Plymouth-Canton school officials were a little bothered by the delay in Detroit's decision, figuring a decision not to participate could have come sooner and saved some headaches.

Without Detroit, Livonia, Plymouth-Canton or Dearborn, the largest district on board with the plan was

Wayne-Westland.

"We did not reach the 51 percent we needed to go forward," said RESA representative Tracey Wright. "There's no way for this to go forward at this time."

For Wayne-Westland, the millage would have been a win-win proposition. Not considered a "giving district," the tax levy would have generated \$4.9 million of which \$4.7 million would come back to the district based on the

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Walkers had to avoid huge puddles after heavy down pours the night before, but the wet didn't dampen their enthusiasm for the Relay for Life.

PHOTOS BY ANN ESPINOZA

## \$1 million ... and counting

Walkers put best foot forward for annual Relay for Life

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Overnight thunderstorms and intermittent showers during the day did little to dampen enthusiasm of walkers who took to the path at Jaycee Park for the city's annual Relay for Life.

They wore birthday hats, blew bubbles and basically let cancer know they're in for the long fight for a cure.

"It's a little wet, but we're making it," said Kelly Bates, this year's Relay chair. "Ninety percent of the teams are here and we still have a ton of people walking."

The 24-hour event was more like a huge block party with teams setting up booths to sell everything from baked goods to hamburgers and hot dogs. Susie Yeger, a 15-year, five-month, breast cancer survivor, had plenty of customers for her spin the wheel game aimed at wiping out colon cancer. "I've already taken two men for five bucks," said Yeger, a member of the Women of Westland team. "They keep promising to come back."

In its 10th year, this year's goal was to break the



Five-year-old Cameron Toth of Westland enjoys the bubble machine at the Fight Like a Girl booth.

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## Wayne-Westland's I-Save program wins state honor

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials knew the district's in-house energy conservation program was good. They only needed to look at the more than \$400,000 savings in utility costs that have occurred thanks to the efforts of staff and students.

That success hasn't gone unnoticed by others.

Monday evening, Mary Reynolds, a member of the MASBO Board of Directors, went before the Wayne-Westland school board to present Nick Thornton, supervisor of energy and facility services, with a Meridian Award of Excellence for the district's I-Save (Individuals Save And Vie for

Efficiency) program he oversees.

"This is in special recognition of your successful practices in the area of management," said Reynolds, the executive director of business for the Farmington Public Schools. "The award was one of five given out for the parade, said Dobrowolski, based on the number of American flags passed out along the route.

According to Reynolds, the award

recognizes the individual effort that has gone into the highly successful program. The I-Save program has saved the district 11.4 percent in gas and electricity costs.

"This is a real grassroots efforts to get everyone to turn off the lights and turn the thermostat down," said

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## Veterans prepare for annual parade

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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Honoring veterans will be the focus of the annual Wayne-Westland Memorial Day Parade Sunday.

The parade begins at 1 p.m. at the Town 'N' Country Bowling Alley parking lot, 1100 S. Wayne Road at Avondale, then heads south to the Wayne Library for a short wreath ceremony.

"We always alternate so the parade goes to Wayne one year, Westland the other year," said Tom Dobrowolski, secretary of the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Committee.

The parade committee organizes the parade as the group designated by the various VFW, American Legion, AMVETS and other area veterans groups who participate.

"It's a pretty big parade. The

route to the Wayne Library is 1.43 miles. The parade starts at 1 p.m. and won't get to the Peace Memorial at the library until close to 2 p.m.," said Dobrowolski.

The parade will include appearances by marching bands from John Glenn, Wayne Memorial and Inkster high schools along with marchers and floats from various churches, Scouting troops and similar groups.

"There are no clowns and we don't pass out candy," said Dobrowolski, who estimated the parade has been held for at least 15 years.

Veterans, including color guards and ritual teams, from posts in Westland, Wayne and Livonia will begin the parade. The parade has traditionally been held on Sunday of the holiday weekend rather than Monday, Dobrowolski said, to increase participation.

Members of the parade committee solicit contributions to cover the parade costs and also confirm participation by the various groups and bands. The cities of Wayne and Westland each make a contribution to support the parade. About 2,000 people turn out for the parade, said Dobrowolski, based on the number of American flags passed out along the route.

"This year, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will pass out the flags. They will walk on the sidewalk," he said. "In the past, they walked off to the side in the street. People got confused and thought they were leading off the parade."

After the parade, a luncheon will be hosted at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale in Westland.

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**RELAY**  
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\$100,000 mark and hit \$1 million raised for the American Cancer Society. Walkers made it happen, raising more than \$105,000 for ACS.

"The young people are a major plus for us," said Bates. "They're our future committee members."

Down the path, Team Red, White and Blue was keeping track of the different themed laps, making sure walkers wore the birthday hats or blue bubbles at the right time. Members of the American Legion in Livonia, the group was aiming to go purple by raising more than \$10,000.

"We have to have someone on the track for 24 hours, so we've broken it up in one-hour increments," said Linda Roman of Livonia. "We're doing good for a team of little old ladies from the Legion."

This year's Relay had a number of teams from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. Young people from Wayne Memorial and John Glenn and Livonia Churchill High Schools, as well as Stevenson and Marshall Middle Schools participated.

The Stevenson National Junior Honor Society had a steady business for its bake sale. Twenty-nine students from the school were on the

team and many planned to be there the entire 24 hours.

"This is the first time I've been on a team, I've been doing it since I was three or four with my mom and grandmother," said eighth-grader Zac Bryant. "It's heartwarming to be here and show you care. Cancer touches so many lives. It's good to see people out here."

His mother is Westland Councilwoman Christine Cicirelli Bryant and his grandmother is 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli.

"I think it's great for the kids to do this," said his mother, who was dividing her time between her son's team and Mayor William Wild's Wild's Walkers. "They recognize the importance that cancer never sleeps."

Dining on hamburgers at the Wild Walkers' camp was Sally Price and Yvonne Falkner. Price had completed five laps around the half-mile path, while Falkner was at one mile.

"Pretty good for a little old lady," Falkner said.

Price is a walker by choice. She does the mall during the winter and walks at the senior Friendship Center during the summer.

"I had a sister who died of ovarian cancer, everyone else have had heart attacks," she said.

According to Wild, the team's goal was to raise \$10,000. This year the team



PHOTOS BY ANN ESPINOZA  
Amanda Kock-Gregory (left) of Dearborn Heights and her nephew Adam Stankiewicz of Plymouth check out the items at a silent action being held by one of the relay teams.

dedicated its efforts to City Attorney Angelo Plakas, who is battling esophageal cancer, and Wild's executive secretary Lori Reddy, who also has cancer. The team's slogans were Reddy To Walk and Paces for Plakas.

Plakas was on hand for the event and did several walks around the path, "including the half mile I walked to get here," he said.

As part of the Relay, a special lap was held to recognize cancer survivors. Seventy signed up for the afternoon stroll, followed by a luncheon



PHOTOS BY ANN ESPINOZA  
Seven-year-old Alyssa Tams of Canton was part of Ready to Live a Liddle Team.

served in the Mike Modano Ice Arena.

"The city let us use the arena so we could set up inside, it'll be so nice," Bates said.

According to the mayor, the Westland Relay may become a biennial event. This year, the city of Wayne partnered with Westland and in coming years, the location of the Relay could rotate between the two communities, much like Sunday's Memorial Day Parade.

"We've kind of hit a plateau with fund raising," said Wild. "We've got the crossover to get us over the \$100,000 mark."

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**Seat belt campaign still nabs violators**

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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For a number of years, Westland police have participated in the nationwide Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement program and there has been increased compliance.

"When we first started this program, we would write in excess of 50 tickets at Ford and Wayne Road. It's been around 20 tickets in recent years," said Traffic Bureau Sgt. Patrick Corby. "We get quite a bit more enforcement. I'm flabbergasted that we write any tickets."

That's because during the daytime, the enhanced enforcement details have uniformed officers in neon vests standing in the roadway looking for people not wearing seat belts. About 100 feet away is a marked patrol car, overhead lights on and a large sign announcing the seat belt enforcement zone.

"If they get a ticket for not wearing a seat belt, it's their own fault," said Corby.

When someone is not wearing a seat belt, the officers on foot will tap on the window and direct the driver to pull over the receive the ticket from officers at the nearby patrol car.

"You'd be amazed how many people will try to hand us money thinking we're collecting for the Goodfellows," said Corby. "We will also get people who will say that we can't pull them over, if we're not in a car. Some people don't believe we're

the police — we're in full uniform."

The enforcement zones target different intersections each day while there are mobile enforcement units after dark. The special enforcement efforts is leading up to the Memorial Day holiday but Corby said patrol officers also enforce the seat belt law as part of their normal duties.

The seat belt enforcement program is funded by federal money administered by the state Office of Highway Safety and Planning. Michigan law requires all drivers, front seat passengers and any passengers age 15 and younger to wear seat belts. Children must be in a car seat or a booster seat until they are 8 years old or 4 foot 9.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports the national seat belt use rate averages 83 percent — that jumps to almost 98 percent in Michigan. The seat belt use campaign, which also includes media advertising, is credited with a steady decrease in the number of traffic fatalities nationwide.

"Some people just won't wear them — it's like motorcycle helmets," said Corby. "We had a guy call the station to complain about his tax dollars being wasted on having five officers enforcing a violation of something that violates his constitutional rights."

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number of students.

In seeking support of the request, Superintendent Greg Baracy had told the school board "this is the only opportunity we have to increase our revenue."

Monday evening, he informed the board of the cancellation.

"Fifty percent of the districts

didn't turn in a resolution," he said, adding, "I believe this will be revisited at a later date."

RESA officials believed the plan, a five-year millage, would have raised some \$92 million, to be divided among the county's districts. In Plymouth-Canton, the millage would have raised about \$11 million, but under the RESA formula, only about \$7 million would have stayed in the district.

Livonia and Plymouth-

Canton officials decided not to support the idea — Livonia school trustees voted against it; the measure died without a vote in Plymouth-Canton — and Dearborn officials were so set against it they didn't even take it to a vote.

Detroit's decision not to support it — despite estimates the state's largest district would get some \$31 million — was the death knell for the proposal.

Plymouth-Canton trustees,

who initially seemed supportive of the idea, said they heard no taxpayer support for the measure.

"A month ago, I said unless the community was willing to support it, we shouldn't do it," board Secretary Nancy Eggenberger said. "I didn't hear any support for it."

Staff writer Sue Mason contributed to this story.

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Thornton. "I'm the dark knight in the dark classroom."

Thornton has been in charge of the program and has gotten students involved in I-Save through poster and essay contests. This year, he launched a virtual online I-Save store where teachers can use I-Save

coupons to purchase classroom supplies. The I-Save Bucks can be earned for a variety of actions like turning off computer monitor and speakers and powering down staff and student computers at the end of the day.

"The coupons can be spent for items in the classroom, you just need to be caught saving energy to get them," said Thornton.

According to Deputy

Superintendent Gary Martin, Thornton has been recognized internally for his efforts.

"It's very flattering to have him recognized outside the district," he said.

"Some districts hired third parties, our folks took on the challenge and developed this program," added Superintendent Greg Baracy. "This program has been highly successful and innovative. It has save the

district a lot of money that we can put back into the classroom."

Reynolds, who told the board she quickly volunteered to come to Wayne-Westland to present the award because she is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, also presented a check for \$1,500 for the district's scholarship fund.

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**Baby Contest**

Applications are being accepted for the Westland Festival 2010 Baby Contest for 2010. Contestants must be between the ages of 6 months and two years of age.

There are four categories: boys from 6 months to 1 year old on June 30, 2010, Girls from 6 months to 1 year old on June 30, 2010, Boys 1-2 years old on June 30, 2010 and Girls 1-2 years old on June 30, 2010. The top six vote getters, based on votes collected, in each category will appear on stage July 4 and one final winner will be selected from each category by a panel of judges.

The initial votes for each contestant will be determined by the amount of money deposited at the Baby Contest Booth for each contestant (one penny is one vote) and the top six contestants in each category will be on stage for the final judging which will be based on the judge's opinion of the contestant's appearance, expression and parent's comments.

**The final winner in each category will receive a \$50 savings bond. The remainder of the money collected will be used for local handicapped projects and the Civitan International Research Center which is involved in research to prevent and cure mental and physical defects in those less fortunate.**

Applications will be available at the Bailey Recreation Center and the Westland Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Pat Quinn at (734)729-1993 or by e-mail at patquinn52@wowway.com.

**Skills Camp**

The Basketball Academy is holding its Summer Skill Development camps at St. Damian School on Joy Road in Westland. Coach Paul Tripp is conducting a boys camp June 21-24. The Girls' camp will be held June 28-July 1. Grades 3-5 will meet 8-11:30 a.m., while those in grades 6-9 from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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## Ford's GT-40 gives students something to ooh about

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The throaty rumble of the Ford GT-40 was enough to turn heads at Henry Ruff Elementary School Tuesday morning, but it was the roar when Mark Carpenter hit the gas that had students oohing and aahing.

"It sits very low, it's very fast and has huge tires in the back that are half the normal height of tires," Carpenter told the students. "It went through a lot of development and a lot of test drives. It was run for 24 hours like LeMans."

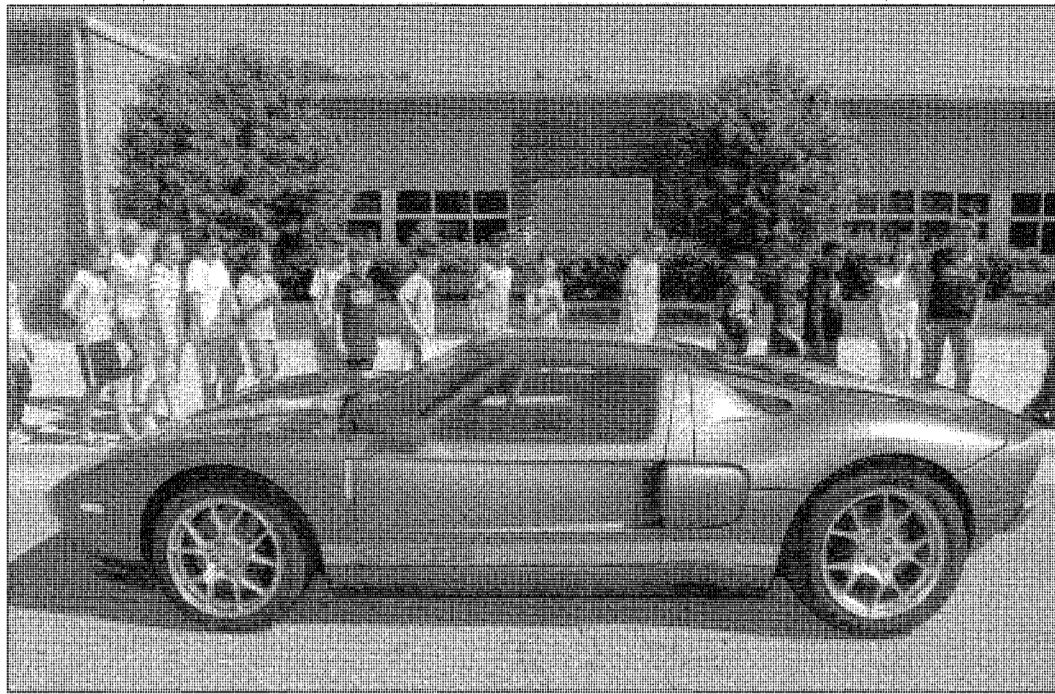
Ford employees, Carpenter, an engineer with the Special Vehicle Team, and Nikola Vidakovic, a world-renowned auto designer and global engineer for Ford, brought the limited edition GT to the school Tuesday fulfilling a promise to show the students a "really cool car" — a concept car turned road car.

"We use it as a show car, we just got it out of storage," said Carpenter. "It needs to be about 45 degrees, but we prefer 55, before we bring it out because the tire composition doesn't stick as well as when it's cold."

"It's a racing car that was made to drive on the road, but it's still a racing car," added Vidakovic.

The visit was part of a motivational drawing and writing contest for fifth- and sixth-graders created by teachers Jennifer Fontenot and Jill Rurak. In December, Vidakovic did a DVD presentation for the students developed for them by Ford engineers. It highlighted the well-known Mustang, and other concept cars which have been shown at the Detroit auto show.

Vidakovic gave a brief lesson on drawing and auto design, while Fontenot talked about the principles of writing a per-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The weather was right for Mark Carpenter and Nikola Vidakovic to bring the limited edition Ford GT-40 to Henry Ruff Elementary School for fifth-sixth-graders to see. The visit was part of a writing project the men worked on with students last December.

suasive selection or marketing paragraph.

"Students were expected to draw a concept car and then write a marketing paragraph selling their car," said Fontenot. "Ms. Rurak launched the drawing contest in her art classes and I went to each fifth- and sixth-grade classroom to review the appropriate components needed to write a persuasive/marketing selection."

The students were judged according to their concept car illustration and persuasive/writing selection. Vidakovic and Fontenot served as the judges and picked two winners at each grade level. The winners received model Ford Mustang cars. There were 20 honorable mentions who received a DVD of the Ford-designed presentation.

But the highlight was a chance to see the \$179,000 car

which has five fuel pumps and gets anywhere from two to 28 miles per gallon, "depending on how you hit the throttle," said Carpenter.

"We drove it from Florida to Michigan and got 28 miles per gallon," he said.

The low slung beauty is just 44 inches high and is extremely light with an all aluminum body. The front end is its lowest part and sits just five inches off the ground. It has 5.4 liter eight-cylinder V-8 engine that delivers close to 600 horsepower going from zero to 60 mph in 3.4 seconds.

The engine is at the rear of the car under a clamshell cover while the trunk in the front end.

"It gets very warm in there," said Vidakovic. "A customer got mad because it melted his wife's makeup and baked his cigars."

According to Carpenter, the

Ford's GT-40 dominated the GT class in racing, "embarrassing Ferrari." A team of Ford engineers wanted to do a super car and came up with the one he and Vidakovic brought to the school. It took about 2 1/2 years to design and was in production for two years.

Their car they have vehicle identification number of one. It was the only car produced in 2005, the remaining 2,000 were made in 2006.

"It was something we didn't advertise that much, basically it was sold out before we started production," Vidakovic said. "We expected a high demand for it."

Teacher Steve Rogers landed the plum assignment of taking a ride in the GT with Carpenter.

"It was so smooth," he said. "I wish every car drove like that."

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## Police seek suspect in break-in, assault of elderly woman

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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Westland police are looking for a man who assaulted a woman, knocking out her teeth, out after entering her home to steal a television early May 20.

Officers were called to the home in the 6300 block of East Morgan Circle shortly after midnight. The woman, 75, told police she had fallen asleep in a chair in the living room. Described as very groggy after the assault, the woman said she recalled seeing a man in the living room and that she believed he had punched her in the face.

The woman, whose two front teeth were knocked out, said she fell to the floor as the man left through the front door, carrying the television. The woman's husband and son told police they were asleep in their bedrooms when they heard something hit the floor and the woman groaning.

Finding the woman had been assaulted and the front door to the home open, her family called 9-1-1. She was treated at the scene by Westland Fire Rescue and later transported to St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Along with the television, a 32-inch flat screen valued at \$400, the woman's purse containing her identification and credit cards was also reported stolen. There was no sign of forced entry found. The son told police his parents often left the door unlocked.

The woman was only able to describe the suspect as a man wearing a gray hooded sweat shirt that covered his head. Police believe the same suspect is responsible for

other home invasions in the same neighborhood at the same night.

Just before 2 a.m. May 20, a woman, 67, called police to report someone had just stolen a laptop computer from her home in the 35000 block of Hunter. The woman said she was sleeping in a living room chair next to the patio door. The door wall was open with the screen door closed but not locked, she said.

The woman said she was awoken when the man ran out the door and then noticed the laptop, valued at \$425, missing from the table. She described the suspect as wearing a gray hooded sweat shirt. The woman told police she thought there were two suspects but wasn't positive.

A Dearborn police dog was brought to the scene to conduct a track without success.

Two residents of an apartment at 6926 Lakeview told police that someone had stolen their wallets, a 42-inch plasma television, video games, a cell phone and laptop computer valued at \$1,860 stolen during the night.

One man, 32, told police that he had been sleeping on the living couch until about 3 a.m. then moved to his bedroom and slept until about 6:30 a.m. When he got up, the man said he noticed the door wall was open. He told police it had been unlocked and the wood stick normally used to secure it apparently wasn't in place.

The items reported missing included \$160 in cash from one man's wallet.

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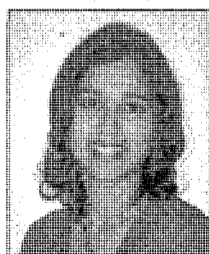
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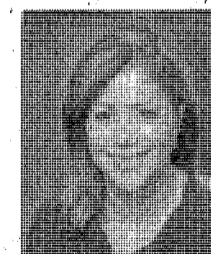
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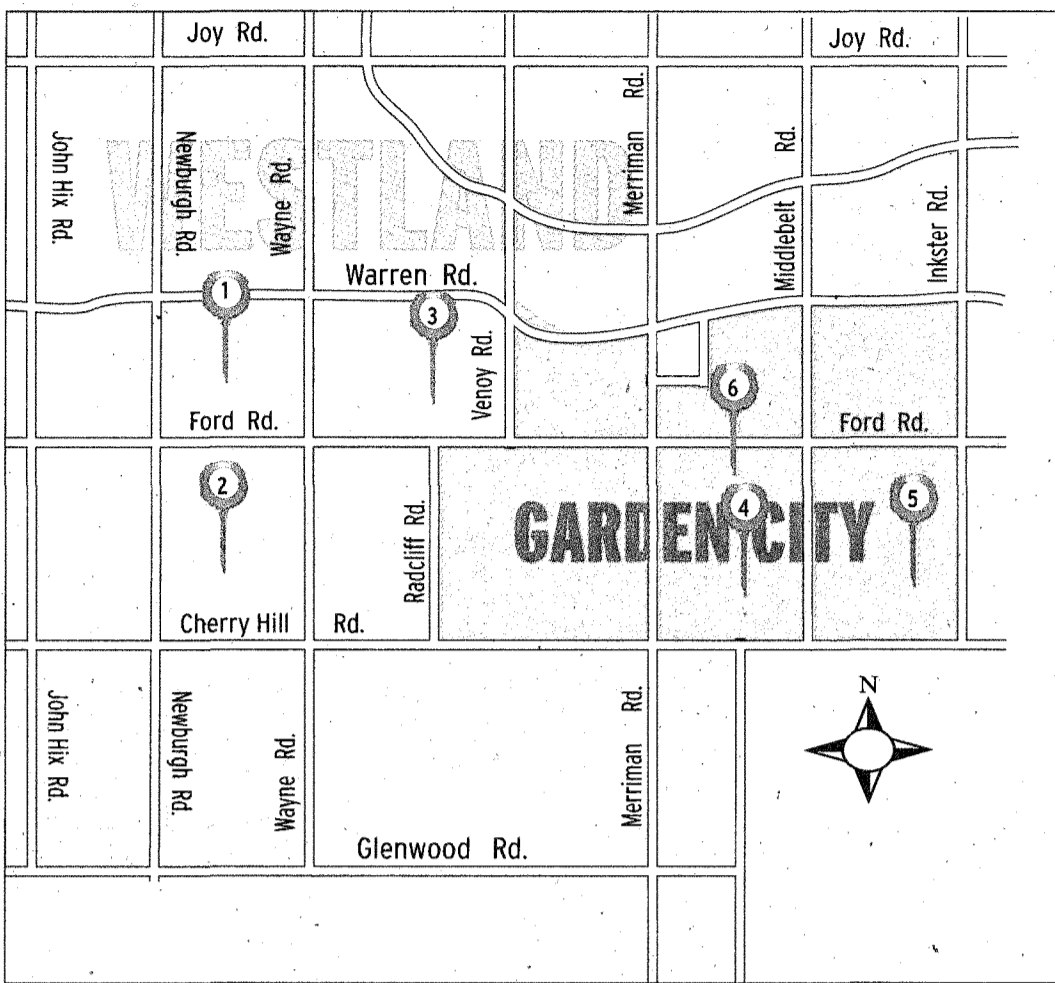


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## Inkster man arrested for vehicle break-ins

### Larceny from vehicles

4 Garden City police arrested a 21-year-old Inkster man with wet gym shoes about 2 a.m. May 21 in connection with a number of larcenies from autos in the Bock and Brandt area of Garden City that night.

The police stopped the man who was wearing a backpack bulging with stolen items after they received a call from an alert citizen in the 29800 block of Bock who spotted the man going through a car and called police. Another observer who was leaving a friend's home at that time ran after the man.

The backpack contained primarily GPS units and cell phones taken from vehicles.

The man admitted to the larcenies. He told police that his friend told him that there was "easy money" to be made by going through cars.

The police spent some time returning the items to their rightful owners. They recovered items belonging to three other owners who live in the 29500-29600 block of Bock. Two of these vehicles were unlocked. The windows were left open in a third vehicle.

There was also a larceny reported from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 29600 block of Brandt.

### Break-in

5 Sabeen Pharmacy, 241 N. Inkster Road, reported a break-in about 6 a.m. May 23.

Police were called to the scene when the business alarm went off. The owner also responded. An investigation showed that someone gained entry through the roof by prying open the air conditioning unit. The police couldn't tell how the suspect managed to get up on the roof.

No merchandise was stolen from the store.

### Property destruction

6 A resident in the 30000 block of Pardo reported that sometime on May 22, someone took down two sections of his wooden fence. He also told police that recently someone

also spray painted the fence with graffiti.

### Home invasion

During a short period of time about 4-5 p.m. May 21 when she left her home, a 74-year-old woman reported that someone broke in and stole two necklaces in the 30200 block of Leona.

The woman returned home to also find out that the suspect went through medicine cabinets in the home but nothing was missing.

A nearby observer told police that she saw a strange car which looked like a model from the 1990s pull all the way up into the driveway about the same time that the homeowner was gone. She described seeing a "scruffy looking" white male about 20-30 years old who wore a knit cap.

### No license

Garden City police arrested a 39-year-old Inkster man for driving without a license, having an expired plate and no vehicle registration when they stopped him at Middlebelt and Beechwood at 9:30 a.m. May 18.

### Drunken driving

The police arrested a 40-year-old Livonia man who was driving his 2000 Ford 250 while drunk in the area of Middlebelt and James about 11:30 p.m. May 18.

They first observed him back out of a parking space at Sports Venue, located on Middlebelt, north of Ford Road and into a nearby street sign. His vehicle wasn't damaged. The police stopped him after he made a slow, wide turn onto Middlebelt.

### Suspended license

A 27-year-old Westland man was arrested on a suspended license at 1:30 a.m. May 19 in the area of Cherry Hill and Arcola. When he was stopped for disregarding a red light, the police found that he had no driver's license and 4.1 grams of marijuana in the SUV.

The police arrested a 24-year-old Inkster man for driv-

ing on a suspended license after they spotted him driving a 1996 Dodge with a cracked windshield and a broken tail-light about 9:30 a.m. May 18 on westbound Cherry Hill and Venoy.

### Larceny

Someone stole a laptop and a camera from a 2010 Chevy Impala that was parked unlocked in the 28900 block of Bock May 18.

### No license

The police arrested a 33-year-old Inkster man after they spotted an expired plate. The man had no license, registration or proof of insurance for his 2002 Dodge Intrepid that he drove in the Middlebelt and Beechwood area.

### Stolen wallet

A 68-year-old Livonia man who umpired baseball games at both Moeller Field and Garden City Park May 22 reported that someone took his wallet from his unlocked Buick. He doesn't know exactly what location the wallet was taken from, but he reported it after he had been at Garden City Park.

### Fraud

A 52-year-old Dearborn Heights woman reported that somebody fraudulently filled three prescriptions in her name on April 11 and April 21 at the CVS store at 27435 Ford. She reported it to the manager after she received a co-pay bill for more than \$100. The store planned to research its records and the police planned to obtain a surveillance tape, according to the police report.

### Theft

A homeowner in the 28500 block of Sheridan made a delayed theft report on May 18 concerning a central air conditioning unit that was stolen last year. The owner said that he was in the midst of foreclosure proceedings last year but now the matter is resolved. His insurance company asked that he make the police report now. The unit was valued at \$2,000.

## Woman recovers purse left in shopping cart

### Lost and found

1 A Westland woman, 78, told police May 19 that she had just finished shopping at Kroger, 36420 Ford, around 1 p.m. Arriving home, she said she realized she

gone to her vehicle and left her purse in the shopping cart. The woman returned to the store and checked with the customer service desk but said her purse containing \$70 in cash and her credit cards was gone.

The officer told the woman to cancel her credit cards and obtain a new driver's license.

The woman later told the officer that she had received a call from a Kroger employee to

report that her purse, with all the contents intact, had been turned in to the customer service desk by someone who had found it.

### Larceny

2 Four blowers and four weed whips, valued at \$1,800, were reported stolen from an equipment trailer at the Department of Public Services yard, 37905 Marquette, May 20. The equipment had been apparently taken between Sept. 1, 2009, and April 11, 2010.

### Vehicle stolen


3 A silver 2007 Ford Fusion was reported stolen from North Bros. Ford, 33300 Ford,

May 24 after a prospective customer drove off in the car.


The salesman told police he was approached by a man who expressed interest in buying the used car. The man told the salesman he was unsure about the four-cylinder engine and asked for a key to start it so he could hear the engine.

When the key was provided, the salesman said the man jumped into the vehicle and drove off. He was last seen westbound on Ford. The vehicle was still registered to the previous owner since the dealership indicated they did not transfer the title on a used car until it had a new owner.

-By LeAnne Rogers



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# Carpenter test skills in DIY Dominator

Matt Sysol will matter-of-factly tell you that he grew up in a family of carpenters, and that it was his grandfather, who ran a residential company, who inspired him to start a career in carpentry. When he passed away, he left Sysol with the responsibility of turning his family owned properties into developments.

Now the Westland resident is the owner of BBD Carpentry and has worked on projects such as Asian Village and Westin Book Cadillac Hotel Detroit in Detroit along with several high-end homes, including multi-family projects.

But the biggest project to date may have been competing on *The DIY Dominator*, a new DIY Network series that pits three of the country's top rough carpenters against each other in a showdown for one grand prize.

Sysol flew to Denver, Colorado in April to spend three days competing for the Dominator title. The series premieres at 10 p.m. Friday, July 30, at 10 p.m. In each episode, host Chris Grundy, also host of *Cool Tools*, oversees three competitors in head-to-head construction and home improvement competitions for one specific trade as they battle it out to earn the "DIY Dominator" title and a \$10,000 grand prize.

Sysol has 13 years' experience as a carpenter, including 12 years with the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters. He also has taken course in set carpentry at the Center for Film Studies.

"Not only by doing this was I given the opportunity to work along side a good group of skilled tradesmen, but I was also given the opportunity to use my skills hand-in-hand with CFS projects," said Sysol. "The experience at CFS was so rewarding! All I can say is thank you to the Center For



Matt Sysol of Westland, the owner of BBD Carpentry, has put his carpentry skills to the test as a contestant on the DIY Dominator, a new DIY Network.

Film Studies for putting extra efforts in the work they do."

He also has kudos for Jennifer Shane, Rachael Grushko and Ron Marcle from the MRCC along with others from the CFS staff who "went completely out of their way to help me land this job on the DIY networks new carpentry reality television show."

"There were thousands of applicants for this, with the Center For Film Studies training and their good reputation is what helped me get on this show," he said. "Watch out DIY 'cause here I come!"

Kimberly Allen, the associate producer of *DIY Dominator* approached Ron Marcle from the MRCC and asked him to spread the word around about the opportunity. Marcle forwarded the information, and Shane made a pitch about Detroit's unemployment rate, CFS and its graduates to Allen.

She "loved" the concept and asked that the center pick some of our carpenters that have a lot of talent with bold personalities. They talked about who would be best for this position and Matt Sysol was on top of the list.

Mum is the word as to how well Sysol did, so fans will have to watch the show to find out.

# Tail Wagger's holds low cost vaccination clinic

Tail Wagger's USA, will be kicking-off the summer with their first Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic noon-5 p.m. Sunday, June 6, at Sheehy Animal Hospital in Livonia.

Pet owners are can bring all their animals - both dogs and cats - to receive their necessary, yearly vaccinations. Distemper, rabies and bordetella will be offered for only \$12 each. All three vaccines can be purchased for a discounted rate of \$30. Owners wishing to have their pet micro-chipped and registered can do so for \$30 per pet. Vaccinations will be given

by a licensed veterinarian and also includes a mini-office visit.

Sheehy Animal Hospital is at 18790 Middlebelt, just South of Seven Mile.

"With the tough economic situation that we are all in, it is with high hopes that people will take advantage of this Low Cost Vaccination Clinic and get their pets properly vaccinated to avoid further health issues," said Tail Wagger's founder Laura Zain. "Sheehy Animal Hospital doctors and staff are supporting this clinic by donating their services 100 percent, which speaks volumes about caring

for the pets in our community."

No appointment is necessary but to help better plan for the amount of vaccines needed to accommodate everyone, send an e-mail to [vaccinationclinic@yahoo.com](mailto:vaccinationclinic@yahoo.com) or call (734) 560-4660 to reserve a spot.

Additional low-cost vaccination clinics are scheduled throughout the summer. For a complete listing of dates, times and locations or to learn more about Tail Wagger's USA and the programs offered to the community, log onto [www.tailwaggersusa.org](http://www.tailwaggersusa.org). Tail Wagger's USA will also

be accepting pet food donations to supplement their Pet Food Assistance Program. For community members that have fallen on tough times, Tail Wagger's USA wants people to know they can depend on them for support in feeding their pet until they are able to on their own.

Tail Wagger's USA is a non-profit organization, committed to helping people help animals. It is their ultimate goal to be able to support dedicated pet owners who are in need of assistance along with providing necessary funding for those animals in emergency situations.

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# American Sailing Institute offers beginners classes

BY PHILIP ALLMEN  
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Chris O'Reilly loves to sail. When living in California a decade ago, he and a friend owned a 24-foot sailboat on Lake Tahoe. Selling the boat a few years later, he moved around before settling in Milford three years ago. He hadn't sailed for years, but was able to rekindle that passion after finding the American Sailing Institute.

He's gearing up for his third summer with ASI, and looks forward to setting sail.

"I enjoy sailing," said O'Reilly. "It's a fantastic way to get out on the water."

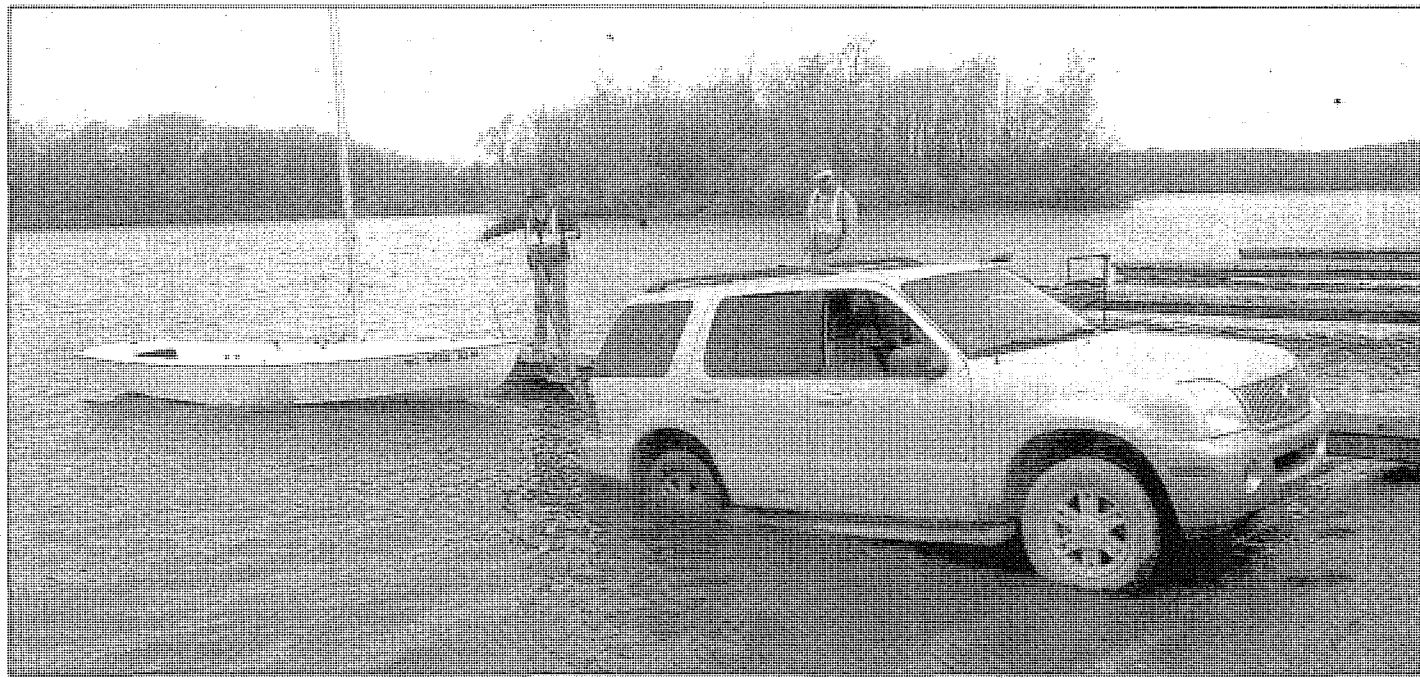
The beauty of joining the nonprofit ASI is members learn how to sail and can glide through the water without owning a sailboat. ASI has boats at Kensington and Stony Creek metroparks, as well as at the Jefferson Beach Marina on Lake St. Clair.

"Owning a boat is extremely expensive. My J/24 (sailboat) was a bottomless pit of money for maintenance, insurance, you name it," O'Reilly said. "The club is one-tenth the cost. And you have all those boats at your disposal. From a cost perspective, the club makes an awful amount of sense."

ASI offers four levels of sailing classes. Everyone has to start with the first level and pass written and practical tests before starting classes at the next level.

"It doesn't matter what kind of experience you have sailing," O'Reilly said. "Everyone starts at the same spot."

Level 1 classes use Interlake boats, 18-foot centerboard sloops. Classes are taught at



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American Sailing Institute members get their Interlakes sailboats ready for the new season, launching them at Kent Lake inside Kensington Metropark.

either of the two metroparks, and include an introduction to sailing and the boat, as well as 4 hours of classroom learning and 14 hours with an instructor on the boat.

After completing the sailing classes, new members can practice as much as they want with the ASI boats, as long as they have a certified ASI member to assist. Kensington has 11 Interlakes boats; Stony Creek has six.

Once passing the tests, members can use their boats whenever they want. Those boats are used on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"Generally speaking, especially during the week, there's more than enough boats," said O'Reilly about the vessels at Kensington. "For special events or holiday weekends, all the



American Sailing Institute teaches its members how to sail, then provides boats for its members to use at Kensington and Stony Creek metroparks, as well as Lake St. Clair and Lake Huron.

boats may be in use and you have to wait a little." Once Level 1 certified, ASI

members can move on to Level 2, which focuses on the fixed keel boats at Jefferson Beach

Marina. Those larger boats sail on Lake St. Clair, and the Level 3 and Level 4 certifications focus more on navigation, plotting courses and sailing farther from shore. Those boats are kept on Lake Huron for the summer. The larger boats can be chartered for longer periods of time.

About half of ASI's 300 members are Level 1 certified, and the remaining have additional certifications.

"You can be as novice of a sailor as you'd like or as serious as you'd like," said O'Reilly. "There's so many levels you can learn and master in the club"

Membership in ASI starts at \$353 for the first season. Club members need not pay the \$155 instruction fee if no classes are taken that season, dropping the cost to \$198 a year.

The club holds a number of events throughout the year, all encouraging its members to take to the water. The club hosts several races throughout the summer. With everyone using the same boats, said O'Reilly, it's like racing in the same model cars.

"It would be similar to race a bunch of Mini Coopers," he said. "Whoever has the best skills driving will cross the finish line first. It's the same with the Interstates."

The club also encourages everyone to stop by for "Wet and Wild Wednesdays" where unrated members can practice sailing skills with other club members who have already been certified.

To keep yearly fees low, all club members volunteer their time for club operations, whether it's maintenance, marketing, teaching or assisting at board meetings.

"That's how we keep expenses under wrap," said O'Reilly. "There's an awful lot of stuff that makes the club operate well. There's no shortage of things to be done."

O'Reilly said joining ASI is a great way to learn to sail.

"Some people seem a bit timid when learning a new thing. Sailing is up there with it," he said. "It's not difficult to do. A lot of people who come out are timid, but once they go through the classes and get some practice, they love it."

For more information and to sign up for classes, contact the sail secretary at (248) 393-4280 or secretary@sailasi.org. Visit online at www.sailasi.org.

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# Independent radio station WHFR hosting holistic fair

Independent, alternative radio station WHFR, 89.3 FM is hosting its second annual holistic fair, called "The Festival of Enlightenment," 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 30, in the Andrew A. Mazzara Conference Center at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

A variety of holistic vendors, readers and bodyworkers will be present to provide participants the opportunity to browse their

wares and purchase hands-on services, all under one roof. Participants can also enjoy special guest speakers who will present free lectures throughout the afternoon on various holistic and metaphysical topics, as well as one-on-one access to some of the best holistic experts in the area. Healthy snacks and beverages will be available for purchase.

Guest speakers and their topics include Chrissie Blaze,

"The Spiritual Energy Crisis and Solutions," at noon; Lin Klaassen, "The Ancient Art of Face Reading," at 1 p.m.; Robert Taylor, "Reincarnation, Karma and You," at 2 p.m., and the Rev. Pam Taylor, "Psychic Discovery," at 3 p.m.

The locally-produced publication, "Body Mind Spirit Guide," based in of Westland and serving the holistic-minded community, is serving as media partner with WHFR for this event.

WHFR Radio is the alternative, eclectic non-commercial broadcast and Internet station that operates out of Dearborn's Henry Ford Community College.

Staff member Mike Holloway, host of the monthly WHFR talk show "Metaphysically Speaking," created the idea for Festival of Enlightenment last year to provide much-needed funds to help WHFR's operational costs as well as to bring

the top holistic vendors to the area for all to experience. This year's festival is expected to be bigger and better than the last.

WHFR's mission of playing music and providing talk programming that is little-else heard on Detroit radio due to its local, independent and alternative angle fits well with the holistic attitude of the upcoming fair. WHFR receives a small budget from Henry Ford Community College, but relies

on listener and donor support for 60 percent of its annual operating costs. All funds raised at the fair go directly toward WHFR's operating budget.

The admission is \$5. The Andrew A. Mazzara Conference Center building is at 5101 Evergreen Road, south of Ford and west of Evergreen. For more information on the Festival of Enlightenment, go online to www.whfr.fm or call (313) 317-6540.

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 10, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearings, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearings is to solicit public comments on the following:

- 10-006, Special Land Use.** The Applicant proposes to open a carry-out restaurant at 33261 Ford Road in the C-1, Local Business district. A carry-out restaurant is a special land use in the C-1 zoning district.

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

David L. Harvey  
City Manager

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On Thursday, June 10, various items of the City of Westland, Special Investigations Unit, will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at approx. 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder

Stock	Year	Make	Model	VIN
6776994	1997	Dodge	Wagon	2B7HB21Y9VK573370
6780735	1992	Pontiac	Bonneville	1G2HX53L9N1306041
6776924	1999	Chevy	Malibu	1G1NE52M6X6115058
6776947	1995	Ford	Aerostar	1FMCA11U5SZC24084
6777004	1996	Cadi	Accord	1G6KD52Y7TU307095
6777193	1984	Cadi	DeVille	1G6AL6788EE630419
6776901	2000	Ford	Eldorado	1FMZU73E1YZC17670
6781463	1997	Dodge	Dakota	1B7GG23Y5VS187805
6776971	1998	Plymouth	Voyager	2P4FP2531WR616935
6780904	1987	Mercury	Marquis	2MEBM75F2HX710998

**All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition.** The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold. Registration fees apply.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES  
MTG. 13 05/17/10**

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves

114: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 05/03/10.  
- Appr. Salvation Army to "Ring the Bell" on various dates Wayne & Warren Rds.  
- Appr. req. of Westland Mall & Wade Shows to hold carnival 6/3-6/13.  
- Appr. req. of Westland Mall to have Farmers Market every Tuesday, 6/15-10/25.  
- Appr. lease of 3 Konica Minolta copier/scanner/fax/printers for 60 months  
- Appr. 3rd pmt. to Bidigare Contractors for Sanitary Sewer Rehab project; amt. \$236,445.33.  
- Adopted Prop. Res. recognizing Veteran's Memorial Garden.  
115: Tabled Site Plan for prop. Kroger Fuel Station, n.w. corner of Ford & Central City Pkwy w/contingencies.  
116: Appr. Spec. Land Use for prop. Independent Retail Pharmacy, 8343 N. Wayne Rd.  
117: Appr. Rev. Site Plan for prop. addition to Olympic Coney Island, 7011 N. Wayne Rd. w/contingencies.  
118: Appr. updated Official Zoning District Map.  
119: Appr. PD Chief Salary at 100% of wage scale.  
120: Appr. checklist: \$408,823.11 & Prepaid: \$1,238,386.88. Mtg. adj. at 7:58 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President

Eileen DeHart  
City Clerk, CMC

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

June 10, 2010

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The purpose of the Public Hearings is to solicit public comments on the following:

- 10-005, Rezoning of the following:**
  - 1825 Inkster Road, Lots 1660 to 1663, Folker's Garden City Acres #11, Parcel ID 35-012-01-1660-001 from R-1, One Family Residential to C-1, Local Business
  - 1769 Inkster Road, Lots 1655 to 1659, Folker's Garden City Acres #11, Parcel ID 35-012-01-1655-001 from O-1, Office to C-1, Local Business
  - 1957-1753-1749 Inkster Road, Lots 1651 to 1654, Folker's Garden City Acres #11, Parcel ID 35-012-01-1651-001, 35-012-01-1653-001, and 35-012-01-1654-001 from O-1, Office to C-1, Local Business

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

David L. Harvey  
City Manager

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Metro Fibromyalgia

**Time/date:** 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month  
**Location:** Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City  
**Details:** Author Dr. Howard Schubiner from Providence Hospital will discuss his book "Unlearn your Pain" when the group meets on Thursday, June 10. The meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month is the open table talk to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.  
**Contact:** Lucy at (734) 462-1768, [www.MetroFibroGroup.com](http://www.MetroFibroGroup.com)

Car show

**Time/Date:** noon-4 p.m. Saturday, June 12  
**Location:** Metro Place Mall, 35425 Michigan Ave West, Wayne  
**Details:** Friends of Community Living Services will hold a Classic Car Show fund-raiser to benefit Community Living Services Inc., a non-profit organization that offers services and supports to more than 3,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities in Wayne county. This fund-raiser will allow people to receive grants that traditional Medicaid funding cannot cover. About 100 classic cars will line the Metro Place Mall parking lot. Classics such as the "Monkee Mobile" from the 1960s show "The Monkees," ECTO-1 from the hit movie, "Ghostbusters," and a replica of "To-Mater" from the Disney/Pixar movie "Cars" will also make an appearance. Other "classics" scheduled to appear are the Gran Torino from the TV show "Starsky and Hutch," "Herbie the Love Bug" from the 1960s Disney movie and the Trans Am from "Smokey and the Bandit" and "Knight Rider." There

will be more than 30 food and craft vendors, mostly people with disabilities, selling their products and services. Vendors include Dearborn Sausage, hand-popped kettle corn, handcrafted arts, crafts and jewelry, face painting, balloon artists, games and prizes for kids, Jimmy Buffet style music from Las Vegas entertainer Ron Devon, classic music of the 1950s-1960s by DJ David Dewitt Taylor. There will also be two pet adoption organizations - Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue and St. Julians Cat Adoptions - where kids can get their pictures taken with the animals.  
**Contact:** For more information, visit the website at [www.comilvserv.com](http://www.comilvserv.com).

Earth Angels

**Details:** Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/ performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.  
**Contact:** [www.earthangelsontour.org](http://www.earthangelsontour.org) or by e-mail to [eangel1986@comcast.net](mailto:eangel1986@comcast.net)

Higher Rock Cafe

**Time/date:** 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.  
**Location:** Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.  
**Details:** 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.  
**Contact:** [www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com) or call (734) 722-3660

EDUCATION

Willow Creek

**Location:** 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland  
**Details:** Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot,



Cruiser of the Night

Jim Kolodziej of Allen Park walked away with the Cruiser of the Night trophy at the first Westside Rod And Customs cruise night at the Romanowski VFW Post on Joy Road, east of Middlebelt. Kolodziej won with his 1968 Chevrolet Camaro with a 350 engine stroked to a 383 with 500 Horsepower. The car is immaculate from the engine bay to the trunk. The club holds a Cruise Night is starting at 5 p.m. every Wednesday, weather permitting, at the VFW. For more information about the club of the cruise night, go online to [www.WestsideRodAndCustoms.com](http://www.WestsideRodAndCustoms.com) and click the tab marked Cruise Night.

Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.  
**Contact:** (734) 326-0078

St. Damian

**Location:** 29891 Joy, Westland  
**Details:** St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.  
**Contact:** (734) 427-1680, [www.stdamian.com](http://www.stdamian.com).

YWCA Preschool

**Details:** 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 county. Home-based programs are also available.  
**Contact:** (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

VOLUNTEERS

First Step

**Details:** First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in west-

ern 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.  
**Contact:** (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223

Drivers Needed

**Details:** 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.  
**Contact:** (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208

VNA Hospice

**Details:** 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.  
**Contact:** (248) 967-8361, [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org)

Seasons Hospice

**Details:** 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.  
**Contact:** (800) 370-8592

Literacy Council

**Details:** 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.  
**Contact:** (734) 416-4906

**Details:** 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.  
**Contact:** (888) 973-1145

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)  
**Location:** Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.  
**Contact:** Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

Writing Group

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month  
**Location:** Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne  
**Details:** 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.  
**Contact:** [www.storycircle.org](http://www.storycircle.org) or send an e-mail to [shepy@yahoo.com](mailto:shepy@yahoo.com)

Toastmasters

**Location:** Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club meets every Thursday at 6:45 P.M. in the lower level of the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind the Westland City Hall on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.  
**Details:** Toastmasters provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.  
**Contact:** For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or Curt at (734) 525-8445.

Council OKs revised plan for North Creek Estates

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The credit crunch and poor real estate market has taken its toll on residential development — some projects don't get off the ground while others falter before completion.  
 North Creek Estates, a

Planned Unit Development on the east side of Newburgh south of Joy, is one of those uncompleted developments. Eight homes remain to be constructed in the 70-home development originally developed by Dorazio.  
 "We have builders who are going to pick up the ball and

run with it for this development," said Westland Planning Director Bruce Thompson.  
 Nick Canzano of Northcreek Partners, LLC, and Nick Mancinelli of Westland Investments, LLC, are taking over the project. The council approved a revised site plan to add one additional home to the

development along with the existing eight homes to be constructed. There will also be an added home model offered — a 2,040-square-foot colonial.  
 "The plan meets the ordinance requirements and is consistent with the elements of the approved site plan for the development," said Thompson.

The plan is to complete the subdivision, said Canzano. "We're trying to build a few homes. It's not good times for us but we're out there fighting the good fight," he said. "I think this (added) house will help."  
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**Livonia Public Schools**  
**Opens Renowned Academically Talented Program to Out-of-District Students**  
 Eleven seats are open to students entering 1st or 2nd grade in fall 2010.  
 Twelve seats are open to students entering 3rd or 4th grade in fall 2010.  
**Limited Registration window: May 24-June 7, 2010**  
 Livonia Public Schools is opening its Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2010-11 school year.  
 This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.  
 Registration will be open from May 24-June 7, 2010 at Webster Elementary, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia 48152 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday  
 All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.  
 For complete information on the application process, contact Webster School at 734-744-2795.

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**SOCIAL SECURITY**  
 Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.  
 The tragedy is that less than half of those persons who are denied benefits file an appeal. Thus, many thousands of people who deserve benefits never receive them.  
 Those denied can appeal on their own, but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.  
 Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.  
 eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.  
 In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).  
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OUR VIEWS

**Memorial Day is time to recall sacrifices made**

On Monday, America will pause to remember those who have given their lives in the defense of this country. There will be parades, memorial services and flags fluttering on the graves of the servicemen and women who have given their lives so we can live free.

It's the one day of the year set aside for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country. In the *Gettysburg Address*, Abraham Lincoln called on Americans to complete the unfinished task of ensuring that liberty "shall not perish from the earth."

Americans have never wavered in that commitment to freedom, nor to help those who seek to be free. Americans have fought in two World Wars for freedom, in Korea and Vietnam. Americans have fought a Cold War, in Desert Storm and now in Iraq and Afghanistan against tyranny, oppression and terror.

However, the traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country. For many, Memorial Day and the three-day weekend marks the official start of summer. People use the time to open their pools and their cottages and gather for picnics.

Some will take time to observe the parades like the one in Westland at 1 p.m. Sunday and attend the ceremonies, but, by and large, Americans will focus on having fun.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the National Moment of Remembrance was established in 2000. It asks that at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day all Americans voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to *Taps*.

An e-mail we received sums up best what we should ponder, during that moment of silence. The author is unknown, but the sentiments are on the money:

- It is a veteran, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.
- It is a veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.
- It is a veteran, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.
- It is a veteran, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.
- It is a veteran, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.
- It is a veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

On this Memorial Day 2010, we urge you to take time to remember what it stand for. Enjoy your barbecues, open the pool, spend a relaxing weekend at the cottage. But take a moment to say thank you to those who have made all that possible.

We cannot afford to forget, nor should we ever forget why there is a Memorial Day.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Here's a sampling of what our online readers have been saying:

• **Town hall meeting 'staged'**

Another "staged" town hall. Most of us realize the health care changes that were rammed down the throats of the American people was done so utilizing lies, distortions and have truths. We already know that the less than one trillion dollar price tag was a lie ... who would have guessed it? The work of Congress and the President was done behind closed doors ... "the most open and transparent government in history." Bribes, pay-offs and special treatment sum up how this "thing" got passed. We can only hope that "Americans" wake up as to what is happening to their country and change its course through the ballot box ... and soon

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COMMUNITY VOICE

**What does Memorial Day mean to you?**

We asked this question at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.



**"It's a remembrance of the soldiers who work hard for our country."**

Lenise Smith  
Garden City



**"It a time to remember those people who gave their lives for us, worked for us and supported our country."**

Jennifer Ross  
Northville



**"Memorial Day is a time of remembrance and to show respect for those who have served our country."**

Valerie Grant  
Garden City



**"I was born on Memorial Day, it's my birthday weekend. It's a family weekend to celebrate my birthday."**

Adam Gomoll  
Royal Oak

LETTERS

**Youth Assistance needs staff**

I was disturbed to read in the *Westland Observer* that the mayor wants to drastically cut funds to the Westland Youth Assistance Program. The mayor says Youth Assistance "does an incredible job," but does he think they can continue to do an "incredible job" when they already struggle with the current budget?

Director Paul Motz and his staff do an exceptional job with the youth they are entrusted with but if the city and the mayor want them to continue with this excellence, they will need ALL of their staff. Actually, it would be helpful if they could hire more help, not lose any.

Yvonne Roy  
Westland

**Thank you, Sister Modesta**

A few weeks back, you had an article on Sister Modesta and her volunteers. I want to thank Sister Modesta and her volunteers — they were there for my husband when he passed away.

Because of health issues, I was not able to be there with him and a volunteer said someone would be with him during the night. He passed away at 2 o'clock in the morning and he was not alone.

Thank you again, Sister Modesta and your volunteers.

Virginia McDonald  
Garden City

**Changing the focus**

In response to the many letters and articles regarding the Tea Party movement, I would like to know how these people can possibly allow themselves to be whipped up into a frenzy by media pundits who are paid millions of dollars to tell them how to act, think and feel.

How can they be duped by millionaires who are paid by special interest groups to constantly repeat the same inaccurate information? Their main goal is to spread fear, hate and paranoia to the uninformed masses.

Why are these people convinced that health insurance reform would destroy our country and create death panels and prison sentences for those who did not purchase health insurance? Why do they feel that insurance companies have the right to deny health care to those who become seriously ill and disabled or increase our premiums at will? By putting the socialist label on any type of regulation or reform, they are taking the focus off of the real issues.

If these Tea Party protesters are really middle class Americans, as they claim to be, I would like to know how they feel about the fact that this year, people in their income bracket paid the lowest amount of taxes in 50 years. Would those who are protesting the payment of taxes like to see America turn into a Third World country, similar to Haiti or Somalia? Is that the Tea Partiers' interpretation of freedom?

Mary Young  
Canton

**Lest they be forgotten**

On a warm, sunny afternoon, a week and a half before Memorial Day, the Raisin River shimmers. Joggers, walkers, and cyclists pass by while others sit on picnic benches, enjoying the threshold of summer, perhaps planning the upcoming long weekend, the official beginning of summertime, picnics, beaches, and backyard barbecues.

I just finished my substitute teaching assignment for the day at Douglas Elementary School in Garden City and on a whim decided to drive to Monroe, Michigan, to finally see the Raisin River after having wanted to go there for several years.

Now that I'm here, I realize it isn't the silver ribbon of the Raisin River with ducks and ducklings frolicking in the water, or the people in the park which hold my attention. It's a soldier's helmet perched on a gun and the boots on either side that captivate me. It's the things he carried that resonate deep in my soul because I realize it's the soldier, representative of all brave men and women, who paid the highest price for our freedom, the soldier who is no longer with us.

The helmet, the gun, and the boots are on top of the Afghanistan-Iraq War Memorial in the Veteran's Memorial Park in Monroe, Michigan. The inscription says: "War on Terror, Monroe County's Fallen Heroes, Lest They Be Forgotten ..."

With only a week and a half from Memorial Day, I grab my camera, take a picture, grab my laptop and write this tribute to the fallen "lest they be forgotten."

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*I've given you all of me;  
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*War on terror we proclaim; Iraq, Afghanistan, fear, and pain.  
My country, my country, what have we to lose or gain?  
Ask yourself, my country, in our republic's name.*

*Recall the terror that shocked us senseless,  
Catching us off guard, weakened, and defenseless;  
But like eagles we arose, and fearless we pressed  
On wide soaring wings on liberty's quest.*

*My country, my country, join hands and unite;  
Be determined and bold even in the bloodiest night  
To fight for the right, to fight for the right  
Of freedom's precious enduring light.*

*Stand up, my country, from sea to sea.  
Wave the star-spangled banner for all to see  
While my comrades and I still silently bleed*

*In graves beneath our people's feet.*

*My country, I've given you all of me,  
Gone to lie in the dust of forgotten dreams,  
No more pain and sorrow; I'm finally free.*

*My country, my country, beneath grass sweet and green,  
My country, my country, what have you given to me?*

*My country, my country,  
Have I become just another forgotten memory?*

Erika Martin

**What values?**

Eric Prince, the disgraced former CEO of Blackwater, told 900 true believers in Holland, Mich., claiming America has moved away from Holland values of "self-reliance, liberty, entrepreneurship and action" in his recent speech.

We are unsure of the Holland values Prince made mention of. Prince, the brother of Betsy DeVos, was awarded a secret no bid contract during the Bush administration to send a group of renegade mercenaries to Iraq. Before deployment, Blackwater was awarded immunity from Iraqi law so this group of hired guns were without any deterrents to murder Iraqi citizens. Since there are no public records of Blackwater activities, Prince is free to describe them without rebuttal.

Since Prince has now moved his operations to Dubai, we wonder what Holland values he is personally following. We also wonder about Prince's claim that this country is "being bled by debt, litigation and regulation." It was due to this very lack of oversight that Prince was awarded his secret contract by the Bush administration. Bush doubled the national debt from all other presidents combined and the lack of regulations and litigation gave Prince a free hand in Iraq.

If a group of mercenaries were sent to this country to create mayhem and havoc, they would be termed terrorist. Hmmm?

Gerald and Dolores Maxey  
Farmington Hills

**Stop the madness**

It simply amazes me that our elected officials in Lansing have approved a bill allowing high-powered fireworks to be legally sold in Michigan.

After years of blatantly spending taxpayers' money without any good reason, why now are they trying to find ways to raise any amount of tax money to cover up their useless ways they have spent over the last seven years. I know whose hands these fireworks are going to wind up in and it's not going to be adults.

There are many teenagers in my neighborhood and I'm sure these fireworks will be used to celebrate our country's birthday in an unsafe way. With all the cuts that have been made over the last few years to fire and police protection, I just hope we don't see a night where firefighters are working like former years on Devil's Night in Detroit.

Robert Denstedt  
Canton



## Bakers sweeten final days of hospice patients

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Every Tuesday, the smell of freshly baked pies fills the hallway at Angela Hospice in Livonia.

Volunteer Alberta Karll of Canton spends four or five hours in the kitchen rolling dough, preparing fillings and piling the crusts with sweet goodness for patients and families, a welcome break for them from the sobering reality of mortality and a limited time left with loved ones.

The smell and tastes of Karll's pies and other sweets created by volunteer Pam Shorter of Livonia is a refuge for the patients, warming their hearts and filling their stomachs with a sweetness that matches the volunteers' intentions.

"I just feel that I'm blessed to be able to do this," Karll said. "It's a God-given talent to be able to bake and for me to be able to volunteer, it is a blessing to meet so many dear people."

She'll bake banana and chocolate cream pies, but the favorite is apple, according to Shorter, who is responsible for brownies, cookies and other sweets.

"People keep tabs," Shorter said. "They will be in here (the kitchen) asking, 'Where is that apple pie?'"



Alberta Karll of Canton slices her famous apple pie, prepared for patients and their families at Angela Hospice in Livonia. Pam Shorter of Livonia helps out.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Karll has baked for 16 years at Angela Hospice. Karll had baked for friends who had battled cancer and found that they really appreciated her efforts. She also baked goods for special occasions for others, such as birthdays. "It's just something I've always enjoyed immensely," Karll said.

If she is baking apple pies, Karll will peel apples, usually golden delicious and empires, at home.

Karll uses an oil crust, then drops in flour, cinnamon and sugar and apples into the crust before baking it for at least 45 minutes. She usually bakes four pies for the patients. "They like the cream pies, too," Karll said.

Shorter usually bakes cookies or a seasonal cake or bread, such as blueberry or banana.

Volunteers appreciate the work of the bakers. Virginia Hayes, a Plymouth resident who volunteers

at Angela Hospice, said Karll is "absolutely fantastic." "The food is fantastic," Hayes said. "Her apple pie is outstanding."

"People will ask, 'When's the pie ready to be cut' and she'll say '5:45, and she won't let it be cut early,'" Hayes said. (Karll likes to let the pies sit to settle so the fillings won't be too runny.)

"It's nourishing," Hayes said. "It's like a big home here. Sometimes it's better than home because I don't bake like this."

Karll will take the pieces to the rooms and tell them what they've baked. "I want them and their families to come down to our new kitchen," Karll said. On Tuesday afternoons and evenings, the pie is served.

Volunteers serve meals on Wednesday nights, Thursdays a high tea is served and Fridays feature an ice cream social.

## Vets should use benefits accorded them

The Memorial Day weekend is here and it is important to remember what it is really about. It is more than just picnics, barbecues and golf. It is a day to remember those who served our country and make the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

Democrat, Republican, independent or other — the one thing all should agree on is that we owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women, past and present, of the United States Armed Forces.

So as we celebrate the Memorial Day Holiday, it is appropriate to remind veterans that there are a wealth of programs and services available to them. Whether it deals with assistance in obtaining an education, prescription drugs or other, many benefits are available to veterans. Unfortunately, many veterans do not take advantage of the opportunities available to them. Many believe that veteran benefits are available only for career military. That is not the case.

In addition, you don't have to serve in a war zone to be eligible for certain benefits. The fact that you are a veteran qualifies you for a variety of benefits.

The key is the government doesn't do a very good job of informing veterans about available benefits. That is something that veterans unfortunately have to discover on their own.

That is where the Internet has become such a great tool. In addition to the Veterans Administration website [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov), there are a number of other websites that veterans can access to help discover benefits available to them.

It is surprising to me that many veterans do not think that they are entitled to benefits. I had a conversation with a World War II veteran who was hurting financially. One of the main causes of his financial condition dealt with prescription drugs that he had to take, however, he had no insurance coverage. I said he would qualify for a prescription drug plan through the Veterans Administration. His initial reaction was that he was a veteran over 60 years ago and only in the military for a few years. In addition, he felt that for some reason he didn't deserve the benefits.

I encouraged him to contact the Veterans Administration and eventually he did. He qualified for benefits. His monthly savings on prescription drugs is substantial and by qualifying for benefits he has an improved quality of life. Veterans should not hesitate to apply for and collect benefits they deserve. I encourage all veterans to be proactive and look for benefits for which they qualify.

There is a caveat. There are companies that will charge veterans a fee to help with their benefits. Some of these companies are legitimate, others should be avoided. If hiring a company, make sure you investigate them independently such as checking them out through the Better Business Bureau.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all the veterans and particularly my father, Mitch Bloom, a World War II Navy veteran, a heartfelt thank you.

Thank you for your sacrifice and thank you for protecting the freedoms that we all have in this great country.



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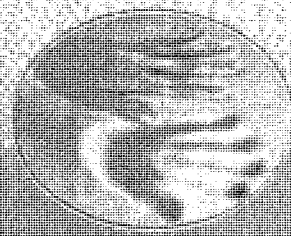
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# HOMETOWN LIFE

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## Churchill girls dominate, hoist another trophy

### Franklin runner-up at Canton regional

See complete regional results, Page B3

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It took two days to complete, but there was no doubt who dominated the MHSAA Division 1 girls track and field regional hosted by Canton.

Livonia Churchill proved it could weather the storm, repeating as team champion with 133 points followed by runner-up Livonia Franklin (86), Redford Thurston (79), Plymouth (60), Westland Livonia Stevenson (49) and Westland John Glenn (48.5).

Senior Sara Kroll figured in three of Churchill five first places winning the 800- and 1,600 runs with blistering times of 2:13.6 and 4:55.5 (school record), respectively. She also teamed up with senior Tiffany Raisanen, freshman Kerrigan Riley and sophomore Bethany Pilat for a first in the 3,200 relay (9:40.2).

Churchill also got a first from Senclair McDonnell in the high jump (5 feet, 2 inches) and Megan Kelly in the 400 (1:01.3).

The meet was suspended Friday night with two events to go — the individual 3,200-meter run and the 1,600 relay.

Action resumed at 9 a.m. Saturday and the Chargers added 22 more points to their first-place total with seconds and thirds by Kerrigan Riley and Bethany Pilat in the 3,200, as well as a second in the 1,600 relay.

"Everyone ran their best time they've ever run in the 4 x 4 today," Churchill second-year coach Pat Daugherty said. "And in the two mile we qualified both the girls who maybe didn't do their best in the mile, but came back and ran a P.R. by 20 seconds in the 3,200."

"Probably the biggest surprise was Megan



Franklin's Megan McPherson captured the 3,200-meter run and was runner-up to Churchill's Sara Kroll in the 1,600 during Friday's Division 1 regional at Canton.

Kelly running the 400 yesterday. She's a great kid and she deserved it. We had four seniors qualify for 'states' and three of them were in more than

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## SIDELINES

### MU golfers lag

After the opening round of the NAIA Women's Golf Championships in Rapid City, S.D., the Madonna University team finds itself 21st out of 25 teams with a 67-over total of 355.

Michelle Hall and Sara Simnitch each shot 87s (tied for 83rd) to lead the Crusaders.

Other MU scorers included Mariel Meyers (Livonia Franklin), tied for 94th (89); Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson), tied for 112th (92); and Caitlin Steele, 122nd (99).

### Dark Angels fall

The Detroit Dark Angels slipped to 2-3 in the North Central Division of the Women's Football Alliance with a 32-14 setback Saturday against the host Pittsburgh (Pa.) Force.

The Force, which dominated both sides of the ball most of the game, improved to 2-3 with the victory.

Brooke Kosanic figured in both touchdowns for the Dark Angels with a 56-yard reception from quarterback Kris Vidojevski in the second quarter followed a 102-yard interception return in the third quarter.

Detroit middle linebacker Yarlen Henry led the defense with a team-high 14 tackles, including a sack and fumble recovery.

The Dark Angels have a bye this week before returning to action 7 p.m. Saturday, June 5 against the Cleveland Fusion (5-1) at Westland John Glenn High School.

### PDL Bucks split

The Michigan Bucks opened their 2010 home season Saturday with a 1-0 Premier Development League loss to the Dayton (Ohio) Dutch Lions at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

But on Tuesday night, Ruben Bega had one goal and two assists in a 3-1 win over the host Kalamazoo Outrage in a game played at Loy Norrix High School.

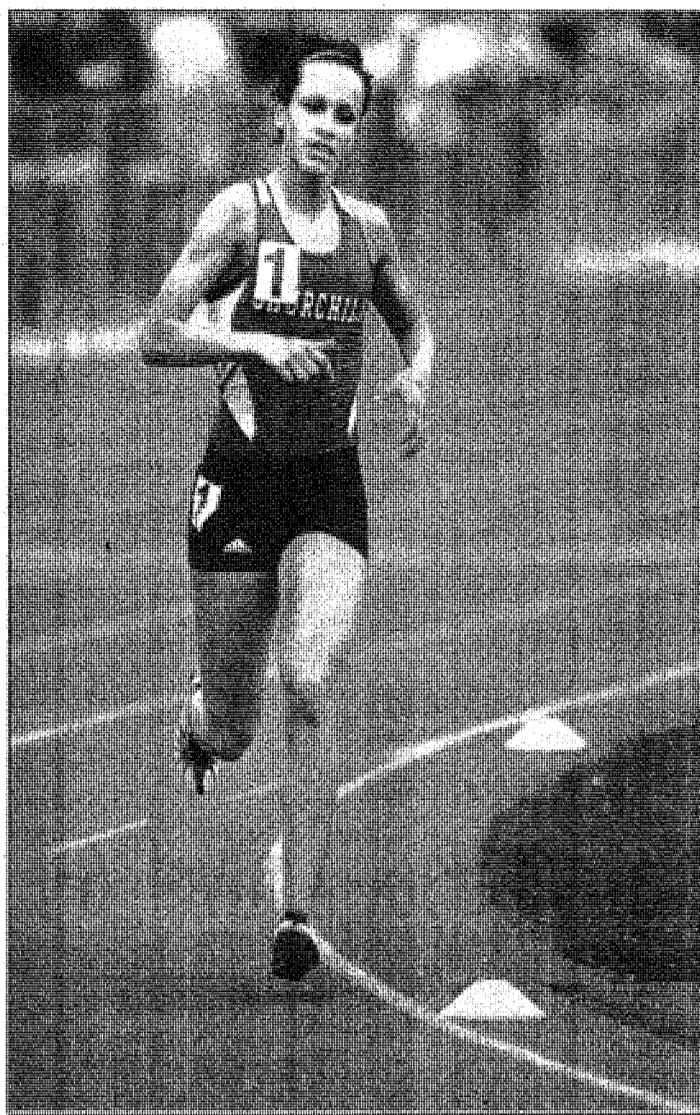
Stu Givens and Andy Lorei also scored for the Bucks, who improved to 2-1-0 in the PDL's Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference.

Bucks goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt (Livonia Stevenson/Oakland University) made seven saves against the 0-3 Outrage.

On Saturday, Brett Jones scored the game-winner in the 50th minute to give the Dutch Lions (2-0-1) the win.

Bucks' first-year attacking midfielder Scott Caldwell had a chance to tie it, but his penalty kick rang off the post.

The Bucks return to PDL play at 3 p.m. Saturday at Independence Park as part of the Canton Cup against the Cincinnati Kings.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Sara Kroll captured two individual events, the 800 and 1,600, and also helped the Chargers to a first in the 3,200 relay.

## Kelly hero as Trojans win crown

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a landmark day for the Livonia Clarenceville boys track program.

The Trojans rode the legs of sprinters Kassius Kelly and Ben Watts to win the MHSAA Division 3 regional Saturday at New Haven.

It wasn't even close as Clarenceville scored a team-high 156 points to runner-up Clawson's 92.

"We performed well,"

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Stevenson's Will Burek captured the 110-meter hurdles and was runner-up in the 300 hurdles in the Division 1 regional at Canton.

## Plymouth boys 1st in D-1 region meet

See complete regional results, B3

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Friday's thunderstorms forced the Division 1 boys regional track and field meet at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to wrap up on Saturday morning.

And it did with a record-busting flourish, as the top-four teams all broke school records in the 1,600-meter relay.

Yet the final standings still had Plymouth at the top — right where the Wildcats were when the meet was suspended Friday night.

Plymouth finished the meet in first with 113.5 points, while finishing two-three were PCEP neighbors Salem and Canton, with 93 and 78.5 points, respectively.

In fourth with 67 points was Livonia Stevenson, followed by Livonia Churchill (57), Livonia Franklin (46) and Westland John Glenn (44).

"We came back on Saturday, we knew what we had to do," Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz said. "We set two school records out there and that capped off a great meet. I was proud of everyone,

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## Patriot netter 'states' her case

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BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin's Angelica Woods put an extension on her girls tennis season Friday when she took runner-up honors at No. 1 singles in the Division 1 regional hosted by Novi.

The junior, who sports a 19-2 overall record, guaranteed herself a spot at the upcoming state finals when she upended Northville's Joanne Weber in a three-set semifinal, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1. It was a match which ended up indoors (because of wet weather) at Farmington Racquet Club.



Woods

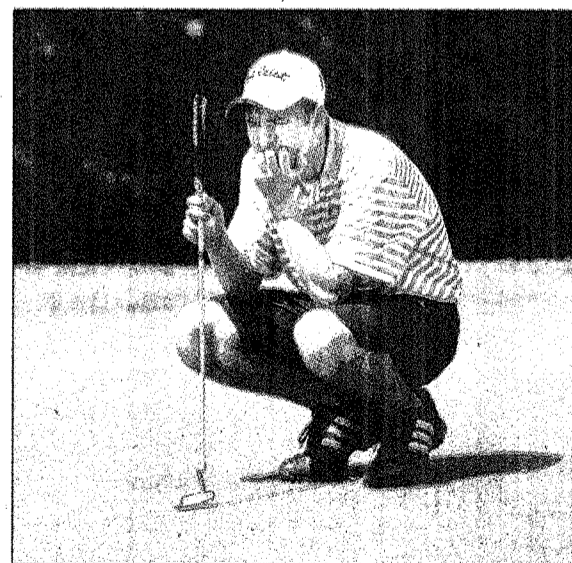
Novi's Amanda Border, a state quarterfinalist last year, then captured the No. 1 flight regional singles title with a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Woods.

Woods guaranteed her trip to Midland by avenging a 7-5, 6-0 setback the previous week to Weber

in the KLAA Kensington Conference semifinals.

"I tried to grind, hit the ball deep with spin," Woods said. "I had to change it up if I wanted to win."

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## Studious golfer

Stevenson's Christian Debay, who shot a 78, analyzes his putt during Tuesday's Kensington Conference boys golf tournament at Pheasant Run. For a recap of the tournament, visit [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com). Final results appear on page B??



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# Westland-Garden City Strictly Business



Josef Schulz (from left), Lee Ann Wheelock, Joseph Jenkins, Jasper Smelser, Marilyn Smelser are graduates of the LifeBio 101 program at American House on Hunter in Westland.

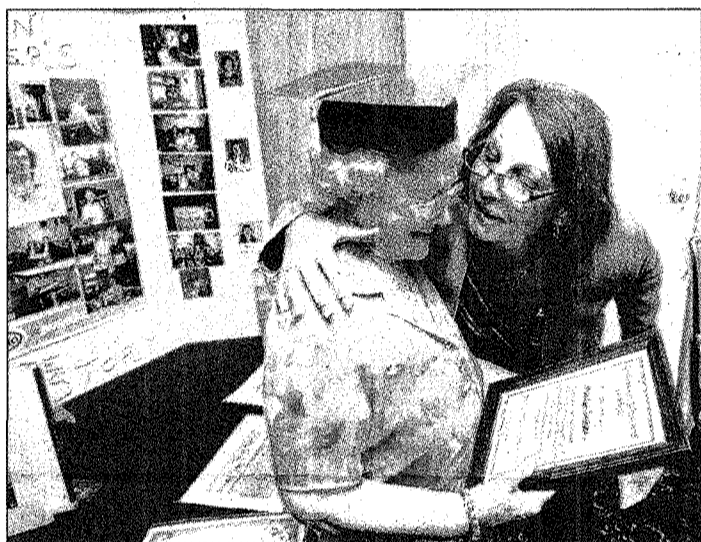
## American House residents map lives with LifeBio 101

Sometimes it's tough to know how to start an autobiography, but residents at American House on Hunter in Westland have not only started, but finished their biographies using a new group class, journals and storyboards.

Five residents of American House Westland graduated from the LifeBio 101 Class on April 30. For the last few months, residents have met together weekly to complete reminiscence exercises during class and to recall important details of their lives that deserve to be recorded. Their completed Storyboards, a collection of pictures and memories on a display, were presented at the Story Sharing and Graduation Party with many family members in attendance.

The class has covered the people, history, childhood memories, love, marriage, children, grandchildren, pets, friendship, beliefs, values and much more. Residents have grown closer and forged new friendships and they have realized how unique each life story is.

"They have gone through their whole lives, and they have created such beautiful stories to share with their families. It's been an honor



Cindy Lear, American House-Westland activity director, gives Marilyn Smelser at the LifeBio graduation.

to get to know them even better," said Cindy Lear, American House-Westland activity director.

American House has been committed to capturing the life stories of the Greatest Generation and the LifeBio program is helping them accomplish that goal. LifeBio helps thousands of people to capture their life stories through journals, an online template at [www.lifebio.com](http://www.lifebio.com), classes, Storyboards and more.

Founded in 2000, LifeBio is the nation's leading legacy

company, helping to preserve relationships and memories that last for generations. The LifeBio product and service line includes the Memory Journal, LifeBio 101 Classes, the LifeBio Video Recording Kit, MemoryBio Photo Album and Journal, The Great Story and Your Story and much more.

These tools help fight against ageism, improve intergenerational relationships and help people redefine their lives through self discovery. For more information, visit [www.lifebio.com](http://www.lifebio.com)

### BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

#### Resource workshop

In an effort to help communities diversify industry, move the region forward and create jobs, Wayne County, in partnership with the University of Michigan's Community Economic Adjustment Program, is hosting a Community Resource Workshop at Henry Ford Community College to give businesses an edge on economic recovery.

"This workshop will directly link Wayne County's local communities and community agencies with representatives from the state and federal government, which helps the region continue to move forward, diversify and grow," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "Together, participants and businesses will discuss projects, funding opportunities at the state and national level, and subsequent proposals for development."

The workshop will be held 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 28 from at Henry Ford Community College, located at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn. Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano will give opening remarks. Since 2006, CEAP has

been working with communities in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin greatly impacted by auto manufacturing decline, providing assistance to these communities to access resources helping to address economic recovery. Program assistance is free of charge and is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration.

For more information on Wayne County's Community Resource Workshop and to register, contact Carmen Wells Quigg at (734) 998-7016.

#### Massage therapy

On Tuesday, July 13, the Massage Therapy program at Schoolcraft College will host an orientation session from 6-10 p.m. at the Radcliff Center in Garden City. This is an opportunity for those who are interested in a career in massage therapy to come and learn the requirements for earning a certificate or associate degree, as well as explore career opportunities in this rapidly growing healthcare field.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet instruc-

tors in the program, as well as current students, and tour the facility. Anyone is invited to attend, however, the orientation session is mandatory for any student who plans to enroll in the program for the fall 2010 semester, which begins Sept. 1. The Radcliff Center is at 1751 Radcliff Street, just south of Ford.

To learn more about the Massage Therapy program orientation session call (734) 462-4746 or e-mail [massage@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:massage@schoolcraft.edu). A Massage Therapy Information and Application Packet can be downloaded from [www.schoolcraft.edu/pdfs/admissions/mas.pdf](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/pdfs/admissions/mas.pdf).

To learn more about Massage Therapy and other Limited/Restricted Enrollment programs at Schoolcraft College visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/programs/limited.asp](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/programs/limited.asp).

Massage therapy is one of the fastest growing specialties in healthcare and is recognized as a valuable preventive health option as well as being a beneficial treatment modality following injuries and illness. Students at Schoolcraft College can earn either a certificate or associate's degree in massage therapy.

### BUSINESS MILESTONES

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**Contact:** (734) 422-1970

#### Summer School

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 22  
**Location:** Westland Specialty Center, Community Room, 35550 Central City Parkway, Westland  
**Details:** Garden City Hospital will present its Diabetes Summer School during June, July and August, in place of its monthly Diabetes Support Group. Each two-hour class will include a speaker presentation and discussion. The session begins with registration, displays, book sales and light refreshments containing approximately 30 grams of carbohydrate. There is no fee; family and friends are welcome. Subject for June is "Diabetes, Heart Disease and Sleep Problems: Is There a Connection?" People being treated for a sleep disorder using a CPAP or BiPAP Mask, can arrive one hour early and attend Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center Mask Fitting Clinic. Find out what's new in masks. Be sure to bring your old mask.

**Contact:** Registration is necessary by calling (734) 458-4330 or e-mail at [sgoodsell@gchosp.org](mailto:sgoodsell@gchosp.org).

#### SEND IT

Are you having a special event, a sale or just want to let people know where you are? Interested in being featured in our Business Q & A? It's as easy as sending your information to or requesting a Q & A form from Sue Mason at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com). You can also mail it to Sue Mason, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226.

#### Car Show

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 5  
**Location:** Metropolitan Lincoln-Mercury, 32000 Ford Rd., Garden City  
**Details:** Metropolitan Lincoln-Mercury and Kar-Go Carburator are sponsoring the second annual Classic Car and Truck Show. Register in advance for \$15, or \$20 the day of the show. Registration is 8-11 a.m., judging starts at 10 a.m. with awards at 3 p.m. Last year's show drew nearly 300 cars and 1,000 people. This year there will be more trophies, food and fun for all, including music, moon walk and goody bags for the first 300 pre-registered participants. Also Metropolitan is proud to present a martial arts demonstration feature time-time world champion martial artist Mariah Moore. This family-friendly event is a free admission event and all net proceeds from concession sales and raffles will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.  
**Contact:** (734) 458-1965 or online at [www.metropolitanmichigan.com](http://www.metropolitanmichigan.com)

#### 25th Anniversary

**Location:** Independent Carpet One Floor & Home, 1400 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** To Celebrate Carpet One's 25th anniversary, Independent Carpet One Floor & Home will install your newly purchased carpet throughout your entire home for only \$25. Independent features premium quality brands. Whether it's a small room remodeling project or a complete renovation, you'll discover great new looks and versatile flooring choices in a wide range of colors, patterns and sizes.  
**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 447-5449

#### Camp Day

**Time/Date:** Wednesday, June 2  
**Location:** Tim Hortons, 30121 Ford, Garden City, and 715 S. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** It's Camp Day! Camp Day is the one day a year when Tim Hortons store owners across Canada and the United States donate every penny from coffee sales to the Tim Horton Children's Foundation. In 2009, Camp Day raised more than \$9.4 million CDN (\$8.5 million U.S.). Every time a customer buys a coffee at Tim Hortons on Camp Day they will help send more than 14,000 kids - who could otherwise not afford it - on the camping adventure of a lifetime. All children who attend one of the Foundation's six camps are selected from within the communities where Tim Hortons stores are located. Tim Hortons store owners work closely with local youth organizations and schools to select children, between the ages of nine and 12, to attend a 10-day summer camp session or seven-day winter camp session.  
**Contact:** (734) 595-0452 (Westland) or (734) 762-9108 (Garden City)

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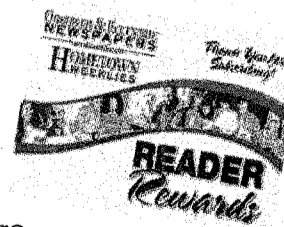


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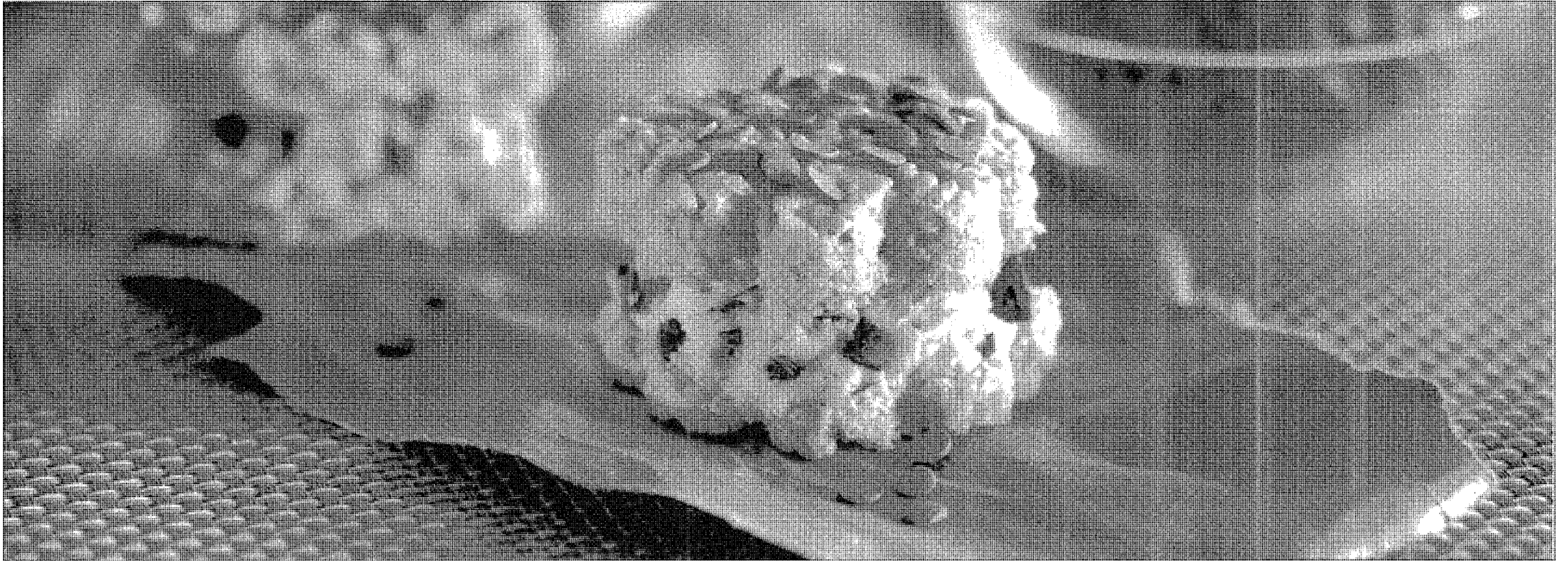
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Ice Cream Sandwich Treats

# Easy, no-bake goodies

Summer is a great time to get kids into the kitchen to make some snacks and desserts. Whether you need something to take to a picnic or just something to do on a rainy day, making easy, no-bake goodies like Rice Krispies Treats can show kids just how fun cooking can be.

Even young children can be kitchen helpers, so the whole family can get involved. What can your child do to help prepare a recipe?

Youngsters, age 2-3 can wash and scrub fruits and vegetables, and name and count foods.

Ages 3-4 can shape foods, mix dry ingredients together and pour pre-measured liquids into batter. Ages 4-5 can help measure ingredients, open packages, pour cereal, mash soft fruits and vegetables, and press cookie cutters into dough or soft food. Six-year-olds can beat recipe ingredients with a whisk and help locate ingredients in a spice rack or pantry.

Make some summer magic with these tasty no-bake recipes for Choco P'Nutty Bars, Itsy Bitsy Fruit Pies, and Ice Cream

Sandwich Treats. For even more kid-friendly recipes you can make together, visit [www.RiceKrispies.com](http://www.RiceKrispies.com).

Note: The following recipes should be made with adult supervision.

### ITSY BITSY FRUIT PIES

Prep Time: 25 minutes

Total Time: 30 minutes

Servings: 24

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup milk chocolate morsels
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 4 cups Kellogg's Rice Krispies cereal
- 2 cups assorted fresh chopped fruits
- Frozen non-dairy whipped topping, thawed
- Assorted sprinkles

In medium saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Stir in chocolate morsels until melted. Remove from heat. Stir in cinnamon.

Place cereal in large bowl. Carefully pour melted chocolate mixture over cereal. Gently stir until cereal is completely coated with chocolate.

Spoon cereal mixture into twenty-four 1 1/2-inch muffin-pan cups coated with cooking spray. Using your finger or thumb, press cereal mixture onto bottoms and

up the sides of each cup, forming crusts.

Place crusts in freezer for 30 minutes. Remove from freezer. Refrigerate, covered, until ready to serve. Before serving, fill each crust with fresh fruit. Dollop with whipped topping. Decorate with sprinkles. Serve immediately.

Note: Extra unfilled crusts may be frozen in air-tight container for up to a month. Let stand at room temperature for 15 minutes before serving.

### Kid-friendly Kitchen Tips:

- Children of all ages should have an adult assistant with them at all times when cooking.

- Chefs 7 and older can measure the ingredients and help stir the melted chocolate into the cereal.

- Little ones, ages 3 to 6, will enjoy pressing the mixture into the muffin cups and decorating with the fruits and whipped cream.

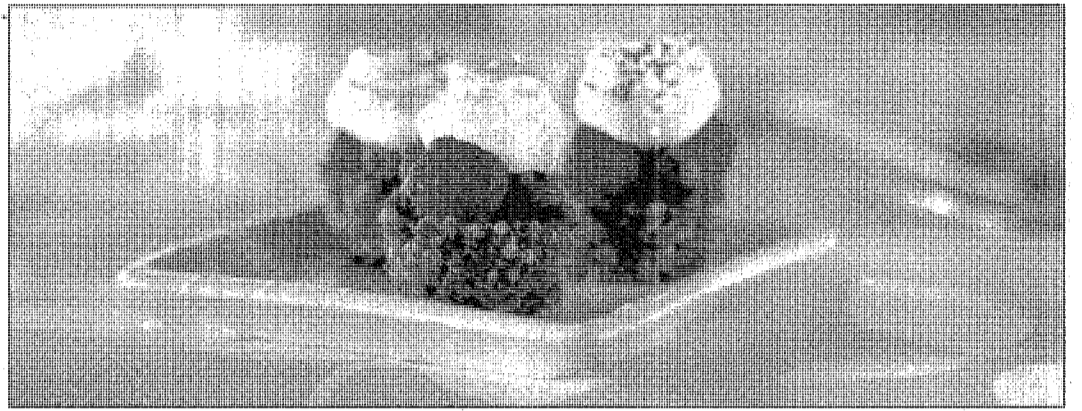
- Make sure to have plenty of extra fruits for snacking while making these little pies.

### ICE CREAM SANDWICH TREATS

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Total Time: 3 hours

Servings: 10 to 12



Itsy Bitsy Fruit Pies

- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 110 ounce-package (about 40) marshmallows, or 4 cups miniature marshmallows
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 6 cups Kellogg's Rice Krispies cereal
- 1/2 cup assorted sprinkles
- 2 pints desired flavor ice cream, frozen yogurt, sorbet or gelato

In large saucepan melt butter over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until completely melted. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla.

Add cereal. Stir until well coated.

Using buttered spatula or wax paper, evenly press mixture to 1/2-inch thickness on baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Decorate with sprinkles. Refrigerate for 15 minutes.

Remove from refrigerator. Using 2-inch cookie cutters coated with cooking spray, cut into

desired shapes. Place small scoop of ice cream on undecorated side of one cut-out. Top with another cut-out, decorated side up. Gently press together. Return to baking sheet. Repeat with remaining cut-outs and remaining ice cream.

Freeze for 30 minutes. Transfer to airtight container. Freeze for 2 hours to 1 week. Let stand at room temperature for 10 minutes before serving.

### CHOCO P'NUTTY BARS

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Total Time: 1 hour

Servings: 18

- 112-ounce package (2 cups) semi-sweet chocolate morsels
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 6 cups Kellogg's Rice Krispies cereal
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows
- 18 wooden or plastic sticks

In large saucepan, melt chocolate morsels and peanut butter over low heat; stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in cereal and marshmallows.

Using buttered spatula or waxed paper, press mixture evenly into 13- by 9- by 2-inch baking pan coated with cooking spray. Chill in refrigerator about 45 minutes.

Cut into 18 bars. Serve by inserting plastic or wooden stick into each bar.

Microwave Directions: In large microwave safe bowl, melt chocolate morsels and peanut butter at medium power for 2 to 2 1/2 minutes. Stir until smooth. Add remaining ingredients, stirring until well coated. Continue with recipe directions.

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# Honoring veterans

Bring on the floats, bands and flags this weekend

Cities throughout Metro Detroit will offer parades, concerts and ceremonies to honor military veterans and fallen heroes Friday-Monday, May 28-31. Before you stoke up the barbecue grill, grab a lawn chair and stake out a curbside seat to watch bands and floats parade in your community. Or take a moment to reflect on the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces, at a Memorial Day ceremony.

## CANTON

- 1 p.m. Memorial Day, May 31  
A Memorial Day service will take place at the Canton Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park. A ceremony will honor fallen soldiers, and a special brick will be added to the memorial in honor of Marine Cpl. Jacob Turbett, a 2007 Canton High School graduate who was killed in February in Afghanistan.
- 2:30 p.m., Memorial Day, May 31  
The Beckridge Chorale will perform patriotic music at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Cost is \$8 per person. Proceeds after expenses will be divided among the Memorial Day committees in Canton, Plymouth and Northville. Call (888) 459-4887.

## DEARBORN

- 10 a.m. Memorial Day, May 31  
Dearborn's 86th annual parade marches from Michigan Avenue, Greenfield to Schafer and is followed by a ceremony honoring veterans.

## FARMINGTON

- 10 a.m. Memorial Day, May 31  
The parade will begin on



The Plymouth Canton Marching Band performs in a previous Memorial Day parade.

Mooney Street and heads west on Grand River through downtown Farmington. The American Legion Post, Auxiliary and SAL present the festivities. A ceremony will be held at the Veterans Monument just west of Farmington Road. Participants, members and their friends may return to the Post afterward for refreshments and hot dogs. Awards to the participating groups will be presented. Wally Christensen, Legion Chaplain and Memorial Day Parade chairman, said 3,000 flags will be placed outside every home in Farmington to honor those who have served their country. Flags also will be placed on 175 local gravesites.

- 5:30 p.m., Sunday, May 30  
A special service will be held in North Farmington Cemetery, where service personnel from every war from 1776 until now are buried. Call Christensen at (248) 474-8554.

## GARDEN CITY



Thousands of people line Grand River Ave., in Farmington at a previous Memorial Day parade.

- 11 a.m., Monday, May 31  
Garden City Memorial Day Services will be held on the front lawn of city hall. The City Administration Office is located at 6000 Middlebelt, between Ford and Warren roads.

## LIVONIA

- 9 a.m. Saturday, May 29  
Memorial activities, complete with military statues, a wreath-placing ceremony, and the Churchill High

School Band under the direction of Elizabeth Hering, take place at Veterans Memorial Plaza at Five Mile and Farmington roads.

After the event, guests may visit the Memorial Wall that honors those Livonia veterans who were killed in action, wounded in action, missing in action or a prisoner of war. Call (734) 466-2418.

## NORTHVILLE

- 10 a.m. Memorial Day, May 31  
Northville's Memorial Day Parade draws thousands of people each year to honor veterans. The parade begins in downtown near Northville Downs Race Track on Griswold and Main streets. Call the VFW at (248) 348-1490.

## NOVI

- 10 a.m. Memorial Day, May 31  
The Novi Parks' Annual Memorial Day Parade begins on 10 Mile and Karim Boulevard and travels west to the Novi Civic Center. A ceremonial presentation honoring veterans will follow. Children may show their community spirit by decorating their bikes with streamers, crepe paper, balloons, American flags and more. Call Rachel Zagaroli at (248) 347-0403.

## PLYMOUTH

- 7:30 a.m. Memorial Day, May 31  
American Legion Post 391 presents the annual parade, which begins at Harvey and Wing streets and heads down Main Street in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 459-4384.

## REDFORD TOWNSHIP

- 2 p.m. Sunday, June 6  
The parade begins on Six Mile at Beech Daly Road. Call Parade President Walter Bates at (313) 768-6858 for more information.

## WAYNE-WESTLAND

- 1 p.m. Sunday, May 30  
The annual Wayne-Westland Memorial Day Parade starts at Wayne Road and Avondale in Westland and will go south to the Wayne Public Library in Wayne.

## GET OUT

### ART

**Art & Ideas**  
**Time/Date:** Through June 5  
**Location:** 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth  
**Details:** "From Women to Little Girls" portrait exhibit  
**Contact:** (734) 420-0775

**Livonia City Hall**  
**Time/Date:** Through May 28  
**Location:** 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia  
**Details:** Spring Art Exhibit, juried fine arts show, all media, photography and sculpture  
**Contact:** (734) 838-1204

**Lotus Arts Gallery**  
**Time/Date:** May  
**Location:** 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth  
**Details:** Exhibit of figurative works, from minimalist and abstract to detailed  
**Contact:** (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734) 453-5400

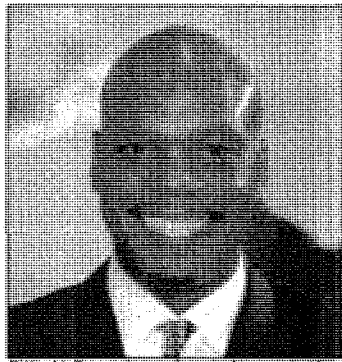
### AUDITIONS

**8th Wonder Theatre**  
**Time/Date:** Open call, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. June 14-15; 6-9 p.m., June 16, callbacks  
**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, at Ridge, in Canton.  
**Details:** Auditions for "Blackwater Ballad" and "Phantom." Both are musicals. Actors auditioning may be asked to stay for a dance call the night they audition. Everyone should prepare two 16-bar selections that are contemporary - musical theatre or pop - and include a ballad and up-tempo piece. Participants may sing songs from the shows. Neither a Capella nor karaoke auditions are permitted. Everyone must have sheet music, and must sing with the accompanist at the piano. 8th Wonder is composed of theater professionals with extensive experience, including Broadway veterans, and faculty in the theater department of Eastern Michigan University  
**Contact:** Ryan Lewis at (734) 945-5316 or e-mail him at ryan.lewis@8thwondertheatre.com

### COMEDY

**Go Comedy!**  
**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays  
**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale  
**Details:** Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

**JD's House of Comedy**  
**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings  
**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield  
**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday  
**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com



Elliott Branch performs through May 29 at Joey's Comedy Club, in Livonia.

**Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays  
**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Elliot Branch and Mary Ann Demoss, through May 29  
**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle**  
**Time/Date:** Mike Green, May 27-29  
**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak  
**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

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### CONCERTS

**The Ark**  
**Time/Date:** Diane Birch, May 27; Gaelic Storm, May 29  
**Location:** 316 South Main, Ann Arbor  
**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

**Detroit Institute of Arts**  
**Time/Date:** Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward Ave  
**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

**Magic Bag**  
**Time/Dates:** The High Strung CD release party, May 22; Members of Morphine, May 28; the Mega 80's, June 5; MacPodz, June 6; The Original Waiters, June 9  
**Location:** 22920 Woodward, Ferndale  
**Contact:** (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

**Music Hall**  
**Time/Date:** Music Hall Star Search Finals, May 27  
**Location:** 350 Madison Ave., Detroit  
**Details:** Jazz Cafe performances  
**Contact:** (313) 887-8500

**Trinity House Theater**  
**Time/Date:** Sweethearts of the Yellowroom Gang featuring Kitty Donohoe, Annie Capps, Jill Jack and Allison Downey, June 4; Wayward Roots, June 5; Jennie DeVoe, June 11; Chris Trapper with Billy King, June 12  
**Location:** 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia  
**Contact:** (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

**Bakers Keyboard Lounge**  
**Time/Dates:** 2-5 p.m. Sundays  
**Details:** Jazz for Kids Program  
**Location:** 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit  
**Contact:** (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

**Detroit Institute of Arts**  
**Time/Dates:** 2 p.m. Sundays  
**Details:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit  
**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

**Detroit Zoo**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day  
**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak  
**Details:** Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free.  
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A refreshing change from the standard

salad, Margarita Shrimp Salad features tender shrimp, which are marinated in a mixture of lime juice and garlic, and tossed with crisp bell peppers, onions and romaine lettuce. Zucchini Soup with Herbed Cream is a fresh way to savor squash. To move vegetables to the center of the plate, try Vegetable Stir-Fry which features a sauce made with ginger, garlic and soy sauce, or try Broccoli & Garlic Penne Pasta for a versatile dish that's certain to please.

## BROCCOLI & GARLIC PENNE PASTA

Prep: 20 minutes  
Cook: 10 minutes  
Makes: 4 servings (about 2 cups each)

- 1 cup chicken broth
- ½ teaspoon dried basil leaves, crushed
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 cups broccoli florets
- 4½ cups penne pasta, cooked and drained
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Heat broth, basil, black pepper, garlic and broccoli in 10-inch skillet over medium heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook until broccoli is tender-crisp.

Add pasta and lemon juice and toss to coat. Sprinkle pasta mixture with cheese.



Broccoli & Garlic Penne Pasta

## MARGARITA SHRIMP SALAD

Prep: 15 minutes  
Marinate: 30 minutes  
Cook: 10 minutes  
Makes: 4 servings (about 2 cups per serving)

- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 2 teaspoons grated lime zest
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound fresh large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- ¼ cup chicken stock
- 1 medium orange or red pepper, cut into 2-inch-long strips (about 1½ cups)
- 1 small onion, sliced (about ¼ cup)
- ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 4 cups romaine lettuce or iceberg lettuce torn into bite-sized pieces
- 2 large tomatoes, thickly sliced
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

Stir lime juice, lime zest and garlic in 2-quart shallow, nonmetallic baking dish or gallon-sized resealable plastic bag. Add shrimp and toss to coat. Cover dish or seal bag and refrigerate for 30 minutes, turning shrimp over several times during marinating.

Heat stock in 2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Add pepper and onion, and cook until vegetables are tender-crisp.

Reduce heat to medium. Add shrimp and marinade to saucepan and cook until shrimp are cooked through. Stir in cilantro. Divide lettuce, tomatoes and shrimp mixture among 4 serving plates. Sprinkle with black pepper.

## VEGETABLE STIR-FRY

- Prep: 5 minutes  
Cook: 15 minutes  
Makes: 4 servings (1 cup each)
- 1 cup chicken broth
  - 1 tablespoon cornstarch
  - 1 tablespoon soy sauce
  - 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
  - 4 cups cut-up vegetables (broccoli florets, cauliflower florets, baby carrots and sliced celery)
  - 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger root or ½ teaspoon ground ginger
  - 1 clove garlic, minced
  - Toasted sesame seeds (optional)

Stir broth, cornstarch and soy sauce in small bowl until mixture is smooth.

Heat oil in 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add vegetables, ginger root and garlic and stir-fry until tender-crisp.

Add broth mixture to skillet. Cook and stir until mixture boils and thickens. Sprinkle with sesame seeds, if desired.

Tip: You can substitute your favorite vegetables in this recipe.



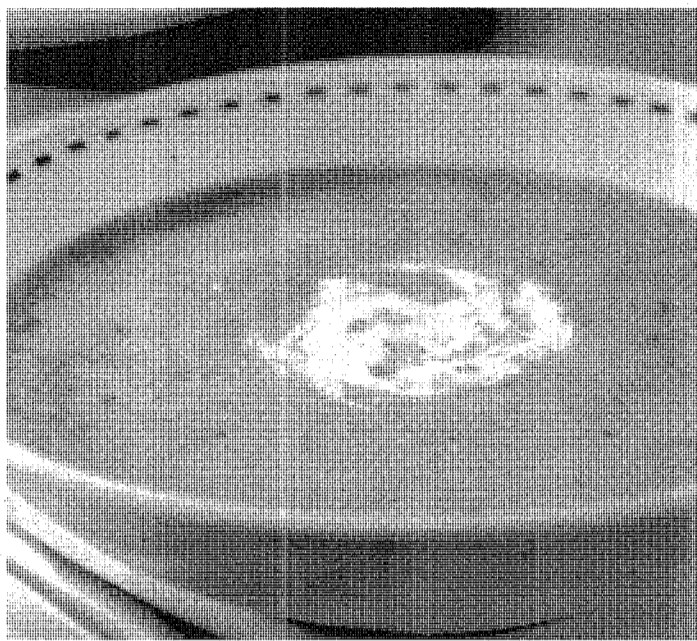
Vegetable Stir-Fry

## ZUCCHINI SOUP WITH HERBED CREAM

- Prep: 15 minutes  
Cook: 30 minutes  
Makes: 6 servings (1½ cups each)
- ½ cup sour cream
  - 4 teaspoons chopped fresh basil leaves
  - 4 teaspoons chopped fresh oregano leaves
  - 2 tablespoons olive oil
  - 1 large onion, finely chopped (about 1 cup)
  - 1 clove garlic, minced
  - 4 medium zucchini, thinly sliced (about 6 cups)
  - ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
  - 3 cups vegetable broth

Stir sour cream, 1 teaspoon basil and 1 teaspoon oregano in small bowl. Cover and refrigerate.

Heat oil in 4-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and cook until tender. Add zucchini and black pepper. Cook for 5 minutes or until zucchini is tender.



Zucchini Soup with Herbed Cream

Add broth, remaining basil and remaining oregano. Heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook for 15 minutes.

Place one third of the zucchini mixture into blender or food processor. Cover and blend until smooth. Pour mixture into large bowl. Repeat blending process twice more with remaining zucchini mixture. Return all pureed mixture to saucepan. Cook over medium heat for 5 minutes or until hot.

Divide soup among 6 serving bowls and top with about 1 tablespoon sour cream mixture, using a spoon to swirl cream in a decorative pattern on soup surface.

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# Wild about blueberries

If you're looking for tasty ways to improve your diet, you're in luck. You can get big taste and big benefits from a little fruit — wild blueberries.

A diet rich in fruits and vegetables can help maintain a healthy weight and reduce the risk of chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease and some cancers. Eating across the color spectrum is important so you get a variety of nutritional benefits.

Wild blueberries get their color from naturally occurring phytochemicals, which are primarily responsible for antioxidant activity. Wild blueberries are antioxidant rich, making them a great choice for their nutritional benefits and disease fighting potential. In fact, USDA studies rank wild blueberries highest in antioxidant capacity per serving, compared with more than 20 other fruits including cranberries, strawberries, apples and even cultivated blueberries.

Health magazine also has named wild blueberries high on its list of "America's Healthiest Superfoods for Women," singling out their variety of potential health benefits, including preventing memory loss, improving motor skills, lowering blood pressure, and fighting wrinkles.

Wild blueberries are available year-round in supermarkets nationwide. Frozen at the peak of ripeness, all the farm-fresh taste and nutritional benefits are locked-in. Most studies show that frozen fruits and vegetables are higher in vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients because they are frozen near the time of harvest.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Wild Blueberries are a different berry from cultivated blueberries. They grow naturally in the fields and barrens of Maine and Canada. They are smaller in size, have a unique sweet-tart taste, and are only available frozen.

### CHICKEN BREAST WITH SWEET AND SOUR WILD BLUEBERRY SAUCE

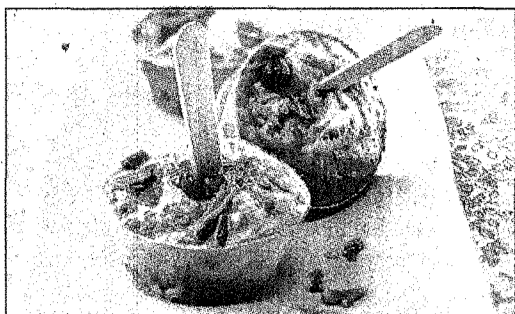
Prep Time: Approximately 20 minutes

Serves 1

- 16-ounce skinless, boneless chicken breast
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon oil
- 1 small red pepper
- 1 small green pepper
- 2 tablespoons fig jam (or apricot jam)
- 4 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- ¼ teaspoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons sweet and sour chili sauce
- ½ cup frozen wild blueberries, thawed and drained

Season chicken breast with salt and pepper. Heat oil in small, non-stick frying pan. Fry chicken breast for 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool.

Wash, seed and cut peppers into bite-sized pieces. Cut cooked chicken breast into bite-sized pieces; combine with peppers. Mix jam with balsamic vinegar, sugar and chili sauce. Gently stir in Wild Blueberries.



Wild Blueberry Ice Cream Pops

### WILD BLUEBERRY GINGERED LEMON MUFFINS

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Yield: approximately 36 muffins

- 6 cups cake flour
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 cups low-fat buttermilk
- 1½ cups (12 ounces) egg substitute
- 1½ cups granulated sugar
- ½ cup canola oil
- 4 cups frozen wild blueberries
- ½ cup (3 ounces) crystallized ginger, chopped
- ½ cup granulated sugar, for topping
- 2 tablespoons lemon zest

In bowl combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; reserve.

In another bowl beat together buttermilk, egg substitute, 1½ cups sugar and oil; stir into flour mixture just to blend. Fold in Wild Blueberries, ginger and lemon zest.

Scoop ¾ cup batter into each greased ¾-cup muffin tin. Sprinkle each muffin with sugar. Bake in 400°F conventional oven or 375°F convection oven 18 to 22 minutes or until firm to the touch. Serve warm.

### WILD BLUEBERRY ICE CREAM POPS

Prep Time: Approximately 15 minutes, plus thaw and freezing time

Yield: 6 Pops

- 1 cup frozen wild blueberries
  - 1 ounce milk chocolate chips
  - 2 cups fat-free vanilla frozen yogurt, softened slightly
- Materials: small wooden or plastic sticks

Thaw Wild blueberries and purée. In a bowl, combine puréed wild blueberries, chocolate and frozen yogurt. Mix thoroughly.

Rinse 6 standard muffin cups with cold water and spoon in Wild Blueberry mixture, dividing it evenly between the cups (silicone muffin cups need not be rinsed first). Place a stick in the center of each "muffin" and freeze until firm, at least 2 hours.

Tip: Mixture can also be frozen with plastic sticks in small glasses or espresso cups.

(Courtesy of Family Features)



### Top ratings

Megan McCarthy, Director of Front Office Operations, with the Townsend Hotel, and Keith Scoffield, director of food and beverage at the Rugby Grill in Birmingham and Megan McCarthy, director of front office operations for the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, show off the Four Diamond Awards their facilities received recently from AAA Michigan. Other local award winners included Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills and the Westin Hotel in Southfield.



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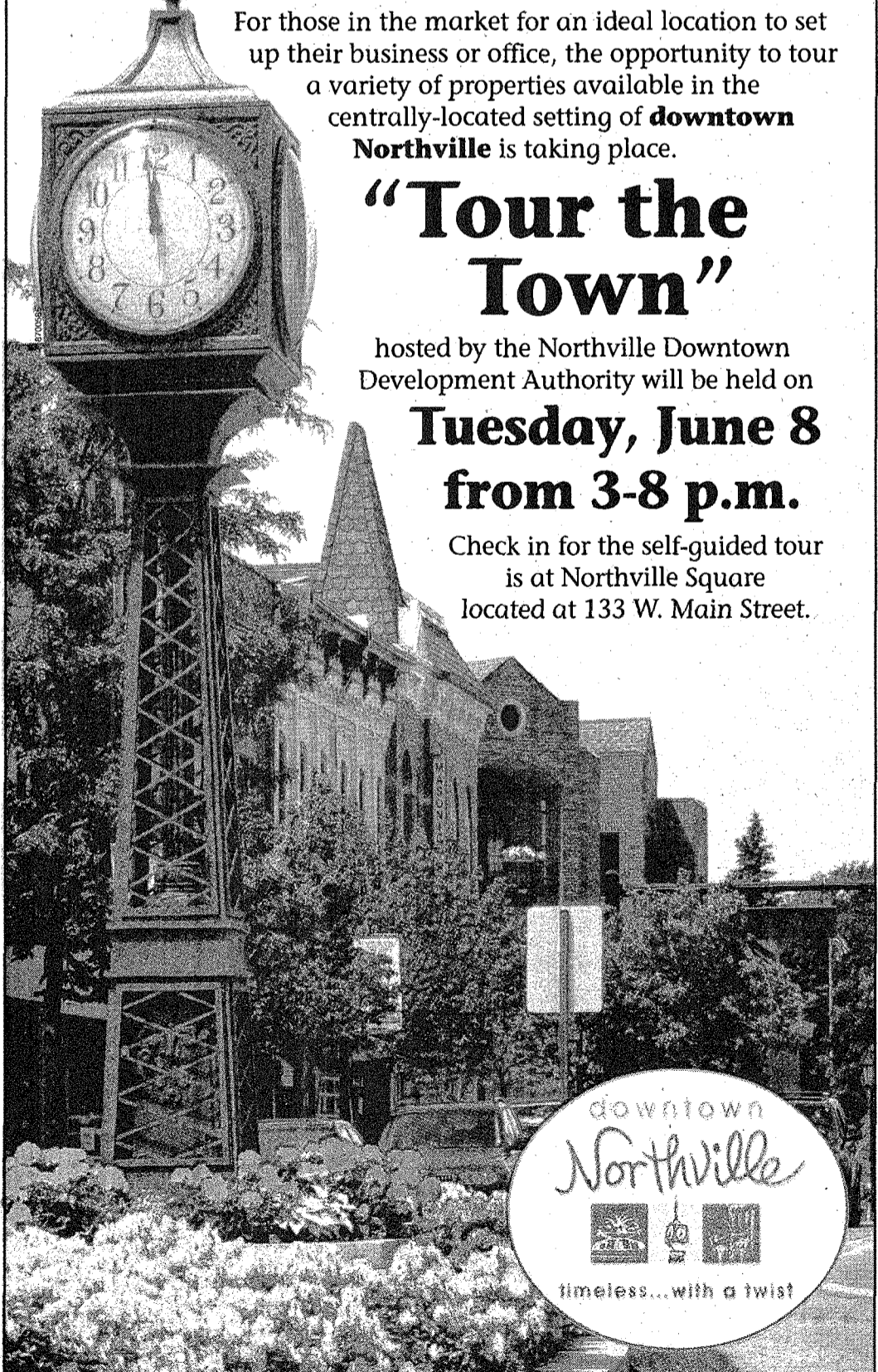
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