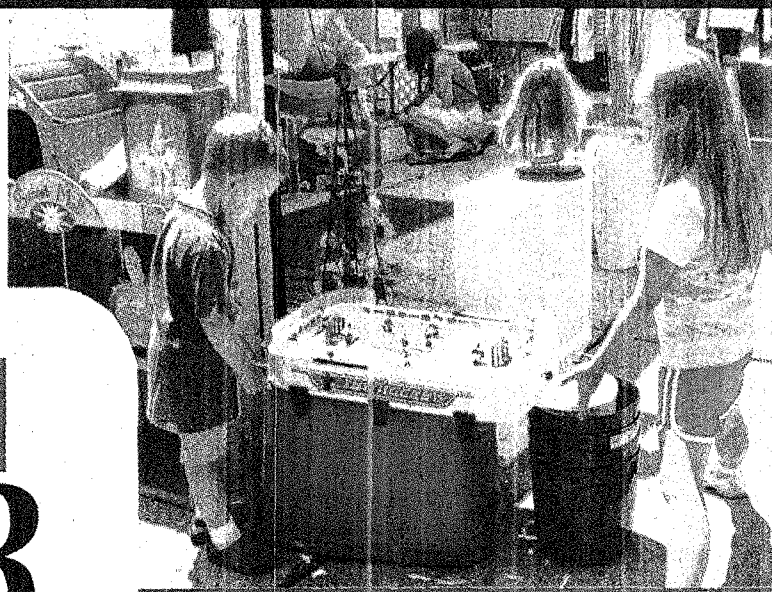


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Happy holiday

The Observer & Eccentric Newspaper offices will be closed Monday, July 5 in honor of the holiday. Offices will re-open Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. The O&E is on Facebook, Twitter and the web at hometownlife.com. All customer service inquiries at 866-887-2737 will be returned beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 6. Our Sunday delivery hotline will be available until noon today.

Register to vote

Time is running out for people to register to vote in the Tuesday, Aug. 3, primary election. The deadline for registering is Tuesday, July 6.

The voter registration forms can be found on the city clerk's page of the city website at ci.westland.mi.us/elections. Fill out the necessary lines and drop it off at the clerk's office in the Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford, west of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 467-3185.

Help wanted

Westland Mayor William Wild is accepting resumes from residents interested in serving on a variety of boards and commissions that have vacancies.

- Appointments are available for:
 - The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority which uses tax increment financing to help remediate environmentally affected sites in the community;
 - Economic Development Corporation provides below market rate financing for eligible firms and Tax Increment Finance Authority which implements an infrastructure improvement plan within a specified district;
 - Historical Commission which collects, maintains and preserves any materials and documents relating to the history of Westland and Nankin Township;
 - Local Development Finance Authority which implements a development plan to improve a 2.5-mile section of the Newburgh Road corridor;
 - Local Officer's Compensation Commission which determines the salary of all elected officials;
 - Parks and Recreation Advisory Council which reviews plans and specifications for work undertaken in city parks and volunteers for programs provided by the city's recreation department.

Resumes can be sent to the Mayor's Office, Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford, Westland 48185.



The last day

Kenleigh Ball is among youngsters who've been enjoying the activities and treats at the annual Westland Summer Festival. Today is the last chance to visit the festival which ends with a bang with fireworks this evening. For more on the event, see Page A3.

Ex-worker enters plea to embezzlement

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland woman has received concurrent prison sentences and has been ordered to pay restitution after pleading no contest to charges of embezzling an estimated \$300,000 from a local nursing home.

Michaeline Meek, 46, received sentences of one to 15 years in prison for embezzling less than \$100,000 and one to 20 years in prison for embezzling more than \$100,000. She was taken into custody immediately after being sentenced Wednesday by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Craig Strong.

Meek also was ordered to pay restitution totaling \$267,735 to Westland Convalescent Center where she had been employed for decades. The business reportedly received an insurance payment for a portion of the missing money.

Originally, Meek was charged with the 20-year felony of embezzling more than \$100,000 that was stolen from Westland Convalescent Center from March 2008 through August 2009. A second warrant charged Meek with embezzlement under \$100,000, a 15-year felony. That warrant relates to money missing from Westland Convalescent Center over a period dating back to 2005.

Employed by Westland Convalescent Center since the 1980s, Meek worked in the business office where her duties included handling accounts payable. Westland police investigated and found that when clients paid in cash,

Meek did not deposit the money and kept it.

The amounts of money not deposited varied a great deal, from \$55 to \$1,000, police said. The largest sum was \$20,000 missing in one month for a total \$170,000 missing in a 17-month period.

Clients were issued receipts for their payments, so the money was actually stolen from Westland Convalescent Center, not the clients, police said. In fact, the embezzlement came to light after a nursing home resident died and a family member

tried to contact Meek about paying any outstanding balances at Westland Convalescent Center.

When Meek failed to return calls, the family member contacted the center's chief financial officer. A large discrepancy on what was owed on the account triggered the investigation.

Fired by Westland Convalescent Center, Meek had remained free on bond prior to sentencing.

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Library goes from books to burgers for bonanza

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jan Borden and Trixanna Bradley, both of Westland, didn't have to cook dinner Wednesday evening. The women, who met that day, were sharing a bench at the William P. Faust Public Library "Burger Bonanza" tasting, featuring Schoolcraft College culinary arts graduates.

"I am a hamburger lover, I figure Schoolcraft College, you can't go wrong," said Borden, who mixes sirloin and turkey for her burgers.

Bradley, who was there with daughter Brittany, 17, a Westland John Glenn High junior, said it was a combination of "recipes and a love of burgers" that brought her to the library pavilion.

"I've never tried ground turkey or chicken. I'm not much of a red meat eater, but I'll eat a burger," she said.

The 60 attendees watched Marcelle Barlage of Novi and Bill Rushlow of Inkster, who'd graduated the previous week from Schoolcraft's well-regarded culinary arts program. They're now considered chef culinarians.

"We are doing sliders, beef sliders, with different kinds of toppings," Barlage said. "We have all kinds of goodies."



Brittany Safford, Trixanna Bradley and Jan Borden enjoy hamburgers prepared by Schoolcraft College culinart arts graduates at the William P. Faust Public Library's Burger Bonanza.

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Salvation Army rings bells for Christmas ... in July

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For those who don't want to spend all their free time at the beach or doing yard work, the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army is offering an opportunity for some volunteer work.

It's Christmas in July as bell ringers will be manning the Red Kettles on selected days to raise money for the Salvation Army. Specifically, the money raised in the summer will benefit the Salvation Army summer day camp.

"Our summer day camp is full

and has a waiting list. This time of year, funds are always a little short — we're halfway through the year," said Capt. Derek Rose of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps.

The Christmas season is a big fund-raising time for the Salvation Army, but as Rose

noted, funds can be a little short by the time summer rolls around. The summer Red Kettle drive raised \$3,000 last year and Rose said he hopes \$5,000 can be collected this year.

"This is our third official year of Christmas in July. The

first year, we had mini red buckets in Westland, Romulus and Wayne," said Rose. "Last year, we added Friday and Saturday at a store and two Saturdays at the intersection of Wayne and Warren roads."

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Rotary installs officers, honors members' service

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Members of Westland Rotary gathered recently to install new officers and honor members for their service to the community.

Jeff Juenemann was installed as the club president, taking over from Antoinette Martin, who had served as president for the past year.

"Did we do enough (during the past year)? No. My goal was to do 20 percent more

and I know we exceeded that," Martin said before handing over the gavel to Juenemann.

Previously club president in 1986-87, Juenemann said he was pleased to hold the office again, adding that it would be a challenge to follow Martin.

"You've had a great year; I learned all year. I knew a lot about leadership and fund-raising, but being a major part of the community — it's been wonderful watching it," said Juenemann, whose goals are to grow club membership and

have more successful fund-raisers.

During the past year, Rotary had fund-raisers that included charity poker games, a comedy club event, a fireworks cruise on the Detroit River and a Hawaiian luau dinner/auction.

Among the community donations by Rotary in the past year were \$3,500 to Westland Youth Assistance, \$6,000 in scholarships for local high school students,

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ROTARY

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\$7,500 to the Salvation Army Summer Camp and \$1,000 to sponsor Westland's 2009 Turn Off the Violence event.

Rotarians also donated \$1,250 worth of mattresses, towels and toiletries for the Westland Family Shelter, provided backpacks and school supplies to hundreds of Westland students

and raised \$1,100 for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive by bell ringing at Macy's.

Honored as Rotarian of the Year was Joe Tseng, whom Martin noted missed only one event in the past year and sent a substitute to the one he missed.

"I didn't expect this. It's been a fun year. I followed Antoinette's orders. We made a lot of money and helped a lot of charities," Tseng said. Richard Isham received the

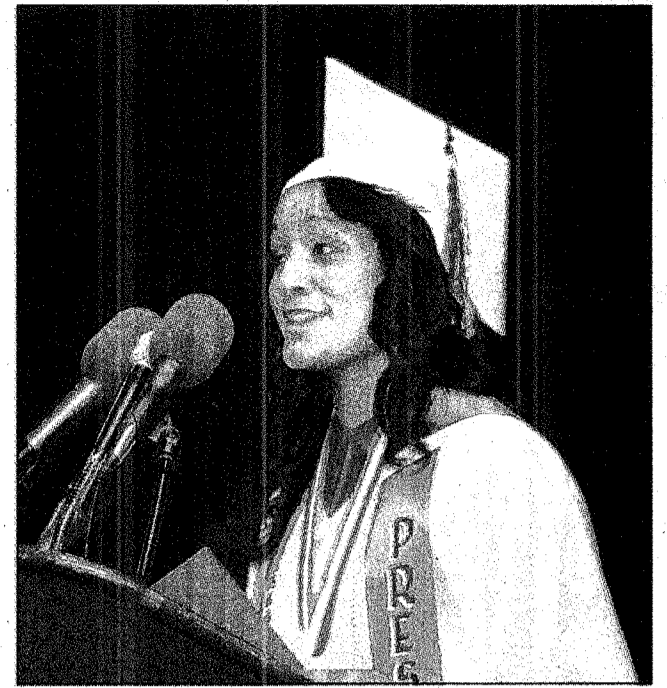
Service Above Self Award, honoring someone who demonstrates the Rotary motto. "I'm one of the senior citizens of the group, someone who wandered into Westland 13 years ago," Isham said. "I enjoy getting involved and the camaraderie. It's nice to be able to do things for those who can't do it for themselves."

Richard Strausbaugh was recognized with the Paul Harris Award for having raised \$10,000 for Rotary.

Strausbaugh and Julie Brown were recognized for perfect attendance at weekly Rotary meetings for 30 years and 11 years, respectively.

"These are two individuals who live Rotary daily and weekly — they don't take a day or week off. They were at a Rotary meeting every week for those years," Juenemann said. "It's a tremendous accomplishment by people who are dedicated."

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Head of her class

According to her family, Alejandra Bianca Zarate worked long and hard to become president of the senior class at John Glen High School, a position which offered the an opportunity to speak to her fellow graduates during commencement ceremonies at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center in June.

VOLUNTEERS

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The bell ringing will take place noon to 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in front of the Palace Supermarket at Venoy and Palmer and Heartland Market, Ford and Wildwood. Also look for bell ringers dur-

ing those hours Wayne and Warren roads.

Around the Christmas holidays, the bell ringers are usually outside stores like Macy's and Kroger. The Salvation Army has national agreements with those businesses and there are limits on how often. "That's our biggest fundraiser," Rose said. Unlike the Christmas col-

lections which uses some paid bell ringers, Rose said the Christmas in July effort relies entirely on volunteers. E-mails are being sent to all of the Salvation Army volunteers, such as the Westland Rotary, asking for help.

"We're interested in getting as many people on board as possible," said Rose. Volunteers must be 18 years

old to collect donations at the Wayne and Warren roads intersection. People younger than 18 are allowed to be bell ringers at the stores when accompanied by a parent.

For more information about the Christmas in July effort, call Sandy Kollinger at (734) 722-3660.

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Chef Bill Rushlow tends to the hamburger patties on the grill.

BURGERS

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The two focused on easy-to-prepare recipes.

"If you give somebody something too complicated, they won't want to do it," Barlage said.

A few vegans attended and could enjoy portabella mushrooms off the grill. Rushlow also demonstrated how to roast a red pepper on the grill.

Barlage laughed when asked if the call to Schoolcraft was for their top graduates.

"Well, maybe it was, I don't know," she said. "It's very exciting. We like to share the knowledge."

She told her attentive audience at Burger Bonanza was particularly appropriate close to the Fourth of July. "Believe me, these recipes are easy, you'll impress your family and friends," she said. "We've got Bill working really hard at the barbecue because we know you're all really hungry."

His wife Pamela was his assistant.

Barlage also answered questions about Schoolcraft's culinary program, which boasts four master chefs, and its student-staffed restaurant, which she encouraged attendees to try.

The burger tasting drew compliments and an assessment of "delicious" from Borden and Bradley.

"I approached them. We knew we wanted to do a food program," librarian Andy Schuck said. "We eventually figured out burgers and sum-



Dominick Micitello found plenty to like at the Burger Bonanza.



John Emmerd, Mary Bodie and Pat Hoover select the toppings for their sliders.



Chef Marcelle Barlage talks to diners about hamburger toppings.

mer go hand-in-hand."

A librarian colleague at the Westland library works part time at Chelsea's library, which hosted a barbecue. That helped bring the idea here, and Schuck was grateful for Wednesday's great weather.

"We've been getting lucky all summer with our music," he said. "All of our outdoor events have had great weather."

Here are a few of the reci-

pes for burger toppings people tried Wednesday, courtesy of Schoolcraft College:

HERBED HORSE RADISH MAYO

1 cup mayonnaise
1 Tbs. prepared horseradish
1/2 cup fresh minced parsley, basil or chives
2 Tbs. olive oil
Squeeze of lemon juice
Salt and pepper to taste
Combine together and use within a

week. Serves 4-6.

HONEY MUSTARD DRESSING

5 Tbs. honey
3 Tbs. smooth Dijon mustard
2 Tbs. rice wine vinegar
Combine all the ingredients in a bowl and whisk until smooth. Serves 4-6.
Red Pepper Aioli
1 roasted red pepper
1 cup mayonnaise
3 garlic cloves
Salt and pepper to taste.
Combine all ingredients and puree in food processor until mixed.

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Class reunion
John Glenn High School Class of 1975 will hold its 35th reunion Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Livonia Marriott. Reservations and tickets can be purchased online at www.jghsclass75.com. For more information, contact Loren Zeidman at (248)877-0909 or by e-mail at l_zeidman@americancredit1.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.

Farmers market
Fresh fruit, vegetables, baked goods, sausages and flowers will be offered at the Westland Farmers Market 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through October. Look for the market on the east side of Westland

Shopping Center along Wayne Road just south of Ashley's.

Summer Concert Series
Westland's 2010 Summer Concert Series is underway. All of the concerts begin at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at the pavilion behind the William P. Faust Library on Central City Parkway north of Ford. Upcoming concerts include folk music with Mustard's Retreat on July 8, gospel music with Mary Wynn on July 15, folk/blues music by Peter Madcat Ruth on July 22, Latin jazz music by the Lynn LaPlante 7, July 29, country music by the Waco Band on Aug. 5 and R&B by the Tyrone Hamilton All-Stars on Aug. 12. The free concert series is funded in part by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

Open House
McKinley Co-Op Preschool will hold two open houses 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 28, at 6500 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The preschool offers programs for toddlers ages 2-5 years. For more information, call (734) 729-7222.

Golf Outing
John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 13th Annual Golf Outing Fund-raiser on Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Warren Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$75 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and light meal after golf. Guests are welcome for the light lunch, which costs \$15. Contact Coach Bill Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. Information also is available at www.glennwrestling.com. Hole sponsorship and raffle donations also are being accepted.

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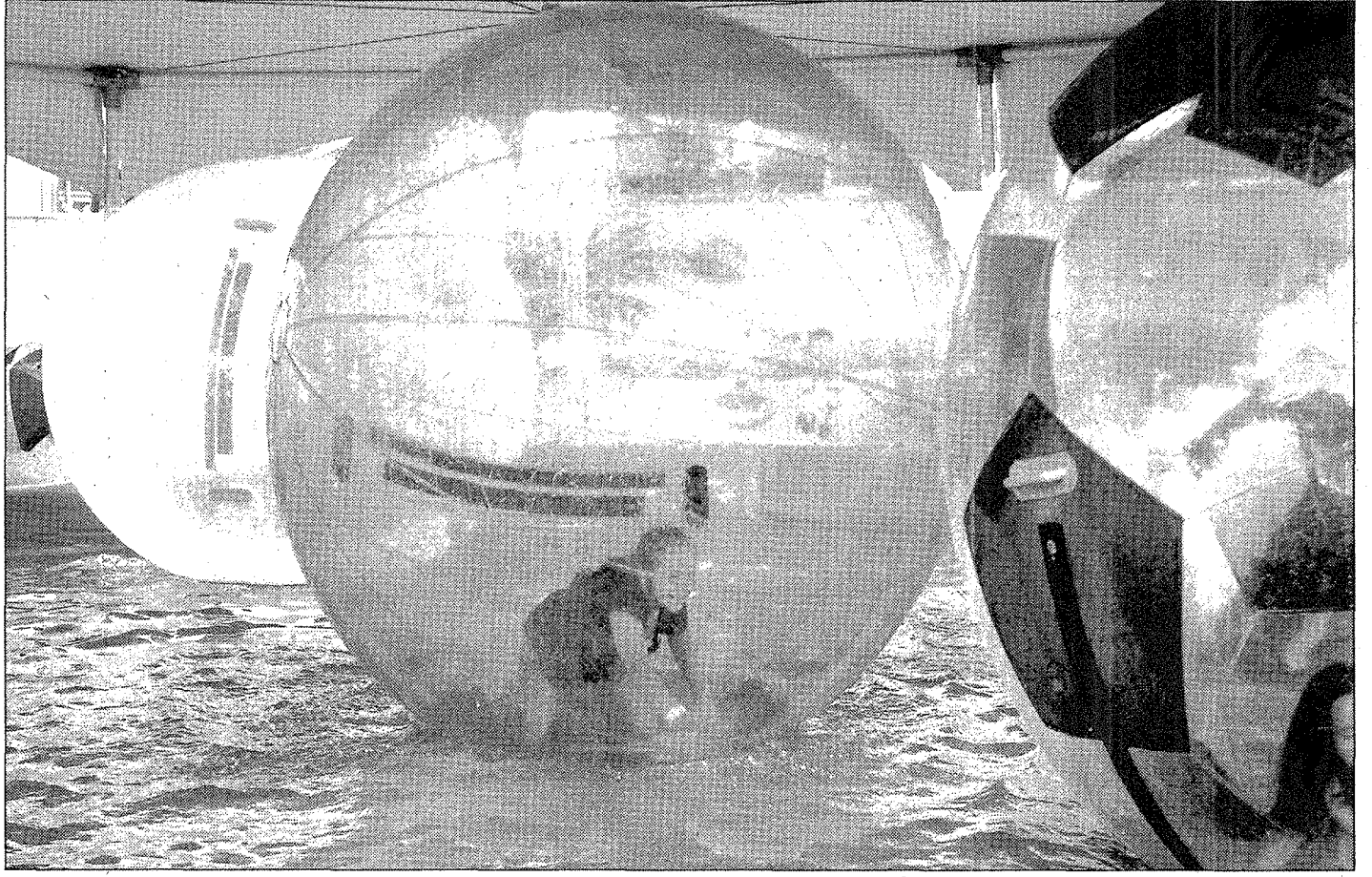
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Janell Evans (center) is overseeing the annual Festival as the 2010 Miss Westland Summer Festival. Members of her court include Alejandra Zarete (left), first runner-up, and Melissa Smith, second runner-up.



Ruby Bruce fills the air with bubbles during he visit to the festival Wednesday evening.



Olivia West rides across water inside a ball. It's one of the many attractions at the Westland Summer Festival, which closes today with a fireworks display at 10:15 p.m.

Fireworks close out 40th annual summer festival

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kenneth Mehl has a word of advice for families planning to catch the Westland Summer Festival fireworks this evening: "Come early and stay late."

"We've had people setting up at 5 a.m. for the fireworks," said Mehl, who chairs the private nonprofit Westland Festival Committee. "The traffic gets heavy about 4 p.m., that's when we get bombarded. The best thing is to go to the library or John Glenn High School and park and get the shuttle bus. There's no parking on site."

The festival is being held in the civic center complex on Ford west of Wayne Road and opens at noon. There's 24 rides and a midway, as well as food concessions, a beer tent, an arts and crafts area, petting zoo and a display of exotic animals.

A popular event with kids has been the racing ducks. Youngsters get to hold the ducks and release them at the starting line, Mehl said. The ducks are out of Albuquerque, N.Mex., and the Westland festival is their first stop of the summer season. "The little kids are out there squealing with delight," Mehl said.

The Westland Jaycees are hosting free children's events 2-6 p.m. and every child will get a prize. The Westland Civitans also are holding the finals of their Beautiful Baby Contest at noon, while the Wayne Masonic Lodge is hosting a free child identification program from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Westland Fire House No. 1

on the east side of Westland City Hall. Each child who goes through the process will receive a dental impression, as well as a CD containing a photo, video, digital fingerprints and their vital information.

Entertainment leading up to the fireworks includes Voice of the King Elvis Tribute 3-6 p.m. and Second Wind performing at 7 p.m.

Carlson between Marquette and Ford will be closed at 1 p.m. and Ford will be closed completely between Newburgh and Carlson after 6 p.m. to handle the crowds. Traffic on Carlson will be restricted to shuttle buses and local residents. Westbound traffic on Ford will be rerouted to the north, while eastbound traffic will be able to go north and south on Newburgh.

The road closures have helped traffic clear out much quicker following the fireworks, Mehl said, adding that it's great to see people staking out their spots early.

"You can see people sitting on Ford Road and the cars go by," he said. "I don't really know how many people come, but they come from all over — Troy, St. Clair Shores. They just come."

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County officials urge youngsters to have a safe summer

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the time it took to spell her last name, Skylar Croom had already "caught" more than 60 marbles.

"When I see two, I try to pick them up with my toes," said the Lincoln Park youngster.

Four-year-old Aidan Morris held up his catch and smiled for a photograph.

"I'm trying ... I got one," said Aidan.

The youngsters were trying their feet at toe fishing in a kiddie pool stocked with marbles and smooth stones, one of several activities provided as part of the kickoff of the Wayne County Summer Safety Campaign, held Thursday at the Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Westland.

"While you're on vacation or playcation, we want you to stay safe and have a wonderful summer," Edith Killins, director of the Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services, told the gathering which included youngsters from Starfish Family Services; Head Start program and Focus: Hope for Children.

The summerlong campaign revolves around ABC — Always Be Careful — and provides children ages 6-18 to promote fun ways to keep everyone safe for the summer. It's sponsored by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and Sheriff Department.

"It's the first time we've coordinated something like this, it's aimed at youngsters and some of it is common sense — anything from gun safety to not texting by driving," said Ficano, who shared the microphone with county Prosecutor Kym Worthy and Wayne County Sheriff Deputy Chief Raphael Washington.

The three officials provided safety messages ranging from letting professionals handle fireworks and telling adults about rather than touching guns to the use of car seats and safety restraints. Youngsters

SAFE SUMMER FUN CONTEST

What: Wayne County Safe Summer Family Fun Essay and Poster Contest. Youth are invited to submit essays and posters about the fun ways to keep everyone safe while enjoying the summer.

Who: For youth ages 6-18 and residents of Wayne County. There are three categories — ages 6-10, 11-14 and 15-18.

What: There will be three posters and three essay winners for each category. Honorable mentions also will be awarded. Kids can enter one or both contests. Posters must be on a standard 22-inch by 28-inch poster board or smaller and a variety of media — watercolor, pen and ink, crayon, chalk and markers — can be used. Essays must be 500 words or less and have a descriptive title. They must be typed, double spaced and printed on only one side of the paper.

When: Deadline for entries is Friday, Aug. 13.

Where: Mail entries to Maria McCarville, Wayne County Safe Summer Contest, Wayne County Library, 30555 Michigan Ave., Westland, MI 48186 or by e-mail to mccarvi@co.wayne.mi.us.

even got tips on eating healthy and staying hydrated during hot summer weather.

"I don't want to know if any of you have seen a real gun, I want to know how many know what to do," said Worthy. "I don't want you to touch it, I want you to go tell an adult where it is."

"Everyone should know not to touch a gun," a 5-year-old told her.

The youngsters' responses to questions drew chuckles from adults and led Worthy to say she felt "like the straight man for a comedy act." When talking about the texting while driving ban which took effect Thursday, one youngster told Worthy he takes the cell phone



Eathen Stone of Garden City chose to eat his hot dog and bun separately. People attending the Summer Safety Campaign Kickoff were treated to box lunches and games.



Sue Steiger, a librarian at the Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, reads the safety book, "Officer Buckle and Gloria," to youngsters attending the Summer Safety Campaign kickoff.



Drewmarri Bryant laughs at the funny things Gloria does during the storytime.

away from his mother when she talks on it while driving.

When asked by Wayne County Health Officer Loretta Davis what happens when people eat too much food, one youngster said the word gas, picking up on her comments about food being like fuel for the body. While adults chuckled, Davis pointed out to the youngsters that overeating also leads to obesity.

"We have a lot of programs that focus on living healthy," said Davis. "We work to help establish community gardens and walking paths and just helped the city of Ecorse with a smoke-free walking path."

Ficano pointed out the importance of safety with fireworks, telling the gathering that anything that leaves the ground is "pretty much illegal." "Even if they're legal, you

need to have a hose or a bucket of water," he said. "Don't touch fireworks, let adults do that. Between June 20 and July 20, that's when most injuries related to fireworks happen."

Worthy stressed the importance of youngsters being in car or booster seats during her presentation.

"It's very important," she said. "I've seen a lot of kids who have been thrown from cars."

Tell your mom and dad you need to be in a car seat to be safe."

"Do your mom and dad wear seat belts? Be sure to tell them to wear them," she added.

In addition to the games, youngsters were treated to a hot dog lunch and adults could stock up on safety materials.

Volunteers like James Larkin of Garden City, who was helping with the food, was impressed with the program.

"They should do this every year," said Larkin. "It's good for the kids. It shows them how to eat and how to have good clean fun."

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AROUND WESTLAND

Get fit

The Bailey Recreation Center offers a variety of exercises programs.

Cardio-Kickboxing/Aerobics with the Mind, Body and Spirit Institute is enjoyable exercise to keep fit, build stamina, increase coordination, and

develop balance and speed while practicing basic punches and kicks. This total body workout is designed to burn up to 800 calories per session. Taught by a professional fighter, students will learn self-defense, improve self-esteem and self-confidence, and increase mental discipline while toning and losing weight.

The class is open to student from beginners to advanced. Everyone will benefit from this workout. Anyone 15 years and older can participate although middle school students can attend if accompanied by a parent with the instructor's permission.

It's \$5 per person per class with sessions at 6-7 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays on an ongoing basis.

For those who like their exercise a bit less martial, the Bailey Center offers drop-in aerobics for adults 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. It's a low impact workout with a variety of activities. Participants should wear comfortable clothes and athletic shoes.

The cost is \$5 per person per class or \$50 for 12 classes in six weeks.

For information about either class or other Bailey Center activities, call (734) 686-9882.

Summer camps

Whether your child is an aspiring athlete, actor or just a great kid who wants to have lots of fun this summer, Westland Parks and Recreation has the day camp for you. Four different summer camps will be offered this summer:

- Shoestring Theatre Drama Camp Mondays through Fridays, July 12-16, July 19-23 or Aug. 16-20.
- Camp Bailey Session 1: Mondays through Fridays, July 5-9 or Session 2: Monday-Friday, July 12-16.
- Hoops Basketball Camp Monday through Friday, July

12-16.

• Rockers Soccer Camp Monday through Friday, July 26-July 30.

For exact times, ages, and course descriptions, visit the city's website at www.cityof-westland.com.

CFL bulb recycling

Westland residents can recycle CFLs (Compact Fluorescent Bulbs) or other fluorescent bulbs for free at Home Depot at 39875 Ford, east of I-275, and IKEA at 41640 Ford, west of I-275. For more information, call Home Depot at (734) 844-7300 and IKEA at (734) 981-6300.

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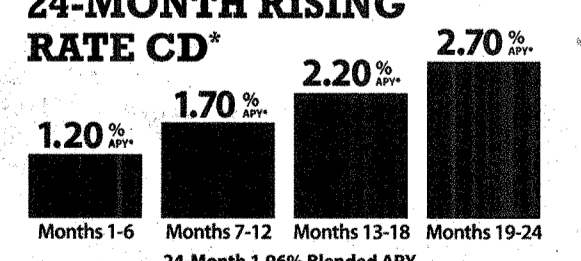
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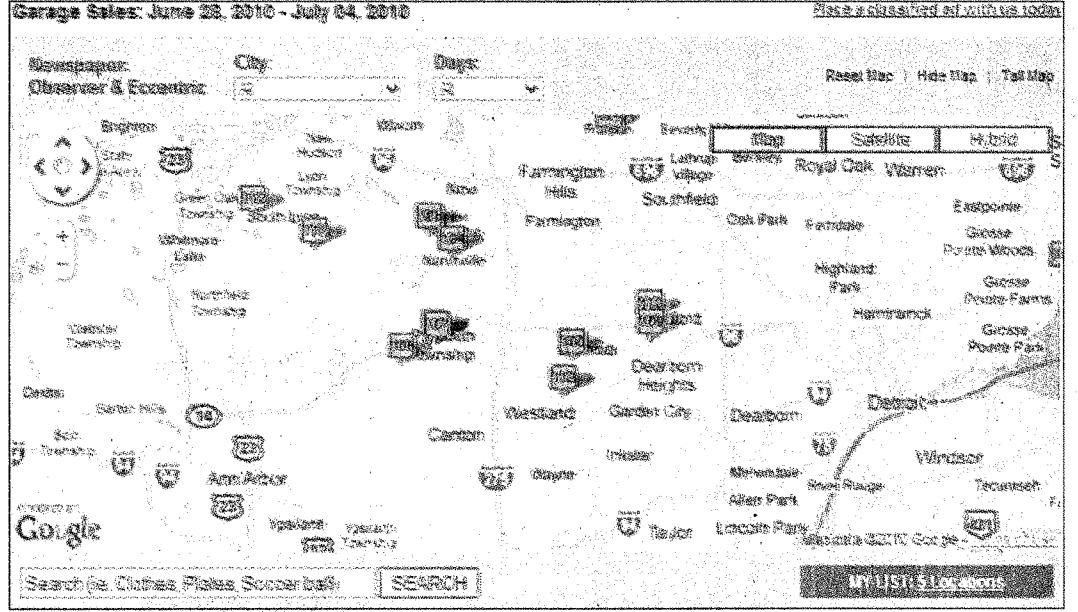
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The days of writing down addresses and plotting a course from one sale to the next are over because our new feature

does all the work for you. To get started, simply go to hometownlife.com and click on the garage sale map located below the main carousel of stories. A map showing the location of each sale will open in a new browser window. From there, users are able to select the sales they want to go to and generate a custom map that routes the easiest way from location to location. The garage sale map is proving popular with our online readers, too, as hits

have tripled since its debut two weeks ago. That means anyone who wants to advertise a garage sale in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and *Hometown Weeklies* may do so with the added confidence of knowing a growing number of bargain hunters are turning to hometownlife.com to make sure they don't get lost along the way.

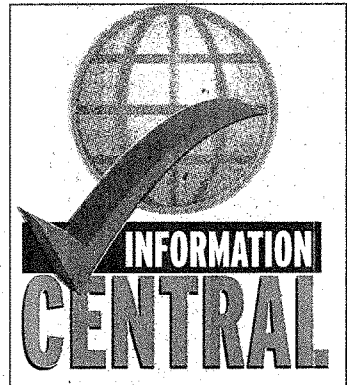
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In celebration of a classic

Over the past 50 years since its publication, Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" has maintained a constant presence in many of our lives. Whether you were forced to read it for a high school English class, or chose to delve into on your own, the story about a 1930s southern town's reaction to accusations of the rape of a white girl by a black man is unforgettable. To this day, allusions to Scout, Jem, and Atticus Finch continue to show up in books, movies and everyday conversation.

There's an entire website dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the publication of "To Kill a Mockingbird." Visit www.okillamockingbird50year.com to discover celebrations that are taking place this year across the country. The website also contains useful reading and teaching guides as well as lesson plans so teachers and educators can make the most out of the classic text.



don't rule out the biography area and the relevant books of Mockingbird literary criticism.

If you've made it this far without reading "To Kill a Mockingbird," by Harper Lee, why wait any longer? Or if you have the urge to read it through a third or fourth time, the book's 50th anniversary makes 2010 a wonderful year to revisit Maycomb, Alabama.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

- Highlighted Activities**
- Songwriter Workshop:** 7 p.m. July 6, age 18 and up. Join singer-songwriter John Latini for a three-week course in songwriting. Each week will build on the last and will cover a different aspect of writing and performing your own songs. Sign up at the Reference Desk.
 - Poetry Group:** 7 p.m. July 7, age 18 and up. Interested in reading, discuss-

ing, and writing poetry? Please join us for one of our sessions, whether you're a first-time writer or a serious wordsmith. Sign up by inquiring at the Reference Desk. Check out our blog at www.westlandadultpoetry.blogspot.com.

Summer Concert Series: Mustard's Retreat, 7 p.m. July 8, age 14 and up, Library Pavilion.

Mustard's Retreat represents everything that is best about folk music. Their music is community music. It comes from our common roots and traditions, pays tribute to those roots and traditions and expands on them." Limited seating (so bring a chair, if you're late).

Photography - Seeing Beneath the Surface: 7 p.m. July 8, age 18 and up.

This program is designed to help you find unique and interesting ways of photographing an ordinary object or subject. Pick up a list of possible objects to photograph and some photographing tips at the Reference Desk prior to the class. Led by WCC Photography instructor Kate Barker. Non-photographers are welcome to attend.

Friday Night Movie Cult Classics: 7 p.m. July 9.

This week's selection is "Blade Runner" (Rated R). Deckard is a Blade Runner, a policeman of the future who hunts down and terminates replicants, artificially created humans. This is an after-hours program. Library doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Fight Foreclosure One-on-One Counseling Session: 5-8 p.m. July 12. Homeowners can schedule a pri-

vate, 30 minute, one-on-one meeting with a foreclosure counselor, from the Wayne County Fight Mortgage Foreclosure Program. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to schedule your appointment. Space is limited. The Mortgage Foreclosure

Prevention Program is a no fee, Wayne County program providing you an expansive network of certified counselors who will help you avoid or manage a mortgage foreclosure. Additional dates are scheduled for July 26, Aug. 9 and 23.

Information Central was compiled by librarian Mary Fixler. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Open House
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 6
Location: the Nomads' private terminal located at Detroit Metropolitan Airport...

ers and is offering a 45 percent discount on initiation fees for all new members as it celebrates its 45th anniversary this year...

year, ranging from three-week around-the-world adventures, to long weekends closer to home...

Contact: To find out more about Nomads, call 734-941-8000 or visit www.nomadstravel.org.

River Cruise fund-raiser
Time/Date: 2-5 p.m. Saturday, July 17

Location: depart from the dock behind the Portofino Restaurant at 3455 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte.

Details: The S.S. Columbia Project will host its second festive fund-raising cruise on the Detroit River aboard the MV Friendship...

Contact: Additional information about the cruise and the S.S. Columbia can be found at www.sscolumbia.org...

Elvis Fest
Time/Date: 5 p.m. Friday, July 9, noon Saturday, July 10

Location: Riverside Park, Ypsilanti
Details: The 11th Michigan Elvis Fest is a musical, family-friendly tribute to Elvis Presley, his music, and his memory...

Craft show sign-ups
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9

Location: St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: The St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women is accepting signups for its fall craft show...

Earth Angels
Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9-16 years old...



Sing with award-winning chorus

Voices in Harmony, a 65-member women's a cappella chorus from Ypsilanti, is looking for women to join them. The group meets 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Road in Ypsilanti...

up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

Contact: www.earthangelsontour.org or by e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net

Higher Rock Cafe

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.

Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.

Contact: www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

EDUCATION

Willow Creek

Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland

Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.

Contact: (734) 326-0078

St. Damian

Location: 29891 Joy, Westland

Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

Contact: (734) 427-1680, www.stdamian.com

YWCA Preschool

Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families...

Contact: (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

VOLUNTEERS

First Step

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

Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

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

Drivers Needed

Details: Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group.

The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile.

Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings.

Contact: (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208

VNA Hospice

Details: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life...

VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

Contact: (248) 967-8361, www.vna.org

Seasons Hospice

Details: Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life-limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed...

Contact: (800) 370-8592

Literacy Council

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

Contact: (734) 416-4906

Details: Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in

Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.

Contact: (888) 973-1145

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)

Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

Contact: Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

Writing Group

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month

Location: Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

Details: The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays...

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.

Contact: The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

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 a 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

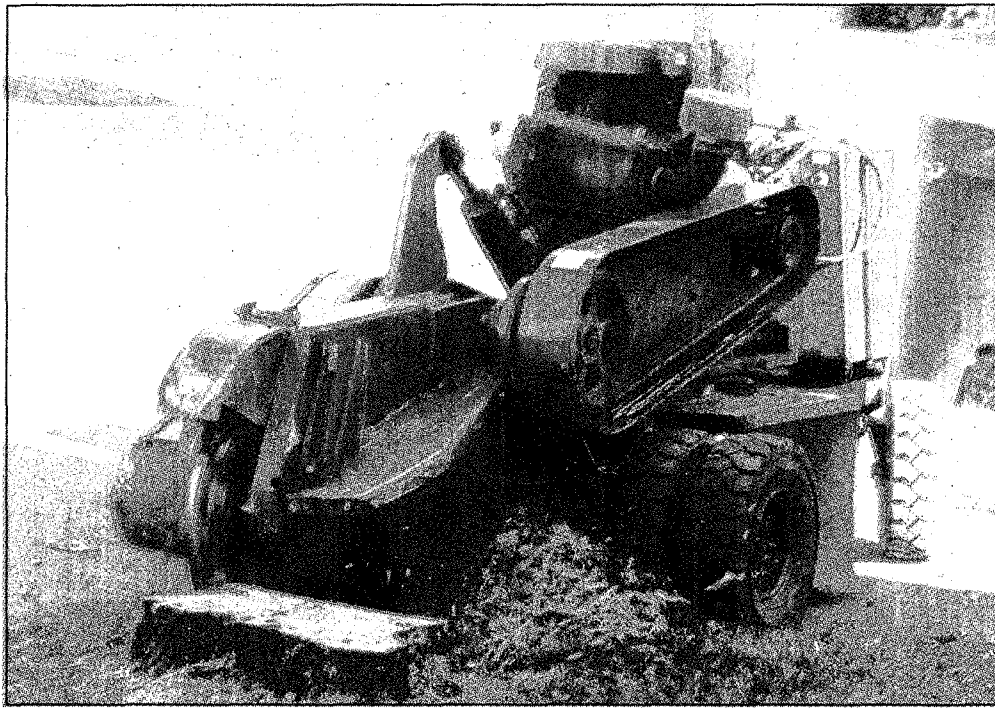
Contact: Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879.

Mike's Marketplace advertisement featuring various meat products like Ground Beef Sirloin, Beef Stew, Cut-up Chicken, Pork Roast, Chuck Roast, Spare Ribs, Del Monico Steaks, Ground Chuck, Rump Roast, and Oven Roasted Turkey with prices and promotional text.

Crystal Creek Assisted Living advertisement with contact information (734) 453-3203 and a list of services including 24-hour professional staffing, private/semi-private barrier free rooms, home-cooked meals, daily housekeeping, and planned activities.

The Medical Marijuana Clinic advertisement with phone number 734-667-5960 and website www.TheMedicalMarijuanaClinic.com.

CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE advertisement regarding a meeting scheduled for July 21, 2010.



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Reward offered

A \$1,000 reward is being offered for the return of a remote controlled Carlton OX stump grinder, stolen from in front of a home in Garden City. The stump grinder, with its own trailer, was attached to a large wood chip truck. The truck was recovered at West Outer Drive and Lahser in Detroit. People who have information, can contact David Peterson of Hill Top Tree Service in Westland at (734) 729 3652 or the Garden City Police Department at (734) 739 1700.

Weatherization program expanded

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency has partnered with Wayne County to expand its free weatherization program.

Wayne Metro is now serving the communities of Westland, Garden City, Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township, Livonia, Redford, Inkster, Wayne, Romulus, Belleville, Taylor, Dearborn Heights, Van Buren, Sumpter Township and Huron Township.

Wayne Metro already provides free weatherization services to the communities of Dearborn, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and the five Grosse Pointes.

"We're very excited to be expanding this program" said Louis Piszker, Wayne Metro CEO. "We've seen a tremendous demand for weatherization services as more families start to 'go green,' and are interested in saving money on their utilities."

Wayne Metro's Weatherization Assistance Program helps low and moderate income families to perma-

nently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient. Income-eligible families receiving weatherization services see their annual energy bills reduced by an average of \$200 or more.

Weatherization services may include attic, wall or floor installation, storm windows, window repair or replacement, furnace and duct repair, roof repairs, compact fluorescent bulbs, ceiling and wall repairs, programmable thermostat or steel replacement doors. Services are tailored to each house, based on a completed energy audit performed by a certified inspector.

There are no out of pocket costs with Wayne Metro's weatherization services. All work is done by reputable, licensed and insured contractors. Additionally, all work is done to city codes and inspected by city inspectors.

Several documents are needed to apply for assistance. Picture ID for all adults living in the home, Social Security Cards for everyone in the

home, Bridge card, Medicaid, Medicare cards, proof of home ownership or landlord agreement, current winter or summer tax statement, proof of income for the past 90 days and utility bills are required to complete an application. All adults over the age of 18 must be present during application appointment.

Income-eligibility guidelines do apply. For more information, call (734) 727-7097. Applications begin by phone, and a Wayne Metro representative will work with families to gather all of the necessary documentation to complete the application.

Wayne Metro is a non-profit organization serving the 42 communities surrounding Detroit and comprising out- Wayne County. The agency provides more than 40 diverse programs and services to empower low-income people and strengthen communities. For more information on these services, visit the Wayne Metro website at www.waynemetro.org.

Hearing-impaired children need not miss summer camp

BY LARRY RUEHLEN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

LaTonya Barber is striving to bring the fun of attending summer camp to hearing-impaired children.

"There aren't many areas that have a strong connection to the deaf community but Redford does," said Barber, who teaches sign language and life skills to the hearing impaired. "So I thought why not start a summer camp?"

There are 90,000 Michigan residents with hearing loss but finding a local summer camp specifically designed for the deaf wasn't easy.

"Children tend to learn much easier than adults," she said. "They don't have all those worries associated with being a grown up. They can think clearly and have a great life."

Barber is offering a series of summer

camp in cooperation with organizations like Detroit Rising Stars, the YWCA and Redford's Department of Leisure Services.

The Performing Arts Camp will include basic piano, vocal techniques, sign language, poetry, dance and drama.

"Ms. LaTonya is the best teacher I've ever known," said student Shanae O'Neal. "I really liked sign language and vocal techniques".

New this year are the Tiny Tot Sign Language Camp and Deaf Kid Enterprise. Tiny Tot Sign Language Camp is a one week camp for children ages 3-6. Any child who wants to learn sign language may join in the fun.

"I taught my son how to sign at 2," said Barber. "He's 5 now and he still remembers how to sign."

All children must be accompanied by an adult while learning sign language.

Deaf Kid Enterprise was designed specifically for deaf or hearing-impaired youth. Students in this camp will learn leadership skills, entrepreneurship, etiquette and more. All students will participate in hands-on activities, attend or participate in upcoming events, field trips, and recitals. Students will receive a snack, certificate of participation, and a membership to the YWCA (provided their camp is there).

The camps serve children ages 3-18 and will take place at the YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit (Northwest Branch) 25940 Grand River Avenue and the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway. Weekly and Saturday sessions are being offered beginning July 10 and prices vary from \$40 to \$145. For more information, visit www.detroitrisingstars.org or call (313) 414-1054.



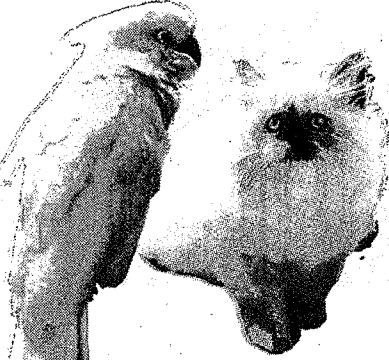
LaTonya Barber believes youngsters learn sign language much easier than adults. With that in mind, she's hosting a series of summer camps for hearing-impaired children.

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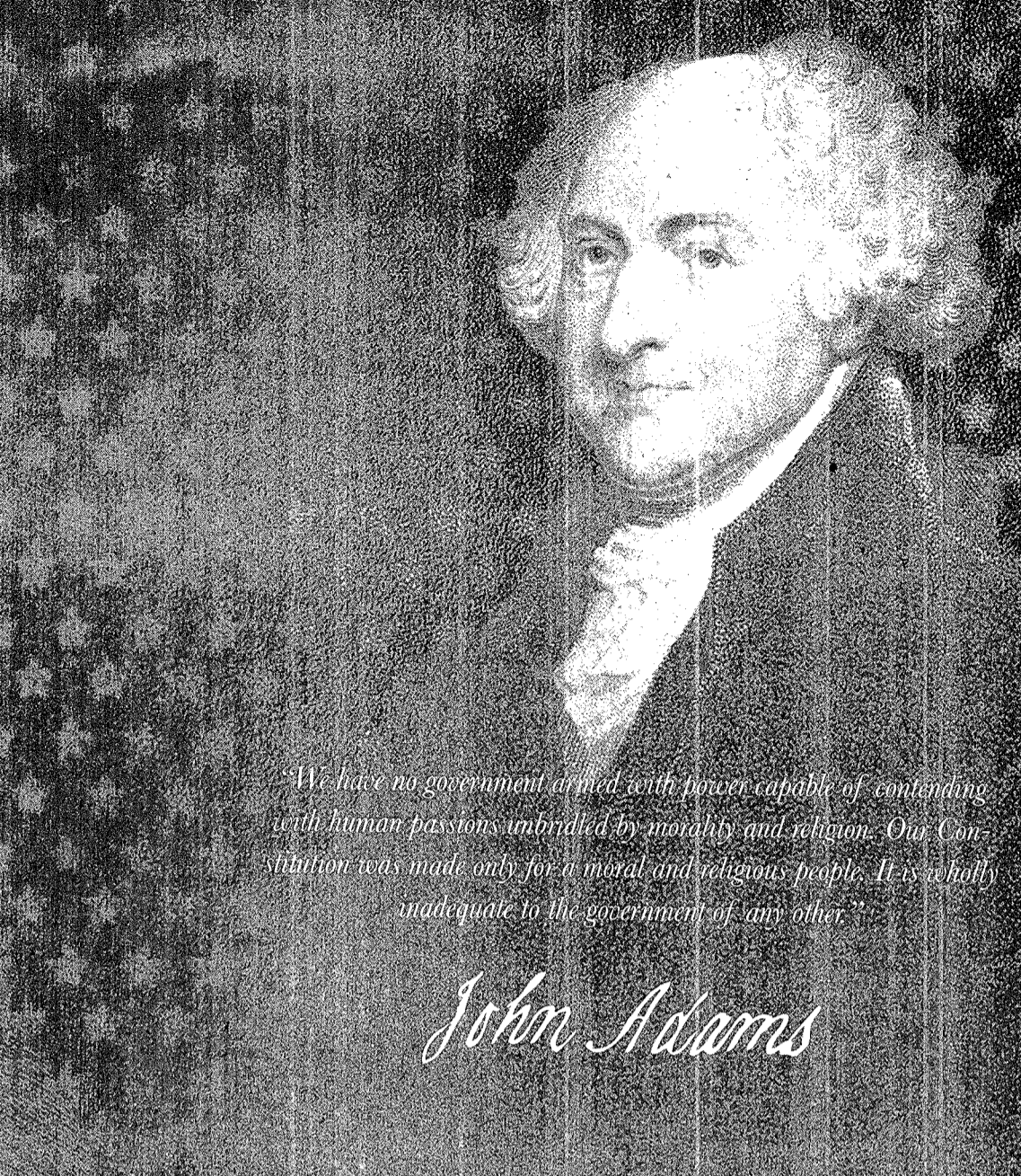
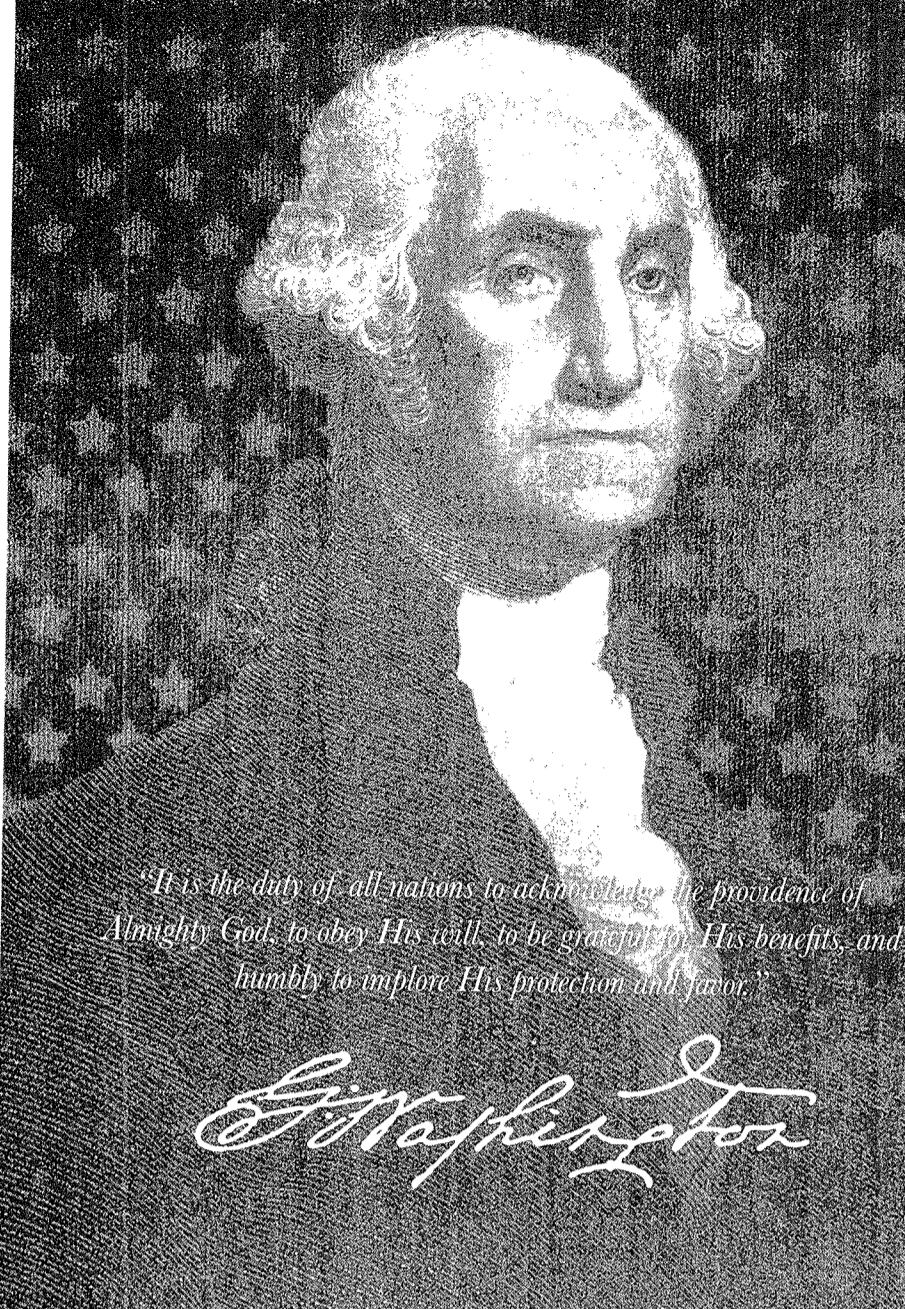
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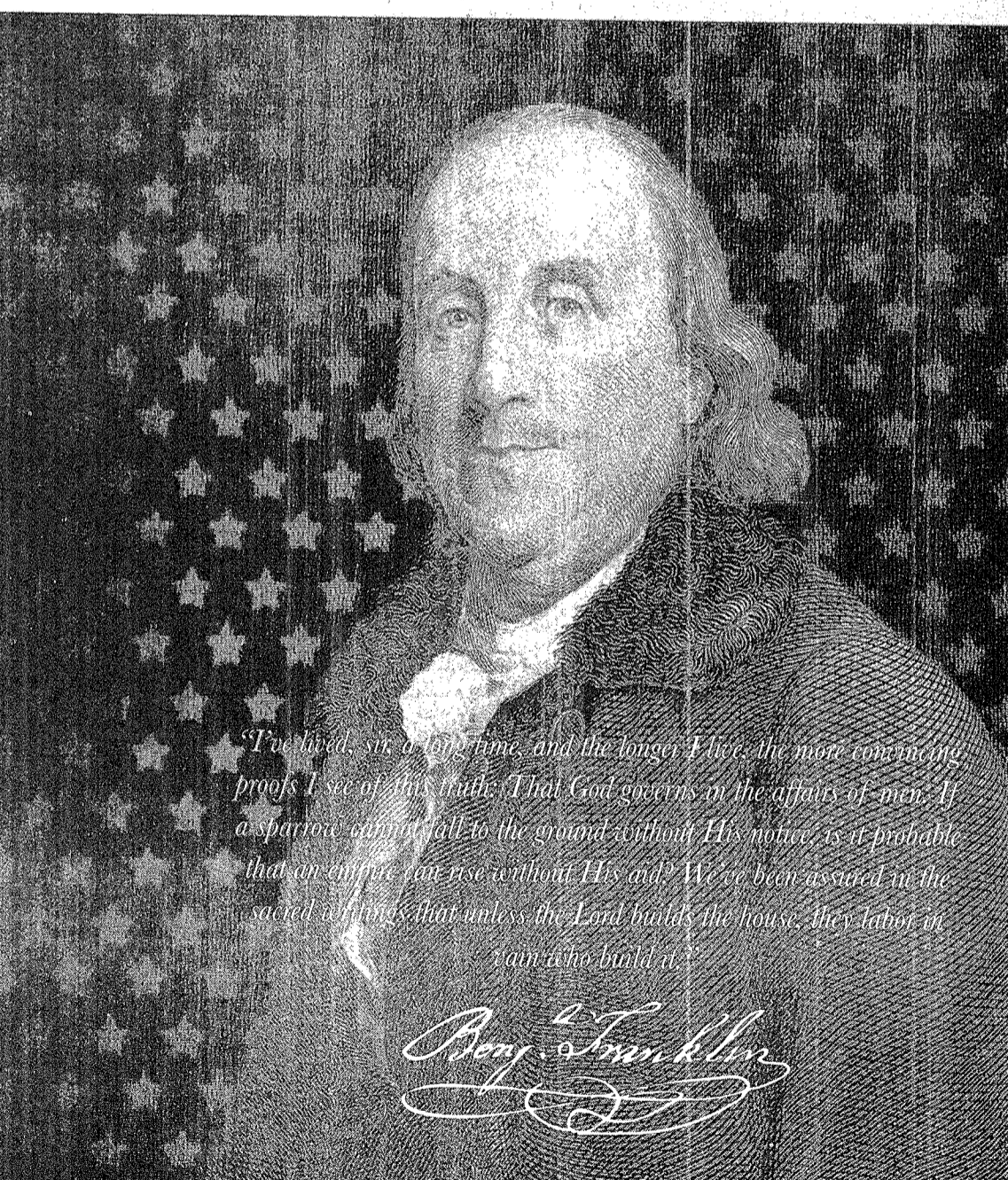
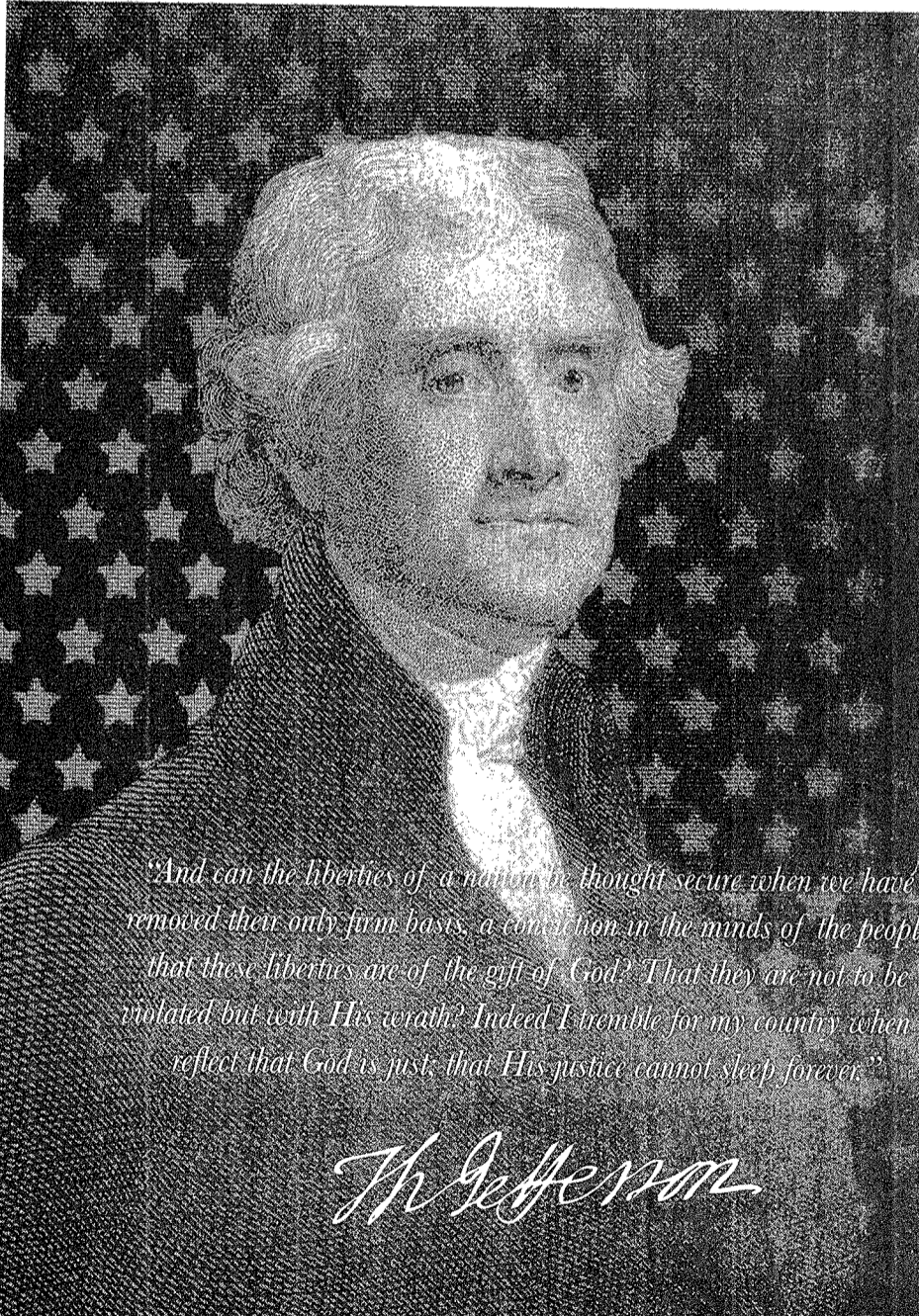
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NRCLL audition a hit for future Little League tournaments

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

North Redford Central Little League President Curt Smart hopes this is just the beginning.

The long-standing Little League organization took an important first step toward hosting larger and more significant tournaments in the future by welcoming 15 area champions recently to diamonds at Chuck Lawson Memorial and Claude Allison Park to compete in the 11-12-year-old Tournament of Champions.

The five-day (extended slightly due to inclement weather conditions), single-elimination format saw Taylor North Central earn bragging rights for a second consecutive year with its victory in the title game over rival Taylor South. Champions from Lincoln Park, Flat Rock, Brownstown, South Redford and North Redford were some of the other participating teams.

"It was a ton of work, but it was worth it when you see so many people come forward to help support us and parents and players from other leagues come out and enjoy themselves," said Smart, who coached in the NRCLL for four years before taking over as league president late last year. "It's been quite some time since the NRCLL has hosted a tournament, but everybody was pretty happy at the end the way things turned out."

In order for the NRCLL to host this tournament or, for that matter, any tournament, significant improvements needed to be made at both parks. Lighting, scoreboards, fencing, field conditions — you name it and some form of overhaul was required.

And, in these trying economic times, funding for such projects can be difficult to obtain. Fortunately for the NRCLL, community leaders, league board members, parents, coaches and even former players stepped up and contributed in their respective ways since the near the end of last year when the initial discussions had occurred.

One NRCLL coach Trevor Hamilton, who owns Hamilton Fencing, spent considerable time installing new fencing around the fields, while Leo Snage utilized his skills as an electrician working on areas of lighting and scoreboard operations.

"We hadn't hosted a tournament in so long that the district administration was worried how we would handle it," said Smart, a Livonia resident. "It worked out pretty good. Everybody who worked on this all year came together this week."

The next step, according to Smart, is for the NRCLL to come together and host a Little League state tournament that would bring visitors from all over Michigan to Redford with hopes of advancing onto the national stage.

"Hosting a tournament like that brings people from all over and that can really help our area," Smart said. "They come here and visit and spend money and give back to people who helped make this happen."

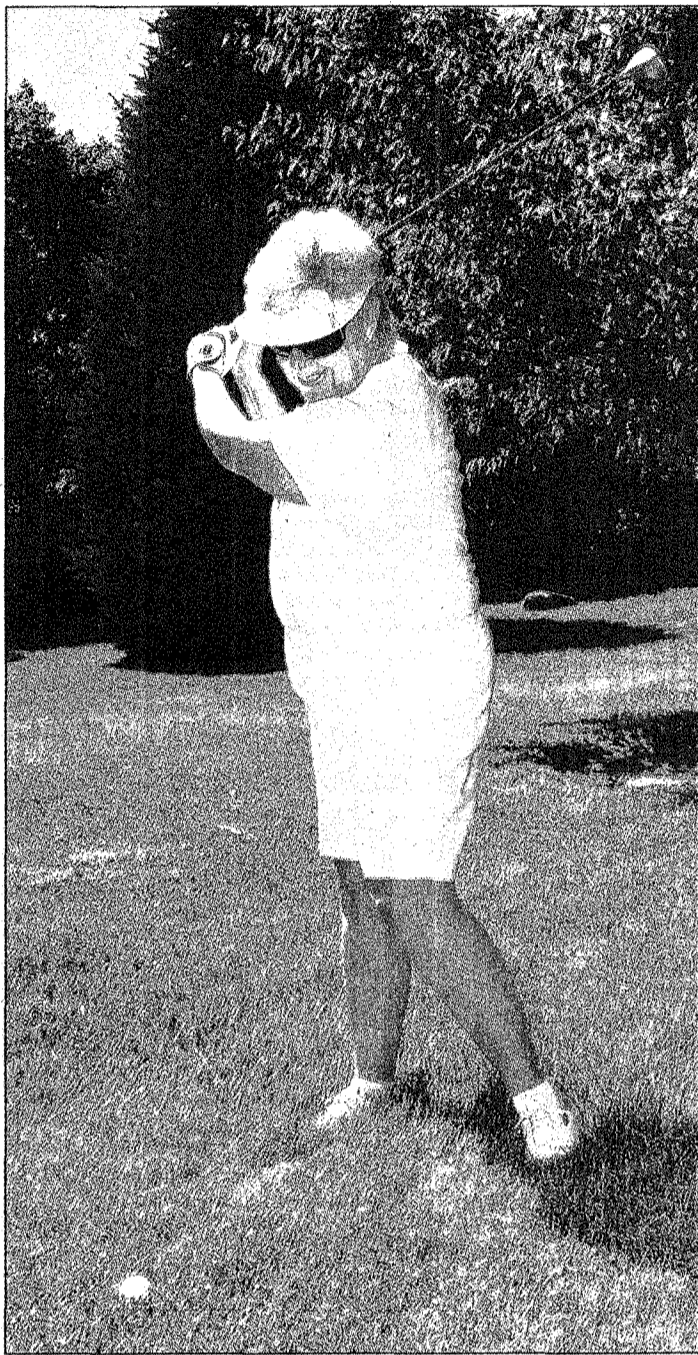
A former player himself in the NRCLL, Smart said he would like to see the organization return to the glory years when more than 300 youngsters participated on various teams, winning championships and making all of Redford proud.

"We have approximately 175 kids involved now and, sure, you always want to see more," Smart said. "We do a lot of fundraisers throughout the year trying to keep fees down and reasonable for parents to get their kids involved. Our season is done now, but we hope these improvements will lead to greater opportunities next year."

Homemade ace

Sayles nails hole-in-one using favorite club

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Marcia Sayles takes a swing in her Plymouth Township backyard with the club and ball that helped her tally a hole in one.

The link between Marcia Sayles and golf is getting stronger all the time.

Consider that Marcia met her husband, Joe Sayles, in 1992 during a Plymouth Kiwanis Club golf outing.

Since then, the Plymouth Township resident kept golfing with Joe until recent years and later joined the Ann Arbor Women's Golf Association — a league she continues playing in once or twice a week.

And on June 11, Marcia Sayles sank her first-ever hole-in-one at the University of Michigan Golf Course. Sayles used an 11-wood cobbled together in 1994 by former Schoolcraft College President Dick McDowell to ace the 118-yard 14th hole.

"I never had a hole in one before and I don't expect I'll ever get another one, but I just thought that was kind of unique to hit a homemade club," Sayles said. "Dick, I called him up and told him. Now I have a lady I play golf with in Florida and she wants one."

According to Sayles, the homemade golf club came her way almost by accident.

"When I retired in 1994 from Ameritech, I had been playing in some outings with him and I was struggling trying to hit 120 yards with an iron," Marcia recalled. "I said, boy, it sure would be great if I had a wood that would go that distance."

"And he said, 'You know, I make clubs out of my basement and I'll make you one.' He made me that 11-wood and I've been using it ever since. I just love the club."

She pulled it out of her bag once again when stepping up to the 14th hole at U-M Golf Course on June 11.

JUMPING FOR JOY

But Sayles decided she didn't need to take the help of another golf friend, Mary Cascardo of Plymouth Township.

Cascardo, part of the foursome along with Ann Arbor residents Carolyn Hiss and Linda Place, bought some wooden tees and offered Sayles one for the 14th hole.

Instead, Sayles "turned down her tee."

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SIDELINES

Bucks draw, 0-0

Goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt (Livonia Stevenson/Oakland University) notched his third shutout of the season Thursday as the injury-riddled Michigan Bucks battled host F.C. London (Ontario) to a scoreless draw in Premier Development League men's soccer action.

It was the second tie between the two teams this season.

"This London team is the hardest working team in the division and made it difficult for us all night," Bucks coach Gary Parsons said. "Mitch came up big in goal and the addition of veteran Ian Daniel on our back line really helped to earn the tie."

The Bucks, now 6-2-2 (20 points) in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference, were missing their top three scorers including PDL Player of the Week Kenny Uziogwe, Mauro Fuzetti and Stefan St. Louis.

London, meanwhile, is 6-1-3 (21 points) in the Great Lakes Division.

The Bucks' next home date will be Saturday, July 10 at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac when they play the biggest match of the season against the first place Chicago Fire Premier.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. and tickets are on sale at Ultimate Soccer or by visiting www.bucksoccer.com.

Falcons golf outing

The Farmington High School Football Backers will have a golf outing and fund-raiser Sunday, Aug. 1, at River Back Golf Club in South Lyon.

The fee to participate is \$90 per golfer; all proceeds will help fund the Farmington football program.

To participate, call Joe Pesci at (734) 730-7872 or Jim Clark at (248) 224-4020. All entries are due by Saturday, July 17.

Soccer partnership

The Plymouth Community United Futbol Club announced Thursday a formal affiliation agreement with the City of Plymouth.

"This is a major step forward for both the club and the city in the development of local, community based soccer programs," said in a release by the club's website. "We, at PCUFC look forward to working closely with the City of Plymouth, always insuring that we are providing the best opportunities for our players."

North cheer camp

The North Farmington High School Summer Cheer Camp will be Aug. 2-6. The times are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

Girls and boys in the 5-12 age group are welcome to participate. The cost is \$100 per child. You must register by Friday, July 23, to receive a free T-shirt. Campers must bring a bag lunch. All participants will be invited to cheer with the varsity cheerleaders at the first home football game.

For more information, contact varsity cheer coach Amanda O'Neill at either amandaoneill@yahoo.com or 734-624-8252.

Beechview repeats as swim champ

Beechview Swim Club won its second consecutive all-Farmington city championship in summer swimming June 26 at Kendallwood Club.

Beechview swimmers amassed 592 points to finish ahead of Farmington Glen Aquatic (503), Woodbrooke Hills (438) and the Kendallwood Cruisers (430).

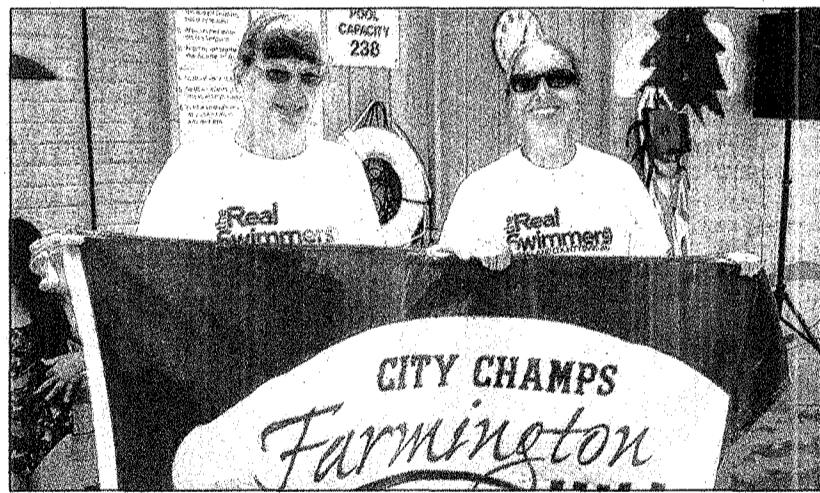
The meet is an annual fund-raiser for Special Olympics swimming. Kendallwood won the first city meet in 2008.

The two-time champions from Beechview are coached by Driska and Amy McCullough. Amy is a former all-state swimmer at Mercy High School who later competed for the University of Michigan and was invited to the U.S. Olympic Trials.

Beechview swimmers Olivia Rath (15-18), Emily Brunett (11-12) and Peter Romero (13-14) set meet records in their age groups in the 50 backstroke (33.06), 100 IM (1:18.97) and 50 freestyle (28.13), respectively.

Beechview had two double winners in Marina Borri (15-18) in the 50 breaststroke and 100 IM and Rath, who also won the 50 freestyle.

Beechview's other winners were Madison Ruffin, David Ratze, Katie Romero, Evan Kozara, Charlie Zink, Paige Kondek, Miranda Doepker,



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Coaches Driska (left) and Amy McCullough proudly display the championship banner after their Beechview Swim Club won its second consecutive city title.

Grant Borregard and Julia Borri.

The Farmington Glen winners were Abby Inch (2), Trevor Jones, Emma Inch, McKenna Greaves and Matt Lederer. The Kendallwood winners were Yurika Ueda (2), Nicholas Leshok (2), Danny McNeece, Scott Ansteth, Mickey McNeece (2), Andrew Kish (2) and Annika Gidley.

The Woodbrooke winners were Ethan Gell, Summer Edwards (2), Colin Caverly (2), Alden Kane,

Caroline Strauss, Christopher Barron (2), Keith Erichsen (2), Emma Gell, Grace Kane and Kelsy Schultz.

More than 320 swimmers participated in the meet — an increase of about 50 from previous years. This meet introduces many younger swimmers to big-meet competition and serves as preparation for the Northwest Suburban Swim League's A and B finals at the end of the season.

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Garage sales draw buyers looking for some good deals

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
CORRESPONDENT

Canton's Sandy Gillis chalks up the popularity of summertime garage sales to an age-old adage: "One man's junk is another man's treasure."

It must be true. As the summer progresses, more and more garage sale signs stand boldly at the entrances of neighborhoods in *Observer* area communities of Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Farmington, Westland, Redford and Garden City. In fact, garage sales have become such a part of the American summer landscape that the second Saturday in August of each year is now designated "National Garage Sale Day." This year it is Aug. 14.

Unpredictable weather seems to be the only obstacle to the growing surge of garage sales this summer. Still, humidity, menacing dark clouds and rainstorms haven't daunted the die-hards. Families have spent weeks gathering their stuff, figuring out how to price items, and borrowing tables from friends and family to go into business for a weekend.

A recent threat of thunderstorms, however, kept Thomas Donovan a little on edge recently as he emptied his garage of merchandise left from his downtown Farmington store, Music Go Round, that closed recently.

The garage sale that filled Donovan's backyard was a dream come-true for his daughter, Ceara. A dad and daughter activity for a few years, Donovan and Ceara often visited other sales. But 10-year-old Ceara wanted her own.

"With running the store, I couldn't be home to do one," Donovan said.

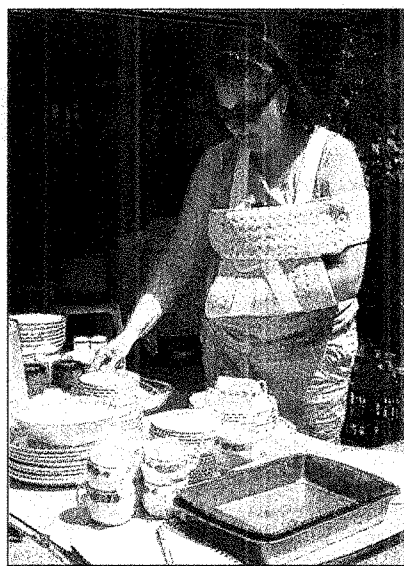
It was bittersweet that the closing of his store finally gave Donovan the time to host a garage sale with his daughter. And with the help of his mother-in-law, Catherine McCarthy of Farmington, his daughter and her best friend, Rosie Burns-Pavlik, the sale drew a healthy stream of shop-



Adam and Mackenzie Adams of Farmington plays while their mom browses.



Shopper George Graveldinger of Southfield finds a hidden treasure of record albums at a Farmington garage sale.



Livonia resident Margaret Press organizes a set of dishes at her garage sale.

pers by early afternoon on its first day.

"I hope people can find things they can use," McCarthy said, as she continued to organize sale items neatly displayed under airy tents.

Donovan's goal: to clear out leftover store merchandise and to clean out stuff they have long wanted to get rid of in their house. That sentiment was echoed by Livonia resident Margaret Press, who just wanted to get rid of stuff at her sale on Hartell Street.

"I have asked everyone who stopped by and bought something, 'what else do you need?'" Press said.

Cleaning out the house and a need to make some extra cash appear to be the driving forces behind many of Wayne and Oakland counties' weekend garage sales.

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"I think the (poor) economy has had an effect," said Paulette Wyman of Canton, referring to a burgeoning supply of garage sales, as well as practical home items that shoppers are now buying.

The first customer who arrived at the Press garage sale scooped up furniture, including chairs and couches. Yet, Press and her sister, Marion

Janda, as well as their mom, Lorraine Agee of Livonia, couldn't sell other household items such as vases, dishes and decorative pillows. But Press did sell four vacuum cleaners.

"Everything I was going to throw away, I sold," said Janda, who hauled belongings all the way from her home in Iowa for the sale.

The need to make extra money also drives Wyman, who has a couple of sales each year, and participates in others with friends. The money she earns from the sales helps support the approximate \$20,000 in medical bills for her sons, Zachary, 13, and Jonathan, 10, who have autism.

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Keep kids sun-safe at summer camp

Summer camp provides children a chance to spend more time outdoors, but all that time in the sun can be dangerous to their health.

Without proper sun protection, a fun summer at camp can lead to painful sunburns, premature skin aging and skin cancer. Just one severe sunburn in childhood doubles the chances of developing melanoma later in life.

Children with fair skin, blond or red hair and blue or green eyes are at the highest risk of sunburn. But darker-

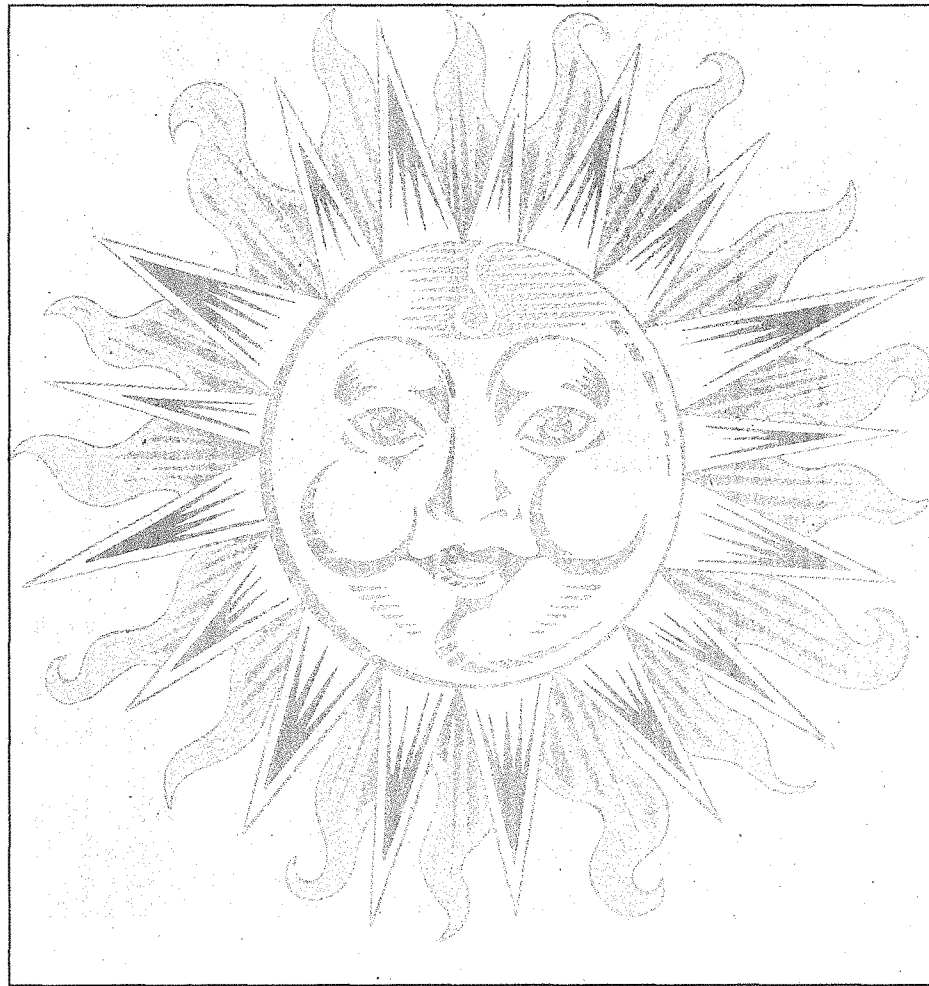
skinned children also need sun protection. "Fewer than one-third of children between the ages of eight and eleven wear sunscreen," said Perry Robins, MD, President of The



Skin Cancer Foundation. "Parents need to teach children from an early age how to be sun-safe and reduce their risk of skin cancer."

There are many things parents can do to keep their kids sun-safe at summer camp. You may want to ask:

- Are the camp counselors trained in sun safety?
- Do counselors remind children to apply sunscreen regularly?
- Are outdoor activities scheduled in the early morning or late afternoon?
- Ultraviolet (UV) rays are most intense from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Are there adequate places for campers to seek shade during outdoor activities?
- Parents also should prepare their children before they leave for camp with a sun safety lesson, including how to use sunscreen. An SPF 15+ sunscreen (water resistant formulas are especially good) should be used regularly.
- Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sun-



screen to all exposed areas, 30 minutes before going outside.

- Reapply every 2 hours and right after swimming or sweating heavily.
- Remind children to cover those easy to miss spots, such as the back of ears and neck, as well as the tops of feet and hands.
- If parents suspect their children are not using enough sunscreen, or not reapplying often enough, an SPF 30 sunscreen should be used instead.

Parents also should make sure that children know how to cover up with sun-protective clothing. Ideal sun-safe clothing includes long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Denim clothing is especially protective. But since campers typically wear only T-shirts and shorts, they should take some extra precautions.

- Wear T-shirts with a dense weave in dark or bright colors.
- If they won't wear a wide-brimmed hat, a baseball cap is better than nothing.
- Wear UV-blocking sunglasses to protect their eyes and the sensitive skin that surrounds them.

With proper guidance, children can learn to protect themselves and enjoy summer fun without sacrificing the health of their skin.

The Skin Cancer Foundation is the only global organization solely devoted to the prevention, detection and treatment of skin cancer. The mission of the Foundation is to decrease the incidence of skin cancer through public and professional education and research. For more information, visit www.SkinCancer.org.

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Eye exams

The Coburn-Kleinfeldt Eye Clinic will offer free eye examinations for senior adults from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, July 15, at 33400 W. Six Mile, at Farmington Road, in Livonia. Board-certified physicians and staff members will screen for glaucoma, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, and other eye conditions which are more common among older individuals. The exam is free and patients will be examined in the order of their arrival. A limited supply of free eye drops for glaucoma will be distributed at the screening. Free parking is adjacent to the clinic building, which is wheelchair-accessible, and free refreshments will be served. Patients are asked to bring two canned goods or other non-perishable food items that will be donated to Help's on the Way. (734) 421-2020

Caregiver class

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pist and a Beaumont doctor. The program is scheduled for 2-3 p.m., July 29 and 6-7 p.m., Aug. 2, at the hospital, located on Woodward Ave., and 13 Mile in Royal Oak. Register at (800) 663-7377.

ONGOING

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

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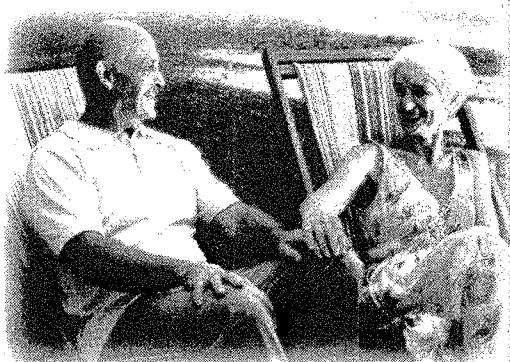
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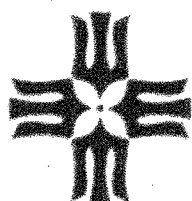
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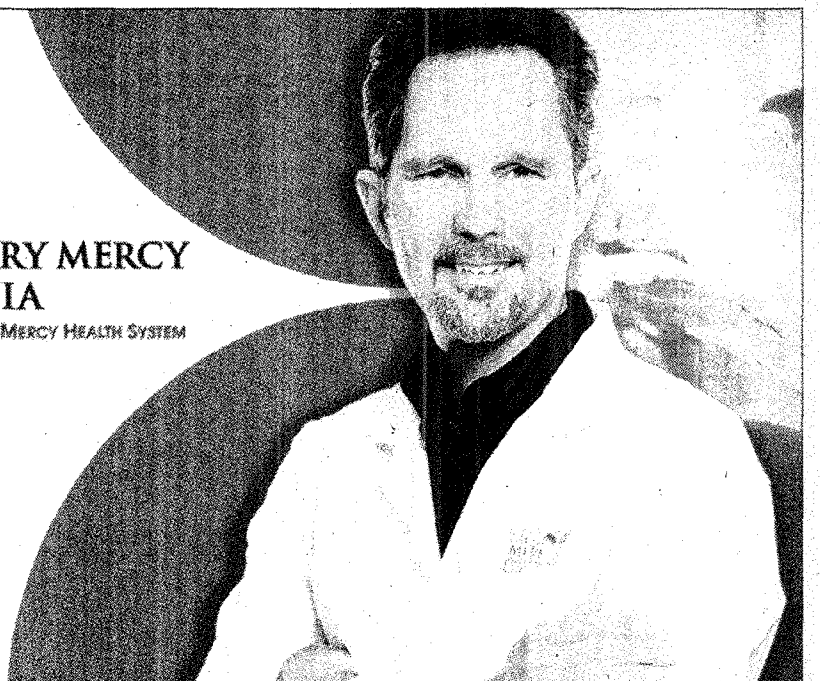
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CUCINA ITALIANA

A Family Tradition Since 1964

FESTA DEL GELATO

MONDAY, JULY 5

to

SUNDAY, JULY 11

FREE GELATO

When you dine with us for
lunch or dinner!

Antonio's of Canton

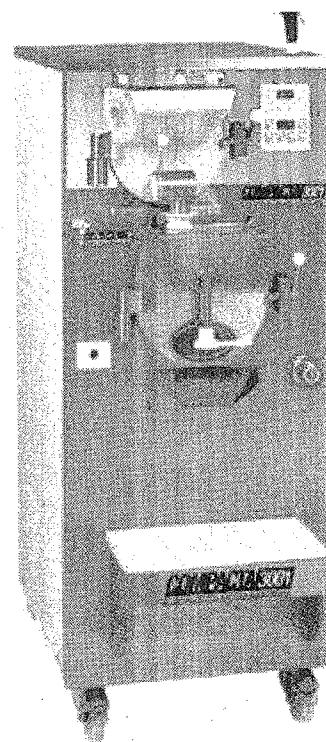
Dine In Only



Real Authentic Gelato made fresh daily!
Gelato is not just the Italian word for Ice Cream

Gelato means:

- ◆ Italian Authenticity
- ◆ Texture Smooth as Velvet
- ◆ Rich and Exquisite Taste
- ◆ Pure and Natural Ingredients
- ◆ Fresh and Healthy
- ◆ Low Fat Content



Antonio's Cucina Italiana is the first to bring authentic Gelato to Michigan. Our Gelato machine is imported from Italy. All of our Aromi Talia products are imported to capture the flavor and tradition of Florence, Italy.

Vote for your favorite flavor! Or make up a new flavor and enter the Gelato Flavor contest to win a \$100 gift card.

Have lunch with us from 11 am to 3 pm for a chance to win a gift.

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Enjoy Live Music on the Veranda every evening.

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