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Seat check

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, is inviting residents to a child safety event 4-6:30 p.m. Friday, June 4, in Westland where they can have their child car seats checked and get free children's bicycle helmets.

"As a father and a grandfather, I know how important it is that we keep our children out of harm's way, and as a lawmaker I am working to help families do that every day," LeBlanc said. "A poorly installed car seat can result in injury or even death, and a simple fall off a bicycle can cause lasting medical issues. Taking sensible precautions can be the difference between a child walking away from an accident and serious injuries.

"I hope residents will join me for this important event and come learn about more ways we can keep our children safe," he said

LeBlanc's child safety event will be held in conjunction with the bike parade and carnival night at Madison Elementary School, 1075 S. Carlson, south of Avondale, in Westland.

A limited number of bicycle helmets will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis, and only one per person. Metro Detroit Safe Kids, a group dedicated to preventing accidental childhood injuries, will be on hand to perform car seat inspections and provide information on other child safety issues.

For more information about the child safety event, call LeBlanc's office toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or send him an e-mail at RichardLeBlanc@house.mi.gov.

Flea market

Space is available for the UAW Region 1A Veterans Council Flea Market, planned for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at UAW Local 163 at 450 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill in Westland.

The flea market will take place rain or shine. Participants must provide their own tables, and canopies are permitted. Limited space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is \$25 per parking space. No food or drinks can be sold.

For more information, call Jim Mull at (313) 291-2750 or Rich Eberhart at (734) 722-3906 or (734) 679-9306.

Westland man guilty of beating elderly father

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man has been sentenced to serve six to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to beating and severely injuring his elderly father at the home they shared.

Michael Neighbors, 50, was sentenced after he entered a guilty plea in Wayne County Circuit Court to a charge of first-degree assault of a vulnerable adult in the Oct. 2 attack on

Rayburnell Neighbors, then 80 years old.

Neighbors has been in custody in lieu of \$500,000 cash bond since shortly after paramedics responded to the home the men shared on Knolston. The elder Neighbors was unconscious, suffering from multiple injuries that were described during court testimony as covering his entire body.

Rayburnell Neighbors was initially transported to Garden City Hospital where the emergency room doctor

related to police his concerns that the older man had been beaten. Due to extent and seriousness of his injuries, Neighbors was later transported to the Oakwood Hospital trauma center about two hours later. Neighbors, who suffers from dementia and was being cared for by his son, remains hospitalized and unresponsive.

Michael Neighbors initially told firefighters that his father, who was found unconscious and bloody in the bathroom leaning against the shower,

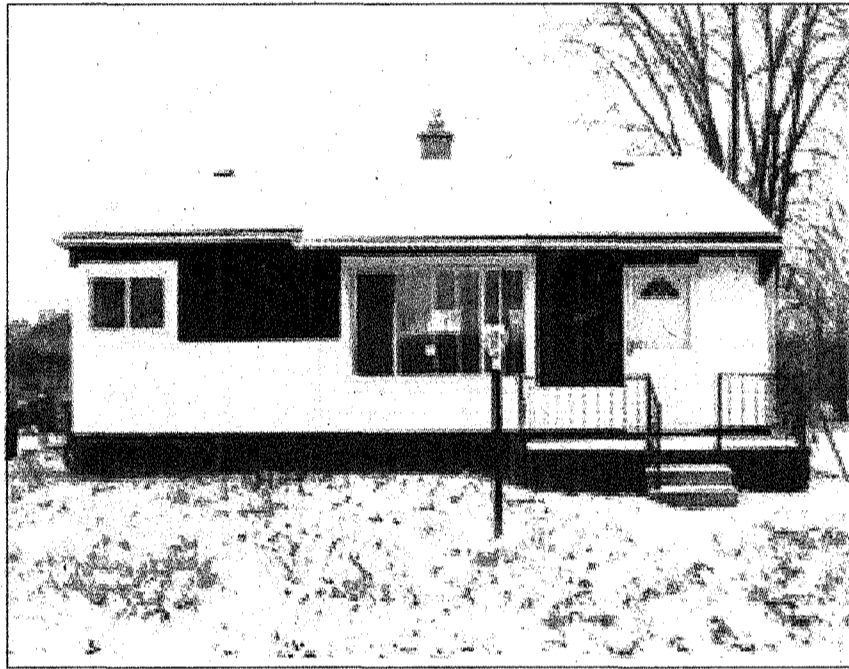
had fallen and that he put him into the shower in an effort to revive him.

There was blood and carpet fibers on the floor consistent with someone having been dragged down the hallway to the bathroom, police testified, with blood splatters also found in Rayburnell Neighbors' bedroom.

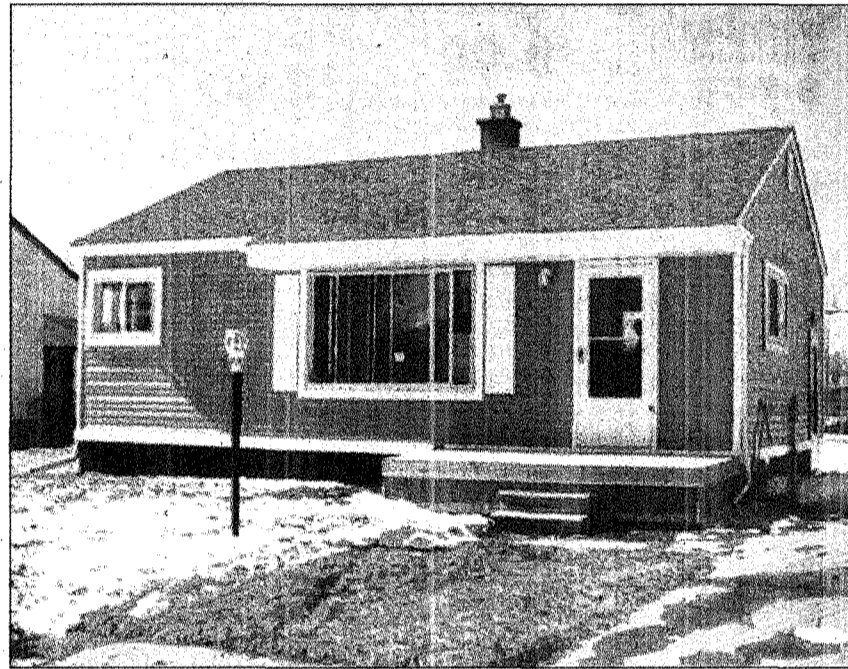
After being found competent, Michael Neighbors had been ordered bound over for trial.

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Before ... and after



This Matthew Street home is getting a makeover and will soon have new owners as part of the city's Neighborhood Stabilization Plan.



New siding and a new porch have improved the appearance of this home on Matthew Street.

Foreclosed homes get new look, new owners

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Snap up a foreclosed home at a bargain price, make a few repairs and have yourself a nifty new home — that's a scenario that turns out well on television shows, but it's not so easy

in real life. "Most of the foreclosures are being picked up by investors with a cash purchase — first-time buyers can't do that," said Terri Desselles, buyer finance director for Home Renewal Systems. "A lot of people have been looking for a year and get disenchanted."

And if someone picks up a foreclosed and likely long-vacant home, Desselles said there will likely be a lot more work than the new owner is expecting.

"People don't realize that. In a vacant house, a sump pump hasn't been running. There things like mold underneath the paneling in a finished basement," Desselles said. "When a house is vacant, the maintenance really builds up."

Instead of a fixer-upper, another option is buying a foreclosed home that has already been renovated and is in move-in condition. Home Renewal Systems and a second firm, Guy Construction, have been awarded contracts by Westland under the

Neighborhood Stabilization Program to each rehabilitate and sell 20 foreclosed, vacant or blighted homes by December.

"We have five homes that are move-in ready in Westland and three more under construction," Scott Guy of Guy Construction said. "We just signed listing agreements for the homes. It's very affordable."

Typically, a home will be purchased for \$15,000 under the NSP, with an

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Westland man charged with assaulting teenager

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man is facing seven felony charges stemming from the repeated sexual assault of a girl, now 14, over at least two years.

Brandon Lee Fedosky, 20, has been arraigned on one charge of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, one count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct, two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, a count of fourth-degree criminal, one count of

committing a sex crime with a computer and one count of distributing obscene material.

A not guilty plea was entered for Fedosky at his arraignment and he is being held in lieu of \$500,000 cash bond.

Residing on Frumin Court with his parents, Fedosky was a friend of the victim's family. The investigation began after the victim reported the sexual assaults to a school counselor which resulted in Westland police being contacted.

"He confessed, he said he knew that it was wrong. He said he felt bad because he was a trusted family friend," said Westland police Sgt. Todd Adams.

The girl has brothers who are friends with the defendant, Adams said. Most of the sexual assaults were reported to have happened at the girl's home.

Based on the defendant's statement, Adams said the sexual abuse had been ongoing for two years since the victim was 12 years old. As a result, Fedosky was charged with first-degree criminal

sexual conduct — with sexual penetration of a person under 13 years old.

The counts of using a computer to commit a sex crime and distributing obscene materials stem from sexually explicit photographs which Fedosky is accused of sending to the victim.

Arrested in mid-May, Fedosky waived his right to preliminary examination within 14 days. That hearing has been rescheduled for June 24 in Westland 18th District Court.

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Volunteers needed to clean up preserve

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's time to put on some old clothes and get dirty at the annual Rouge Rescue Saturday at the Holliday Nature Preserve on Newburgh north of Warren.

Westland is one of 25 communities participating in the annual event in which volunteers help clean and restore the Rouge River. The annual cleanup is sponsored by the Friends of the Rouge, formed in 1986 after the Rouge River was designated as one of the worst polluters of the Great Lakes.

"We get 100-150 people. They clean up logjams and pull debris out from the water," said Westland Department of Public Services

Director Kevin Buford, who coordinates the local cleanup. "We'll also spread wood chips for more of a path through there."

The cleanup is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon and it's suggested that volunteers wear old clothes, including pants, long-sleeved shirts and shoes. DPS workers will be on hand to assist the volunteers who will work in an approximately quarter mile area.

"The clean up definitely makes an impact. Every time you remove debris it cleans up the Rouge," said Buford. "It helps make it flow better and that makes cleaner water. Any time you can open it up, it makes the water clearer."

Over the years, Buford said the amount of man-made trash that has to be cleaned up

during the Rouge Rescue has noticeably decreased.

"We've seen a steady decrease in debris, garbage and illegal dumping. A lot of these areas leading to the Rouge were hidden," said Buford. "We definitely aren't seeing that illegal dumping."

Many volunteers come from Boy or Girl Scouts, churches, schools, community service clubs, along with families and individuals.

While volunteers are asked to sign up by calling DPS, Buford said anyone who decides they want to pitch in can just show up Saturday morning at Holliday Park Nature Preserve. For more information or to sign up, call Buford at (734) 467-3242.

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Many people can qualify for renovated homes

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Many people may be surprised to find their income levels will qualify them to purchased homes renovated through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

Buyers can make up to 120 percent of the average median income for the area. That means in Wayne County, a single person can make up to \$58,700 and still buy an NSP home. For a family of four, the top income would be \$83,900. Participants are required to complete an eight-hour credit counseling course.

Financing and employment continue to be issues in the current market, said

Terri Desselles, buyer finance director for Home Renewal Systems, one of two firms contracted to renovate and sell a total of 40 Westland homes through NSP this year.

• The average monthly house payment with taxes and insurance is \$650 in the program, according to Desselles. The buyers would need to have a minimum of \$19,500 of adjusted gross income.

• Buyers need to be working or receiving a stable income that can be verified of about \$1,400 per month, said Desselles, adding that only a few houses in each city qualify for a payment this low.

• Credit is now an issue with the banks on FHA financing which is new, she said.

The banks now have required minimum scores for qualifying.

“Even FHA has passed large down payment requirements for the lower scores. Generally, we will need to have a 620 middle score for most banks on the credit. Some of our lending partners will do as low as a 580,” said Desselles.

• With financing for self employed-borrowers, Desselles said that it is very important that they are able to claim a decent income on their tax returns. Banks also like to see at least a year in a profession or strong compensating factors to assist in the approval, she added.

“Remember, every person is an individual case and our staff is equipped to help buyers work with all the available resources to assist them through the process from financial literacy to

understanding a home purchase and credit restoration,” Desselles said. “We have multiple down payment resources and can even use more than one source for qualified low income buyers.”

Financing issues may be holding up some would-be buyers, said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis.

“I don’t think it’s a problem with the houses at all. Everyone has said that the mortgage companies don’t want to write mortgages and are requiring higher and higher credit scores,” said Inglis.

Along with getting these renovated homes occupied, Inglis has another reason to want to see the homes sold. Proceeds from the sale go back to the local NSP coffers and fund acquisition and rehabilitation of other homes.

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additional \$35,000 spent for rehabilitation of the home, Guy said. The NSP sets a 10-percent profit margin for the contractors plus real estate agent and other fees.

“The homes are roughly in the \$50,000-\$70,000 range. Fifth Third Bank has a down payment assistance program — all the banks have different programs through NSP,” Guy said. “It’s a great opportunity for buyers and it is stabilizing the neighborhood. The homes are pretty much better than new.”

Echoing Desselles’ comments, Guy said the first step in rehabilitating one of the foreclosed homes is an environmental report to make sure the house is free of problems, such as asbestos and mold. There is also a check on whether a home has historical significance.

“We often take the home down to the drywall and the studs. There is new siding, plumbing, thermostat, HVAC and the electrical upgraded to a minimum 100 amps,” Guy said. “On an older home, we will do some reconfiguration to get a better floor layout for a family.”

Part of the NSP requirements is that the homes be sold to owner-occupants, not as investment properties. There also income requirements to purchase a home through NSP.

“At the end of the day, you have a new home with three or four bedrooms that goes for up to \$60,000-\$70,000. It’s very affordable,” Guy said. “There is no comparison to buying it and doing it yourself. We know all the steps. People can’t really gauge the problems in a vacant home. This is the best home on the market.”

The NSP qualified area of Westland was expanded earlier this year to cover a much wider area, about two-thirds of the city. As a result, Community Development Director Joanne Inglis said the rehabilitated homes are scattered in many neighborhoods.

“I think there hasn’t been a big marketing campaign about the houses in Westland yet,” she said. “This program helps stabilize neighborhoods, it helps with jobs and the economy and it helps get people into houses. It helps move the American Dream forward.”

For more information about NSP homes available in Westland, contact Home Renewal Systems at (248) 615-1313 or Guy Construction at (888) 283-3646.

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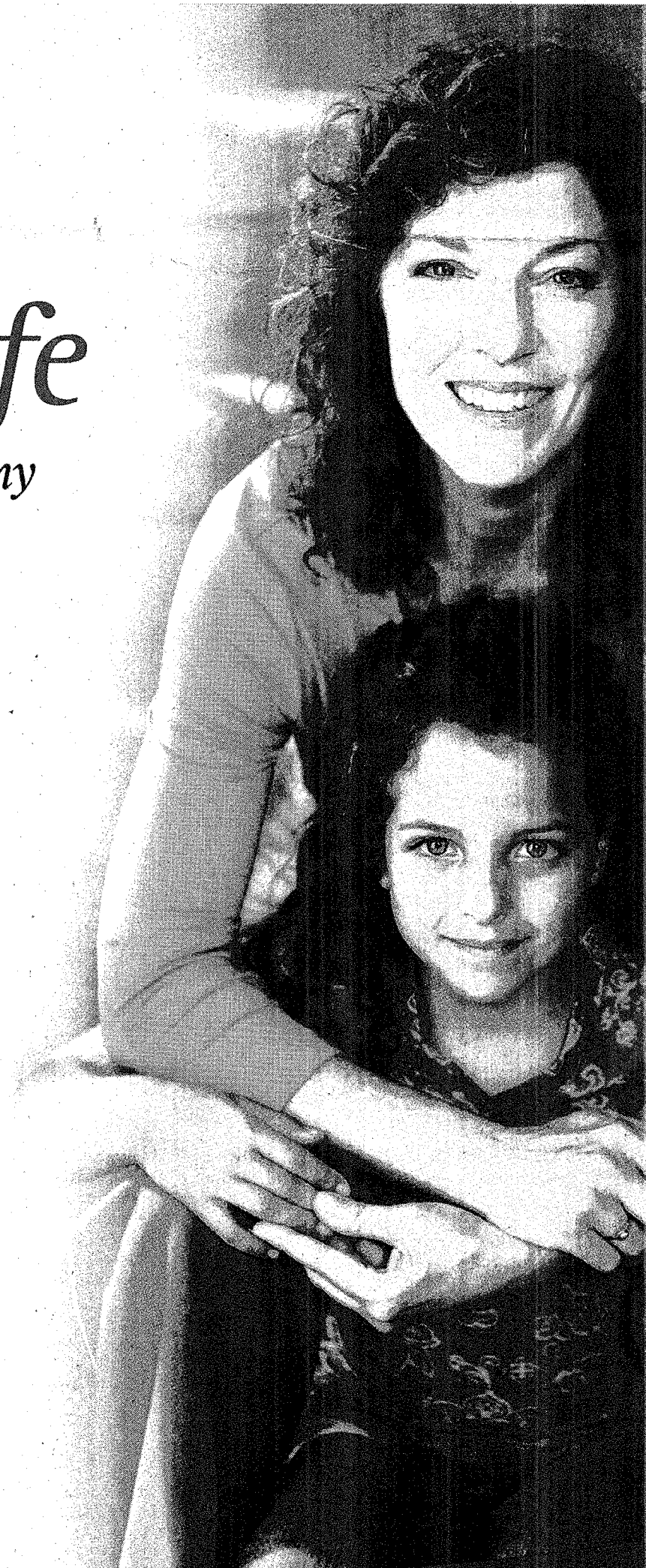
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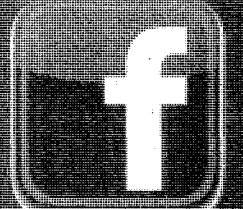
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Two-year-old Happy is hoping someone would like to adopt him at this weekend's rescued pet event at Me and My Shadow Indoor Swim and Fitness Center for Dogs.

Fitness center event seeks home for rescued pooches

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A variety of rescued animals will be available at a Garden City business Saturday.

Finding homes for homeless animals is the goal of the event, according to Robin Honeycutt, owner of Me and My Shadow Indoor Swim and Fitness Center for Dogs.

The event will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the center, located at 29855 Ford, Suite C, Garden City.

"We are hoping that a few rescue groups show up to try to find homes for their foster animals," said Honeycutt, a Garden City resident. "This is the first time I have done one of these."

The rescue groups will set up outside on the south end of the parking lot. There is no charge for the groups who to participate and no charge for folks who attend.

"I know some of the groups let you adopt that day and others visit your home before they will let you adopt," she said. "I believe they are all current on their shots. Some make sure the animal is neutered or spayed."

Honeycutt doesn't plan a lot of "bells and whistles" at the event — just rescue groups trying to find homes for their animals.

"I'm not trying to sell anything, just trying to help," Honeycutt said.

So far, Greyhounds of Eastern Michigan, Lake Erie Metro Animal Rescue and Better Life Canine Center will attend. About 15 different groups were invited, she said.

One of the animals looking for a home is Happy a 2-year-old American Bull terrier. He was surrendered by a couple who neglected to give Happy any direction or training and put the dog in a crate in the basement to spend much of his time, a common resolution many people use when they do not want the responsibility of training their dogs.

Happy is living the good life now. Better Life Canine Center said that it puts all the dogs received through its home preparation and training program.

"Happy has experienced trips to the dog store, dock diving, play at the dog park

and has gone swimming at Me and My Shadow," said Brenda Woody of the center. "Happy is now an easygoing highly obedience-trained dog. He is great with kids and other dogs."

At Saturday's event, Silver Dairy Ice Cream, a well-known Farmington business, will also sell ice cream.

Honeycutt's business helps animals exercise along with their owners. There's a pool, canine life vests, pool toys and stairs to make it easy for the dogs to enter and leave the pool.

The fitness center was named for Honeycutt's dog Shadow, an American Eskimo. Shadow didn't live long enough to enjoy the center that's named after him.

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Walk raises awareness, funds for First Step and Mariah Neil

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Trish Zuzak is in need of walkers if a walk to raise awareness about domestic violence is to be a success.

Planned for Saturday, June 12, the Walk for Awareness is a benefit for First Step: Western and Downriver Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence and the Mariah Hope Neil Foundation.

"I desperately need walkers," said Zuzak. "Initially, our goal was \$30,000, but we've knocked down to \$15,000. We're encouraging donations from walkers and sponsors."

The walk will start and end at the Bailey Recreation Center off Ford Road in Westland and make a four-mile loop along Central City Parkway to Hunter and then east to Wildwood, south to Marquette and then West to Carlson for the return to the recreation center.

Registration will be at 9 a.m., with the walk starting at 10 a.m. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a T-shirt, water

and snacks.

Proceeds from the walk will be shared between First Step, and a foundation set up for 8-year-old Mariah Neil. Her mother, Sarah, died Sept. 27, 2009, of injuries she suffered after being attacked in the parking lot of Chatters Bar on Wayne Road in Westland.

Her husband, George Williams, 33, of Livonia has been charged with first-degree murder and is awaiting trial after rejecting a plea agreement of second-degree murder and prison time of 22 to 30 years. First-degree murder carries a sentence of life in prison.

Sarah Williams, a barmaid at Chatters Bar, had been married to George Williams just over one year. The couple had been arguing after George Williams came to the bar during her shift. She was found in the parking lot of the bar by George Williams' ex-wife who testified at an earlier hearing that he had called and told her he had killed Sarah Williams. The former wife went to Chatters, found Sarah Williams fatally injured

in the parking lot and called 9-1-1.

The autopsy showed Sarah Williams had been strangled but also suffered severe blunt trauma, including severe head and internal injuries and a large abrasion on her back consistent with being dragged.

Friends of Sarah Williams have staged several benefits for her daughter. One in raised some \$4,000 and Zuzak would like the walk to be as successful. They even have a website, www.smile4sarah.org. S.A.R.A.H. (Safety, Awareness, Raising All Hope) is an organization dedicated to helping victims of domestic violence.

"We have fliers in different places and have it plastered all over Facebook," she said. "People can register at www.active.com and use PayPal or they can register the day of the event."

For more information or to make a donation, contact Zuzak at (313) 971-4652 or by e-mail at contacts4trish@aol.com.

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Historical group holds annual yard sale

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One man's trash is another man's treasures, but Jo Johnson says there are plenty of treasures to be found at Saturday's yard sale at the Westland Historical Village Park.

"We're hoping to attract collectors," said Johnson, a member of the Westland Historical Commission which is hosting the annual sale. "We have antiques like irons and old doors, collectible dolls, Christmas items, all with good prices."

The sale will be 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. at the Rowe House in the park at 857 N. Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill. Depending on the weather, some items will be outside for treasure hunters.

The money raised will be used for the historical village park, most likely the Rowe House, according to Johnson. The 1837 Greek revival-style house is in need of siding and interior work, including drywall in one room and connecting the toilet. It also is in need of a porch and a handicap accessible ramp.

Once repairs are completed, plans are to have two meeting rooms and two rooms for the

Eloise Museum downstairs and an upstairs office for Friends of Eloise, Johnson said.

"The restoration is going slowly, but at least it has a good roof," she added.

The village includes the Felton farmhouse, home of the Westland Historical Museum, the Octagon House, Rowe House, carriage shed, Collins House and the archives for Wayne County General Hospital-Eloise. The commission also oversees the one-room Perrinville Schoolhouse on Warren Road near Merriman.

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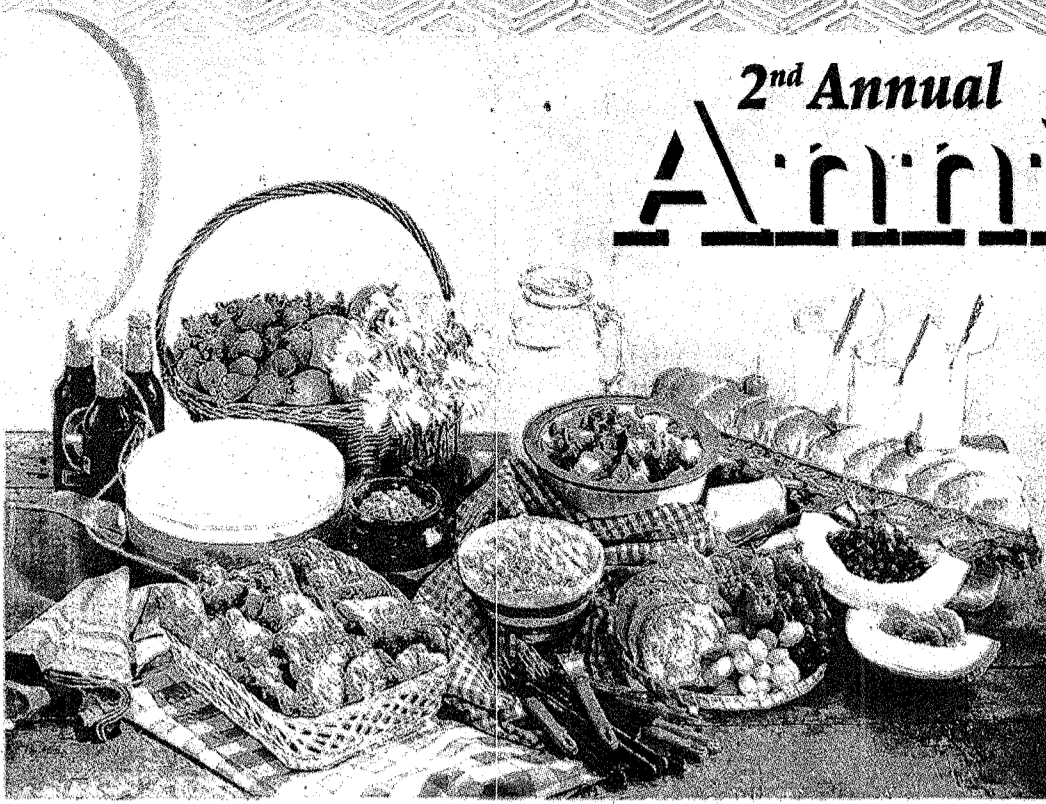
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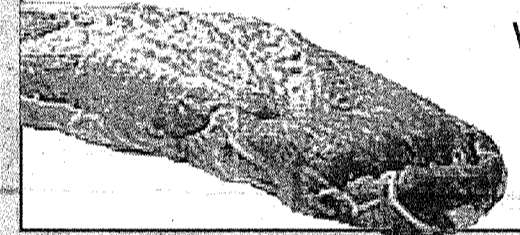
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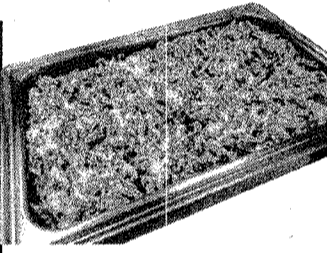


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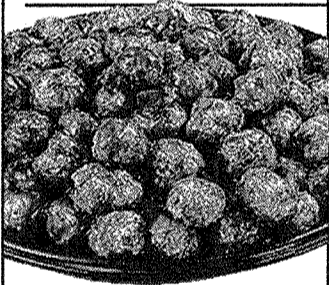
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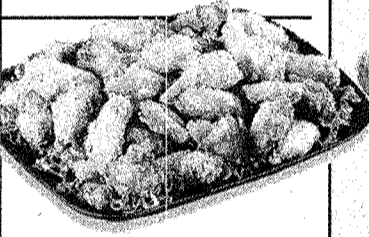
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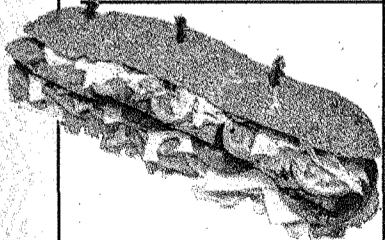
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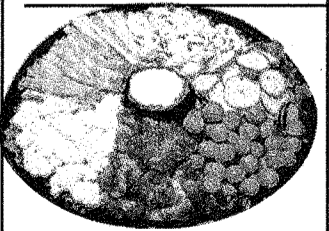
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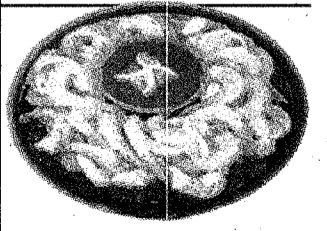
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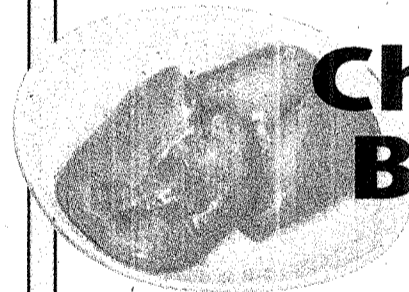
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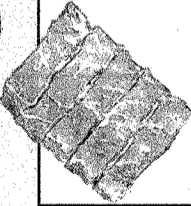
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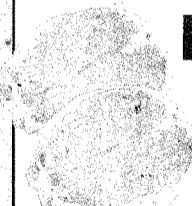
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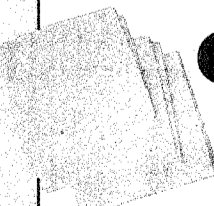
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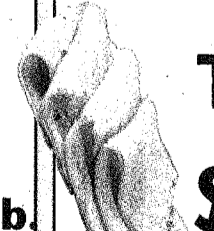
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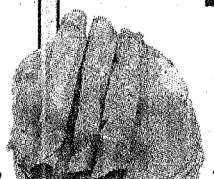
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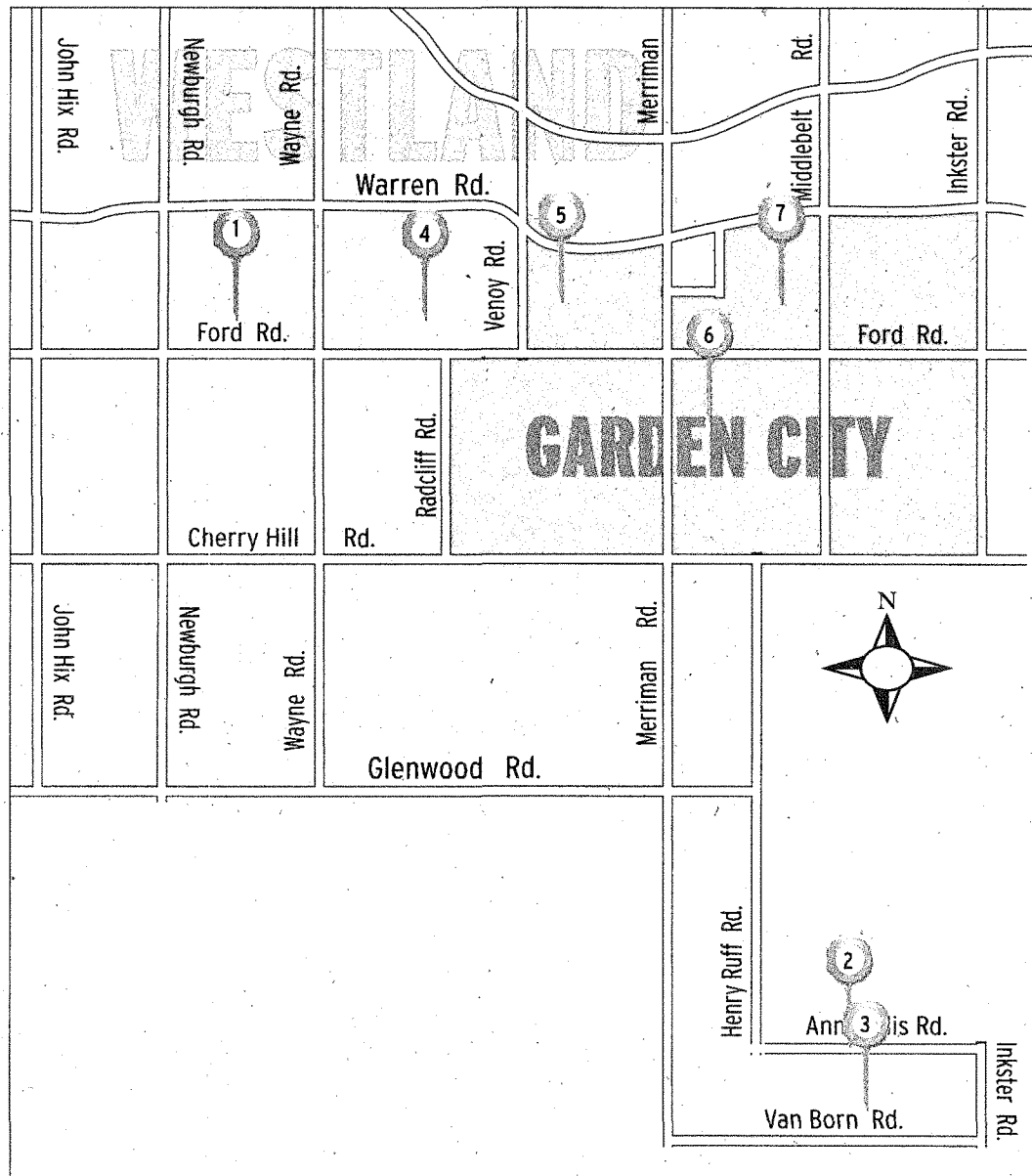
Break-in
A vehicle computer scanner valued at \$4,000 was reported stolen along with \$300 from Motown Auto Service, 36322 Ford, May 25.

The owner, a Dearborn Heights man, told police he arrived to find the garage door window smashed. He said he noticed his tool box had been opened and found the scanner was missing. The cash register was open, he said, with \$300 in cash missing.

Fraud
Police were called to the 28000 block of McDonald May 26 after a Checker Cab driver reported a passenger didn't pay a \$52 fare. The driver told police that he had driven a woman from West Grand Boulevard and Vernor in Detroit to the Westland home. Once there, the woman got out of the cab, telling driver her mother would pay the fare. No one returned to pay the fare.

Based on the description of the woman and the location, the officer was able to identify the suspect because of numerous prior calls at the home. The officer mailed a ticket to the woman for fraud.

Larceny
Two recently purchased trailer ramps valued at \$200 were



reported stolen from a home in the 33000 block of Allenton Court May 26. The owner said he had left the ramps in the yard next to his trailer.

Break-in
Two bicycles and a mini bike, valued at \$1,900, were reported stolen from the garage of a home in the 29000 block of Julius May 26. The woman said she had been away for about six hours and found the garage door open when she returned. The door had been closed, but it

doesn't lock properly, she said. After finding the bicycles, a BMX boys bike and a girls mountain bike, gone along with the mini bike, the woman said her son told her about a youth he'd met at a nearby park. The son reported the other youth, who lives in Inkster, talked about repainting the bikes, if he had stolen them. This was prior to the break-in.

Attempted break-in
A resident of an apartment at 47650 Drew told police May

25 that he had returned home the previous day to find someone had tried to kick in the door to his apartment. The officer also noted that there appeared to be pry marks on the door. The man said he believed he was targeted for the break-in since he had recently purchased a big screen television. The man also told the officer he was delayed making a report because he had been busy at a cookout and also had no transportation to the police station.

Television, gaming systems reported missing from home

Home invasion
The owner of a home in the 32700 block of Cambridge reported that someone entered through a door that was locked before May 30 and stole several items from the house.

Two large flat screen TVs, an Xbox 360, PS3 gaming unit and a desktop computer were stolen. The police didn't find evidence of forced entry.

Drunken driving
The police arrested a 40-year-old Detroit man for drunken driving after they spotted him driving erratically at Merriman and Balmoral May 29.

The man told police that he was coming from Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills and was in Garden City to visit a friend. He was unclear which freeways he would take to get back to his home in Detroit. He also had an open 24-ounce can of Molsen beer on the front seat.

The man refused to take a preliminary breath test so the police arranged for a blood draw at Garden City Hospital.

6 The police were called to the 31200 block of John Hawk about 1 a.m. May 29 after a 17-year-old male driver of a 2000 Chevy Malibu struck a tree, damaged a mailbox and ended up in the front yard of the home.

The Garden City resident's 15-year-old passenger wasn't hurt but sustained some scratches. The underage drinker who registered .15 on the prelimi-

nary breath exam. He didn't know what city he was in but thought that it was Garden City because he said that he never goes too far when he drinks, according to the report.

All four of the tires on his pickup were flattened and the air bags were deployed, police said.

The police arrested a 30-year-old Garden City man about 1:30 a.m. May 28 after they found that he was under the influence of both alcohol and prescription medication.

They received a call from an employee at the Citgo gas station at Ford and Henry Ruff that a man had backed into one of the pumps and than drove away.

When they stopped the man in his 1997 Saturn at Ford and Middlebelt, he seemed confused. They noted that his shirt was inside out and his pants were falling down.

Retail fraud
A 39-year-old Detroit man was arrested about 9 p.m. May 27 after he failed to pay for two Detroit Tigers jerseys at the Kmart store at 29600 Ford Road. The man concealed the clothing on his person and then passed all cashiers without paying for the items.

Suspended license
When the police stopped a 26-year-old Detroit man for speeding about 4 a.m. May 28 in the area of Inkster and Kathryn, in a 1993 Toyota Corolla, they found that he had a suspended license. He also had no proof of insurance.

- By Sue Buck

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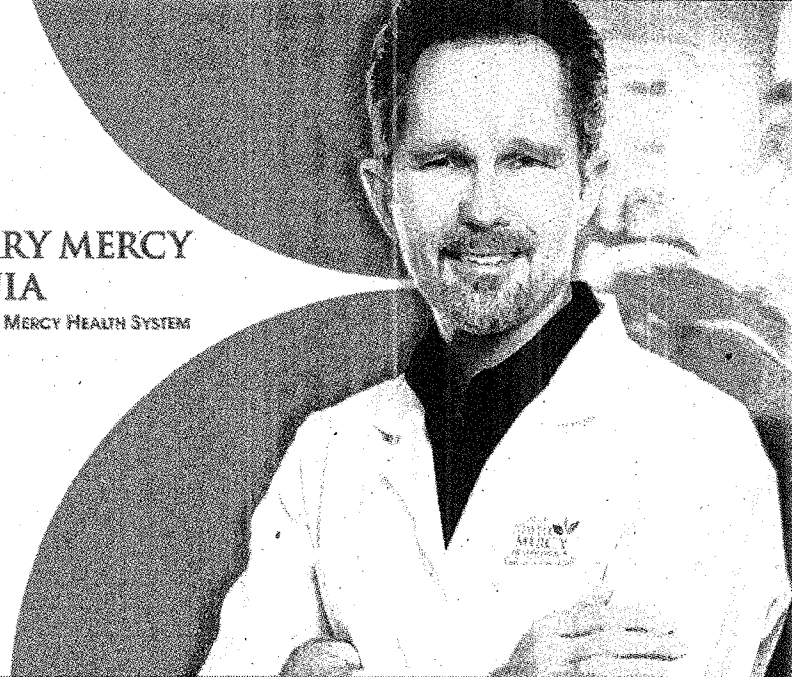
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Car show Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. Saturday, June 12 Location: Metro Place Mall, 35425 Michigan Ave West, Wayne

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.

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.

Volunteers First Step Details: First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers.

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Wish You Were Here

Diana Roniewicz and Linda Bodnovits pose with their Garden City Observer and with life guard: Revvelta Mora Pablo de Jesus during a return visit to Cancun during spring break.

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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.

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.

Seasons Hospice

Details: Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness.

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.

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.

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.

Details: All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Contact: www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607

TOPS M128

Time/date: 7 p.m. Mondays Location: Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland

Garden City Dems

Time/date: 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June) Location: Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

Citizens for Peace

Time/date: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome. Contact: Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079

In Harmony

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland

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.

TOPS 869

Time/date: Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Location: Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: The group is for people age 18 and older.

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Legion Post 251

Time/date: 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month

Location: 1217 Merriman Road, between Avondale and Palmer, Westland.

Details: All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join.

Contact: www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607

TOPS M128

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Veteran's Haven

Location: Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne.

Details: Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

Contact: (734) 728-0527

Silver Strings Dulcimer

Time/date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, auto-harp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass.

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OUR VIEWS

Talk to teens about dangers of drinking

Graduation season is upon us. The weekend seniors at John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools will receive their diplomas.

It's a time to celebrate and there will be a myriad of graduation parties to attend, which makes this the perfect time for parents to remind their teens about the dangers of underage drinking.

The statistics are sobering. One person is killed every 30 minutes in an impaired driving crash, and someone is injured every 26 seconds, according to the Southeast Michigan chapter of Mothers Against Drunken Driving.

But underage drinking poses other risks as well. Don't think it's safe to let teens drink just as long as they don't drive.

A teenager's brain is still developing and is very sensitive to the effects of alcohol, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Drinking impairs teens' decision making skills, causing them to do things they ordinarily wouldn't. Furthermore, the consequences of their actions — having sex, becoming violent, committing a crime — can affect them the rest of their lives.

If they have enough to drink, their gagging and breathing reflexes can be suppressed and they can vomit and choke to death or just stop breathing. They may even be at risk for alcohol poisoning.

Contrary to popular belief, teens listen to their parents — even more so than their peers. Research shows that parental disapproval is the No. 1 reason teens choose not to drink.

Even if you've had the conversation before, bring it up again. Make it clear to your teen what your views and expectations are.

Back up your words with actions. What you do is just as important, if not more so, than what you say.

If you serve alcohol at your teen's graduation party, make sure no one under the age of 21 has access to it. Have a responsible adult serve all alcoholic drinks or don't serve any alcohol at all.

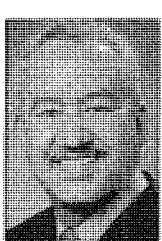
If you drink, drink responsibly by limiting the number of alcoholic beverages you consume.

Let teens see that people can have fun without drinking.

Do everything you can to prevent your teen from becoming the next statistic. Graduation should be remembered as happy times, not times of regret.

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Judge Virgil C. Smith

How significant? The \$25,288,562.00 is precisely the amount of money that the Wayne County Circuit Court has earned for or saved the citizens of Wayne County and the State of Michigan over the past year. To achieve this, the court has trimmed its own operations

through eliminating positions, cutting back on benefits and reducing inefficiencies.

Beyond these traditional cost cutting measures, the court has also accomplished large savings in successfully renegotiating contracts with attorney groups who represent minors in juvenile proceedings, and revising its procedures in its Juvenile Division which resulted in huge multi-million dollar savings for the County's Child Care Fund.

The court has brought about these accomplishments in the face of unique challenges.

First, the court has the largest caseload in the state, as well as one of the largest in the country. In 2009, the court's total caseload was 114,196 cases of all types, out of which were 79,741 new case filings of all types. And these statistics do not take into account approximately 12,000 post trial motions that are filed with the court in domestic relations cases after a case is supposedly closed! Nor do these statistics reflect the 286,674 open

cases serviced by the Friend of the Court.

Second, the court lacks much of the technology that has enabled other neighboring courts and indeed, county government to maximize their effectiveness. For example, several of the court's computer systems are based on technology that, while current in the late 20th century, are now obsolete as we move into the second decade of the 21st century. Amazingly, the court still labors under several computerized systems that cannot communicate with each other!

Lastly, unlike virtually any other court in the state, the court's core operations in its four divisions (Criminal, Civil, Domestic Relations and Juvenile) and the Friend of the Court — both judicial and administrative — are spread out over four buildings, spanning a distance of more than 2 1/2 miles! The fact that the court's computer systems are not integrated and modernized only exacerbates the logistical prob-

lems faced by the court's administration in operating out of four buildings.

While staggering caseloads are an immutable fact of life for the court, having obsolete technology and being spread out over multiple sites need not be. Several months ago, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano outlined the fact that the county had spent more than \$30 million to acquire and technologically modernize the Guardian Building, and that by moving the county's administrative offices from the old County Building to the Guardian Building, the county would annually save \$2 million (more recent news accounts peg the total acquisition and renovation costs at \$47 million with savings of almost \$3 million per year).

Certainly, by that yardstick the county could use the savings and earnings that the court has already realized and conceivably save up to another \$8 million a year by consolidating all of the court's operations into

one suitable building. Further significant efficiencies would be attained by having one building house the court's operations. These would include reduced security costs. Also, considerable savings could be realized from the reduction in the costs of maintaining all these buildings, since three of four buildings (Lincoln Hall of Justice, the Penobscot Building and the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice) need significant rehabilitation given their present dilapidated condition. Relocating the court's operations into a consolidated building would also allow the court to modernize its technology in a cost-effective manner similar to what was achieved by the county's move to the Guardian Building.

Beyond the substantial dollar savings that would surely come from consolidating the court's operations into one building are the immeasurable benefits to the public that would be realized by having all divisions of the court in one building.

For example, no longer would a family who had a juvenile matter in the Lincoln Hall of Justice have to travel back into downtown to have a domestic relations matter heard in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center or a Friend of the Court matter heard in the Penobscot Building. Instead, that family could have all matters related to it heard in one building by one judge, and thereby achieving the legislature's goal of "One Family - One Judge."

The only way to improve public service is to move the court into the 21st century. That means technological renovation and consolidation of court operations into one building. Citizens should demand these improvements for the fair, speedy and cost effective administration of justice by contacting their Wayne County commissioners immediately. We need to move forward now.

The Honorable Virgil C. Smith is chief judge of Wayne County Circuit Court.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you see any signs of an economic recovery in Michigan?

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



"No, because I don't see any more employment and nothing more going for jobs."

James Davis
Inkster



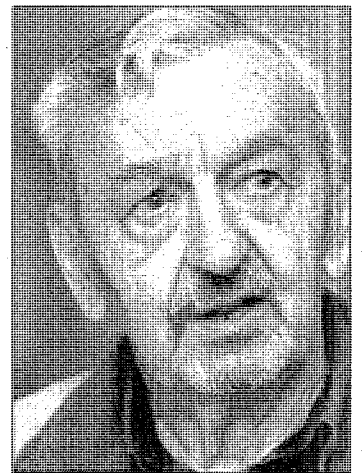
"Yes, I think so because my husband works for Ford and we're seeing a turnaround through his work."

Jeannine Girard
Garden City



"Not in the near future. Gov. Granholm needs to get out of office and things will change."

Tom Sandhurst
Garden City



"Not at all, and you can tell that to Lansing."

Walter Jablonowski
Garden City

LETTERS

Coverage helps book sale

Thanks for all the articles you published for our Used Book Sale. I really feel that people do read the information and therefore we have more buyers that brings in more money for us to assist the library in the programs. Thanks again.

Friends of William P. Faust Public Library

Get politics out of oil

Obama did not cause this oil spill accident. BP prefers to drill on land, like Utah, but environmentalists prevent this. Slant drilling from the shore as in Alaska also is safe and cheap — but stopped by Greenies.

The world needs oil. Mile deep pipes, anchored by floating bases are difficult but permitted. The worst result of the BP disaster is not dirty beaches, but further restrictions on local supplies. Prices could reach \$10 per gallon, if we import all of our needs from hostile countries.

Environmentalists actually believe electric cars and recycled energy are currently feasible. One-mile deep wells were a better bet. Let's get science into politics!

Hank Borgman
Farmington

End is near

Yikes! The end is near! No, not "The End" in the sense of the Second Coming yet, but rather the beginning of the end of American society as we know it. Palpable distress and despair is in the air. The signs are everywhere — I see homes which are flying "Don't Tread On Me" flags, others which fly upside-

down "Old Glories." Tea Parties are forming, the American people are being stretched to the breaking point.

The lying economy experts who seek to restore confidence tell us that the recession is over but the truth is, we haven't hit bottom yet, and we're headed for a nightmare scenario which will make the Great Depression look like a cake-walk — a judgment trip to the wood shed where come-uppance will be fully meted out.

Nationally, trade imbalance runs amok and the national debt grows to science fiction proportions. The auto industry is also kidding itself if it believes most people can afford a \$20,000 new car. Unemployment is rising — probably at 20 percent plus now.

Locally, "tent cities" of the homeless are springing up around Detroit, Ann Arbor, etc. Squatters occupy abandoned homes. Businesses keep failing, cities/schools lack operating revenue, foreclosures continue, while some residents are dumping selling prices for a mere fraction of value. Thieves are becoming more desperate and brazen as mankind descends into the abyss where the last vestiges of his humanity will de-evolve down to Conan the Barbarian level.

The feds are preparing for a near future of mass public panic/hysteria wherein they'll implement obscure sections of The Patriot Act to confiscate gold, wealth and belongings, sending the rioting mobs off to detention/incarceration gulags. Get ready soon for a "Mad Max"-type apocalyptic world where homeless hordes feast on garbage Dumpster cuisine, while gangs of hoodlums rule the streets.

Leo Weber
Livonia

A principle

It never ceases to amaze me that people object to the principle of the separation of church and state in America. The words of our Founding Fathers are twisted so out of shape as to give the impression that they were uniform Christians clinging to Bibles as they signed the Constitution and passed the Bill of Rights. Was this indeed the case then our Constitution would mention God and Christ in numerous sections and not just in a customary passing mention in dating the document in the Year of Our Lord.

Assuredly some of the Founding Fathers were indeed very religious, like Patrick Henry. Many of these more religious ones opposed the Constitution because it lacked religious clauses. Nevertheless, most of the Founding Fathers were more like Adams, Jefferson, Madison, and Franklin who held very unconventional views of religion. They wanted and purposefully constructed a secular form of government that protects all religions by not allowing the state to interfere with the churches and by keeping the churches out of the affairs of the state.

Although we were then and are still now a nation with a majority of Christians, we have a secular form of government that protects the interests of all the Christian denominations, Jews, Moslems, other traditions, and even nonbelievers. We should not be denying the principle of the separation of church and state but embracing it and encouraging the world to follow it. I for one am very glad for this principle and that the 14th Amendment — not judges — allowed for it to be applied to all the states and not just the federal government.

John P. DuLong
Berkley

\$25 million savings: Circuit Court and going forward

Schoolcraft College hosting electric vehicle rally, show

For many motorists, the dream of declaring independence from the pump is just that – a dream. They hear the hype about electric cars but they've never actually seen one, let alone ridden in one. All of that is about to change with the Second Annual Michigan Electric Vehicle Rally and Show.

The event is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 12, on the campus of Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Event co-sponsors are the Michigan Electric Auto Association (MEAA) and the Schoolcraft College Electronic Technology program.

MEAA event organizers see the event as an important and fun way to raise awareness of the general public about electric vehicles (EVs), including three important factors:

- EVs are coming. The major automotive companies are developing new electric and hybrid models that will be on the market beginning this year, and a growing number of people are converting gas-powered vehicles to electric power and building electric cars using EV kits.

- EVs are practical. Studies show that 80 percent of daily commuters travel less than 40 miles roundtrip per day, a distance that is well within the charging range of electric vehicles. Some EVs have ranges twice that while travelling at highway speeds.

- EV owners enjoy talking

about their cars. The best way to learn about electric cars is to see the cars in person, talk to the people who drive them, and go for a ride.

The event is free and open to the public. More than 50 electric and hybrid vehicles of all shapes and sizes, from scooters to transport vans to pickup trucks, and, of course, passenger cars, are expected to be on display. Visitors will have the opportunity to see the cars up close, talk to the owners, and go for a short ride in an EV with the owner driving. The vehicles will include those produced with EV kits, those that are gas cars converted to electric, and production models from major manufacturers.

In addition, there will be booths displaying new products and services for the EV market; a presentation on how to convert gas-powered cars to electric power and information about Schoolcraft College programs that are related to the EV industry.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

MEAA President Larry Tuttle hopes that the event will begin to close the gap between what people are hearing and what they actually know about EVs.

"Everyone is hearing about electric vehicles but very few people have ever actually seen one," Tuttle said. "This is a chance for people to experience an EV firsthand and to

talk with someone who owns one. Being able to ride in one of these cars is great, but talking to the owner is just as important. The big question people have is, 'How will an EV fit into my lifestyle?' The best way to answer that question is to talk to someone who is already living with an electric car."

Schoolcraft's Associate Dean of Business and Technology Bruce Sweet sees the event as a way to highlight how closely connected the college's programs are with emerging industries that will be crucial to Michigan's economy.

"Our programs in electronic technology, metallurgy, welding and fabrication, and computer-aided design teach skills that are highly portable between sectors of the manufacturing industry," he said. "This event will help current and prospective students understand some of the career opportunities in emerging industries, be it EVs, wind turbines or other green technologies."

More information on the event and the MEAA is available at www.michiganeaa.org.

Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Livonia campus, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia, at the Radcliff Center on Radcliff south of Ford in Garden City and online at www.schoolcraft.edu.



Brightest and Best

WXYZ-TV/Channel 7's 31st Annual "Brightest & Best" salute to high school seniors honored several Wayne and Westland residents this year. Held on Saturday, May 15, more than 250 high school seniors gathered at WXYZ for the event. At the event were Tom Wait (back row, from left), WXYZ reporter, Megan Connolly of Wayne from Wayne Memorial High School, Ciara Turner of Romulus from Romulus Senior High School, Christy McDonald, WXYZ reporter, Laura Pugh of Wayne from the Henry Ford Academy, Victoria Tokarski of Westland from Divine Child High School and Louissa Villaroman of Westland from John Glenn High School.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Auction

St. Dunstan Catholic Church will be holding its second annual silent auction "Slide into Summer" on Friday, June 11. Join members for an evening of fellowship, food and fun. Tickets are currently on sale in the Parish office, and before and after Saturday and Sunday masses.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

The ticket price includes a buffet style dinner as well as admission to the live and silent auction. Doors open at 6 p.m. and silent auction starts at 6:30 p.m.

St. Dunstan Catholic Church is at 1526 Belton, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 425-6720.

Summer reading

Registration for the free Summer Reading Club begins in June for children who have completed first-sixth grades. Children who read and log five

Garden City Library books will receive a Read-A-Lottery ticket, a certificate, and coupons for free Kid Meals and treats.

The club will meet 2-3 p.m. every Wednesday in the Maplewood Community Center Gym for programs. On tap are:

- Fiddlers Unstrung on Wednesday, June 23.
- Magician Chris Linn on Wednesday, June 30.
- Ventriloquist Vicki Gasko on Wednesday, July 7.
- Poof! Kablam! Mad Science on Wednesday, July 14.
- Ocean in Motion with Eugene Clark on Wednesday, July 21.
- Animal Magic with Mark Rosenthal on Wednesday, July 28.

There's also a Read-To-Me Club is for children ages 3 through kindergarten with programs on Fridays geared for preschoolers. Registration can be completed at the

Garden City Library inside the Maplewood Community Center. Call (734) 793-1830 for more information.

Book donations

The Friends of the Garden City Library are accepting books, videos, CDs, DVDs and cassettes in good condition for their upcoming Slightly Used Book Sale. Materials can be dropped off at the library inside the Maplewood Community Center during open hours.

Residents who have heavy boxes can go in the library and ask for a book cart. Receipts also are available for tax purposes. A partial state income tax credit is allowed for donations to a public library.

The Friends of the Garden City Public Library is a non-profit organization that gives financial support to the library and its programs. Membership starts at \$5 and applications are available at the library.

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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.

In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be 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).

Bieske represents clients from all over the state of Michigan. Call him at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you have been denied. Or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits call him for FREE advice. www.ssdfighter.com

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What's best strategy for sitting out volatile market?

The month of May was a bad month for investors. According to some statistics, this was the worst May in 70 years.

In any market downturn, there are a number of factors, but the main cause of this time is what has occurred in Greece and throughout Europe. Other events have also affected the market, however, I believe it is the European debt crisis and how it could impact other economies throughout the world that has been the dominant issue over the last month.

I bring this up because who knows what June will bring? Just as fast as the Greek crisis was upon us, something else could happen and suddenly the markets head north again.

It is impossible to know what the controlling issues moving forward will be, and investors shouldn't try to predict them.

As fear and uncertainty continue to plague investors, many individuals will continue to sit on the sidelines or will decide to bail out of the market.

The issue for people who choose to bail out of the market is, what are the alternatives? For most people, it will be to invest in certificates of deposit, government bonds or money market accounts. If that is you, one issue to tackle is how long to lock up your money. For example, do you use a six-month CD or a five-year CD, or do you just leave it in a money market account? What is the best alternative? It's hard to say, but these are some of the facts to consider.

The first is that short-term investments such as money market accounts are paying less than 1 percent, while CDs and Treasuries are not paying much better. To get a better rate of return, an investor has to look long term such as a five-year CD. However, the problem with a five-year CD is even though the rate is substantially

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higher than money markets or short-term CDs, it is still relatively low.

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I know that many people think by purchasing a CD, they're not losing any money. If you look at only the dollars involved, that is true, but it is not true when you look at purchasing power. A factor to consider is inflation. Sometime in the future, inflation will come back. When that happens, you don't want to be locked into a 3- or 4-percent return when the going rate may be 7 or 8 percent. That is the potential downside of locking your money up long term.

For an investor who doesn't feel comfortable in the market and wants to leave money in cash, what is the best alternative?

For the investor returning to the market over a short period of time, a money market account would be the way to go for excess cash. An investor in a high-income bracket could use a tax-free money market. Fidelity, for example, offers a Michigan tax-free money market. It is tax-free for both state and federal government.

However, for the investor unsure how long he/she will be out of the market, CDs may come into play. One strategy to consider is a longer term CD (five-year). Then if you decide to get back into the market over a shorter period of time, pay the penalty for early termination.

Too many investors believe all CDs have the same terms when it comes to penalties, but that is not the case. Shop CDs for rates and penalty provisions. With higher interest rates received over the first year or so, even a small penalty may net more. The key is to

know what the penalty is on the CD.

It is important to recognize that when it comes to financial products like CDs, it does pay to shop around, not only for the rates which differ dramatically, but also terms. In the old days, pretty much all CDs were the same. That is no longer the case. There are all different types of CDs — some more beneficial to investors than others.

The key is to always understand the terms before investing money and never be afraid to shop around. Don't assume the local bank is going to offer the best terms. Do some homework.

The bottom line, however, remains the bottom line and by shopping around for rates and terms, you'll find that you have more money in your pocket, exactly where it belongs. Good luck!

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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Garden Planting Day

The Community Planting Day for the City of Westland's DTE Energy Community Garden will be Sunday, June 6. Volunteers are still needed 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.

Teens needed

Teens are being sought to volunteer to help with the Summer Reading Program at Westland's William Faust Library, located on Central City Parkway north of Ford. Interested teens can download an application at the library web site www.westland.lib.mi.us. Return the completed application to the Children's Department.

Open house

The Westland Goodfellows are holding a Volunteer Open House 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 10, at the Westland senior Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, south of Ford.

Volunteers are the key tool to the Goodfellows program. Join them for an informational meeting on how to become a volunteer and ensure that "No Child is Without a Christmas."

For more information, call Barbara, Donna or Heather at (734) 721-5100.

Movie night

The William P. Faust Public Library is continuing its Friday Night After-Hours Movies through the summer, but with a twist.

Beginning Friday, June 4, and running through Friday, Aug. 20, the library will be showing Cult Classics — you know, the movies you just can't see enough. Stop by the library on any Friday and treat yourself an evening of fun and you might just meet someone who has seen *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* just as many times as you have.

Pick up a complete list of the movies to be shown at the library, located on Central City Parkway, north of Ford, or visit the library's website at westlandlibrary.org.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the movies start at 7 p.m. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

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 depos-

ited 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.

Wrestling camp

The Glenn Wrestling Program will hold its annual "Rocket Camp" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 19-23 in Gym 4 of John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette Westland.

The camp is open to high school students. It costs \$100 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is 9:30 a.m. Monday, July 19.

There will also be a Youth Camp 1:30-3:30 p.m. July 19-23 for kindergarten through eighth-grade, also in Gym 4 of high school. The cost is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is 1 p.m. Monday, July 19.

Registration forms are available online at www.glennwrestling.com. For more information, contact Coach Bill Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595.

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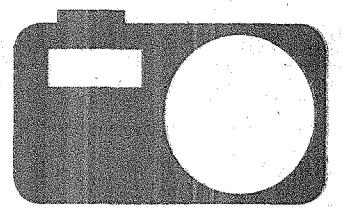


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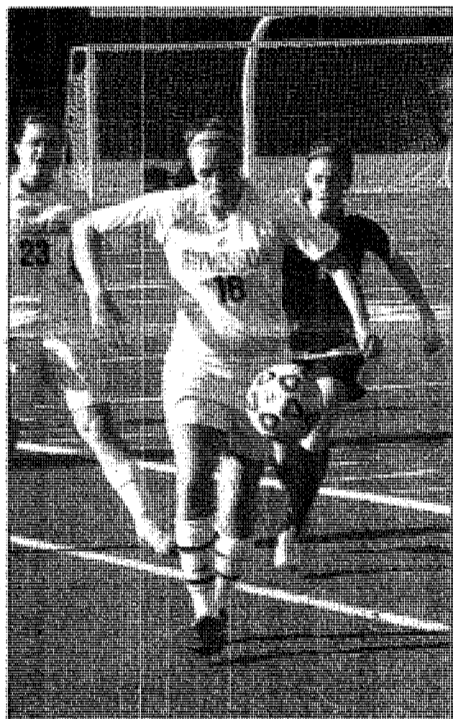


Northville's Caroline Castelli (4) tries to shield Stevenson defender Kayla Kimble during Tuesday's Division 1 district opener.

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Not this time

Stevenson can't repeat upset bid vs. Mustangs



Stevenson's Dayna Stevens controls the ball during Tuesday's first-round Division 1 district matchup at home against Northville.

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Staring a one-goal deficit in the face at halftime, it was win or go home for one of the state's top girls soccer teams in Division 1.

First-year Northville coach Eric Brucker's plea was simple and direct Tuesday night in a key first-round district match at Livonia Stevenson.

"The halftime speech was, 'We weren't playing our game,'" Brucker said. "And once we started playing our game, it started to show and that's when we took advantage and got the goals that we needed. More possession, playing the feet, finding target areas and shooting when there's opportunities available."

The 14-1-4 Mustangs did just that, scoring four unanswered goals in the second half en route to a 4-1 victory over the Spartans, the only team to defeat them this season.

Sophomore forward Mallory Weber tied the game just 35 seconds into the second half off an assist from Lauren Lokey.

And after Claire McHugh rang a shot off the post just 1:55 later, the Mustangs

went ahead for keeps when Weber went top-shelf for the game-winner over the outstretched arms of Stevenson junior goalkeeper Michelle Krawczyk to make it 2-1 with 27:37 left.

"Stevenson always puts together a great program," Brucker said. "The addition of (coach) Chris (Grodzicki) is only going to make them stronger. My hats off to them. We didn't play well the first game (a 2-1 loss on May 21), but we're a senior-led team. And the seniors weren't going to let us go out in the first round. The goals that were scored ... Mallory (Weber) is obviously a big key, but the seniors stepped up and obviously it showed."

Northville, ranked No. 2 in Division 1, put it away with two goals in the final eight minutes after a Stevenson breakthrough goal was disallowed by an off-sides call.

Jessica Lyon's goal increased the lead to 3-1 and Ali Hawksford's header off a corner kick by Lyon put an exclamation point on the victory.

Stevenson jumped out to a 1-0 lead with 16:52 left in the first half on a goal by Kristen Kwiatkowski, who slid a

Please see **SOCCER, B4**

Chargers ousted by frosh ace

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth girls softball coach Val Canfield proved Tuesday that when it's time to make a calculated gamble, she won't hesitate.

After Livonia Churchill scored twice in the top of the second

GIRLS SOFTBALL

inning to make it 2-all in the Division 1 pre-district opener at Canton Canfield rolled the dice and went to Plan B.

She not only made an outfield change to start the third inning, but also put a new pitcher on the mound.

And freshman Elaine Gerou was nothing less than perfect as she retired the final 15 Charger batters in order over the final five innings en route to a 6-2 Plymouth victory.

"I can always count on Gerou to come in and close the game," said Canfield, whose team improved to 23-14 overall and earned a spot in Saturday's district semifinal against host Canton. "They (Churchill) just happened to have (Lauren) Smith's timing, and I kind of wanted to change it up a bit because they do throw different speeds and they throw different pitches. I felt real comfortable about that move and that was the perfect time to do it, and I'm glad it paid off."

Gerou struck out four, but more importantly got the Chargers to ground out eight times.

"The great thing is that she was hitting her locations," Canfield said. "And when you're hitting your locations, you're not going to be as strong to hit."

Churchill (18-14) threatened in the top of the first inning, loading the bases thanks to a pair of Plymouth errors, but failed to score.

Please see **SOFTBALL, B3**

SIDELINES

Dark Angels return

After a bye week, the 2-3 Detroit Dark Angels of the Women's Football Alliance return to action 7 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at Westland John Glenn High School against 5-1 Cleveland Fusion.

A Dark Angels victory would put them back in the playoff hunt in the WFA's North Central Division.

Dark Angels new quarterback Kris Vidojevski has upgraded the play of that position and she has excellent athletes playing with her on offense, such as running backs Alexis Noel, Junita Payne and fullback-tight end Ramona Cox.

Wide receiver and defensive back Brooke Kosanic has been a game-breaker for the team on both sides of the ball, and was named one of the WFA players of the week with 11 tackles, a 102-yard interception return for touchdown and 56-yard reception for TD in a loss to the Pittsburgh Force.

Middle linebacker Yarlen Henry, a Detroit police officer, has been the big stand-out on defense, perhaps the best performer on defense in the league. She averages 12 tackles, 1.5 sacks, three tackles for losses and 1.5 fumble recoveries per game.

"You have to watch Yarlen because she is just scary on defense and you can see that our opponents always look for her on every play," Dark Angels owner and coach Chuck Lauber said. "Brooke has also been a great addition to our team, being an exciting force on offense and defense."

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students (ages 11-18). Children 10 and under are admitted free. For more information, call (800) 505-8669; or visit www.darkangelsfootball.com.

MIAC golf tourney

Medalist Brendan Gres fired a 72 to lead Auburn Hills Oakland Christian to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference boys golf tournament held recently a Westwynd Golf Course in Rochester.

Oakland Christian posted a team total of 322 followed by Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, second (348); Ann Arbor Greenhills, third (352); Southfield Christian, fourth (361); Birmingham Roper, fifth (374); Novi Franklin Road Christian, sixth (390); Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett, seventh (395); Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, eighth (429); Plymouth Christian, ninth (440); and Macomb Christian, 10th (no score).

Adam Ross led Huron Valley in 33rd with a round of 103 followed by Jake Thompson, 35th (105); Brandon Hanley, 38th (106); Chase Beerbower, 42nd (115); Justin Ross, 48th (148); and Alex Thompson, 49th (156).

WYAA football

The Westland Youth Athletic Association is seeking Junior Freshman football players (ages 7-8) for both the Westland Comets and Westland Meteors for the upcoming 2010 season.

The Meteors also need cheerleaders for all age levels (ages 7-14).

Registration is from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays, at the Lange Compound Building, located at 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford).

For more registration information, visit www.wyaa.org; or call (734) 421-0640.

Ex-Patriot star hurler dead at 62

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ken Bratherton, considered one of the top pitchers ever to come out of Livonia Franklin High School, died Saturday morning at the age of 62 at his home in Grand Haven after a bout with cancer.

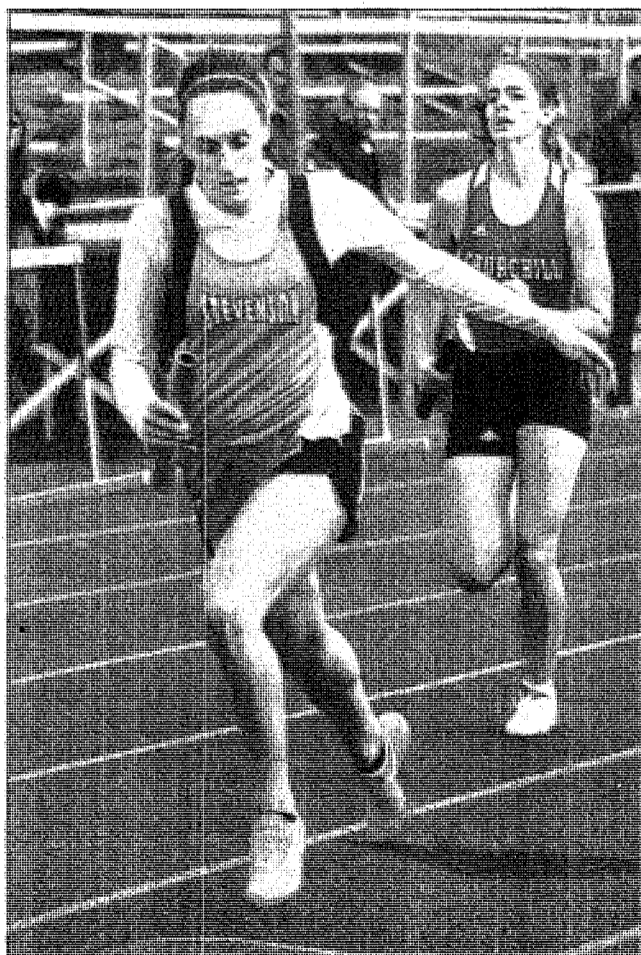
He is survived by his mother, Martha, wife Mary (Larsen), along with his daughter, Kendra Ward of Astoria, Ore., and former wife Linda (Pitcher) Bratherton-Lowe of Friendswood, Texas. He was preceded in death by his son, Kirt, and father James.

As a senior in 1965, Bratherton posted a 7-0 record, including a no-hitter, while sporting an earned run average of 0.54 on a Franklin team which won 18 straight games.

During his junior year, Bratherton threw a no-hitter and on the next day teammate Tom Cannon also pitched a no-hitter.

Bratherton was also a member of Franklin's first

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Blue Demon signee

Livonia Stevenson's Rebecca Adamcheck recently signed an NCAA letter-of-intent to run track next year at DePaul University (Ill.). Adamcheck, who recently won Stevenson's Gabe Award, is a Division 1 state qualifier in both the 300-meter hurdles and 4 x 400 relay for the 2010 Spartans. She also recently repeated as regional and Kensington Conference champ in the 300 hurdles. The school record holder and first-team All-Observer selection placed seventh in last year's Division 1 state meet.

Plymouth pitcher stymies Churchill

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One team was better at "small ball" than the other Tuesday, as Plymouth edged Livonia Churchill 3-0 in a Division 1 pre-district baseball game.

The Wildcats parlayed the clutch, two-out hits, defensive gems and the five-hit pitching of junior Harrison Michels into the victory — which sets up a 10 a.m. Saturday showdown with Canton at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

PREP BASEBALL

Churchill junior pitcher Troy Bogenschutz also pitched well, giving up just seven hits.

"We didn't hit great by any means," Plymouth coach Bryan Boyd said. "But we got a couple timely hits, we stole a couple bases."

According to Churchill coach Ron Targoz, the Chargers (15-19) didn't make Michels work hard enough during the early innings. Michels retired the first 12 batters he faced.

"The difference in the game is they were patient at the plate where we were impatient," he said. "Michels only threw 38

pitches through five innings, we swung at a lot of first-pitch curveballs and things we usually don't do.

"But at times when we did hit it, the last couple innings we started hitting the ball hard and unfortunately hit it right at people."

Two key performers for the Wildcats (18-14) were Michels and freshman left fielder Jamarl Eiland, who went 2-for-3 with a run and RBI for good measure.

"Harrison did a heck of a job, no doubt about it," Boyd said. "He kept them off balance all game, he kept his composure and pitched as well as I've seen him pitch all year."

The way Eiland stepped in also brought a smile to Boyd's face.

"He is a very talented young player and we're expecting big things out of him in the future," Boyd noted. "He's already starting to show us some big things."

"Not many kids can handle that pressure, but he showed today that he can."

TURNING POINT

Eiland's first example of that

Please see **BASEBALL, B3**



Salem alum Kevin Cope now plays for the Premier Development League Michigan Bucks soccer team. On Saturday, the defender from Michigan State helped the Bucks defeat the Cincinnati Kings, 2-1, at the Canton Cup.

Bucks gain connection with participants at Canton Cup

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Not too far from the end of the Independence Park soccer field where electric Michigan Bucks forward Kenny Uzoigwe scored the tying goal Saturday against Cincinnati, a special fan club of sorts cheered him on. "Kenny, Kenny," chanted several members of the Waza FC U13 girls soccer team from Grand Blanc, which Uzoigwe happens to be coaching when not performing for the Bucks. "It's more like fast-paced and there's more moves and stuff," 13-year-old Elizabeth Trombley said when asked about her impressions of minor pro soccer. "And we like to see our coach play." Chiming in was Trombley's teammate, Amy Jaung, 13.

them to check it out. Drew Posh, 10, of the CSC U11 Wolverines (waiting to play a night game) and his mom Kathy watched the final minutes of the Bucks' 2-1 victory from the sidelines. "I think it's important that they (kids) saw how they (Bucks) communicated on the field, how they talked and passed really well, to see all that," Kathy Posh said. "It's a good example for them to maybe play like that." Drew agreed: "I think it's fun watching older people play, and how they communicate and pass it around. It's pretty fast-paced."

A SUMMER OPTION
That's what Duggan and Bucks head coach Gary Parsons like to hear. One big reason for playing the Canton Cup game is to help young soccer players realize there's another team in town that they can watch this summer besides the Tigers. "There's a lot of people here for the first time, whether they're seeing the Bucks for the first time or the Canton Cup for the first time," Duggan said. "And all you got to do is watch three minutes of it and you can see this is such a high level that it grabs your attention. And so they watch and watch and watch." Parsons said playing at the Canton Cup "gives the kids a chance to watch us and know what we're all about."

"We learn speed moves," she said about watching Uzoigwe and the rest of the Bucks, who thrilled about 1,500 spectators at Field No. 7 as the featured attraction of Day 2 of the Canton Soccer Club-hosted extravaganza. After Uzoigwe put the ball behind the Kings' goalkeeper, early in the second half of the United Soccer Leagues (USL) Premier Development League contest, he ran inside the cage to retrieve the ball. He might have been getting it for his Waza FC players, or perhaps he was looking to make some new fans.

CONNECTING
Either way, the link between the Bucks and the soccer community in the Observerland area is something team CEO-chairman and Livonia native Dan Duggan knows can only get stronger through appearances at major invitationals such as the Canton Cup. "We play out of Ultimate Soccer in Pontiac and ... it's tough to get from Plymouth-Canton-Livonia out to Ultimate all the time," Duggan said during a half-time interview. "So they don't get up there to see us as often as they'd probably like."

"We used to play games out here each year and we'd have a big crowd, so this is a fantastic time for us to keep in touch with the western Wayne guys." For the Michigan-Cincinnati tilt, many young soccer players who either already played their Saturday game or were waiting to compete, stopped by to catch Uzoigwe, Stephan St. Louis, Salem alum Kevin Cope (MSU) and Mitch Hildebrand (Livonia Stevenson/Oakland U.), among other Bucks on the pitch. Of course, the kids brought their families with

interested in going out to Ultimate Soccer Arenas to watch the Bucks this season. Or at least it will "get kids excited and aspire to be players like them," the coach added. According to Duggan, it's a good thing to have 1,000-1,500 people stopping by during the course of the game. But he hopes that future Canton Cup appearances will literally bring everything else to a two-hour stop. "We haven't got to the point where we can stop everything, which we're trying to do," Duggan said. "That's very difficult. But if you got everybody around here you could literally have 5,000-8,000 people watching a game here." Regardless, he is more than happy with how the Bucks have been received over the past several years in Canton. "It's gathering a life of it's own. Like everything, it takes a little bit of time," Duggan said. "But there's more and more interest, the Canton Cup people have been fantastic over the last four or five years and we expect this to grow into something even bigger than this."

Happy homecoming

Local talent propels Bucks over Cincy Kings, 2-1

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The broiling sun Saturday afternoon baked Michigan Bucks defender Kevin Cope and his teammates as they tried to get past the Cincinnati Kings at Independence Park in Canton. Cope - a soccer standout at Salem who graduated in 2009 - found himself in some physical distress as the final minutes of the Bucks' fourth annual appearance at the Canton Cup Invitational were played. Each team traded goals early in the second half, but that was all the scoring with under 10 minutes left. And Cope was gassed, until looking over to the sidelines where his parents and Salem buddies were cheering him on. Cope couldn't let up then, and Bucks forward Stephan St. Louis scored in the final minutes for a 2-1 USL Premier Development League victory. "The last 10 minutes, I was dying," said Cope, who was Big Ten Freshman of the Year for Michigan State. "But knowing they were here gave me the extra energy to go through and play that last 10 and end

up getting the win, so that was nice." **KEEPING IT SIMPLE**
Cope helped out another Observerland product - Livonia Stevenson alum and goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrand (Oakland University) - with a couple of rock-solid maneuvers in the final five minutes to keep the Kings in check. On one of his plays, Cope shut down onrushing Kings forward Branden Selmak. Another time, Cope neatly cleared the ball out of a potentially dangerous area in front of Hildebrand. "It's my job," Cope said. "I'm back there, I got three other guys supporting me and I'm supporting them, so it's just work together and we got the job done." According to Cope, the key for success and self-preservation in such conditions is to keep things as simple as possible. Of course, that's easier said than done when there's heat and high-level soccer going on. "Just keep the ball moving," he said. "Let the ball do the work and that's less running for everybody. It just keeps the flow of the game going."

Cope added that it was nice to finally participate in the Canton Cup, something he didn't get to do growing up. "I actually never did (play in the Canton Cup as a kid)," Cope said. "I was with the Michigan Wolves and for some reason we were never here. This is my first time, and I enjoyed it." **NOT LIKE HE DREW IT UP**
Winning the game made it even more enjoyable for the Bucks, although head coach Gary Parsons wasn't thrilled with the way it unfolded. "It (the late winning goal) says we didn't score on our chances for 89 minutes," said Parsons, whose team improved to 3-1. "We should have had four or five or six." "I'm glad we got one in the dying minutes of the game, but we certainly should have put this game away a lot sooner than that." One reason for that was the acrobatic goalkeeping of Kings goalkeeper Corey Whisenhunt. With about 25 minutes to go in the first half, Bucks forward Simon Omekanda drilled a hard shot from about 15 yards directly in front of

Whisenhunt, but he sprawled and dove to his right to deflect the ball away. A few minutes later he somehow got in front of a scoring attempt from forward Kenny Uzoigwe, who seemingly had an open net at his disposal. But it was Cincinnati that finally scored. About two minutes into the second half, Steven Beattie finished a feed from Ross Hopkins. **GOOD RESPONSE**
Michigan only needed a couple of minutes to answer for the tying marker. Uzoigwe, parked in front of the Kings goal, chipped in the ball after it was directed his way by midfielder Andrew Lorei. "You don't want them (Kings) hanging around with a 1-0 lead for long," Parsons said. "That was a good thing" to strike back quickly. Then some 40 minutes later, the Bucks at last enjoyed a lead. A corner kick from the right of the Cincinnati goal floated into traffic and forward Rubin Bega got to it first. Bega sent the ball over to St. Louis barreling in from the left of the box for the finishing flourish that gave most of the 1,500 or so in attendance the payoff for two hours of sun - and soccer - worship. "I've got good players," Parsons said. "We've got good depth and we just kept getting fresh legs in and putting pressure on them. "Hopefully they'd crack sooner or later and they finally did."

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shot underneath the arms of Northville keeper Shelby Foerg. "I wasn't convinced that one goal was going to win this game," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "It was going to take a second goal. I would be shocked that we could be able to keep them off the board for 80 minutes. It was a matter of how long we could keep them at zero, or how quickly we could get that

second one." Ironically, it was Northville that wasted little time in scoring coming out of the second half. "We made a mistake right off the kickoff and it turned into: 'I got it, you take it' situation," Grodzicki said. "Before we knew it, 30 seconds into the second half, it's tied up and the momentum has completely swung. We knew we still had life. We knew, or we thought we needed two to win the game. I was right - they (Northville) got two." Stevenson ends its season at 8-6-4 overall.

"I'm going to have a hard time replacing a team that was this much fun to coach," Grodzicki said. "This group of seniors was outstanding. They won a lot of games that people didn't think we were going to win. And they provided great leadership for the eight players that are coming back, and the JV players that are coming up and are going to be wearing the uniform next year. All the pieces are in place and I have this group of seniors to thank for that."

BRATHERTON

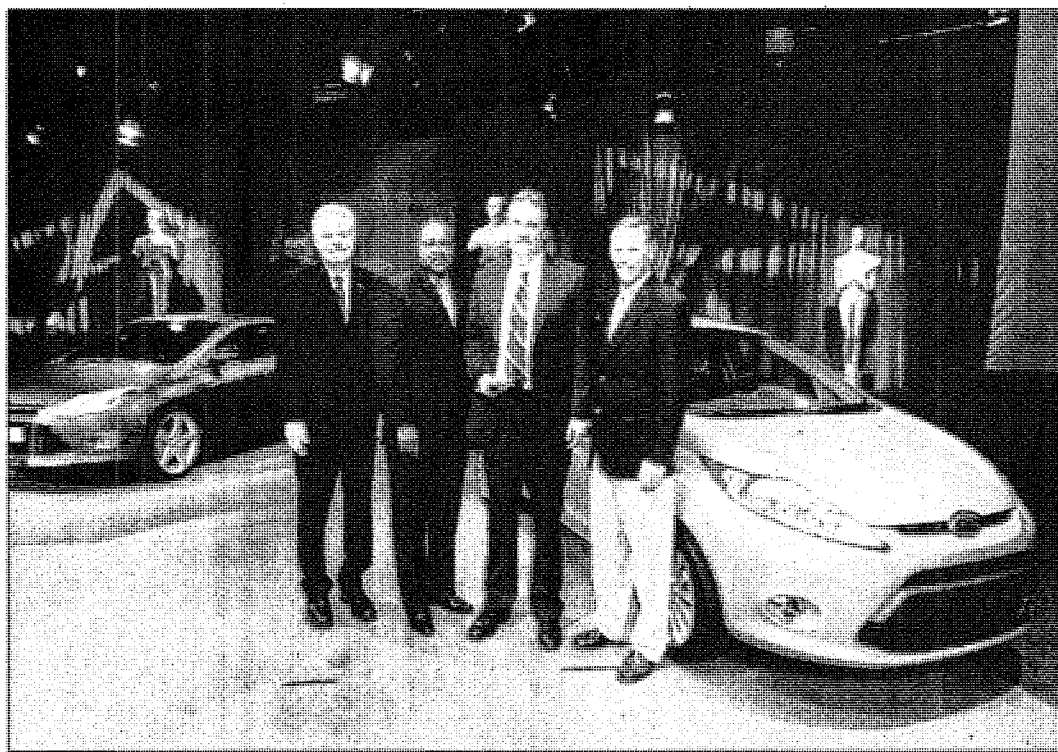
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undefeated football team in 1964 which finished 9-0. Among his teammates were Bernie Carbo, who played 11 seasons in the Major Leagues, former Western Michigan University football standout Sam Antonazzo, and former Livonia Stevenson athletic director Roger Frayer.

Bratherton went on to pitch at WMU where he posted one of the Broncos' and Mid-American Conference's all-time career ERAs of 1.62 (from 1967-69). In 1968, Bratherton earned first-team All-MAC honors. Bratherton taught for 30 years in the Muskegon Public Schools. After retirement, Bratherton loved golfing, fishing, traveling and woodworking. Services for Bratherton will

be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 6, at the Mona Lake Boating Club, 372 Randall Road, Muskegon. Arrangements are being made by The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes Inc., 6291 S. Harvey St., Muskegon. Memorial contributions in Bratherton's name can be given through your local hospice, or Harbor Hospice in Muskegon.

Westland-Garden City Strictly Business



On hand for the presentation of the Ford Motor Company's Silver World Excellence Award were David Zettel (from left), senior engineer for Harvey Industries; Derrick Kuzak, group vice-president, Global Product Development, Ford Motor; Tony Brown, group vice-president, Global Purchasing, Ford Motor, and Alan Mulally, President and CEO, Ford Motor.

Harvey Industries earns Ford excellence award

A Westland business has been honored by the Ford Motor Company for its performance as a supplier of aluminum castings.

Harvey Industries announced that it has earned Ford Motor Company's Silver World Excellence Award for exemplary performance during 2009 as a supplier. Specifically recognized was Harvey Industries Wabash, Indiana, operations.

In announcing the award, Ford's group vice president for global purchasing, Tony Brown said, "We congratulate the supplier winners of the 2009 World Excellence Awards. Your commitment

to pursuing the highest standards of excellence for technology, quality, and cost distinguish your company as a valued member of the ONE Ford team."

"We are not able to reach our ONE Ford goal - delivering profitable growth for all - without your important contributions," he said.

"Ford is a valued customer," said Harvey Industries president Jerome Harvey. "We are honored to be recognized with this award. It's a tremendous compliment to our people and their passion for excellence."

The 12th annual Ford World Excellence Awards were presented April 22 to suppliers

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Vintage Market celebrates with barbecue

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mark Jarbo is a firm believer in customer appreciation.

That's why the owner of the Vintage Market in Westland's north end is saying thank you to his customers with a barbecue and sale in the parking lot of his business 9-11 a.m. Saturday, June 5.

"I want my customers to start summer off with a bang," said Jarbo. "I want to let people know I'm here, I want to help out the community and be a part of people's lives."

The barbecue marks the second anniversary of Jarbo taking over the business. For the party, Jarbo will have barbecued food you "can buy and eat," raffles, a give-away and entertainment by the

Ultraviolet Band. There also will be special sales on items for, what else, but barbecues.

"We want to let people know we're here," he said. "We want to help out the community and be a part of their lives, so everyone can benefit and have a good time."

A specialty market that's been a fixture in the area for almost 30 years, with a location at 29501 Ann Arbor Trail at Middlebelt, Vintage Market draws customers from not only Westland, but Garden City, Livonia, Redford and Dearborn Heights.

According to Jarbo, the market is known for its fresh meats that are cut at the store, fine wines, beer and liquor. It also has a deli counter and salads "which come highly recommended by everyone,"

Jarbo said.

"We want to give thanks for everyone and we want them to have a good time," he said. "We want people to come ready to shop."

Jarbo is no stranger to Westland and western Wayne County. He also owns the Maria's Bakery on Newburgh south of Joy in Westland and Oakview Party Store on Lilley at Palmer in Canton.

"I love this city, this community and those surrounding it," he said. "We're doing this because we appreciate people and we want to help Michigan businesses."

For more information about the barbecue and sales event, call Vintage Market at (734) 422-0610.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Data files online

Garden City Hospital, a provider of comprehensive health care services, osteopathic medical education and health care related programs for the southeastern Michigan community at large has begun to upload various patient medical data files to myIHIE® (My One Health Information Exchange).

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disparate health care information systems while maintaining the meaning of the information being exchanged.

"Garden City Hospital's goal to provide high-quality, compassionate care for its patients requires a commitment to safely share HIPAA-compliant electronic patient information," said Gary Ley, president and CEO of Garden City Hospital. "This type of data sharing can save lives, in so many ways, including the avoidance of dangerous drug interactions and access to real-time medical test results. Caring for patients requires physicians, nurses, labs, imaging centers and other health care providers to work together to ensure the best possible care for the patient. The myIHIE Health Information Exchange is an invaluable tool that helps us accomplish this goal."

"We are very excited to be partnering with Garden City Hospital and look forward to

assisting them enhance the coordination of clinical information," said Randall Bickle, D.O., president and medical director of Olympia Medical Services, a leading and founding Physician Organization member of myIHIE®. "We applaud their decision to share vital patient information with the area's largest health information exchange in order to improve patient care, enhance patient safety and reduce the cost of health care."

Participating physicians utilize My WorkspaceSM, the physician web portal, to connect to the myIHIE® Health Information Exchange (HIE), share patient information and access clinical applications including: e-Prescribing, Patient Registries, e-Labs and secure HIPAA compliant communication tools through a single sign-on interface.

To learn more about My WorkspaceSM visit www.myworkspace1.com.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

In the neighborhood

Time/Date: Now through June 27
Location: Applebee's, 36475 Warren Road at Central City Parkway, Westland
Details: Customers can help Special Olympics Michigan athletes by purchasing a \$5 gold paper medallion or a \$1 bronze paper medallion. With the purchase of a gold medallion, customers will receive a coupon from Applebee's for \$5 off any purchase of \$25 or more during their next visit. There is a limit of one \$5 coupon per order which does not apply toward purchase of gift cards, alcohol, tax or gratuity. It is not redeemable for cash or valid with any other offer or discount. The coupon expires July 15, 2010 and is only valid in participating Michigan locations.

Contact: (734) 467-7215

Pro Tour Amsterdam

Time/Date: Registration is from 9-10: a.m. June 12. Play begins immediately after registration ends.
Location: Pandemonium, 1858 Middlebelt, Garden City
Details: Pandemonium is hosting a qualifier for the Pro Tour Amsterdam for Magic: The Gathering. The cost is \$25 per person. All universal tournament rules and Magic: The Gathering floor rules are in effect for the event. The format will be Standard Constructed. Constructed decks must contain a minimum of 60 cards. There is no maximum deck size; however, players must be able to shuffle their decks with no assistance. If a player wishes to use a sideboard, it must contain exactly 15 cards. Players also must bring pen, paper, card sleeves and appropriate counters.
Contact: For information, call (734)-427-2451.

Home cooked and ready

Time/Date: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, closed Sundays
Location: Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Try Mary's Our Copper-Country Style Pasties and Chicken Pot pies. They're always ready to take home for an easy home cooked meal. Brought over to the Upper Peninsula, the miners found that this was a great hot lunch. The wives would cut up potatoes, carrots, onions and beef, wrap them in a pastry crust and bake the pasties in the morning. Mary Denning's pasties are her mother's recipe and are made from scratch here in the bakery. Check out the website for great saving coupons.
Contact: (734) 261-3680, (888) 715-4479 or www.marydenning.com

Golf outing

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 15
Location: Idyl Wyld Golf Course, 35780 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Join the Westland Chamber for its 30th annual golf outing. Cost \$130 per player and includes 18 holes of golf, beer and pop on the course, lunch at the turn, buffet dinner, contest prizes and goodies Bags. Dinner only is \$25. There's a 10 a.m. shotgun start.
Contact: Call the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

Wedding in the city

Time/Date: noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 13
Location: Showroom of Elegance, 6018 Canton Center Road - Canton

Detail: Guys grab your brides-to-be and head over to the Showroom of Elegance for the Wedding in the City event. Pre-engaged couples are invited to view the latest trends in engagement and wedding rings. Industry vendors will be on hand to answer any questions guests, give on-site advice, showcase many different styles of rings and provide consultations. Participating partners in attendance will include Bridal Beauty, Vintners, Thomas' Catering, Entertainment Express, You're the Bride, Glass Wing Photography and Sweets 21. The Wedding in the City event will be themed as a cocktail party where guests will be able to enter to win prizes such as a 1/2 carat round diamond or a strand of pearls for the bride-to-be. In addition, food and drinks will be provided as couples shop around for the perfect ring.
Contact: Space is limited, so those interested must respond by June 7 by calling (734) 207-1906.

Starting a business

Time/date: 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 9
Location: Schoolcraft College's Small Business and Technology Development Center
Details: As an introductory session delivered in a workshop format, the course helps aspiring entrepreneurs assess their abilities to lead and manage a company, as well as evaluate market and sales potential for their products. The basics of business ownership are introduced, along with resources available to help launch new ventures in Michigan.
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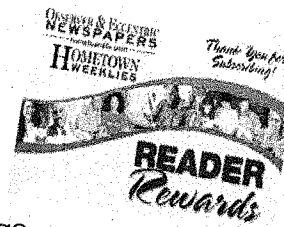


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ENTERTAINMENT



HarmonyTown Chorus presents "Adventures in Harmony" Sunday, June 6, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hills, in Canton.

Barbershop singers take audience on 'Adventure in Harmony'

The HarmonyTown Chorus will sing everything from gospel and blues to the Beatles Sunday, June 6, at its annual barbershop concert.

The concert will start at 3 p.m., at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, in Canton. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors, \$10 for youth, age 18 and under, and \$12 for groups of 15 or more.

Members of the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society have sung in and around the suburban Detroit area for more than 60 years, offering a wide variety

of tunes in four-part harmony. Veteran barbershopper, Scott Casey, will direct their show, titled "Adventures in Harmony." They'll sing gospel and patriotic numbers, doo-wop, love songs, blues, summer tunes and a Beatles composition.

Special guest quartet, Patch Chords, will entertain in its quirky but harmonious style.

Reserved seat tickets are available at the theater box office, by phone at (734) 394-5300 or on-line at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or www.WeSingBarbershop.com.



Patch Chords joins the HarmonyTown Chorus in a performance Sunday, June 6, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

Festival celebrates arts abilities with music, dance

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you've never listened to a chime version of Pachelbel's *Canon in D* or heard handmade xylophones play *We Are the World*, you'll get your chance to experience both Friday, June 4, at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

"Celebrate Abilities," the 19th Annual Festival of VSA Michigan - Southeast, will present dance and music performances by more than 100 students with physical and developmental disabilities from schools in Northville, Detroit, Lincoln Park, Monroe and Pontiac.

The program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include a drumming workshop, mural painting and "Make & Take" art projects in addition to the performances. VSA artists-in-residence will lead the workshops, which will be open to both performers and audience members. The VSA arts of MI 2010 Emerging Artists Touring Exhibit also will be featured. The college is located at 18600 Haggerty, north of Six Mile.

A second day of festival activities and performances will run 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, June 5 at MSU Community Music School, 3408 Woodward Ave., Detroit. It will feature performers of all ages who take music or dance lessons from therapists, arts organizations such as FAR Conservatory in Birmingham and other agencies.

"We have everything from tap dancers to a classical pianist, vocalists with different genres from pop to country," said Jody Stark, a music therapist and a member of the VSA Michigan Southeast



ARCHIVE PHOTO

Members of the Old Village School in Northville perform during a previous VSA Arts Festival in Livonia. Students from the school will perform "We are the World" on handmade xylophones this year.

Committee. "They reach these levels of performance that are quite incredible."

VSA arts enables children and adults with disabilities to experience and grow through the arts. The nonprofit was founded by Jean Kennedy Smith more than 25 years ago as Very Special Arts after her sister Eunice Kennedy Shriver started Special Olympics in 1968.

The local festival gives performers the opportunity to show off their talents and spend the day with friends.

"We hope it's a validating experience for performers. They not only share special moments with each other, but the ability to perform in front of a huge audience and feel success ... there's nothing like it to enhance their self-esteem," Stark said.

Both the performances and workshops help to raise public awareness of physically and developmentally disabled individuals and their ability to participate in the arts.

Although Stark said the performances draw mostly friends and family members, she stressed that the festival is open to the public.

"We really want it to be open to anyone who might be interested in coming and participating in the experiential activities ... not only in seeing the performances."

Percussionist Kevin Collins will lead a session in African drums and Royal Oak artist Daniel Cascardo will be on hand for the mural painting.

Here's the festival schedule for Friday, June 5:

9:30-10 a.m. — Opening and audience participa-

tion with Stark, Collins and ArtsJam Drumming and Cindy Babcock, dance-movement therapist

10 a.m. — Old Village School, Northville, with musical selections on handmade xylophone

10:15 a.m. — Lafayette School, Lincoln Park

10:30-10:45 a.m. — Mural painting, drumming, Make & Take art projects

10:45 a.m. — Pontiac Schools and choirs, Kennedy Brothers and Sisters and Pontiac High School

11:15 a.m. — White Center High School, Detroit Schools

Noon — Creative Art Therapies, Inc.

12:10 p.m. — MCISD

Chimes Choir and Educational Center Vocal Choir

12:40 p.m. — Closing, art and drumming

Indian musicians play classical repertoire with orchestra members during Fusion Festival 2008. This year's "Celebrate Bollywood" will feature the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras, along with Indian musicians, percussionists and soloists celebrating the pop music of the Indian film industry.



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Symphony, guest artists play music from Indian films

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras will "Celebrate Bollywood" and the film music of India along with Indian musicians, percussionists, and soloists at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Members of the orchestra will join Indian musicians in performing the pop music of Indian films, including the award-winning music from *Shumdog Millionaire* which found a huge audience in the U.S. This event is part of the orchestra's Annual Fusion Festival which brings together Western classical music with music from another cultural tradition.

The event also will feature Detroit Indian Radio Show Host, Narendra Sheth, a Plymouth resident, who is an international expert on the history of Bollywood music.

Sheth will give the pre-concert presentation on the films and the music of Bollywood and how it has grown and changed over the years. His program will start at 6:30 p.m.

According to Nan Washburn, the orchestras' music director and conductor, the Bollywood tunes have been fun and challenging for the symphony musicians. One of the biggest challenges the orchestra faces is the method by which Indian musicians perform music. She said classical performers need each note laid out on sheet music, while their Indian counterparts play by ear.

Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling (734) 451-2112 or by visiting www.plymouthsymphony.org. The concert is sponsored by the Canton Partnership for the Arts.

The Village Theatre is located at 50400 Cherry Hill.

Second annual Kite Festival soars to new heights

Lyon Township's James F. Atchison Park has been a secret haven for experienced kite flyers who find the wind conditions excellent for kite flying.

The 103 unobstructed acres, elevated topography for air movement, open space for concurrent kites and comfortable facilities for spectators continue to make the park an attraction for the sport.

John Bell, a member of the Lyon Township DDA, came up with the idea for the event while driving on I-275 near Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Kites flying above the expressway caught his eye, and he envisioned a festival at James Atchison Park.

The Lyon Township Kite Festival Committee was formed in fall 2008 and its members planned the first annual event in May 2009. To everyone's surprise, including Bell, more than 2,000 people showed up.

"We never thought we would get that many people," Bell said. "A lot of people drove by and saw the kites flying and they turned around."

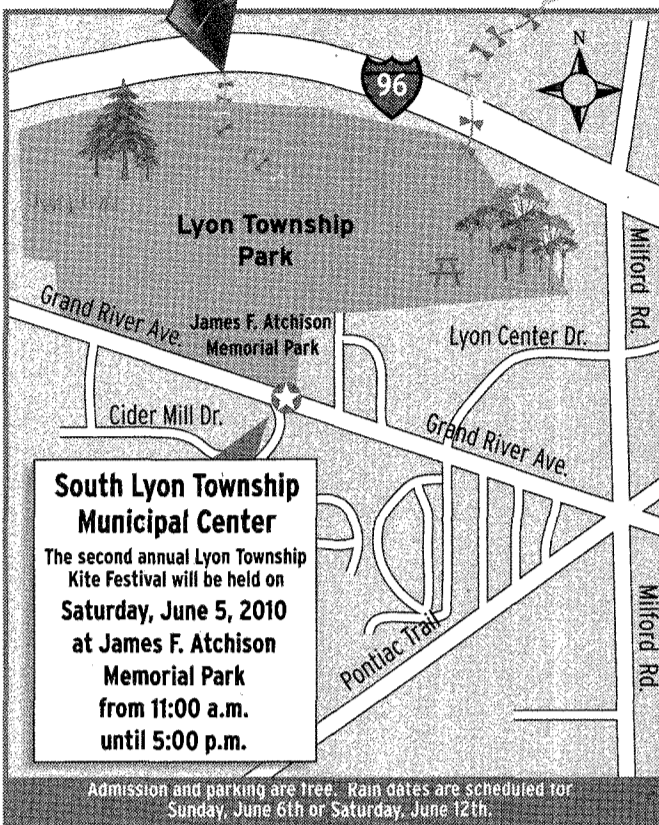
That's not surprising considering, that at times there were as many as 100 kites of various sizes flying simultaneously, some with tails more than 100 feet long.

"Once those kites were in the air, it made quite a backdrop," said Rich Sobota, president of the South Lyon Area Kiwanis Club, one of the co-hosts of this year's event, along with the South Lyon Rotary Club.

The event includes a kite decorating contest with all children receiving a free kite kit, kite demonstrations and kite flying for all, music, a Diaper Derby and Old School Playground, both presented by Oakland County Parks. There also will be several prize giveaways, including two kites built by Peter Ross, a Brighton resident who is on the board of the American Kite Association.

Bell stresses there will

Lyon Township Kite Festival



LYON TOWNSHIP KITE FESTIVAL

When: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 5 (rain date is June 6)

Where: James Atchison Park, Lyon Township

Admission: Free (there will be free kite kits for all children)

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be plenty for the kids to do, including inflatable moon-walks, face painting, and kite kits. He hopes to draw more than 3,000 people to the event.

"We're excited to welcome residents from surrounding communities to our township."

Located at I-96 and Milford Road behind the township hall, the park will eas-

ily attract passing drivers throughout the day as hundreds of kites soar into the sky.

"Kite festivals are one of the most entertaining and popular events in the world, and they're green!" said Bell. The American Kitefliers Association reports hundreds of scheduled events across the globe.

"Observing hundreds of kites is thrilling," Bell said. "Some of these colorful kites that will be flown during the day measure from as small as 2-3 feet to more than 200 feet."

Expert kite fliers will be on-hand throughout the day, providing tips and tricks of the trade. The fun will last into the early evening, when kites will be illuminated with attachments to their strings if wind conditions are ideal.

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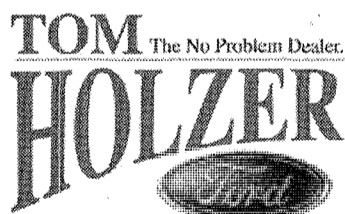
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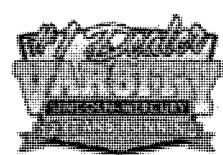
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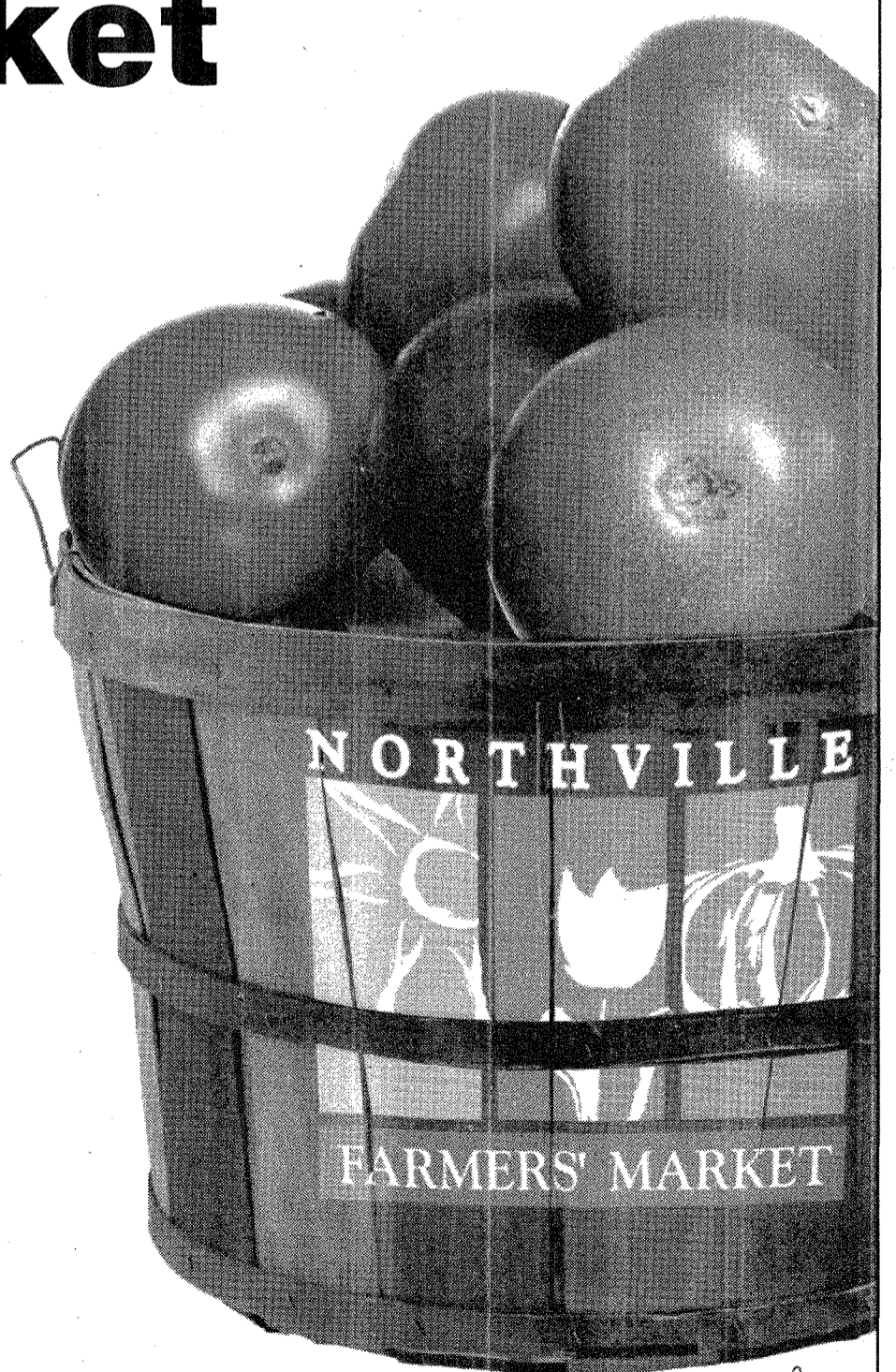
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Religious congregations roll out the welcome mat

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

New members especially enjoy one benefit of joining Geneva Presbyterian Church. The fresh baked bread dropped off at their home not only tastes delicious, but develops a bond with established members of the Canton church.

With hundreds of places of worship available to Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus and a variety of denominations, the competition is tough to attract and retain members. Websites have joined word-of-mouth in spreading the news about a particular congregation. The challenge remains to provide a welcome that prevents straying.

Today's congregations use different methods to make new members feel at home in churches, synagogues and temples. Geneva Presbyterian Church recently revamped the way it greet members with a visit from the new Hospitality Team. The congregation of about 200 members goes out of its way to make the experience memorable.

"Sharing food is something that is very welcoming to people," said Cindy Thomas, Geneva church elder. "It shows we are happy that they are here. Sharing food is a traditional human way of connecting with people. It's also a way of getting members involved."

It's Cheri Pelic's responsibility to carry out the plan that goes along with baking the bread.

"We've always had greeters and a warm welcome table," said Pelic of Northville. "When visitors come for services, people greet and meet them. We have a team of people who bake bread and come to their house and say 'thank you' for their visit."

The welcoming committee of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish comes bearing a gift certificate for a loaf of bread from Boule Artisan Bakery in Plymouth. They call ahead of time to meet with the family at home or after Mass to let them know about various ministries and school available to its 2,800 families. A parish directory outlines information about Communion and Confirmation. The Rev. John



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Riccardo, OLCG pastor, writes a letter of welcome. "One of the symbols of coming into a family is eating around a table," said Deacon Don Leach. "Here we're sharing the Eucharist. The bread is symbolism. It's something you can eat and enjoy but also symbolizes us coming around the table and sharing."

SMALL GROUPS

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"We're getting people more connected," said Bergman.

"We try to have a nice synagogue, to make sure religious services are friendly and accessible. We have programs for toddlers to senior citizens, a religious school, a young adult group."

The groups shrink the membership of 1,100.

"I want us to feel like the biggest small synagogue in the area," said Bergman. Small groups help members stay connected at NorthRidge Church. Each of the four weekend services draws more than 3,000 worshippers to the Plymouth Township church. Throughout the week they meet in groups of five to 12 for the camaraderie and to study the Bible.

Starting Point groups help adults connect to the church whether they're new

or returning. Every six to eight weeks a special dinner. Discover NorthRidge, introduces the Rev. Brad Powell, senior pastor, and staff. A children's ministry provides a fun place to learn about God.

"We want to provide the whole family from baby to teenager or adult with an interaction with God" said Steve Yarrow, small groups pastor.

The small groups meet at all times of the day and night. A 6 a.m. Thursday morning group appeals to men. They end up socializing together, as well as studying the Bible, Yarrow said.

"Our goal is to make the large group small," added Jim King, director of business and finance.

Staff and members make people feel welcome at Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills, according to Harriet Maza, a member of the board of trustees and chairwoman of the membership committee.

"The first three people a person might meet provides

the welcome," said Maza. "First of all because we are a small temple nobody goes anonymous here. I find them. I hope to find something they love to do to plug them into."

Social groups like the Out and Abouters offer an opportunity for growth as does a reading circle. The popular Vivace Series of classical music adds another dimension to membership as do groups focusing on drama, memoir writing, Bible study, and Jewish history. Events like the recent potluck/salsa dance make membership fun for new and established members.

"We're Jewish humanists, world citizens. Anything that widens our horizons of all human beings is what we want," Maza said.

ALL WELCOME

Muslims, Christians and Hindus are welcome at the Sri Shirdi Saibaba Temple on West Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Members of all denominations worship the saint there. Thursday nights

from 6-9 p.m. everyone is welcome at the vegetarian dinner.

"Anyone regardless of religion or nationality who has a belief in preachings and philosophy of Saibaba is welcome," said temple manager Venkat Gutta.

"There's no restriction to enter or pray in the temple. He's a saint. Our philosophy is we don't try to attract anyone. The person comes to the temple and gets the call."

A large banner at the entrance, greeters and an information table welcome visitors to North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills. "About North Church" sessions are held for anyone seeking knowledge about the 460-member congregation.

"The first thing we do is tell them who and what we are with our mission and values statement," said the Rev. Mark Jensen. "We're a progressive Christian church. We're a church that hopefully serves the needs of people looking for that. We don't feel the need to convert other people."

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GRILLED HONEY GLAZED SHRIMP

Makes 6 servings
1 cup orange juice
¾ cup 100 percent pure honey
½ cup lime juice
½ cup Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons chili powder
2 tablespoons paprika
2 teaspoons black and red pepper blend
2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons oregano
1 teaspoon California-style coarse onion powder
30 jumbo shrimp
12 bamboo skewers, soaked in water for at least 30 minutes

Place orange juice, honey, lime juice, mustard and dry seasonings in a blender and blend on high for 1 minute until smooth. Pour into a saucepan and simmer over medium heat for 12 minutes or until thickened and reduced by half. Divide the glaze into 2 plastic containers, seal tightly and refrigerate until ready to use. Thread shrimp onto skewers. Cook shrimp over hot coals for about 3 minutes on each side or until completely pink, basting with one container of the glaze during grilling. Remove from grill and baste with remaining glaze.



Honey Marinated Chicken



Grilled Honey Glazed Shrimp

HONEY MARINATED CHICKEN

Makes 4 servings
1 cup vegetable oil
2 tablespoons 100 percent pure honey
2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
2 teaspoons salt
½ cup red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
½ cup 100 percent pure honey

Blend all marinade ingredients (exclude the ½ cup honey); pour over chicken breasts. Marinate in refrigerator overnight in plastic bag. Remove chicken from marinade; discard marinade. Grill six to 10 minutes, turning once and basting occasionally with ½ cup honey during last five minutes of grilling.

STRAWBERRY CHIFFON PIE

Makes 8 servings
2 cups (12 ounces) coarsely chopped strawberries, fresh or frozen
¼ cup 100 percent pure honey, divided
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
¼ cup cold water
1 cup light sour cream
Prepared 9-inch crumb crust

In small bowl, mash strawberries and ¼ cup honey; set aside. In small saucepan, sprinkle gelatin over cold water; let stand five minutes. Stir in remaining ¼ cup honey. Warm over low heat until gelatin dissolves. Transfer to large bowl; stir in sour cream. Cover and refrigerate 20 to 30 minutes or until mixture mounds on a spoon when tested. Using electric mixer, beat mixture at medium speed until light. Fold in strawberries; mix until well combined. Pour into prepared crust. Cover and refrigerate at least two hours.

CITRUS SALAD WITH AVOCADO

Makes 6 servings
3 6-inch corn tortillas
4 oranges
4 grapefruits
½ cup 100 percent pure honey
¼ cup raspberry vinegar
2 tablespoons oil
½ teaspoon salt
1 avocado, sliced

Preheat oven to 255°F. Slice tortillas into very thin strips. Dry strips by placing on a cookie sheet and baking for approximately 15 minutes. Set aside.

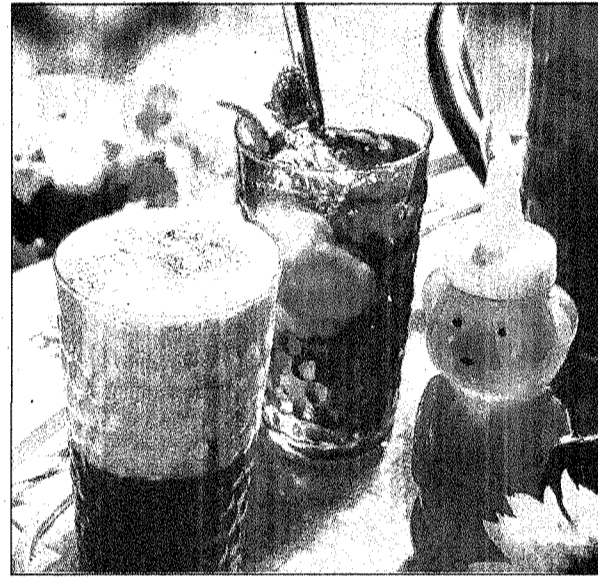
Peel oranges and grapefruits, then section, seed and place in large bowl; set aside. In small bowl, whisk together honey, raspberry vinegar, oil and salt. Pour over citrus sections and toss gently. Top with avocado slices and tortilla strips.

HONEY RASPBERRY ICED TEA

Makes 4 servings
2 cups freshly brewed tea
2 cups cranberry-raspberry juice
½ cup 100 percent pure honey

In large, heat-proof pitcher, whisk together all ingredients until thoroughly combined and honey is dissolved. Chill until ready to serve. To serve, pour over ice.

— Courtesy of Family Features



Honey Raspberry Iced Tea

CITY BITES

Food for a cause

Farmington Hills – Whole Foods Market will donate 5 percent of all in-store purchases at three of its locations today, Thursday, June 3, to the Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus, in Farmington Hills. Participating stores are located at 7350 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield, as well as 2880 West Maple in Troy and 2918 Walton Blvd. in Rochester Hills.

Spring salads

Livonia – Olga's Kitchen has added two new salads, Pan-Asian Salad and Spring Orchard Salad, to its menu. The Spring Orchard Salad features a bed of fresh seasonal greens with roasted sunflower seeds, sweet juicy strawberries, feta cheese and new house-made Olga croutons, served with a tangy apple vinaigrette. The Pan-Asian Salad is created with crisp chopped seasonal greens, fresh asparagus, sliced carrots, red bell peppers, juicy grape tomatoes and house-made Olga wontons, tossed with a sesame-ginger vinaigrette.

"Our restaurant guests have requested more salad options and we have responded by adding two new salads each under 400 calories," stated Matt Carpenter, president and CEO, Olga's Kitchen. "Our executive chef continues to create new menu items that combine good taste and good health."

Olga's Kitchen is located in Livonia at Laurel Park Place mall, 37612 Six Mile. Its Westland location is at 35000 W. Warren Road. It also operates restaurants in Dearborn Heights, Novi, Lathrup Village, West Bloomfield, Birmingham, Taylor and Allen Park.

Fish recipes

Statewide – The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Division of Environmental Health is creating a cookbook of favorite fish recipes from Michigan residents.

The cookbook, *Hooked on Fish: Recipes from the Great Lakes State*, will feature some of Michigan's favorite fish recipes, information about the health benefits of eating fish, as well as tips for avoiding chemicals through trimming and cooking.

Visit www.michigan.gov/eatsafe-fish or call the MDCH Division of Environmental Health at (800) 648-6942 to submit a recipe or learn more about avoiding chemicals in fish. The deadline for submitting recipes is Aug. 1.



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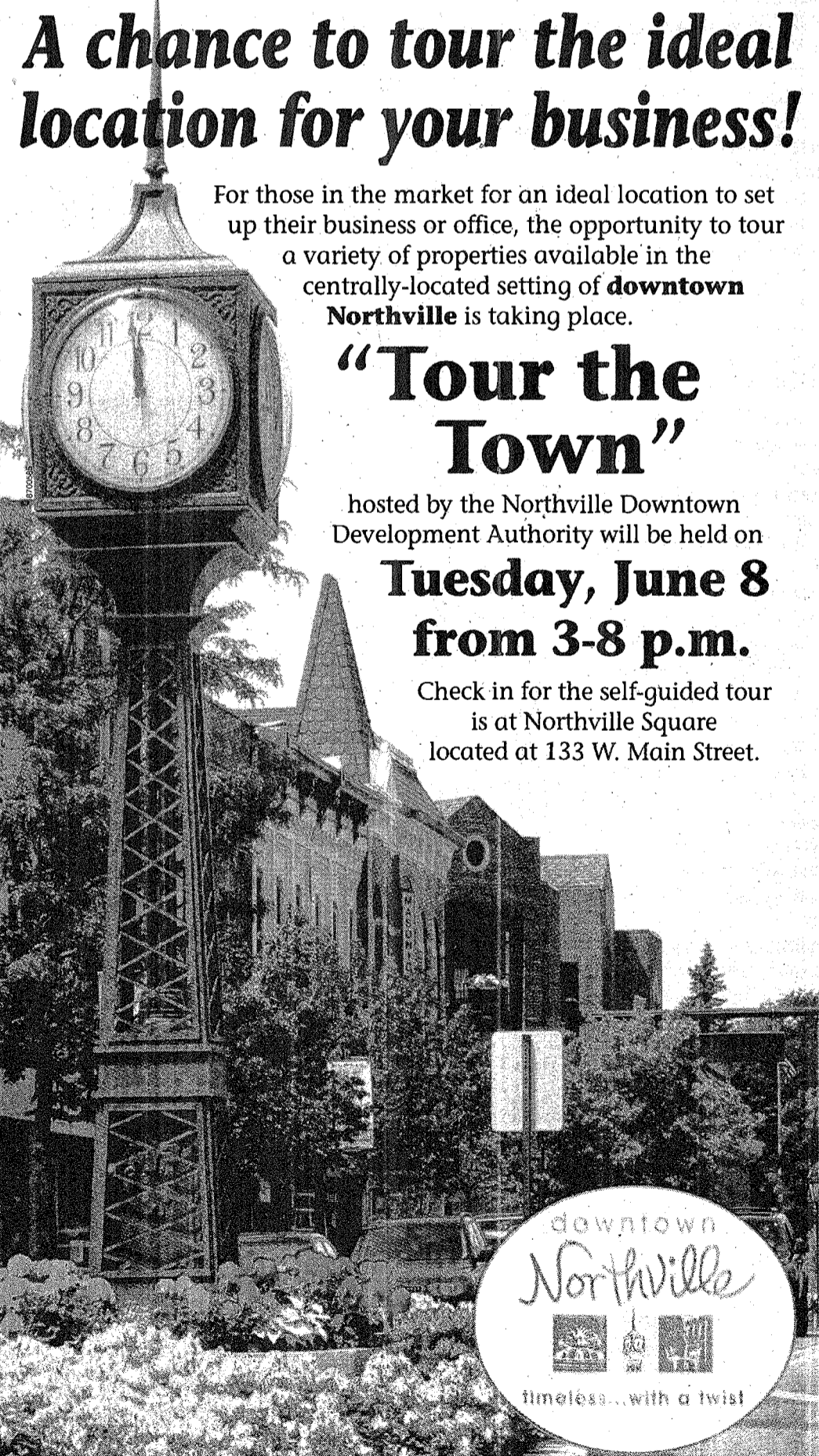
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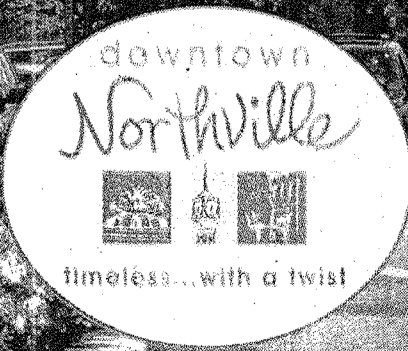
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"Tour the Town"

hosted by the Northville Downtown Development Authority will be held on **Tuesday, June 8 from 3-8 p.m.**

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For information on "Tour the Town," visit www.downtownnorthville.com or call 248-349-0345 (Northville Downtown Development Authority)