

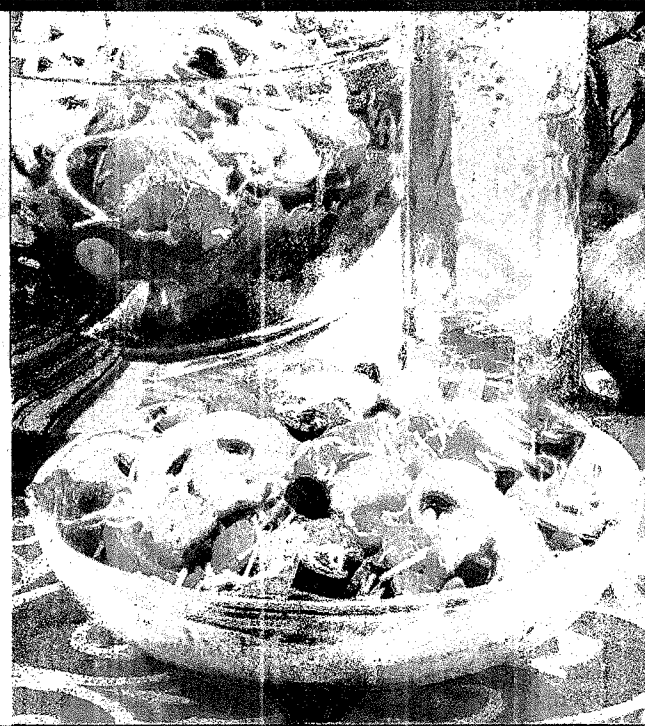
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## IN BRIEF

### Appointment

The Westland City Council has confirmed the appointment of Westland resident Scott Catallo to the Westland Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a three-year term that will expire Aug. 2, 2013.

Established in 1997, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority uses tax increment financing to help remediate environmentally affected sites in the community.



Catallo

"We are delighted to have Scott Catallo as part of our team," Mayor William Wild said. "His extensive experience as an architect, designer and illustrator will bring a highly beneficial and sought after skill set to our community."

Catallo, a licensed architect, has an associate's degree in architectural construction from Henry Ford Community College and a bachelor of science and master of architecture degrees from Lawrence Technological University. He most recently worked with Norr Architects, Partners in Architecture and AZD Associates.

### Food distribution

The August schedule for federal surplus food distribution in Westland has been announced.

Residents living south of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. The phone number is (734) 729-1737.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at the high rise and must call their building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents also must pick up their food items at their complex.

For the month of August, the surplus food distribution will include great northern beans, apple juice, pasta, peaches, tomato soup, spaghetti sauce, spinach, whole frozen chicken and possible additional items.

For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. All food allocations, distributions sites and dates of distribution are determined by that agency.

# Customer helps break up gas station holdup

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Intervention by a customer, who happened to be carrying a concealed weapon, is being credited with breaking up an armed robbery at a Westland gas station Sunday.

And a quick response by police kept the robber from his get-away vehicle and resulted in his arrest a short time later.



Davis

Bryan Davis, 19, of Detroit was arraigned Tuesday in 18th District Court on charges of armed robbery and felony firearm in connection with a holdup at the Admiral gas station on Wayne Road Sunday. A not guilty plea

was entered for Davis, who is being held in lieu of \$500,000 cash/surety bond.

The incident began about 1 p.m. at the gas station at 542 N. Wayne Road. The manager, a Westland woman who is 33 weeks pregnant, told police that she left the business and headed for her car with receipts, totaling more than \$11,600, for a bank deposit. She was inside her car, when

a man approached the driver's door. She said she locked the door but the man pulled out a gun and pointed it at her. Fearing for her life, the woman said she opened the car door and gave the man the money which had been in a bag inside her purse.

A Westland man, who asked not to be identified in the newspaper, told police he was near the gas pumps when he

saw the robbery unfolding. He said the gunman was yelling at the woman to give him the money and kicking and hitting the car door.

When the door was opened, the Westland man said the gunman grabbed the money from the woman and then cocked the gun. At that point, the Westland man said he

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# Glenn alumni rally to support troops

BY SUE MASON  
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John Glenn High School graduate Karen Rousseau sets shipping boxes on a table near goodies that were packed to send overseas.

What started out as a class reunion has become a patriotic mission for alumni of John Glenn High School.

Dubbed the John Glenn Alumni Support Our Troops, JG grads have gathered up items and money to ship 26 boxes to troops in Afghanistan, specifically to Capt. Kathy McCloud, a 1979 Glenn grad, who is stationed at the Kandahar Regional Military Hospital, Camp Hero, Afghanistan, and Ryan Blanchard, the son of Ron Blanchard, also a 1979 graduate, who is serving with the 101st Airborne.

"What makes it nice is there's a face associated with this, it gives us a sense of closeness and that this person is from Westland," said Karen Rousseau, who has been working on the collection drive. "It's pretty cool. It's exciting to think of them and that they know people care about them."

The collection drive stemmed



Capt. Kathy McCloud, a 1979 John Glenn High School graduate, is a member of the Medical Embedded Training Team at Kandahar Regional Military Hospital, Camp Hero, Afghanistan.

from a mini-reunion held for classes of the 1970s. What the group discovered was that many classmates and many of their children are fighting in the war on terror. The first collection drive yielded enough

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# Westland man charged with stabbing estranged wife

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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A Westland man will be in 18th District Court today for a preliminary hearing on charges that he stabbed his estranged wife more than 20 times after breaking into her mobile home early July 30.

Held in lieu of \$1 million cash bond, Barry Carter, 33, is charged with two counts of assault with intent to murder, two counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm

and one count of home invasion.

The incident began at 1:45 a.m., when Carter broke into the mobile home at the Mohawk Trailer Park on Joy west of Inkster Road, Westland police Sgt. Dan Serrano said. Inside were Carter's estranged wife Nicole, 30, and her boyfriend, identified as Scott Mowery, 30, of Redford.

Barry Carter had previously lived at the mobile home with his wife, Serrano said, but when the couple split he had moved in with his mother, who lives

several units away. The locks on the former marital home had been changed by Nicole Carter after her husband moved out, Serrano said.

"When they (Nicole Carter and Mowery) turned out the lights, he (Barry Carter) breaks in. There was a fight," Serrano said.

Mowery was stabbed through the hand with a kitchen knife and fled the mobile home, later running into police officers on Joy, Serrano said.

Nicole Carter received more than 20 stab wounds, but was

able to call 9-1-1 after Barry Carter left the mobile home, Serrano said.

"Two of the wounds were serious — one nicked the pericardium, which is the sac around the heart and the other lacerated her liver," he said. "Those were two life-threatening wounds. She's out of the hospital now."

Barry Carter had fled on foot, but returned to the crime scene while Serrano and Sgt. Michael Harhold were still there processing evidence.

"He had been running

around, hiding in the woods. He had stabbed himself in the neck — he gave himself a serious injury," Serrano said.

Both stabbing victims indicated that Barry Carter appeared to have been intoxicated during the incident, Serrano said.

Barry Carter was arraigned from his hospital bed by Westland 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell. He is being held in the Wayne County Jail.

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# Madeleine Schroeder: 'Believed in helping others'

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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Madeleine Schroeder is being remembered for her years as a volunteer with the Westland Goodfellows and her efforts as a local court probation officer.

"I will remember how dedicated she was to doing what she believed in, which was helping others. She was what got me involved in Goodfellows for 30 years," said longtime friend Ruth Barnett. "She was a great gal. I'm sure the funeral

home will be packed with a lot of people. It will be a tribute to her."

A former Westland resident recently living in Frenchtown Township, Ms. Schroeder, 72, died Aug. 8. Honored as Westland First Citizen, Ms. Schroeder worked to help people through her volunteer work and also through her employment.

Many years ago, Ms. Schroeder taught parenting skills classes at the Dorsey Center, organizing Christmas parties and coats for kids

collections. She was a volunteer probation officer at 18th District court for a number of years and was hired in 1992 after the volunteer program was abolished. Ms. Schroeder retired from the court in 2003.

"She was very people-oriented — that's one of the reasons we liked her. You need people to comply with court orders but you need a compassionate, understanding side to help people," said David Wiacek, the retired 18th District Court

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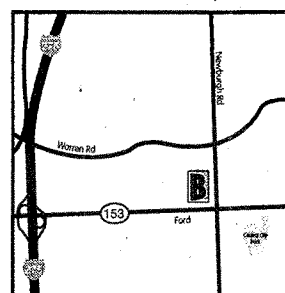
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# HOLDUP

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yelled "Back away from the girl" and drew his handgun, which he is licensed to carry concealed.

"The suspect was able to get away with the bag of money. He had a handgun at the head of the victim when the witness intervened," said Sgt. David Zucchetto. "If the witness hadn't intervened, that woman could have been killed or injured. The suspect might have taken her and her vehicle."

After being interrupted by the witness, the suspect fled

on foot into the neighborhood east of the Admiral station. Police later found the suspect had left his getaway car, a Pontiac G6, parked on Hambleton at Florence.

Just seconds before the suspect would have reached his vehicle, Zucchetto said Officer Darin Keir heard the radio call about the robbery, responded to the area immediately and spotted the suspect in the back yard of a home less than a block east of the gas station.

The back yard also turned out to be right across from where his car was parked.

A foot pursuit followed until Officers Pat Boucher and Brian Mytych spotted the

suspect and arrested him a few minutes later behind an vacant storefront on Wayne Road. The suspect, who had been wearing an extra layer of clothing and a hat, had changed his clothes by the time officers arrested him.

"The officers backtracked and found clothes, a gun and money (still sealed in bags marked Admiral) hidden under a tarp in a lot adjacent to the store," said Zucchetto. "It was a great job by everyone all-around."

The handgun was later found to have been reported stolen from Waterford.

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# TROOPS

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items to fill 26 boxes and \$120 of the \$320 needed to ship them. Seventeen more boxes were sent out Tuesday. A vast majority of the boxes have gone to McCloud, who is with a Medical Embedded Training Team, working and teaching at the Kandahar military hospital. Some also have been sent to Blanchard, who is on duty in the mountains of Afghanistan.

"Kathy has her own little store so when they come and ask for something, she tells them to come to her room and get what they need," Rousseau said.

McCloud's team is teaching the Afghans how to use proper techniques. The hospital serves U.S. troops as well as civilians.

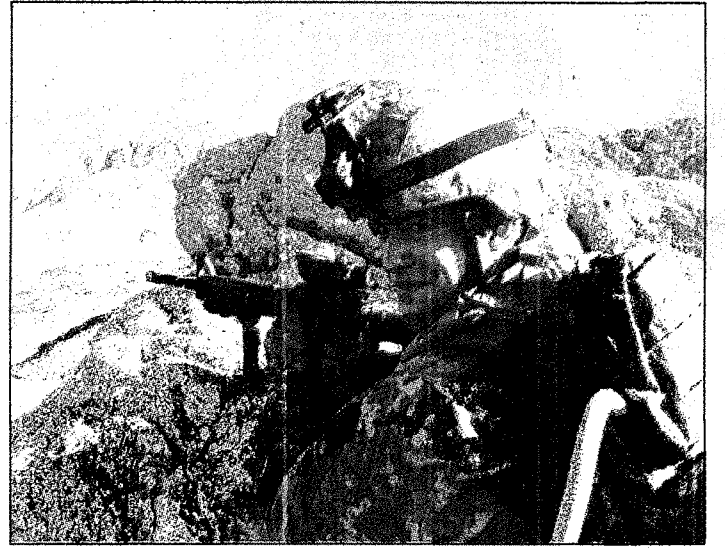
"This is a third world country and things we take for granted as standards of care they do not have," Rousseau said. "They have no patient gowns, no sheets for the beds. The pictures are heart wrenching, to say the least."

The hospital had no break room, the sterile room for surgical supplies was used as an eating room. McCloud's team has made a separate room for a break room and separate room for the sterile instruments. The Glenn grads have supplied them with 10 pairs of new scrubs, 10 pairs of new medical shoes, 30 new cloth OR hats, some disposable ones, masks and booties, not to mention a microwave, TV and DVD player for education and recreational activities.

"We've received 50 pairs of used scrubs and miscellaneous OR necessities and we've solicited other businesses to get on board with us and help our cause," Rousseau said. "Olive Garden has given us the crayons and placemats for the kids, OptimEyes is giving us eye solutions."

Other organizations are helping with the shipping costs. The first 26 boxes, sent July 21, cost \$320, the second set of boxes cost \$240.

"The need is great and we appreciate anything people



Ryan Blanchard is serving with the 101st Airborne in Afghanistan.



Armelda Wilcox has a son serving his country in the war on terror.

can help us with," Rousseau said.

But there's more military connections — Class of 1979 members Dave Arthur and Ed Kuczboeski, Joseph Wilcox, the son of Armelda Wilcox, and Scott Saenz, the son of Sue Saenz, and Eric Ingram, the son of Lisa Ingram, Class of 1980 — and the goal is to raise more money and collect more items to send to those troops.

The group will be collecting donations from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Ashley's Bar and Grill on Wayne Road in front of the Westland Shopping Center. Suggested items are men's and women's shampoos, body wash, deodorants, snacks, candy, gum, crystal light, microwavable foods like mac and cheese and travel size toothpaste.

"We also will be making and selling a calendar with our hometown troops on it to support our efforts," Rousseau said. "Everyone needs calendars. They'll be available Sept.

11 for \$10 at the Bova VFW-Memorial Garden Fest or at the Ashley's."

The first shipment was a learning process for the group. They got the boxes and stickers for free from the postal service, and four of them, including Rousseau and Wilcox, packed them at the Romanowski VFW Post on Joy Road in Westland. The packing went quickly, but it was a time-consuming two-hour task of filling out customs papers.

"We'll see what they go through," said Rousseau, who also is getting help from her girlfriend Connie Spencer who's active in the VFW. "I'm doing my part, even though I don't have someone over there."

John Glenn graduates, Westland residents ... whom ever wants to help keep the packages going overseas can contact Rousseau by sending her an e-mail at rousseauk1@yahoo.com.

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# SCHROEDER

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administrator. "She was a good listener. She helped people with their problems — they appreciated the motherly advice regarding drug and alcohol abuse."

Ms. Schroeder was a volunteer at the court when he started his employment, Wiacek said, recalling helpful advice she provided.

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc (D-Westland) met Ms. Schroeder 22 years ago when he volunteered with the Goodfellows and later also knew her as a court employee.

"I went to volunteer with the Goodfellows. There was this nice lady with a big smile and kind of a raspy voice. I can't say what allowed a friendship to flourish, but it did," said LeBlanc. "She was a sweet person. People who knew her will miss her. People who benefitted from her service and efforts will miss her in ways that haven't been seen yet."

Barnett recalled meeting Ms. Schroeder and her siblings 67 years ago when the family moved into the house next door.

"We met on my third birthday. It was a nice birthday present," said Barnett. "We always kept in touch. Once we were older and our kids were

grown, we camped together from Arizona to Maine. We had a ball. Sometimes my sister or her sister would join us. I will remember how much fun we had."

Visitation for Ms. Schroeder was held Wednesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh, between Ford and Cherry Hill, Westland. The funeral service was scheduled for 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at the funeral home followed by entombment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West.

Ms. Schroeder is survived by her children Debbie (Terry) Lieb, Larry, Mike (Lisa), Renee (Kevin) Campbell, Robin (Mike) Miller and Mark (Michelle); 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. To share a memory or leave a message of condolence for the family visit [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com).

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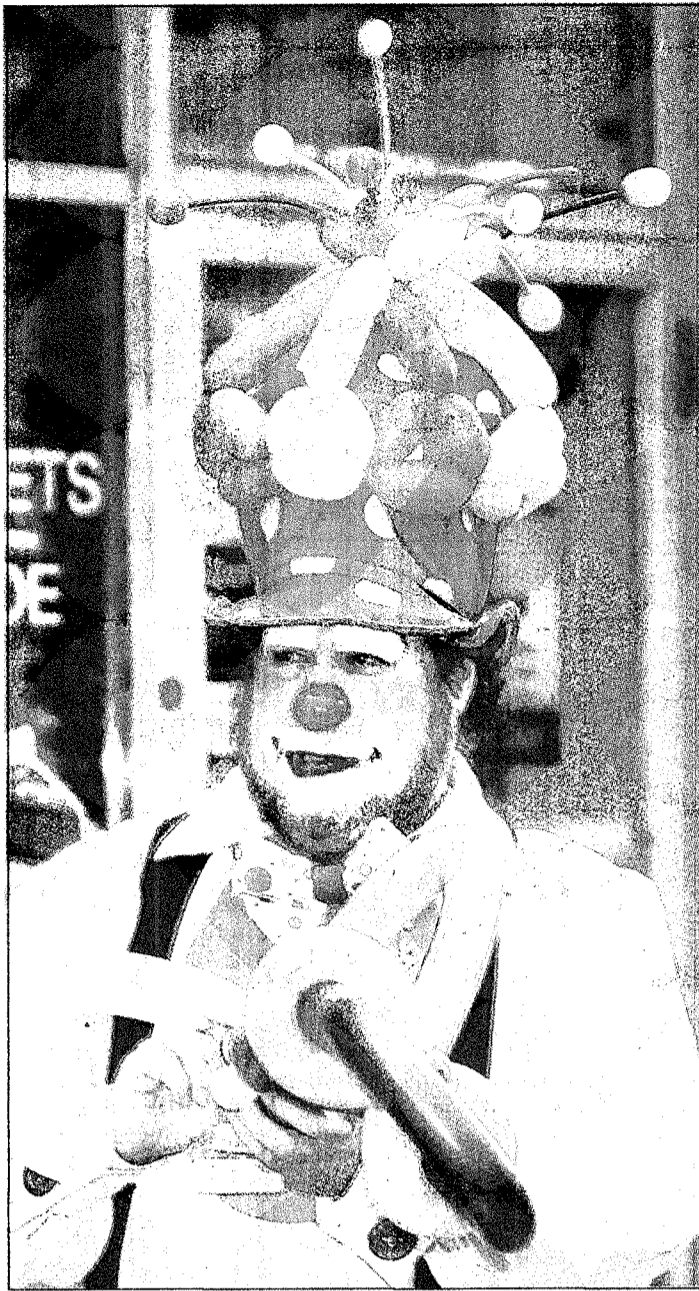
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# Clowns scoop it up for food pantry

It isn't often that a bunch of clowns get together to make a 50-foot banana split, but that's what happened last Friday as local members of Clowns Around Redford got together at Vicki's Homemade Ice Cream in Redford to do just that.

The group, which began in 1986 and currently has around 45 members, celebrated National Clown Week by building the ridiculously long banana split to benefit the Redford Interfaith Relief food pantry.

One hundred tickets, at \$5 each, were sold for the right to devour a single-serving portion of the giant treat.

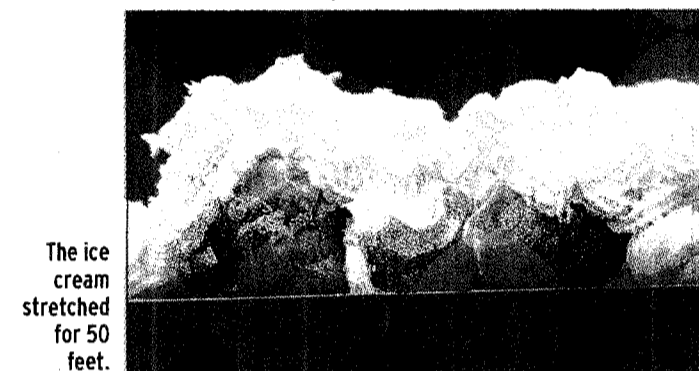
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# Two teens assaulted, one robbed at apartment complex

### Robbery

A Garden City man, 17, reported being robbed and assaulted near the Woodcrest Apartments, 8478 Woodcrest, about 8:30 p.m. Aug. 9.

Officers were dispatched to a home in the 31000 block of Florence in Garden City where three Garden City residents reported they had been with the victim during the incident.

The four teens had parked in the far back corner of the apartment parking lot and walked into the woods. As they returned from the woods, they said they were approached by a group of 10-13 males described as all African American except one Hispanic male.

One of the men asked for change of a \$20 bill. The Garden City residents said they told the men they didn't have change. The group of males then suddenly attacked one of the Garden City males punching him and kicking him after he fell to the group.

A second Garden City male tried to assist the victim and told police he was also assaulted. The other Garden City residents, a male and a female, told the officer they witnessed the incident but weren't assaulted themselves. The four said they managed to get to their vehicle and drove to the home on Florence where they called police. The second male had minor bruises to his face and chest.

The other Garden City male had gone to Garden City Hospital having received a large cut to his eyebrow which required stitches and several

bruises to his face and chest. Interviewed at the hospital, he told the officer that his assailants had taken his wallet, containing \$40 in cash and his cell phone before fleeing.

### Break-in

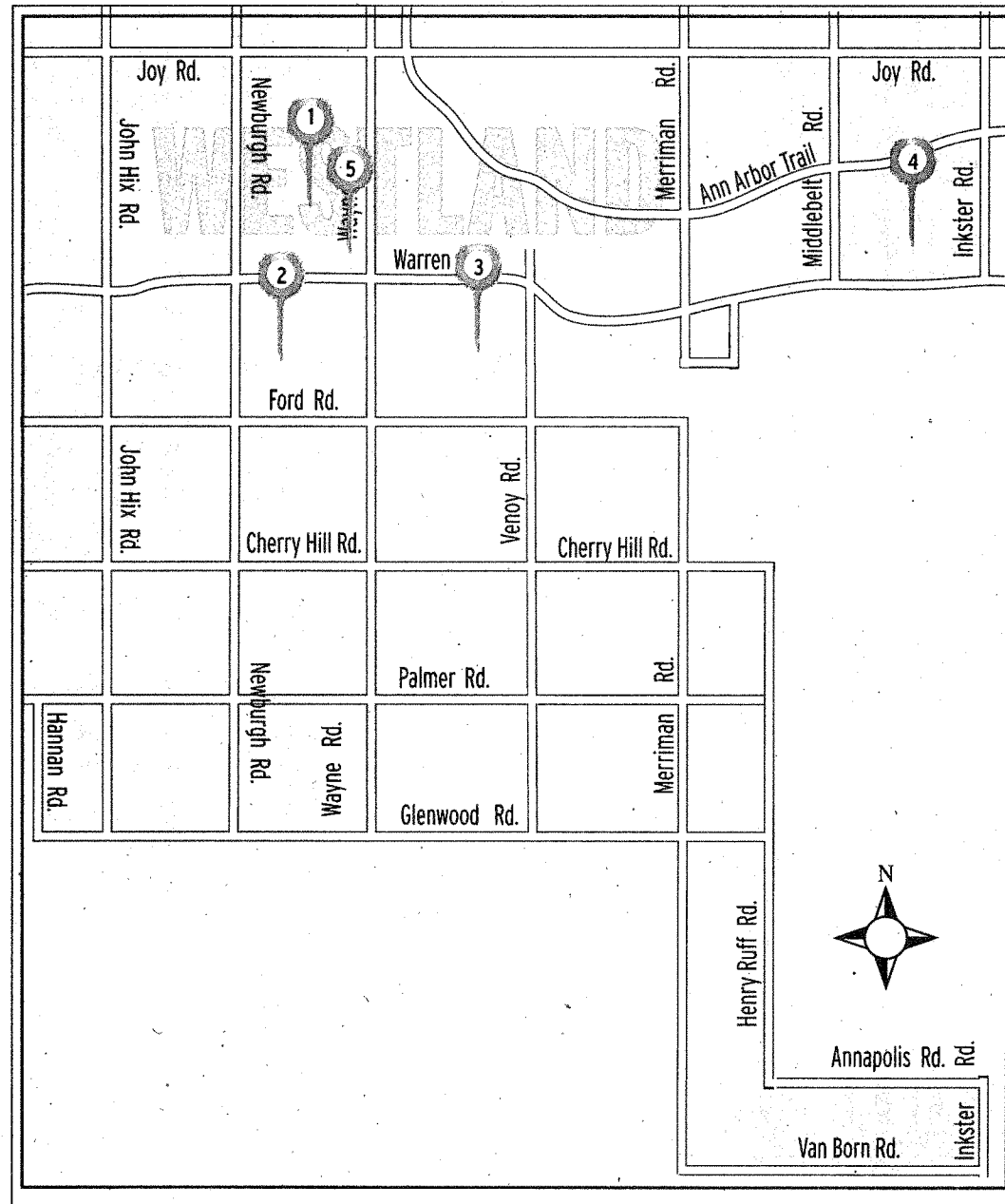
On Aug. 9, a resident of an apartment in the 6600 block of Lakeview told police that when she woke up to get ready for work, she noticed the doorwall was open. She said her purse containing \$24 cash and credit cards was missing. The woman told police her doorwall had been left unlocked.

The woman later told police that her purse had been found by a pond at the apartment complex and the wallet was recovered at a different location. The only thing reported missing was the cash.

### Vandalism

An officer patrolling near Farmington Road and Birchlawn was flagged down just before 4:30 p.m. Aug. 9 by a Westland man who reported a window had been broken at a home he has that is under construction. The man said he was following two girls who were involved and his son was following another pair of two girls who were also involved.

The officer spoke with the first pair of girls, a 14-year-old Garden City resident and a 15-year-old from Westland, who denied breaking the window. The girls then told police that the other two girls, who were walking on Wildwood near Modano Ice Arena, had broken the window. Both of these girls admitted being



said he then saw the four girls come down the stairs laughing. Once the girls were in the garage area, the man said they split up into two groups leaving on foot.

All four girls were arrested and cited for trespassing. The 14-year-old Westland girl was also cited for vandalism. The girls were turned over to their parents.

### Larceny from a vehicle

Police were called to a home in the 7200 block of Cardwell Aug. 8 after the vehicle owner reported the driver's side door lock had been punched, the steering column damaged in an apparent theft attempt and the front plate pried off the stereo.

The owner, a Garden City man, also reported the dashboard had been damaged and a leaf blower, valued at \$700, had been stolen from the 1986 Chevrolet Suburban.

### Retail fraud

A Farmington woman was arrested for shoplifting assorted jewelry valued at \$56 from J.C. Penney, 35000 Warren Road, Aug. 8. A loss prevention officer told police that she saw the woman go into a restroom with the jewelry but leave empty-handed. The employee said she checked the restroom and found price tags that had been taken off the jewelry.

The woman was detained as she left the store and held for police. The jewelry was recovered from her purse and returned to the store.

- By LeAnne Rogers

inside the home.

Another officer located the second pair of girls, Westland residents, ages 14 and 15, and brought them to the location

of the other suspects. Those girls also admitted being inside the home and the 14-year-old later admitted she had broken the window.

The owner said he came home and noticed the four girls inside the new home. Hearing a window on the second floor break, the owner

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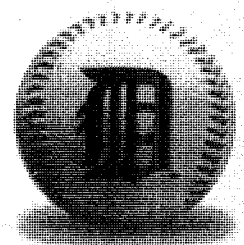


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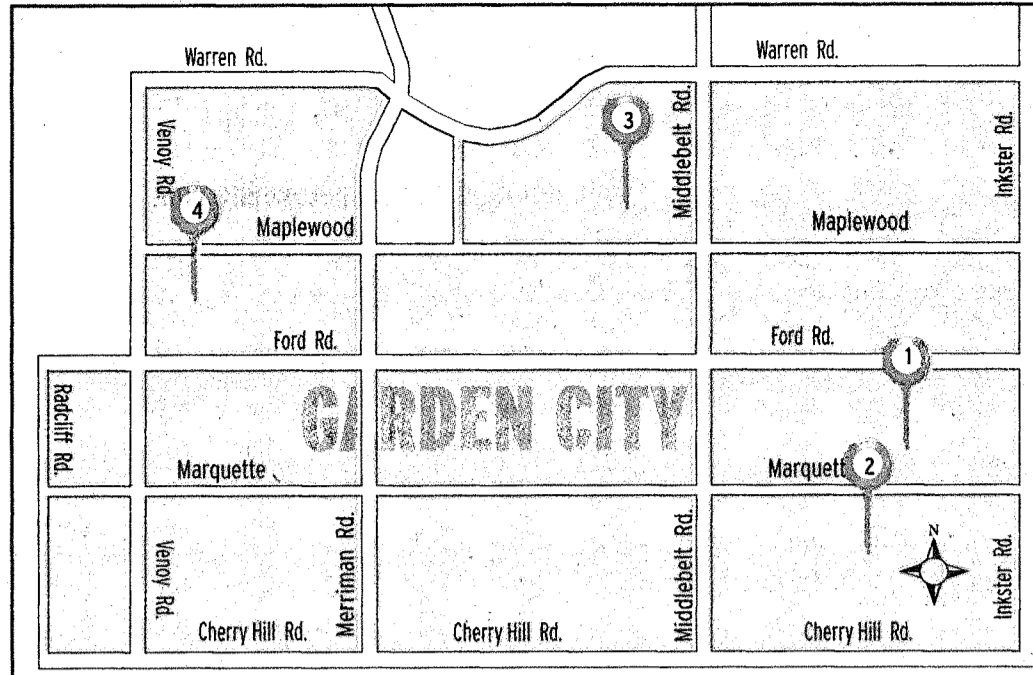


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# Police investigate cause of fatal accident

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man has been released pending possible charges in the Aug. 4 death of a pedestrian struck by his vehicle at Cherry Hill and Wildwood.

Patricia Beaver, 19, of Sumpter Township, was apparently crossing Cherry Hill southbound at Wildwood at about 10 p.m. when she was hit by the westbound vehicle driven by the 43-year-old Westland man.

"We believe she was crossing at the intersection and that she had the right-of-way. There were no witnesses, so we would only be able to charge the driver with operating while under the influence of a controlled substance," said Sgt. Patrick Corby

of the Westland Police Traffic Bureau. "The evidence doesn't tell us what color the light was."

The driver told police that he drove through the intersection as the traffic signal was turning yellow. Beaver had been at her father's Westland home, which is located near the intersection.

Based on information from her family, Corby said Beaver was walking to the 7-Eleven store at Wayne Road and Avondale. Damage to the vehicle also indicates Beaver was walking south through the intersection, he said.

"We released the driver pending further investigation. We are waiting for blood results, which could take four to six months," Corby said. "He was not under the influence of alcohol. We're checking for a con-

trolled substance."

This was the second fatal accident in the area of Cherry Hill and Wildwood in recent months.

Thomas Rada, 55, has been charged one count each of homicide-manslaughter, one count of operating with a suspended license causing death, operating under the influence of alcohol causing a death and drunken driving.

Stanislaus "Stan" Zielinski, 69, of Waterford was killed in the June 9 accident on Cherry Hill near Wildwood. Zielinski was driving a Chevrolet Metro Cab minivan eastbound on Cherry Hill when he was struck head on by a westbound Ford Explorer driven by Rada.

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# Woman finds laptop missing from bedroom

## Larceny

**1** A resident in the 1511 block of Deering reported that sometime before 4 p.m. Aug. 9, someone stole a laptop computer that was on a desk below a bedroom window.

The thief apparently entered and exited the house through the unlocked window because all the doors were locked when she returned.

The police were able to lift some fingerprints, according to the report.

## Break-in

**2** A woman who lives in the 1000 block of Gilman reported that someone stole her son's five-drawer toolbox with tools sometime between Aug. 6-8.

Her son, a mechanic for an Indy racing team, has been out of town, and the initial estimate of the stolen property was \$5,000. The son planned to make a complete inventory of the stolen property when he returned.

The mother told police that the garage lock doesn't lock properly.

## Larceny

**3** The father of a teenage girl, reported as a runaway, declined to prosecute his daughter and her two friends Aug. 9 after they assisted the daughter in breaking into his home in the 29500 block of Balmoral.

The girl admitted to taking cash and jewelry from the home which she had entered through a window.

The side door was found unlocked when the father returned home and immediately raised his suspicions.

The police found the daughter at a friend's house. She was returned to her father's custody and the Wayne County Youth Home was notified. Her female friend was released to her guardian and their 17-year-old male friend, who reportedly helped to kick in the bedroom door, was released.

## Attempted car theft

**4** The owner of a Dodge Ram pickup reported that someone tried to steal the vehicle when it was parked about 3:45 p.m. Aug. 8 at Pelham Corporation, 32796 Manor Park.

The car owner said that he observed two men driving slowly past the business. Then he saw one of the men walk by the business while

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the other man watched from the corner.

When the car owner went to check his vehicle, he found that the door handle was damaged and there was also interior damage.

The suspect got into a maroon car driven by another man and the two sped south on Hubbard.

## Stolen car

Two residents who live in an apartment complex in the 7040-7050 block of North Venoy reported that their autos were stolen before 8 a.m. Aug. 5. The cars were

stolen were a 2000 Grand Am and a 1999 Dodge Caravan.

## Property damage

A 25-year-old resident in the 28900 block of Marquette chased after a car that shot BB gun pellets into his family's front picture window.

His father yelled to his family at about 10:30 p.m. Aug. 9 that someone was shooting at the house. The son confronted the three 17-year-old suspects a short distance away, observed a slingshot in their vehicle and removed it.

When the police responded, the son gave them the slingshot.

- By Sue Buck

# Dates set for surplus food distribution

The August schedule for federal surplus food distribution in Westland has been announced.

Residents of Westland living south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities the 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. The phone number is (734) 729-1737.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick

up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

For the month of August,

the surplus food distribution will include Great Northern beans, apple juice, pasta, peaches, tomato soup, spaghetti sauce, spinach, whole frozen chicken and possible additional items.

For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366. The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services which determines the food allocations, distributions sites and dates of distribution.

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Alive in the Park

Garden City Presbyterian Church will hold its fourth annual "Alive in the Park" event Sunday, Aug. 22, at the main pavilion in Garden City Park, Cherry Hill at Merriman.

Joining in the celebration this year is Garden City Presbyterian's "daughter church," Kirk of Our Savior in Westland which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

There will be a worship service at 10 a.m., followed by barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs, soft drinks and chips live music by Sweet Crystal from Canton and Thresh-Hold from Pontiac.

The event is free and open to all the public.

Stitching social

Stop by Maxwell's Arts and Treasures for its Stitch Away Social 6-8 p.m. the first Monday of the month. Crochet, knitting, hand sewing and needle art welcome.

Maxwell's is at 32416 Industrial, north of Ford, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 427-5300, Ext. 7.

Preschool enrollment

Garden City Preschool housed in Lathers School has fall openings for children who will be age 3 or 4 by Dec. 1, 2010.

The program is also hiring early childhood staff. For staffing information, contact Sonya at (734) 762-8440.

VA consultation

Are you entitled to federal benefits from the Veterans Administration? Are you applying for federal benefits from the VA? Are you fighting for an increase of benefits from the VA?

On Monday, Sept. 13, at

7:30 p.m., at PLAV Post #166, 39375 Amrhein (at the corner of Echols) in Livonia, free individual consultations will be provided along with a complete presentation of available disability and pension benefit matters.

Flea markets

The outdoor flea market season is in full swing at the Straight Farmhouse where people can sell their goods between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. the second and third Saturdays of the month.

Spaces are available inside the farmhouse for \$15 which includes the table. Outside spaces are \$10 and sellers have to bring their own tables.

The flea market helps support the Straight Farmhouse, home of the Garden City Historical Museum, and the Maplewood Center.

For more information, call (734) 793-1850.

Shop online

Help Garden City Schools support its staff and students whenever you shop at Amazon.com.

Simply follow the link at the bottom of the district's Web site - www.gardencityschools.com. A portion of any resulting purchases will be returned to Garden City Public Schools.

Straight Farm House

The Garden City Historical Museum is open at its home at the Straight Farm House, 6221 Merriman.

The Friends of the Museum are continuing their fund-raising efforts, selling engraved brick pavers and renting the Grande Parlour for social and business occasions.

The bricks are \$50 for the 4-inch by 8-inch size that has up to three lines. The 8-inch by 8-inch bricks are \$75 and have room for up to six lines of text.

The Lathers General Store is open from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, offering a variety of collectibles and gift items.

Foreclosure help

Homeowners can schedule a private 30-minute one-on-one meeting with a foreclosure counselor from the Wayne County Fight Mortgage Foreclosure Program 5-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23 at the Westland Library.

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.

For more information, visit www.FightMortgageForeclosure.com or www.WayneCounty.com or call (877) 693-6199 or (313) 833-2948.

Pirate Day

Kids can wind down the summer 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, with a free pirate-themed day planned at Nankin Mills in Hines Park.

There will be games like Hook the Treasure, Walk the Plank and Sweep the Deck. Kids can also make their own pirate bandana!

Nankin Mills Park is located on Hines Drive, just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Go around the barricades at Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail to enter the Nankin Mills parking area.

For more information on this or any other Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990 or visit the website at www.waynecountypark.org.

Volunteers needed

Westland's DTE Energy Community Garden needs volunteers on 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays for weeding and harvesting the food that is being grown and donated to Gleaners Food Bank of Southeast Michigan.

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 but volunteers are asked to use the Avondale entrance.

AROUND WESTLAND

Bowling benefit

Do you like to have fun? Do you like to help others while having fun? The head to the Town N Country Bowling Alley in Westland 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, for Light the Night Bowling, a fundraiser to benefit the Michigan Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Tickets cost \$15 and include three games of bowling, pop, pizza, shoe rental and bowling prizes. There also will be a 50/50 raffle and gift baskets to be won.

Town N Country Bowling Alley is at the corner of Wayne Road and Avondale. For additional ticket information, send an e-mail to hollyshearth@live.com.

Amazing race

Be prepared to follow the clues when the William P. Faust Public Library hosts the Amazing Family Race 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14.

The race is families with children ages seven and up. Come ready to follow clues around the city of Westland. New clues will be waiting at each stop. Families will have to work as a team to figure out where to go next.

Once done, participants will bring all the clues back to the library to finish the race and receive a family prize.

Families will need a vehicle to participate. Registration started the wee. Call the library at (734) 326-6123.

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 Bar and Grill.

Open House

McKinley Co-Op Preschool will hold an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 28, at 6500 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The preschool offers programs for toddlers ages 2-5 years.

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.

Child ID program

The Wayne Lodge Masons also will sponsor their free Child ID program 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 28 and 29 at the 2010 Wayne Wheelfest in Goudy Park in Wayne. More information about the Masons' Child ID program is available at www.michigan-childid.org.

Blood drive

The Westland Rotary Club and the Westland Chamber of Commerce are teaming up to sponsor a Red Cross blood drive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36551 Ford, Westland.

All donors will be entered to win two Cedar Point tickets, and everyone will get a free hat from the Red Cross. People can sign up for a blood donation appointment by calling Mary McGraw at (734) 748-8515. Walk-ins also will be welcome.

Bollywood

Come see what all the excitement is about and experience the vibrant energy of Bollywood music with Shirika Dance Center. The SDC have put together a fun-filled Bollywood workout session, involving the different aspects of Indian dances from classical (Kathak) to folk.

The classes are for age 16 and up although children under age 16 may attend with a parent and with teacher's permission. Upcoming six-week sessions are Thursdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 28 (no class Oct. 14) and Nov. 4-Dec.16 (no class Nov. 25).

The cost is \$30 for Westland residents and \$35 for non-residents. The drop-in rate is \$7 per person per class. For more information, call the Bailey Recreation Center at (734) 722-7620.

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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One suspect can be clearly seen looking at a security camera in Leo's Coney Island.

## Police seek duo who took money from cash register

Westland police are looking for information about two men who helped themselves to money from the cash register at Leo's Coney Island.

The theft occurred just before 3:30 p.m. Aug. 3 at the restaurant, which is located at 36595 Warren Road, at Central City Parkway.

The owner told police that the two men entered the restaurant and one asked for change for a quarter. A cashier/server asked if the pair wanted to order carry-out food, but was told they were waiting for another person.

When the cashier/server walked away, she said the man who had asked for change opened the cash register and took \$350 in cash. The employee told police that as she returned, the man closed the cash register and left the restaurant.

The second man stayed at the restaurant for a few minutes before leaving, she added.

The officer watched the security video, noting the second man is shown looking directly at the camera.

Both suspects were described as black males with thin builds.

Anyone with information about the theft is asked to call Westland police Sgt. Kevin Wojcik at (734) 722-9600.



A security camera catches the two suspects leaving the restaurant after taking \$350 from the cash register.

## Understanding is the key to any investment

An article about the finances of a variety of school districts around the country stated that some school districts (none in Michigan) have been involved in sophisticated financing techniques in order to cover budget shortfalls.

Unfortunately, the programs did not turn out as advertised. In fact, instead of saving money, it has cost these districts millions of dollars.

The strategy utilized by the districts was very complex and sophisticated and required a variety of banks and financial institutions. Basically, they used variable interest rate debt obligations to finance the school district as opposed to using fixed-rate obligations, which school districts have traditionally used. In addition, the schools locked in these financing deals with high ongoing fees to financial institutions for decades. If the school districts had utilized traditional fixed-rate debt obligations, the fees paid would have been significantly less to the banks and financial institutions involved in this strategy.

There are some lessons to learn examining the mistakes made using the exotic financing transaction.

For as long as I've been involved in the financial world, I have preached to investors the importance of understanding the cost of any financial transaction. Investors should know the costs involved to buy, sell and hold every investment. Costs and fees are important to understand before entering into any financial transaction.

One thing became quite clear in reading the article and that is the school boards never understood the costs and fees involved. Furthermore, the school boards did not understand that they were liable to pay tens of millions of dollars in fees if they attempted to terminate the financing arrangement early.

Why these school officials did not seek the advice of someone independent — who would not be making any fees on the transaction — is beyond me.

This is similar to individuals who go to financial advisers who sell them commission-based products and do not understand the conflicts of interest involved. I believe all investors must be able to identify all conflicts of interest with anyone who is recommending products to them or who is recommending other types of financial services.

Another lesson can be learned by looking at the board members who were interviewed after the financing deal had imploded. The general view was that because the investment vehicles were very complex, the board members never truly understood them or the risks involved. This applies to institutions as well as to individuals. No one should ever become involved with an investment that they do not understand. When investment vehicles are so complex that an investor does not understand what is involved, it's a sure sign he/she should avoid that investment.

At a minimum, whenever you enter an investment, you must understand how you can make money, how you can lose money and how you can get your money out when you want.

Some of the best investments I've ever made are the ones I walked away from. In order to protect our money as individual investors, we must stay within our comfort zone and invest in what we truly understand.

Understanding an investment, identifying conflicts of interests and seeking independent advice will not guarantee success as an investor, but it certainly will increase the chances.

Good luck!

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## OUR VIEWS

# Central City Park

## Request for bids is something to cheer about

It's been more than three years since Central City Park was closed to the public. More than three years since it was fenced off to make sure no one walked on its contaminated ground.

Now, it looks like residents will soon have access to a portion of the former park. Soon, of course, is relative. It's predicated on a request for bids, the response to that request and a decision by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners on who will get the contract to do the work on close to 13 acres in the southeastern section of the park.

It's the light at the end of the tunnel for residents who have been barred from using the park since January 2007 when Mayor William Wild ordered the fence be put up to keep them away from the contaminated soil.

Three years may seem like a long time to deal with the problem, but not really when you look to the city's north end. It was in 1991 when the students were moved out and Cooper Elementary School shuttered because of contamination.

Like the park, it, too, had been built on a former landfill. But unlike the park, it remains fenced off and plans to redevelop it seem doomed to failure. The latest plan, a cooperative agreement to develop the property with a soccer dome, is in flux with news that the costs are some \$1 million more than originally anticipated.

Granted, it is too early to start doing the happy dance, but we are indeed glad to that Westland has found a lot of support from county and federal officials. Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt has pledged \$130,000 of the Wayne County Parks to be spent over three years in her district to help with the remediation. Brownfield money and grants as well as fund raising led by Mayor Wild has helped put the city in a position to undertake the redevelopment.

Of course, we cannot forget to mention U.S. Sen. Carl Levin who is pushing a city-county request for \$1.5 million in federal money to help with the second phase of the park's remediation.

We are excited at the prospect of the seeing the first shovelful of contaminated dirt removed from the park. It will be the start of the final chapter of its birth and rebirth. We can't wait — but we know we have to — to see kids playing on the soccer fields and to hear the sounds of outdoor concerts and the chatter of people using the new walking path.

The park may never be restored to its former beauty, but these initial steps show that where there's a will there's a way. It took a commitment from a lot of people to give back to the residents of Westland a safe park. That is going to happen sooner rather than later, and that certainly is something to cheer about.

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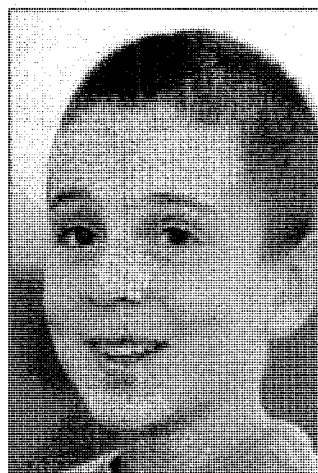
### What's the best thing you've done on summer vacation this year?

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



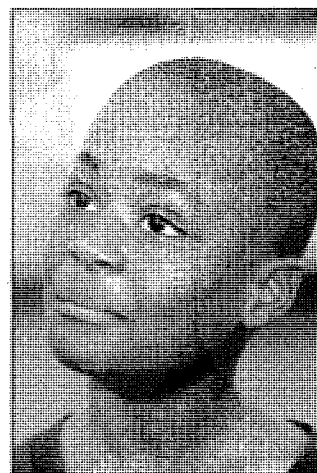
**"I went to Taco Bell with my Dad and got some new toys and we went and got a movie and we watched it."**

James Pascas  
Westland



**"I went to a Detroit Tigers game and they won."**

Jacob Tucker  
Westland



**"I went swimming at our apartment."**

Russell Taylor  
Westland



**"Nothing really. I'm enjoying my time off. Vacation is always special."**

Jacob McCurry  
Westland

## LETTERS

### Voter identification

I thought the city should be aware that my husband that served for OVER 20 years in the U.S. Army was told he could NOT use his military ID as a form of ID. He was told if he wanted to vote he had to use a state ID.

What I find hard to believe is that we can use out military ID's to get into the Pentagon or any military post/base but not vote in our own state? Not once was he asked for his state ID or driver's licenses while on his tour of duty in IRAQ!!!!

Carol McMahan  
Westland

### Politics and the VFW

I don't know the reason for the war of words between Ken Mehl and Michael Kehrer but they got my attention when the VFW was mentioned.

Mr. Mehl stated that Mr. Kehrer was asked to "leave" a VFW post for "politicking." Mr. Kehrer's response was "I have always observed the protocol and decorum of the VFW, (and) have never broken any rules."

I was surprised with Mr. Kehrer's statement about VFW protocol and decorum, because he tried to get the VFW to "break the rules" by wanting to address the membership to ask for our support when he was running for a seat on the Westland City Council. He got upset when he was told that by letting him address the membership, it would put the post's charter at risk and the request was denied. So the question is this, if Mr. Kehrer "always observed the protocol and decorum of the VFW," why ask the VFW for their support knowing they would violate their charter?

Mr. Kehrer, you reminded us that the post bears your grandfather's name, but remember it also bears the name of Comrade Harris.

Chester Cassidy  
VFW life member  
Westland

### Consumers deserve choice

The Service Station Dealers of America and Allied Trades believes that the passage of the Motor Vehicle Owners' Right To Repair Act (S 3181/HR 2057) is critical to the long-term survival of a competitive automotive repair industry. The right to repair bill protects consumer choice and saves drivers money by requiring that big automobile manufacturers share relevant repair and safety information with local neighborhood automotive technicians and repair shops so that consumers retain the freedom to choose where and by whom their vehicles are serviced.

Our members overwhelmingly support the Right To Repair bill because they want to be able to compete fairly now and, more importantly, in the future. They are not seeking an unfair advantage, nor are they looking for access to the proprietary information protected by the bill. They simply seek equal access to safety and repair information from the carmakers. In other words, they don't need to know how the carmakers build their vehicles, just how to repair them.

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their congressional representatives, urging them to support the Right To Repair Act by adding their names to the growing list of co-sponsors.

Paul Fiore  
executive vice president,  
Service Station Dealers of America and Allied Trades

### Get cell phones off road

We need to outlaw the use of cell phones entirely in moving vehicles.

Over the past two years, I find myself driving 80 miles per day to and from work, covering almost the entire length of M-14 and a nearly identical length of I-94, commuting from Northville to Grass Lake. I have learned to be very alert to the telltale signs of cell phone-preoccupied drivers: the driver who flies past you and then suddenly dies in front of you to take or make a call; the driver who drifts on and off the rumble strips on the shoulder of the road, singing a buzzy tire song as he or she drifts deeper into cell phone conversation; or the driver whose gaze is fixated on his or her lap, either texting or looking up a phone number.

I am very much on high cell phone alert at the major interchanges where routes 14 and 23 couple and uncouple. In spite of the fact that there are high traffic volumes, especially in the evening rush hour, converging at speeds ranging from 50 to 80 mph, cell conversations must go on undisturbed, until the driver finds they have run out of pavement and needs to do something drastic, which generally means that two or three or four other drivers need to do something drastic in response.

We didn't get serious about drunk drivers in this country until the general public, working through groups like MADD and SADD, made it a major issue of public safety. It's time to raise cell phone use while driving to that same level. There is more than enough statistical evidence that the risks presented by cell phone distracted driving are just as high, or even higher, than drunk driving. Hang up your phone when driving, and call your state representative when you get home in support of a bill to ban cell phone use in moving vehicles.

John D. Webster  
Northville

### Code speak

As you listen to Republicans (and Tea Partiers too) railing against taxes and accusing Democrats of being "tax and spend liberals," be sure you grasp the irony.

Although their speeches are designed to elicit populist support, Republicans will neglect to point out that most working class people will not be the targeted beneficiaries of tax reductions if they get their way. When Republicans talk "tax" (personal taxes) they are really not talking about what most in the middle class are referring to; you know, the payments collected on nearly every dollar needed to feed, clothe, educate, house and provide medical care for a family as well as to augment retirement in some minuscule way, provided that there is anything left.

"Taxes" that concern real Republicans most are nothing more than federal levies on excess, the taxes on income and assets that most of "we the people" either pay only on rare occasions or do not have the privilege of ever getting to pay at all.

Among these are marginal income taxes on taxable household incomes well beyond that used to take care of necessities, those portions of personal incomes that exceed \$357,700 for couples filing jointly at the paltry rate of 35 percent. This group of taxes on excess also includes capital gains taxes on things like dividend income, proceeds from the sale of investment-based real estate, proceeds from the sale of stocks that have appreciated and other passively earned income at the obscene maximum rate of 15 percent, the same maximum rate paid by the working poor of this country and much less than the maximum rates of 25 percent and 28 percent paid on the top end of incomes earned by most working class Americans.

The third tax on excess is the estate tax, levied on the value of an estate beyond the \$3.5 million level at the rate of 45 percent except when the beneficiary was a spouse, in which case the amount over the \$3.5 million threshold would not be taxed at all. This "death tax" expired in 2010. Consequently, the multibillion dollar estates of people like George Steinbrenner, shipping magnate and Yankee owner, will be passed to heirs tax free.

All three taxes have been and will continue to be sources of considerable conservative consternation and Republicans are already calling for permanent abolition of the estate tax and a reduction in the top marginal income tax rate to as low as 26 percent. As the November elections approach we should be mindful that most of the tax cuts that the Republicans want to extend into the future only benefit the top 5 percent or less of the population.

Do not be deceived, the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy have been identified by economists such as Paul Krugman and Dean Baker and many others as a prime drivers of current and future budget deficits that Republicans claim to be so concerned about reducing. The data also shows that tax cuts for the wealthy do not provide added tax revenue or create economic stimulus, as some defenders claim, and consequently should be allowed to expire.

Mitch Smith  
Canton

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

### The issue: Sentencing of George Williams

We owe this man the death penalty, it should be our obligation to follow through with the proper penalty.

cleverpiggy

"While Strong agreed that Williams had the potential for rehabilitation, he said no one should have to suffer what Sarah Williams went through before she died."

Any human that immorally takes the life of another human being ought not hold any intrinsic value or autonomy as a human being. Therefore, George ought not be rehabilitated. U.S. tax payers including Sarah's friends and family have to pay for his "rehabilitation." I feel the system has failed us once again. Letting monsters continue to breath the air we breath. Hopefully George doesn't make it to see the light of day at the end of his sentence, I'd hate to see him brutally murder another innocent human being. George Williams should fry ...

ProDeathPenalty

### The issue: Festival shooting case

I would love to see all these tough thugs have a fight minus a gun ... Guns do not make you tough they make you a murderer or attempted murderer.

caseylyne



# Highland Games attract a crowd



Drum major Ernie Paulick of the St. Andrew's Society leads the pipe bands onto the field.

More than 10,000 visitors attended the 161st Highland Games on Saturday, presented by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit.

Cathy Hasse, general chair of the games, said organizers haven't tallied up the final numbers yet, but she expected the great weather and events drew good crowds.

The Livonia firefighters came up short in the Tug of War, which was won by the U.S. Marines. The Marines beat the Army, the firefighters and the Motor City Hogs for the championship, Hasse said.

The trophy was first awarded in 1914 by the Wayne County Sheriffs. The same trophy is still used, awarded to the winning team, which is allowed to keep it during its reign as champion.

Fifteen bagpipe bands competed and performed at the games. The Celidh, a Scottish social gathering, on Friday drew a crowd of 1,200. More than 900 children went through the Wee Bairns area, filled with activities for youngsters.

Hasse enjoys the family atmosphere of the games.

"There's just so many families who attend," she said. "There are three generations, grandpa and grandpa with their kids, and their grandchildren. It's just a great family event."

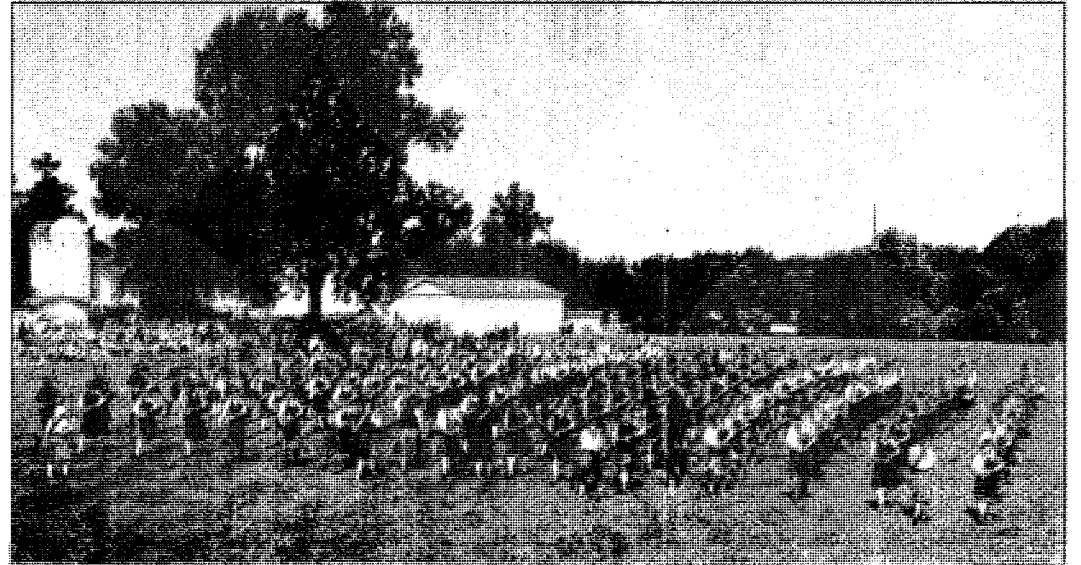


Harrison Bailey tossed the 28 pound hammer 82 feet, 1 inch during last weekend's Highland Games.



Barb Gater warms up with the Detroit Caledonian Band.

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Appearing in 'Larceny and Old Lace' are Marion Busa (from left) of Canton as Gertie, Lee Thomas of Plymouth as Millie and Westland residents Pat Watson as Judge Taylor and Terry Viviani as Harold.



Nana Allen (from left) of Rochester Hills as Officer Larson, Tom Taplinger of Northville as Uncle Charlie, Robert Pope of Garden City as Dr. Shortanoar and Tom Strock of Canton as Officer McNealy rehearse a scene from 'Larceny and Old Lace.'

## Seniors take to stage in 'Larceny ... Old Lace'

A group of senior citizens are proving they're the Still Got It Players with their presentation of *Larceny and Old Lace* later this month at the Village Theater in Canton.

Audiences of all ages will love the clever and well-crafted spoof presented by the all-senior acting ensemble.

"I especially like when grandchildren come to see their grandparents perform," said director Debbie Lannen. "They are such an example for them as well as other seniors. It is as if they are telling the audience, 'Never stop. You can continue to be vibrant as long as you keep active.'"

The cast includes Westland residents Terry Viviani as Harold, Pat Watson as Judge Taylor and Linda Trygg as Agent Klick and Garden City residents Robert Pope as Dr. Shortanoar and Lanna Collins as Gloria. Also appearing in the production are Tom Strock as Officer McNealy, Marion Busa as Gertie, Joanna Mckay

as Lester and Joe Cone as Dr. Pretorious, all of Canton, Lee Thomas of Plymouth as Millie, and Madeline Carpenter of Wayne as the Taxi Driver.

According to Lannen, Harold Peabody's sweet aunts, Millie and Gertie, are gambling in Las Vegas while Harold stays at their home to watch over his eccentric Uncle Charlie, who thinks he is a pirate and is constantly "burying treasure" in the basement.

When Harold hears the local bank has been robbed and then discovers a bag of money in the house, he declares that Charlie has buried his last treasure. Mix in Harold's jailbird cousin Mordred who shows up with his own bundle of money and the pandemonium multiplies.

"It's a classic, with a new twist - not to be missed," Lannen said.

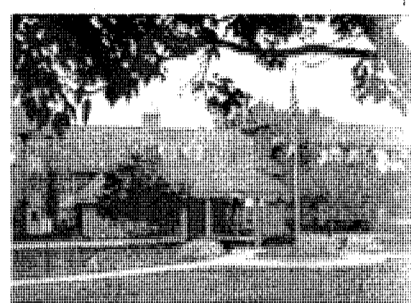
The play will be presents at 1 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 25-26, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29. Ticket prices including the service fee are \$15

for adults, ages 19-59, \$13 for seniors age 60 and up and students under age 19. The group rate is \$12 per ticket for all ages with a 15-ticket minimum.

Tickets are available by calling the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or (734) 394-5300 or online at [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater) or [www.spotlightplayersmi.org](http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org). Tickets also can be purchased at The Summit on the Park or at the door. The box office opens one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater is at 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton.

For more information about Still Got It Players call at (734) 480-4945 or visit the website, [www.spotlightplayersmi.org](http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org) and click on Still Got It Players. The Spotlight Players is the resident adult theater group at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild, Spotlight Players is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and has been performing for 64 years.



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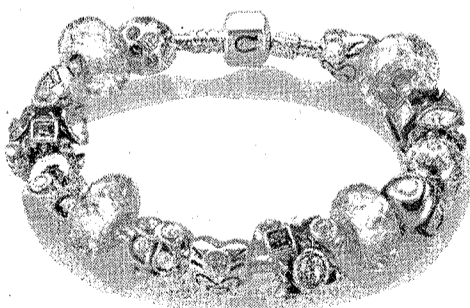
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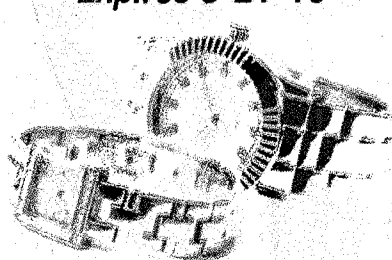
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## Area grid teams have fresh start

BY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The actual kickoff is still two weeks away, but a new football season got under way Monday in Farmington and around the area with the start of practice.

"It's always exciting," North Farmington coach Todd Schultz said. "You get a fresh start, a fresh team. You always have faces changing, but you get a new shot at a new season. I think everybody gets excited for that."

The dean of area coaches is Farmington Harrison's John Herrington, who begins his 49th year in coaching and 41st as head coach of the Hawks.

Herrington, whose teams have won a dozen state titles, said it didn't seem like nine months had passed since the end of last season.

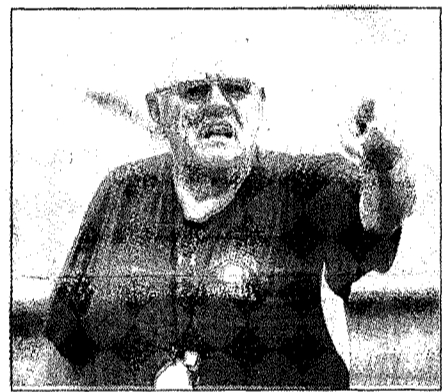
"I don't feel we've been away much with the summer program, the passing league and the camps," he said. "It doesn't feel like it's been that long."

"It will seem like it Thursday when we put the pads on. We've been doing all this touch football during the summer."

The first day is always long at Farmington High. Coach John Bechtel and his staff start at 8 a.m. passing out equipment.

That's followed by two meetings and lunch before the Falcons hit the field at 2:30 p.m. The second session takes place in the evening.

Bechtel, who begins his 13th season

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JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Herrington begins his 41st season as Harrison's only head coach.



Canton players Robert Lincoln and Austin Golles listen up while Chiefs' head coach Tim Baechler instructs them on an upcoming drill during the first official day of practice.

## Back to work

Football officially begins for 2010 high school squads

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth football players lined up to do sprints to begin the afternoon practice Monday, the first day Michigan high school grid squads could hold official practices.

On the backs of T-shirts was the Wildcats' new slogan — "Bleed For Your Brothers."

"The only thing it can do is breed togetherness and family," Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said about the phrase. "Hold each other accountable. That's what they're going for."

Sawchuk, new offensive coordinator Marquis Mosely and other coaches are now helping the players gear up for today — when full pads can be worn — and Saturday's annual "Black and Silver" intrasquad scrimmage (11 a.m. at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park turf field).

"We want a good tempo (on day one), be ahead of where we were in our (summer) camps and be ready to go when the pads come on," Sawchuk said. "As we get into Thursday, a lot of the teaching stuff with the X's and O's should be in."

"Then it's just executing and we move

on from there."

Plymouth will be looking ahead to the regular season opener at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, against campus rival Salem, where head coach Kurt Britnell is starting his second year at the helm.

Other football fields at PCEP were also in full swing Monday, with the Rocks and Canton Chiefs also going through opening sessions on an overcast, humid day with afternoon rain instead of scorching sun.

Following Canton's practice, junior lineman Cory Peters swigged some

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## Hills mom wins O&amp;E tourney

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Pattison can't remember the last time she was in the winner's circle.

"I think it was my first ever... no, it was many years ago," said the stay-at-home mom from Farmington Hills, who captured the Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Tournament Saturday at Livonia's Whispering Willows. "I normally don't play in tournaments and I do not play well under pressure."

Pattison, however, ran away from the field in the championship flight with a 75, five shots better than Deb Horning of Bloomfield Hills and defending champion Susan Macinkowicz of Chesterfield Township.

Pattison, a Dearborn High grad who played golf at Winthrop College (S.C.), is an 8-handicap.

She played an efficient round with birdies on the par-3 fifth and seventh holes. She didn't have any double bogeys.

"I was getting up and down, I had some good chips, I was scrappy," Pattison said. "I did not hit great, but I got up and down. I kept it in play."

Pattison plays regularly in the Tuesday night Swift League at Salem Hills and does get out occasionally during the twilight hours at

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jennifer Pattison of Farmington Hills won the Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Tournament Saturday at Livonia's Whispering Willows.

## Salem's Verduce had all the right answers

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Marge Verduce was The Answer Lady of Salem High School's athletics department ever since it started in the early 1970s.

Salem athletes, coaches and parents could always rely on the longtime athletic department secretary to steer them in the right direction whenever they needed information about schedules, physicals and anything else, for that matter.

Sadly, those answers now will have to come from elsewhere following Verduce's Aug. 1 death at age 71 following a lengthy battle against cancer.

"I would always go in and talk with her when I dropped stuff off," 2010 Salem graduate Chris Kordick said. "So about twice a month, I would chat with her. She never mentioned anything that she was sick. She always looked healthy."

Kordick said Verduce "was the face of the athletic department for the students. She'd always greet me with a smile and always asked if there was anything I needed."

Veteran Rocks softball coach Bonnie Southerland described Verduce as a unique person with a wealth of knowledge who "went out of her way to help out the coaches in any way she could."

Southerland added that over her 25 years as a Salem coach, Verduce always had her finger on the pulse of the department.

"I know I can speak for the coaches at the Park when I say if we needed anything, all

we had to do was ask Marge," Southerland said. "We always knew Marge would have the answer."

According to Tom Willette, co-athletic director at PCEP, Verduce's work ethic was something to behold.

"Marge was a tireless worker who had a passion for high school athletics," Willette said. "Her dedication to the job was unquestionable."

"She will be missed for her work abilities, but more importantly because of (the) impact she had on all of the student-athletes and coaches over her nearly 40 years at PCS athletics. She was a great lady."

Willette echoed what anybody else who ever stopped by the Salem athletic department is saying in the wake of her passing.

"How do you replace someone with the knowledge and experience that Marge had?" Willette asked. "You don't."

Verduce, a Northville resident, would have turned 72 in October. She continued serving Salem athletics while receiving treatment for her cancer.

She is survived by daughters Catherine Verduce and Marie (Steven) Franckowiak, son Michael Verduce and grandson Mark Franckowiak. Services were Friday at Northrop-Sassman Funeral Home in Northville.

Cards of sympathy can be sent to the Verduce's family at 41324 Windsor Court, Northville, MI 48167.

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## SIDELINES

U-M grid captains

Mark Moundros of Farmington Hills was named a captain of the 2010 University of Michigan football team Monday.

Moundros, a former North Farmington standout, and fellow fifth-year senior Stephen Schilling were elected by their teammates.



Moundros

Schilling of Bellevue, Wash., will represent the offense, and Moundros was selected as the defensive captain.

"This team chose two worthy seniors to represent this program as captains," coach Rich Rodriguez said in a press release.

"Mark and Stephen are great representatives of the University of Michigan, both as students and football players."

"They will work with our other seniors to lead this team throughout the season."

A three-year letterman, Moundros will be a two-way performer for the Wolverines. He practiced at linebacker throughout the spring and is the team's starting fullback.

Moundros has recorded 15 special-teams tackles during his career. He has rushed the ball three times for 14 yards and one touchdown, and he has caught four passes for 13 yards and one TD.

Schilling has started more games than any other Wolverine, starting 36 of a possible 37 games. He played left guard last year after starting at right tackle for two seasons.

Schilling was an All-Big Ten honorable mention in 2009 and the co-recipient of the Hugh R. Rader Jr. Award as Michigan's top offensive lineman.

WMU netter honored

Junior Amanda Moccia (Livonia Stevenson) was among three Western Michigan University players named to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team.

Moccia, who helped the Broncos to a 16-11 dual match record and the Mid-American Conference Tournament finals for the sixth year in a row, was joined by teammates Rachel Denny (Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart and Jill Pastunink (Zeeland West).

It was a record 16th straight season the Broncos had a player earn the honor, which no other NCAA Division 1 program can match.

Players must carry a 3.5 grade-point average or better for the current academic year to be considered.

Moccia, an Academic All-MAC selection carrying a 3.9 grade-point average in biomedical sciences, finished the 2009-10 season 19-14 in doubles and 14-23 in singles.

She has 105 career wins entering her senior year.

O&amp;E men's golf signup

Registration is still on for the Observer & Eccentric Open men's golf tournament.

The O&E Men's Open, a two-day, 36-hole medal event, will be Labor Day weekend, Sunday-Monday, Sept. 5-6 at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows courses, respectively.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, and will be open to the first 120 golfers. The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included). There will be a Senior Division (50-and-over) with a maximum handicap of 20 (U.S.G.A. index required to participate). A total of \$2,500 in prizes, including money for the low and net scorers for each flight, will be offered.

For more information, call (248) 476-4493; or visit www.golflivonia.com.

# Mary Angela Run will benefit Angels' Place

The eighth annual Mary Angela Run will start at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

For the third year, the event will benefit Angels' Place, a non-profit organization that provides housing and services for people with developmental disabilities.

The event, which includes chip-timed 5K and 10K runs and a one-mile fitness walk/children's run, is done in memory of the

Mary Angela DiGiovanni. "Mary Angela was a caring and dedicated person who wanted to help many different people, and we believe that Angels' Place has the same ideals," race coordinator and Mary

Angela's aunt, Sue Vincent, said.

"We have had a great turnout every year with nearly 1,000 people attending, and we're hoping to have another great event this year."

The event has raised approximately \$40,000 each year for the past seven years for charitable causes.

The 23-year-old DiGiovanni, who was involved in a fatal car accident in January of 2003, was a University of Michigan public health student with a desire to improve health care and help people in need. Her family has pledged that her life will continue to reach out and help others.

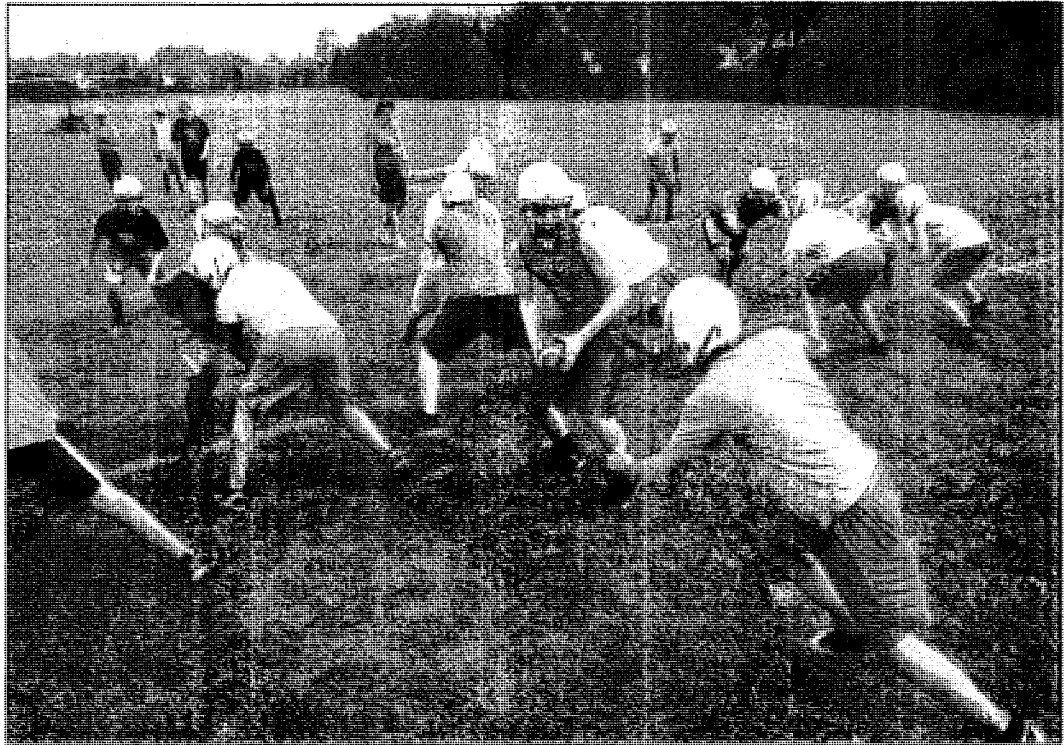
"We're grateful to the DiGiovanni family and all of their relatives who have put

so much time and effort into making this a wonderful event to benefit Angels' Place," said Cheryl Loveday, Angels' Place executive director.

"This event has always proved to be a wonderful tribute to Mary Angela and everything that she believed in. It will be a blessing to all of the people who benefit from Angels' Place."

Registration is now open with a standard entry fee of \$25, or \$50 for a Mary's Angel sponsorship, which includes a special Mary's Angel T-shirt and recognition on event signage. Participants may register in advance or on the day of the event beginning at 7:30 a.m.

For more information on the Mary Angela Run, or to register for the event, please visit www.angelsplace.com.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

High school football teams won't practice with full pads until Thursday, including Canton's Chiefs. But at least they were on the field beginning Monday as work begins in earnest for the 2010 season.

## PRACTICE

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water while waiting for a ride home. He was glad that football was back: "It's really something, coming out here and smelling the fresh grass and fresh paint."

Meanwhile, Peters said the first practice was grueling and repetitive, but a necessary starting point as the Tim Baechler-coached Chiefs look to once again play deep into the postseason.

"Our expectations are to go the states again and win it this time," Peters said. "Most importantly, we just want to

get back into shape and get the season going."

Canton also will scrimmage Saturday (8 a.m. at PCEP), while Salem's scrimmage takes place Saturday evening.

The Chiefs' season opener is Aug. 27 at Walled Lake Central.

## HISTORIC DAY

A couple of miles east on Joy Road, Plymouth Christian Academy gridders Eric and Daniel Jipping relaxed after taking part in Monday's first practice for PCA's new football program.

"It's going to be fun," said Eric, a junior lineman. "I think it (football program) will stick and we'll have a team for years to come. I think we're all excit-

ed to have this opportunity to play football."

Concurring was his younger brother, freshman Daniel, who isn't sure where he might play when the Eagles open Aug. 27 at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest. "It's definitely a special thing, the first year," Daniel said. "I'm just glad to be a part of it."

PCA football coach Mike Rumschlag and Athletic Director Rick Swilley so far have 15 players to work with, but continue to look for additions to the roster.

"We're looking to get more kids to come out for PCA," Swilley said.

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# Coach's Corner splits AAABA games

BY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Coach's Corner/Canton Sports was fighting elimination Wednesday in the 66th annual All-American Amateur Baseball Association National Tournament following a 7-4 loss Tuesday night in Johnstown, Pa.

The 20-and-under Livonia Collegiate Baseball League representative opened with a 4-1 victory over Columbus (Ohio) on Monday, but it dropped into the losers' bracket after host Johnstown Delweld rallied in the eighth inning Tuesday.

Coach's Corner was 32-8 going into its third game at noon Wednesday against Chicago Metro, which also was 1-1 after it beat Maryland Tuesday, 5-0.

Coach's Corner had a 4-2 lead and starting pitcher Tom Hansen (Madonna University) was cruising along going into the eighth inning Tuesday.

Delweld sent 11 men to

the plate and scored five runs on three doubles and a single to take the lead. Matt Donaldson's bases-loaded double made it 7-4.

Hansen started the eighth but didn't get an out. The loss went to reliever Kevin Delapaz (Canton), a pick-up from the NFWB Cobras. Austin Delmotte came on to finish the game.

Coach's Corner had 12 hits with Garrett Gumm, Brad Lineberry, Steve Pelletier (Farmington Hills) and Garrett Rebin getting three apiece.

"We played extremely well; we just lost," Coach's Corner assistant coach Frank Corej said. "Our kids played their hearts out."

"We outplayed them the whole game. We had 'em right there and let it slip away. We didn't get any breaks, and they put the hits together. They had one lucky inning."

Pelletier had RBI singles in the first and third innings, scoring Gumm and Lineberry, who doubled in front of

Pelletier to score Gumm (double) in the third.

Coach's Corner got its fourth run in the seventh after Gumm, Drew Adamiec and Lineberry loaded the bases with consecutive singles. Pelletier hit into a double play, but Gumm still scored his third run of the game.

In the opener Monday, MU's Jeremy Gooding (Livonia) struck out 14 and pitched a complete game. He allowed three hits and three walks over nine innings.

WU's Spencer Sarel led an 11-hit attack by going 4-for-5; Adamiec and Gumm added two hits each.

Delmotte and Dan Stoney had RBI singles, and Pelletier knocked in a run with a fielder's choice.

"We played really well that game, and we had great pitching from Gooding," Corej said.

Coach's Corner took a 3-0 lead in the first inning and added another in the ninth. Gooding struck out the Columbus side to end the game.

## FOOTBALL

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as head coach, said the coaches were especially eager to get started with practice.

"We spend the off season shuffling paper and watching film," he said. "Administratively, there's a lot to get ready for. Sometimes, it's the first day of practice when you remember why it is you do this thing."

"From the players' perspective, the kids worked hard this off season. Today was kinda the reward, because it's what they've been working for."

"Nobody has lost a game and expectations are high. The goal of every program is to build on those expectations."

Schultz and the Raiders focused on defense Monday. After switching from a 5-2 last year, it's their second year of running the 4-3.

"Last year everything was new," said Schultz, who enters his 23rd season and seventh as North's head coach. "This year the guys at least had a year under their belts, running this defense, and it was nice they had remembered a decent chunk of it."

"We like to go defense the first day we're allowed to hit. We want to come ready to hit and get 11 guys to the ball. We do make that a priority on hitting day."



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Harrison's Gairus Coleman hauls in a pass on the first day of practice.

The Hawks, who were district finalists last year, did offense in the morning and defense in the afternoon. They even spent time working on the punt team.

"It was pretty much a complete practice, starting off with individual skills and then installing the passing game," Harrison said. "It was well organized, and we got a lot done."

Farmington, a playoff team that lost to Harrison in the first round, also accomplished a lot on both sides of the ball and special teams.

"Our goal is to get most of the offense and defense in by Wednesday, which is an awful lot in three days," Bechtel said. "When we get the pads on Thursday, we can start refining and getting better at the details of all this stuff."

Herrington thought it was a good sign when all 56 players arrived a half hour before practice began.

"They were out there doing things on their own before the 8 o'clock start time," he said. "They're self-starters. They want to win and have a done great job in the summer and all off season."

Schultz had a *carpe diem* message for his players at North. It was time to get serious about the sport and a season that will go all too quickly.

"Before you know it, you're doing the walk down the tunnel at Holland Field for the last time as a senior," he said. "We're expecting our kids to pay well in every opportunity we have, to be thankful for the opportunity to play this great game."

The Falcons will have a veteran team with nine starters back on offense and defense, many of whom begin their third year of varsity ball.

"It was good to see those kids in a senior role," Bechtel said. "The maturity of our football team is so much higher than it's been the last couple years. It just puts everyone in good spirits."

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## GOLF

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nearby Whispering Willows after her 2-year-old Jessica goes to bed.

"The greens were nice," Pattison said. "They rolled great today, faster than normal, but they were quite nice."

For her efforts, Pattison won the first-place trophy and \$110 gift certificate. Pattison also said she will be back to defend her O&E title in 2011.

"I was having a good time," she added. "And it was nice to have another walker (Uhna Murray) out there with me. I had a nice time."

Horning took runner-up honors, along with a \$90 gift certificate and trophy when she defeated Macinkowicz in a two-hole playoff.

In the first flight, Livonian Alice Stanley captured low gross honors with a 91, two shots better than Kathy Konkel of Northville and three ahead of Canton's Lu Stockton.

Stanley and Konkel each



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Deb Horning of Bloomfield Hills shot an 80 at Saturday's Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Open at Whispering Willows in Livonia.

received trophies for their efforts and took home gift certificates of \$100 and \$80, respectively. Stockton also cashed in with a \$55 gift card.

Low net honors and a \$75 gift certificate went to Detroit's Suzanne Madej, who was one of 21 members of

- OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC WOMEN'S GOLF OPEN RESULTS**  
Aug. 7 at Whispering Willows  
Championship flight (low gross):  
1. Jennifer Pattison (Farmington Hills), 75; 2. Deb Horning (Bloomfield Hills), 80 (won playoff); 3. Susan Macinkowicz, 80; 4. Suzanne Madej, 81; 5. Whitney Drake, 82; 6. Cindy Hill, 83; 7. Jane Kersjes, 84; 8. Jackie McFarlane, 85; 9. Ellen Howell, 86; 10. Unha Murray, 87; 11. Audrey Hopkins, 88; 12. Cynthia Pinkard, 91; 13. Pat Witek, 96.
- First flight (low gross):** 1. Alica Stanley (Livonia), 91; 2. Kathy Konkel (Northville), 93; 3. Lu Stockton (Canton), 94; 4. (tie) Elaine Crawford and Arlene Shields, 96 each; 6. Chris Misk, 98; 7. Gail O'Brien, 99; 8. Joan Cleland, 100; 9. Shelley Andrews, 103; 10. Faye Bessette, 105; 11. Barb Coury, 108; 12. Sandra Clancy-Koendardler, 109; 13. Pat Shelton and Denise Buechel, 111 each; 15. Meghan Davis, 112; 16. Monica Oliver, 116; 17. Joan Penoyer, 119.
- Low net:** 1. Madej (Detroit); 2. (tie) Macinkowicz (Chestertown Township), Kersjes (Plymouth) and Hill (Ypsilanti).

the Michigan Women's Golf Association to participate. Three others - Macinkowicz, Jane Kersjes (Plymouth) and Cindy Hill (Ypsilanti) shared third and each won \$50 in gift cards.

A total of 30 golfers teed off with a course rating registering at 71.9 and with a slope rating of 124.

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# Dodgers finish 3rd in Koufax tourney

The Concealed Security Dodgers finished third in the American Amateur Baseball Congress Sandy Koufax 14-and-under national tournament Aug. 1 in Surprise, Ariz.

The Dodgers won three of their first four games before losing to the eventual champion, Arizona All-Star Academy, 4-3.

Arizona proceeded to mercy West Covina (Calif.) in the final game, 14-6, and finish the tournament with a 5-1 record.

Concealed's Alec Padilla pitched a complete game against Arizona, allowing six hits and striking out five.

Zach Schmidtko hit a 370-foot homer and added an RBI triple in the seventh inning, missing a second home run by a couple feet.

Zach Tallman was the leading hitter in the tournament with a .667 batting average. Ryan Mergener went 3-for-3 versus Arizona.

The Dodgers opened with a 12-8 win over Southmoore, Okla. A six-run sixth made Brett Davis the winning pitcher after he worked the final 2.1 innings.

Tom Daffern went 4-for-5 with four RBI and scored two runs; Tallman and Davis had two hits each. Davis knocked

in three runs, and Tallman and Austin Stevens (Livonia) scored three runs each.

Concealed mercied Puerto Rico in its next game, 12-4. Davis got the win again after he pitched six innings and gave up nine hits.

Brandon Waack (Canton) was 2-for-2 with one RBI and scored twice. Stevens and Kevin Nisun (Livonia) each doubled and had an RBI.

Mergener was 3-for-4 with two RBI; Schmidtko had two hits and two RBI, and Tallman added to the run total with an RBI triple. He also walked three times and scored three runs.

The Dodgers were out, 14-6, in an 18-1 loss to West Covina. Tallman was 2-for-2 with the lone RBI.

Concealed rebounded with a 4-3 win over Brooklyn (N.Y.) in nine innings. Stevens drove in the winning run with a two-out, two-strike double.

Padilla pitched the last three innings and was the winner in relief of Mergener, who worked the first six.

With two on and two out in the bottom of the ninth for Brooklyn, Bies showed his fielding range by an assist on the final out.

## WYAA evaluations

The Westland Youth Athletic Association will be conducting baseball evaluations for Bronco (11-12) and Pony (13-14) age groups beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Jaycee Park, located next to Mike Modano Arena, in Westland.

For more information, e-mail Greg Hovermale at hovermale@sbcglobal.net.

## Chiefs baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the 2011 Motor City Chiefs under-9 baseball club will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, and 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 at UAW Local 735 Field, 48055 Michigan Avenue,

## Canton.

If unable to attend either tryout date, an evaluation can occur before Aug. 17.

For more information, call (734) 377-3123, or e-mail motorcitybaseball@gmail.com.

## Riversharks tryouts

The Motor City Riversharks of the Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association will host 2011 tryouts from noon-1:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15, and 2-4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at UAW Local 735, 48055 Michigan Ave., Canton.

Players do not have to attend all three tryout dates. Players must be willing to

## BASEBALL TRYOUTS

commit to 40-to-50 games including weekends and tournaments, with the schedule running from April through July.

To pre-register or for more information, contact coach Bill Boyd - 734-718-7782; motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

## Livonia Travel baseball

Tryouts for the 1011 Livonia Travel baseball program will be Aug. 12-15, at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

The Tryout schedule includes: Under-9 - 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 (contact manager Matt Fournier at mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net; or mfournie@

livonia.k12.mi.us; Under-10 - 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 (contact Bruce Rosen for manager opportunities at mbri1218@aol.com);

Under-11 - 9-11 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 15 (contact Bruce Rosen for manager opportunities at mbri1218@aol.com);

Under-12 - 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12 and 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 (make-up date; contact manager Brian Dewhurst at wd219@aol.com);

Under-13 - 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 and Sunday Aug. 15 (make up date; contact manager Bruce Rosen at mbri1218@aol.com).

For additional information, visit www.livoniabsa.com.

## Wildcards softball

Tryouts for the South Farmington WildCards travel fastpitch softball teams will take place four of the next five Saturdays at City Park on Shiawassee between Farmington and Power roads.

The 10U tryouts will be 9:30-11:30 a.m. Aug. 14 and Sept. 11; 12U, 2:30-5 p.m. Aug. 21 and 28; 14U, 12-2:30 p.m. Aug. 21 and 28; 16U, 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 21; 16U, 9-11:30 a.m. Aug. 28.

For more information, con-

tact Gabrielle Sack, 248-912-8926, gabriellesack@gmail.com; or Bill Stimet, 248-890-7135, stimetb@hotmail.com.

## RU soccer tryouts

Redford Union High School will be conducting boys soccer tryouts Aug. 11-13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at MacGowan Elementary, 18255 Kinloch.

For more information, contact coach Jim Gibbs at (313) 995-4235.

## GC tennis tryouts

Tennis tryouts for the Garden

City boys team this fall will be 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt. For more information, call (734) 762-8350.

## St. Fabian tryouts

Tryouts for St. Fabian's girls volleyball, boys soccer and coed cross country teams are scheduled for Aug. 11-12.

Volleyball tryouts will be held at Instant Replay, 24016 Haggerty Road, in Farmington Hills for fifth- and sixth-grade girls (7:30-9 p.m.) and seventh- and eighth-

grade girls (6-7:30 p.m.).

Soccer tryouts will be conducted at Soccer/Soccer, located on the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Drake roads, for both fifth- and sixth-grade and seventh- and eighth-grade teams from 6-8 p.m.

Cross country tryouts will be held on the Oakland Community College grounds for those in grades five through eight at 6 p.m. both days.

For more information, contact Bob Abraham at (248) 207-7058 or Lee Suurmeyer at (248) 476-7615.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Elks Soccer Shoot

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its annual Elks Soccer Shoot at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center soccer fields, located at 15100 Hubbard (off Five Mile between Farmington and Merriman roads).

There is no registration fee. Boys and girls age divisions, determined as of Aug. 1, 2010, include 7-and-under, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. First-place finishers advance to the state contest in October.

For more information, call (734) 266-2410.

### Salem tennis camp

Returning and incoming freshman players for the Salem boys tennis team will practice at a camp from 9:30 a.m. until noon daily beginning the week of Aug. 16 at the Huron Valley Tennis Club.

The cost is \$132 for the entire week or \$28 per day. To register, call the club at (734) 662-5514.

### Churchill Team Night

The Livonia Churchill High 2010-11 fall, winter and spring sports Meet the Team Night for athletes, parents and coaches will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18 at the Carli Auditorium.

Topics include team rules, team selection process, criteria for postseason awards, team philosophy and sportsmanship.

For more information, call the Churchill athletic office at (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

### Stevenson Team Night

The Livonia Stevenson 2010 fall sports Meet the Team Night for athletes, parents and coaches will start with an introductory session at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at the high school auditorium.

All junior and senior athletes and parents should attend from 7:45-9 p.m. Individual team meetings will be in assigned rooms. Athletic and academic eligibility, physical and medical information, season schedules, team rules, team photos and sportsmanship will be among the topics.

For more information, e-mail Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at lhyman@livoniapublicschools.org.

### Churchill pom clinic

The 12th annual Livonia Churchill varsity pom pon clinic for ages 6-14 will be from 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Aug. 21, at the high school.

The cost is \$35 per person (includes T-shirt, music and snack).

Participants will be invited back to perform their routine at a varsity boys soccer game.

For more information, or to pre-register, call Robin Schwarz

at (734) 464-0556.

### Junior golf tourney

The Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club's third annual junior boys and girls golf tournament will be Aug. 21-22 at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

The free event is on a first-come, first-serve basis (limited to the first 144). Lunch and T-shirt included. Trophies will be awarded for each boys and girls division winners.

Registration for ages 10-12 and 13-14 - a nine-hole event - is at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21. Tee times are at 8:30 a.m. Registration for ages 15-16 and 17-18 - an 18-hole event - is at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22. Tee times are at noon.

Golfers can only register at www.wolverinesports.org. For more information, call Bob Murray at (734) 751-4466.

### Youth triathlon

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its annual Youth Triathlon on Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Clement Circle Park, located on Harrison between W. Chicago and Plymouth roads (east of Middlebelt).

The registration fee is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is required at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile).

Race check-in will be at 8 a.m. (8-and-under); 9:15 a.m. (9-10); 10:30 a.m. (11-12); and 11:30 a.m. (13-14).

For more information, call (734) 266-2410.

### Punt, Pass & Kick

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its 2010 NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition for ages 8-15 on Wednesday, Aug. 25 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center soccer fields, located at 15100 Hubbard (off Five Mile between Farmington and Merriman roads).

Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. and free competition follows at 6 p.m.

Age classification is as of Dec. 31, 2010. No football shoes, cleats, turf shoes allowed. Winners advance to sectional competition.

For more information, call (734) 266-2410.

### Fall softball leagues

Registration is underway for Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation men's and co-ed fall softball with the projected starting date Aug. 16.

The cost is \$400 per team (plus non-resident fees).

To register, visit the Livonia Community Recreation Center at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

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THE CITY OF WESTLAND HEREBY ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** Article VI, Section 6:10.1, of the City of Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Purpose and intent.**

The purpose of this section is to establish guidelines for siting wind turbines and wind energy facilities. This section's goals are as follows:

- (1) To promote the safe, effective, and efficient use of wind turbines installed to reduce the on-site consumption of electricity supplied by utility companies while protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Westland.
- (2) To minimize the potential adverse effects that wind turbines and wind energy facilities may have on residential areas and land uses by promoting and requiring careful design, siting, noise limitations, and innovative camouflaging techniques.
- (3) To avoid potential damage to people and adjacent properties from turbine failure through engineering and proper siting of turbine structures.

**Section 2.** Article VI, Section 6:10.2, of the City of Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Definitions.**

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Applicant* means the person or entity filing an application under this article.

*Hub height* means the distance measured from the surface of the tower foundation to the height of the wind turbine hub, to which the blade is attached.

*Nonparticipating landowner* means any landowner except those on whose property a wind turbine is located.

*Occupied building* means a residence, school, hospital, church, public library or other building used for public gathering that is occupied or in use on the date the permit application is submitted.

*Operator* means each person or entity responsible for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of a wind turbine.

*Roof-mounted wind turbine* means a single wind energy conversion system that is mounted to the roof of any structure with a maximum rotor diameter of seven feet.

*Turbine height* means the distance measured from the surface of the tower foundation to the highest point of the turbine rotor plane.

*Wind turbine* means a freestanding or roof-mounted, single wind energy conversion system that converts wind energy into electricity through the use of a wind turbine generator, and includes the nacelle, rotor, tower, and pad transformer, if any. This may also include an anemometer.

**Section 3.** Article VI, Section 6:10.3, of the City of Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Permitted Uses.**

- (a) The uses listed in this Section are deemed to be permitted uses and shall not require administrative approval or a special use permit.
- (b) Permitted Uses. The following uses are specifically permitted:
  - (1) A single roof-mounted wind turbine not to exceed the height limit in that zoning district and shall be considered a permitted accessory use on a single parcel in any R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, or R-5 zoned district, if it meets all of the other applicable standards and requirements of Article VI.

**Section 4.** Article VI, Section 6:10.4, of the City of Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Permit Required.**

- (a) A free standing wind turbine or a second roof-mounted wind turbine in any R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, or R-5 zoned district zoned parcel requires special land use approval.
- (b) Except as forth in Article VI, Section 6:10.3(b)(1), no wind turbine shall be constructed or located within the City of Westland unless a permit has been issued to the owner or operator approving construction of it under this article.
- (c) Any physical modification to an existing and permitted wind turbine or turbines that materially alters the size, type and number of wind turbines or other equipment shall require a permit amendment under this article. Like-kind replacements shall not require a permit modification.
- (d) Wind turbines in all zoning districts shall be subject to any approval required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

**Section 6.** Article VI, Section 6:10.6, of the City of Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Wind turbines in nonresidential districts.**

**(a) General**

The following provisions shall govern the issuance of special use permits for wind turbines by the City Council:

- (1) If the wind turbine is not a permitted use under Section 6:9.3(b)(1) of this ordinance, a special land use approval shall be required for the construction of a wind turbine.
  - (2) Applications for special land use under this Section shall be subject to the procedures and requirements of Article XIII of the Zoning Ordinance, except as modified in this Section.
  - (3) In granting a special land use approval, the City Council may impose conditions to the extent the City Council concludes such conditions are necessary to minimize any adverse effect of the proposed wind turbine on adjoining properties.
  - (4) Any information of an engineering nature that the applicant submits, whether civil, mechanical, or electrical, shall be certified by a licensed professional engineer.
  - (5) An applicant for a special land use approval shall submit the information described in this Section and a non-refundable fee as established by resolution of the City Council to reimburse the City of Westland for the costs of reviewing the application.
- (b) The application shall contain the following:
- (1) A narrative describing the project location, the approximate generating capacity of the wind turbine, the height of the turbine to be constructed, and a description of ancillary facilities.
  - (2) An affidavit or similar evidence of agreement between all property owners demonstrating that the applicant has the permission of all property owners to apply for necessary permits for construction and operation of the wind turbine.
  - (3) A scaled site plan clearly indicating the location, type and height of the proposed wind turbine and ancillary equipment, property lines, setback lines, on-site land uses and zoning, adjacent land uses and zoning (including when adjacent to other municipalities), Master Plan classification

of the site and all properties within the applicable separation distances, adjacent roadways, proposed means of access, setbacks from property lines, elevation drawings of the proposed wind turbine and any other structures, topography, parking, and other information deemed by the Planning Director to be necessary to assess compliance with this Ordinance.

(4) A landscape plan showing specific landscape materials in accordance with Article XI of this ordinance.

(5) Documents related to decommissioning.

(6) Method of fencing and finished color and, if applicable, the method of camouflage and illumination.

(5) Other relevant studies, reports, certifications and approvals as may be reasonably requested by the City of Westland to ensure compliance with this article.

(6) The proposed site shall have documented annual wind resources sufficient for the operation of the proposed wind turbines generator; provided, however, this standard shall not apply to an anemometer tower. The Planning Director or the City Council may require the submission of a wind resource study ("Study") documenting wind resources on the site over a minimum of one year. The Study shall indicate the long-term commercial economic viability of the project. Anemometers to be placed shall be calibrated regularly to ensure a measurement of error of one percent or less. All anemometers shall be placed at the expected hub height of the wind turbine to be used. Sufficient wind resources, as described by the U.S. Department of Energy, include areas with a wind power class 4 or higher. The city may retain the services of an independent, recognized expert to review the results of the Study prior to acting on the application for special land use permit. This review shall be at the expense of the applicant.

(7) Each proposed wind turbine or anemometer tower shall be set back from any adjoining lot line a distance equal to the overall height of the tower.

(c) Within 45 days after receipt of a permit application, the Planning Director will determine whether the application is complete and advise the applicant accordingly.

(d) After the completeness determination, the Westland Planning Commission will schedule a public hearing. The applicant shall participate in the hearing and be afforded an opportunity to present the project to the public and municipal officials, and answer questions about the project. The public shall be afforded an opportunity to ask questions and provide comment on the proposed project.

(e) After the Public Hearing by the Planning Commission, the City Council will make a decision whether to issue or deny the special land use.

(f) The City Council shall make the final determination on the application for special land use approval. Such determination shall be based solely on the requirements and standards of this Ordinance. Approval, approval with conditions, or disapproval shall be made by resolution setting forth the City Council's findings regarding the pertinent requirements and standards. If the special land use is approved by the City Council, the applicant may then submit the written approval to the Zoning Enforcement Officer who will then sign the zoning certificate if all other zoning certificate requirements have been met, and all required signatures have been obtained. If the special land use approval is denied, the City Council may by resolution require that a revised special land use application be resubmitted for review and approval in accordance with the process outlined above. If in the judgment of the City Council, the special land use application can be approved if minor modifications are made, the City Council may by resolution issue a conditional approval in writing and provide for resubmission of a revised special land use application to the Enforcement Officer who shall sign the zoning certificate upon determination that all appropriate modifications have been made in accordance with City Council stipulations, and that all other zoning certificate requirements have been met.

(g) Each action taken with reference to special land use review and approval shall be duly recorded in the minutes of the Planning Commission and City Council and the grounds for the action taken upon each special land use submitted for review and approval shall also be recorded in the minutes and transmitted in writing to the applicant.

(h) It shall be the responsibility of the owner of a property for which special land use approval is required to maintain his property in accordance with the approved site plan on a continuing basis until the property is razed or new zoning regulations supersede the regulations based upon which the special land use approval was granted, or until a new special land use approval has been obtained as a basis for modifying the use or site plan. Any property owner who fails to so maintain a special land use as approved shall be deemed in violation of the use provisions of this Ordinance and shall be subject to the same penalties appropriate to such a use violation. All plans, specifications, and statements submitted with the application for a special land use approval shall become, with any changes ordered by the City Council, a part of the conditions of any approval issued by the City Council pursuant thereto.

**(2) Factors Considered in Granting Special Land Use Approval for Wind Turbines**

In addition to any standards for consideration of special land use approval applications pursuant to Article XIII of the Zoning Ordinance, the City Council shall consider the following factors in determining whether to approve a special land use, although the City Council may waive or reduce the burden on the applicant of one or more of these criteria if the City Council concludes that the goals of this ordinance are better served thereby:

- (i) Height of the proposed wind turbine;
- (ii) Proximity of the wind turbine to residential structures and residential district boundaries;
- (iii) Nature of uses on adjacent and nearby properties;
- (iv) Surrounding topography;
- (v) Surrounding tree coverage and foliage;
- (vi) The size of the property upon which the proposed wind turbine is to be located, set back requirements, and lot-coverage requirements;
- (vii) Design of the tower, with particular reference to design characteristics that have the effect of reducing or eliminating visual obtrusiveness;
- (viii) The results of any Study;
- (ix) Proposed ingress and egress;
- (x) The impact on the natural environment;
- (xi) The exterior lighting and drainage shall not negatively affect any adjacent property or the surrounding area;
- (xii) The proposed special land use will be consistent with the general objectives of the City Master Plan;
- (xiii) The potential affect of noise and light flicker upon any individual in surrounding occupied buildings or on a nonparticipating landowner's property;
- (xiv) The proposed special land use will be compatible with adjacent uses of land in terms of location, size and character, and will have no negative impact on adjacent property or the surrounding neighborhood; and,
- (xv) Reasonable conditions may be imposed by the City Council upon approval of a special land use to reduce to a minimum any detrimental effect. Conditions imposed shall become part of the site plan and shall remain unchanged unless a change in conditions is approved by the City Council.

**(3) Setbacks**

The following setback requirements shall apply to all wind

turbines for which a special land use approval is required; provided, however, that the City Council may reduce the standards setback requirements if the goals of this ordinance would be better served thereby:

- (i) Wind turbines must be set back a distance equal to at least a distance equal to the overall height of the wind turbine from any adjoining lot line.
- (ii) Any guys and accessory buildings must satisfy the minimum zoning district setback requirements.
- (iii) Wind turbines shall be set back from the nearest occupied building a distance of not less than ten (10) feet.
- (iv) All wind turbines shall be set back from the nearest public road a distance equal to the turbine height, as measured from the right-of-way line of the nearest public road to the center of the wind turbine base. Those turbines rigidly attached to a building and whose base is on the ground may reduce this required setback by the amount equal to the distance from the point of attachment to the ground.

**(4) Security fencing**

The City Council may require wind turbines to be enclosed by security fencing not less than six feet in height.

**(5) Landscaping**

Article XI of the Zoning Ordinance shall govern the landscaping surrounding wind turbines for which a special land use approval is required.

**Section 7.** Article VI, Section 6:10.7, of the City of Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Wind turbine design and installation.**

(a) *Compliance with building code.* All wind turbines shall comply with the building code currently adopted by the City. Building permits for all wind turbines must be issued to a licensed contractor and applications shall be accompanied by standard drawings of the wind turbine structure, including the tower, base, and footing. An engineering analysis of the tower showing compliance with the currently adopted building code and certified by a licensed professional engineer shall also be submitted.

(b) *Braking system.* All wind turbines shall be equipped with a redundant braking system. This includes both aerodynamic overspeed controls (including variable pitch, tip, and other similar systems) and mechanical brakes. Mechanical brakes shall be operated in a fail-safe mode. Stall regulation shall not be considered a sufficient braking system for overspeed protection.

(c) *Compliance with applicable electrical codes and standards.* All electrical components of the wind turbine shall conform to relevant and applicable local, state and national codes, as well as applicable international standards.

(d) *Visual appearance; power lines.*

- (1) Wind turbines shall be either monopole, monolithic tube or lattice style construction, and a non-obtrusive color such as white, off-white or gray.
- (2) Roof-mounted wind turbines are not subject to color restrictions except that they must be maintained in their original manufactured color.
- (3) Wind turbines shall not be artificially lighted, except to the extent required by the Federal Aviation Administration or other applicable authority that regulates air safety.
- (4) Wind turbines shall not display advertising, except for one sign no greater than two square feet identifying the turbine manufacturer, and one sign no greater than two square feet providing the owner's name, address and telephone number for emergency calls. Both signs must be located on the lowest ten feet of the structure.
- (5) On-site transmission and power lines between wind turbines shall, to the maximum extent practicable, be placed underground.

**(e) Warnings.**

- (1) A clearly visible warning sign concerning voltage must be placed at the base of all pad-mounted transformers and substations.
  - (2) Visible, reflective, colored objects, such as flags, reflectors, or tape shall be placed on the anchor points of guy wires and along the guy wires up to a height of ten feet from the ground.
- (f) *Climb prevention/locks.*
- (1) Wind turbines shall not be climbable up to 15 feet above ground surface.
  - (2) All access doors to wind turbines and electrical equipment shall be locked to prevent entry by unauthorized persons.

**Section 8.** Article VI, Section 6:10.8, of the City of Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Wind turbine height.**

- (a) Maximum height for a single wind turbine in R-6, THR, GAR, MRR, MHR, CB-1, CB-2, CB-3, CB-4, OB, I-1, and I-2 districts shall be limited to 70 feet.
- (b) Maximum height for a single wind turbine serving a R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, and R-5 zoned district shall be limited to 30 feet from ground level.

**Section 9.** Article VI, Section 6:10.9, of the City of Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Noise and shadow flicker.**

- (a) Audible sound from any and all wind turbines shall not exceed 45 dba, as measured at the exterior of an occupied building on a nonparticipating landowner's property.
- (b) The City Council may impose restrictions upon the owner or operator of a wind turbine to minimize shadow flicker to any occupied building or nonparticipating landowner's property.

**Section 10.** Article VI, Section 6:10.10, of the City of Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Utility notification.**

No wind turbine shall be installed until evidence has been given that the utility company has been informed of the customer's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.

**Section 11.** Article VI, Section 6:10.11, of the City of Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Signal interference.**

The applicant shall not disrupt or interfere with radio, telephone, television or similar signals and shall mitigate any harm caused by the wind turbine.

**Section 12.** Article VI, Section 6:10.12, of the City of Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Decommissioning.**

- (a) The property owner or facility owner and operator shall, at its expense, complete decommissioning of a wind turbine or wind energy facility within 12 months after the end of the useful life of the facility or individual wind turbine. The wind turbine will presume to be at the end of its useful life if no electricity is generated for a continuous period of six (6) months.

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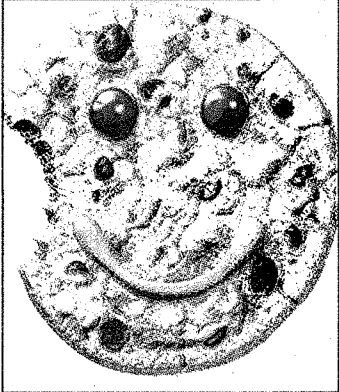
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## MILESTONES



### Vote for the best

**Time/Date:** Through Monday, Sept. 6

**Location:** My Lady's Florist, 930 S. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Long time Westland business, My Lady Florist, is looking for votes after being nominated as one of the best local businesses in the Detroit area in WDIV-TV's 2010 "4 the Best" Contest. The winners will be determined by a popular vote, so Westland residents can show their support by going to [www.clickondetroit.com/4thebest](http://www.clickondetroit.com/4thebest) search for My Lady's Florist and vote for them. Unlike last week's election, you can vote early and vote often.

**Contact:** To place an order, call My Lady at (734) 326-6344 or toll free at (800) 968-6645.

### Diabetes Summer School

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25

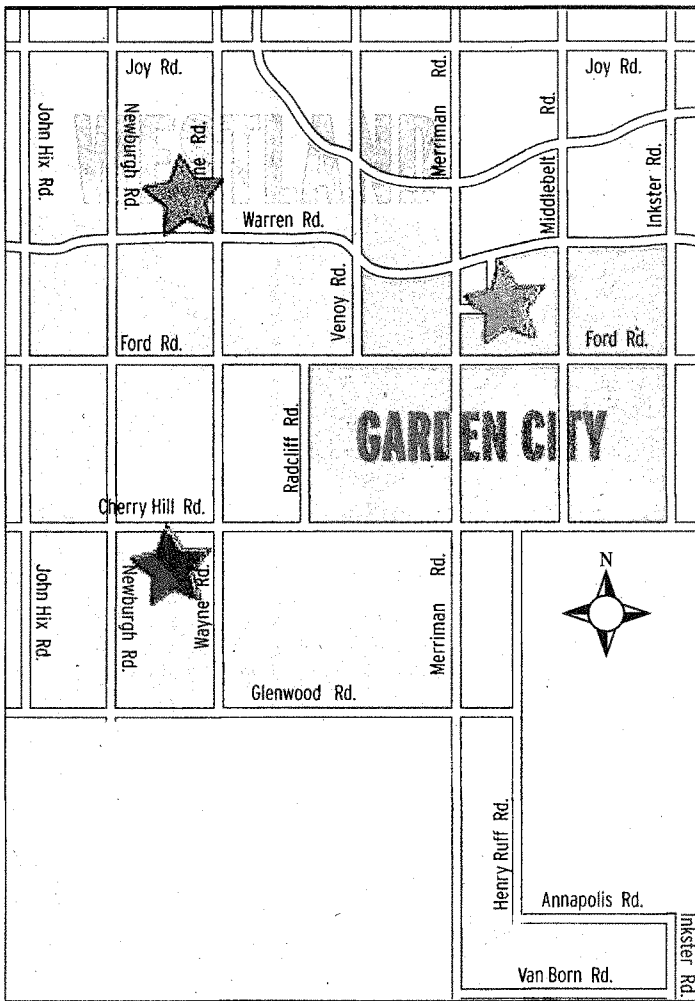
**Location:** Garden City Hospital's Westland Specialty Center, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland

**Details:** Garden City Hospital's two-hour Diabetes Summer School includes a speaker, presentation and discussion. The subject for August is "What's New for You and Your Diabetes Care: Devices for Insulin, Glucose Meters, Sensors and More." Bring your questions. The session begins with registration, displays, book sales and light refreshments containing approximately 30 grams of carbohydrate. There is no fee; family and friends are welcome. **Contact:** Reservations are necessary. Call (734) 458-4330 or e-mail [sgoodsell@gchosp.org](mailto:sgoodsell@gchosp.org).

### Dine & Dash

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14

**Details:** Eating out has never been more fun than dining and dashing to restaurants around Garden City. Your ticket to the event is a souvenir Dine & Dash shirt that must be worn during the event. There will be complimentary appetizers from the participating restaurants, transportation and an evening of pure fun for family and friends. Ticket cost \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 10 years, \$18 for senior citizens and \$75 for a party of four. All tickets must be purchased in advance (the event sells-out every year). Tickets are available at Garden City Chamber of Commerce.



### SEND IT

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

**Contact:** To order tickets, call the Chamber office at (734) 422-4448 or visit its office at 30120 Ford Road, Suite D, Garden City.

### Marketing your business

**Time/Date:** 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19

**Location:** Schoolcraft College's Small Business and Technology Development Center on the main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile. **Details:** The course presents practical applications of marketing concepts designed to help small businesses grow. It covers basic marketing tools including market analysis and research, target marketing, assessing competitors, and key marketing implementation tools. A strategic, well planned approach to marketing is demonstrated with several examples of effective hands-on marketing techniques.

**Reservations are required. Cost is \$40.**

**Contact:** (734) 462-4438

### Give me a smile

**Time/Date:** Beginning Saturday, Aug. 14

**Location:** Tim Hortons restaurants in metro Detroit

**Details:** Starting Saturday, there will be even more smiling faces at Metro Detroit Tim Hortons restaurants. While supplies last, guests can purchase a special smiling chocolate chip cookie for \$1 plus tax with all proceeds being donated to Children's Hospital of Michigan. Now in its fourth year, Tim Hortons restaurant owners and their guests have raised more than \$30,000 for Children's Hospital of Michigan and have helped support meaningful programs such as the hospital's Healing Garden and a transport monitor for the neonatal ICU. The funds from this year's campaign will benefit the Children's Research Centre of Michigan whose mission is to promote knowledge in the art of science and medicine in order to improve methods to prevent, cure and treat childhood diseases.

### All Alumni Reunion

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22

**Location:** Jefferson Beach Marina, 24400 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores **Details:** The Schoolcraft College Alumni Reunion Committee will host an All Decade Alumni Reunion aboard the Ovation Yacht on Lake St. Clair. Welcome Back II will feature an afternoon of sailing, fine dining, entertainment and the opportunity to reconnect with fellow alumni and Schoolcraft College faculty and staff. The Ovation Yacht will board at for the noont to 3 p.m. cruise. Tickets are limited and the first Welcome Back Alumni Reunion cruise sold out.

**Contact:** For reservations and details, please contact Victoria Rexius at (734) 462-4501 or visit the reunion website at [www.schoolcraftalumniunion.com](http://www.schoolcraftalumniunion.com).

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

# Life coaching business aims to help women

**Observer:** Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

Path Choice Life Coaching is all about helping women as they transition into the second half of their lives. As a life coach, I help to motivate, encourage and organize a woman as she goes through transition. I will come along side you and "coach" you as you travel down this new path in your life.

**Observer:** How did you first decide to open your business?

I received two professional certifications in life coaching and decided to work with women like myself who are going through transitions in their lives.

**Observer:** Why did you choose Westland?

I live in Westland **Observer:** What makes your business unique?

Life coaching is not therapy. Therapy takes a client from "broken" to "functional"; life coaching takes a client from "functional" to "extraordinary." Life coaching is not consulting. Life coaching assumes that the client has the answers and focuses on the "right questions" to elicit



As a life coach, Pam Duoba is committed to working with women who are in transition.

the needed solutions from the client. Life coaching is not mentoring. Life coaching helps clients apply their own experience and wisdom to their present needs. I offer a free 30-minute life coaching session. It's a great way to see if Path Choice Life Coaching is a good fit for you. There's no obligation to you and you can schedule the session at your convenience. Let me show you what I have to offer.

**Observer:** Do you have a tidbit or story to share with our readers about you experience so far as a small business owner?

A person named Gus

### PATH CHOICE LIFE COACHING

**Business Name and Address:** Path Choice Life Coaching, 38300 N. Jean Court, Westland

**Your Name and Title:** Pam Duoba, professional life coach

**Hometown:** Westland

**Business Opened:** June 2010

**Number of Employees:** 1

**Business Specialty:** Coaching women going through transitions

**Hours of Operation:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Business phone and website:** (734) 560-4393 | [www.mypathcoach.com](http://www.mypathcoach.com)

contacted me because he thought I was a man, but I turned out to be a woman.

**Observer:** How has the economy affected your business?

People are reluctant to sign a contract and pay for services.

**Observer:** Any advice for other business owners?

Don't give up. What's in store for the future of your business?

Reaching as many women as possible and helping them as they go through various changes in their lives.

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## WESTLAND CHAMBER CHAT

The Westland Chamber has several events planned for August for chamber members.

This month's After Hours will be at Beaver Creek 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19. Beaver Creek will be providing delicious appetizers for us, and Westland Rotary will be our co-hosts.

Come have a good time and meet other business people in the process. Remember to bring plenty of business cards.

To RSVP to call the chamber at 73 326-7222 or on online at [www.westlandchamber.com](http://www.westlandchamber.com).

This month's Coffee Connection will be at the Comfort Suites in Canton. Join us 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug.

24, at the Comfort Suites, 5730 Haggerty, just east of I-275 and north of Ford Road. Nader Judeh will be our host.

A Coffee Connection is a casual networking event that allows you to stop in when you can and leave when you need to. Stop in met a few new people and head to work. Hope to see you there!

Also circle Sept. 10 on your calendar because the Putt Cup is back!

Have you ever said, "I'm not a golfer, but I do Putt-Putt." Well, whether you were joking or not, now you have no more excuses. The Westland Chamber would like to announce its second annual "What the Putt Cup!"

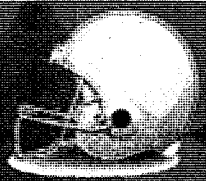
What the Putt Cup is a mini golf tournament, which will be held at Sport Way on Ford Road in Westland. We are going to have all the same bells and whistles as the Annual Golf Outing, just on a putt-putt course. Be prepared for contest holes, drawings, door prizes, and fun.

Of course, you will have four-person teams, who will all be competing for first place. So find a few co-workers or friends and sign up for this great new fun event!

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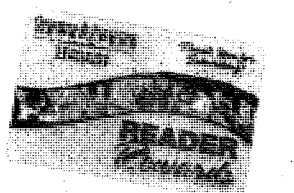


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## Rev your motor and head out to Woodward Dream Cruise

BY SHARON DARGAY  
 OGE STAFF WRITER

It's about 35 miles from Canton — give or take a few — to the epicenter of the Woodward Dream Cruise in Royal Oak.

MapQuest Livonia to Royal Oak and you're looking at about a 20-mile trip. It's about the same for Farmington Hills and about 30 miles for Westland.

That's a whole lot of driving to attend an event that's all about more driving.

Is it worth making the trip to the world's largest one-day vehicle cruise, exhibit and all-around nostalgic auto heritage event, now in its 15th year?

Yes, because if you own a vintage or collectible car or like watching them, you'll be in Motor City paradise. If not, you'll still find plenty of fun activities during Woodward Dream Cruise week, starting Tuesday, Aug. 17 and leading up to the big event on Saturday, Aug. 21.

We've picked out a few favorites:

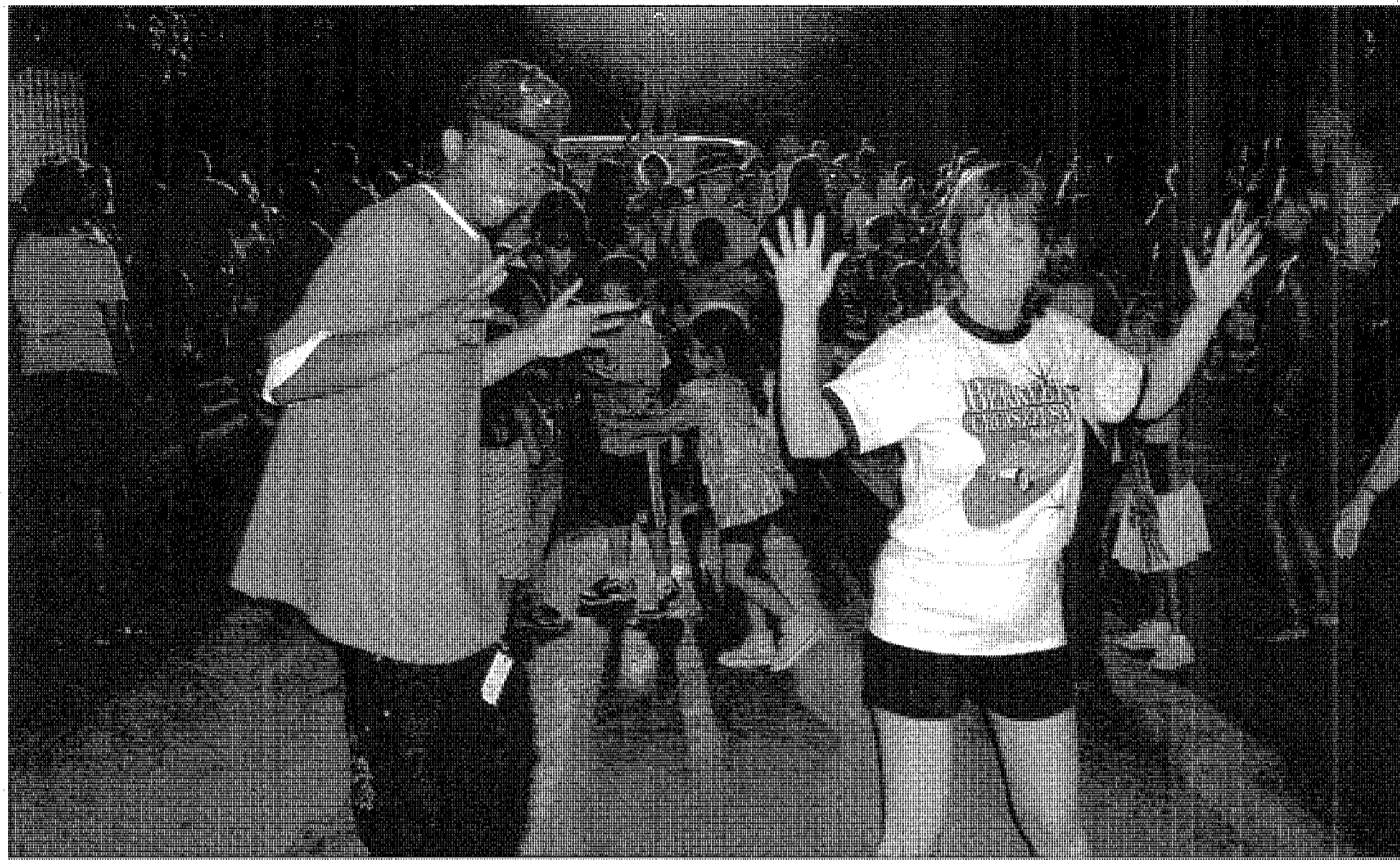
### JUST FOR KIDS

No, you won't find youngsters behind the wheel at the second annual Kids Cruise in downtown Royal Oak, but they will get a chance to climb in trucks and touch emergency vehicles at the Explore-A-Truck display during Kids Cruise, 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Fifth and Center Streets.

New this year is a climbing wall and musical "petting zoo" that allows children to touch and handle instruments. Kids will get a chance to make a noodle art project, try face-painting and play on a giant, inflatable slide. The Mydols, The Detroit School of Rock and Pop, Casual Smile and the Hype Syndicate will play live music. An outdoor showing of the movie, *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, wraps up the fun at sundown.

### DINE AND DRIVE

All week Hunter House in Birmingham will serve retro music and cars along with its famous sliders.



Dancers strut their stuff at last year's Berkley CruiseFest.

The diner on Woodward, just north of Maple, will kick off classic car viewing and patio dining on Monday, Aug. 16. British Bike Night starts at 6 p.m., followed by Toppermost with Beatles tunes from 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17. Laughing Mad Men Classic Rock runs 6-10 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 18-19, with an Elvis Presley tribute planned from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20, followed by Toppermost from 7-10 p.m. The Whatabouts join the line-up from noon to 4 p.m. on Dream Cruise day. The sliders all come topped with grilled onions, ketchup, mustard and dill pickles and range from \$1.80 for a hamburger to \$2.80 for a double cheeseburger.

### DANCE, DON'T DRIVE

Put on your dancing shoes and head to 12 Mile, west of Woodward in downtown Berkley for a little family fun with the Tri-Community

Coalition's annual street dance. The street will be closed to moving vehicles, letting dancers kick up their heels to DJ'd music from 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20.

"We are a substance abuse prevention nonprofit for Berkley, Huntington Woods and Oak Park. We've done this as long as there's been a Dream Cruise," said Judy Rubin, executive director. "We started it because we thought it was great family drug-free, smoke-free, alcohol-free event. Dancing is sort of a language unto itself and music is fun."

The dance is a part of Berkley's "CruiseFest" that includes sidewalk sales from noon to 5 p.m.; a parade at 6:30 p.m.; children's activities from 6-9 p.m.; a performance by Sereious from 7:30-9 p.m. and a 70s-80s party from 9:30-11 p.m. — all on Friday, Aug. 20.

"It's a wonderful event. There's food, music. We're just one little piece of it," Rubin noted. "It's a fun and healthy slice of Americana right here."

### BIG HAIR ANYONE?

Forget the engine exhaust. The air will be thick with hairspray fumes Friday, Aug. 20, near Nine Mile east of Woodward in Ferndale.

That's OK. It just means the 3rd Annual Beehive Jive, sponsored by Paul Mitchell Schools, is underway. The fund-raiser for FernCare Free Health Clinic, runs 1-5 p.m. and consists of professional hairstylists creating piled high hairdos, while onlookers donate and vote for their favorites. Winners are announced at 4:30 p.m. as hair models take to the stage.

"It draws a lot of people. It's fun and gets area salons involved," said Lynn Crinson of Paul Mitchell Schools, Sterling Heights. "Three hours sounds like a long time, but everyone is so excited, the time goes by quickly. They get creative, putting flowers in, using swatches, hair extensions, whatever they need to use. It's awesome."

Students from the school are on hand to create beehive hairdos for visitors.

"Women who get fed up looking at cars can come play with us."

### LIGHTS AND SIRENS

Blaring sirens are music to Anthony Rzuicidlo's ears.

The Dearborn Heights man coordinates an emergency vehicle show during Cruisin' Michigan Avenue, an annual summer event in Western Wayne County, and this year

is handling the annual show in Ferndale on Friday, Aug. 20 during Dream Cruise.

"It's not offensive, but it's loud. If you're into it you'll be excited. If you're an emergency vehicle aficionado, it will be like a Christmas gift," said Rzuicidlo, describing the Lights and Sirens cruise that will take place approximately 5:30 p.m. on Woodward between Nine Mile and 12 Mile.

"All the (emergency) vehicles on display get a chance to drive on Woodward, turn around and come back to Ferndale."

Approximately 54 emergency vehicles will be on exhibit from 1-8 p.m. Friday in the Nine Mile area, east of Woodward.

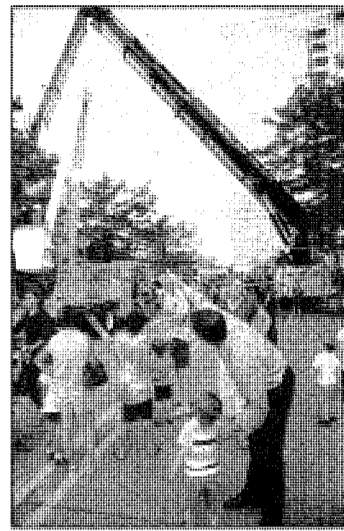
"There's a retired gentleman from Redford bringing a 1953 restored police car. Detroit police is bringing an electric car. We have a 1967 Dodge made into a tactical mobile unit," Rzuicidlo's named a few favorites.

The Detroit Fire Department will have a restored 1937 unit on view. It's now used as a hearse for firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

"It's a great variety of vehicles."

### THE BIG DAY

Mustang Alley, a collection



Parents and kids alike admire the heavy equipment at the Explore-A-Truck display during Kids Cruise, Aug. 17 in downtown Royal Oak.

of vintage Ford Mustangs, will replace the emergency equipment display in Ferndale on Saturday, Aug. 21. The community's 16th annual Ferndale Classics & Cruise Legends Vehicle Show also will run from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., on Saturday.

Live bands play every evening in Ferndale from Thursday, Aug. 19 to Woodward Dream Cruise Day. Look for Western Wayne County's own Paisley Fogg to take the stage at noon on Saturday, Aug. 21.

Cruisers will show off their vehicles from morning until early evening, through Ferndale to Pontiac and every city in between, but for food, cars, and displays all in one place, there's no better place than Memorial Park, on the northeast corner of 13 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak.

"There will be about 300 or so classic cars, vendor displays, a food court and GM will have a display," said Greg Rassel, Royal Oak director of recreation and public service, describing the action at Memorial Park.

Several car clubs also will display their hot rods, classic wheels, custom and collector vehicles at Northwood Shopping Center, at the southwest corner of 13 Mile and Woodward.

Visitors can park in and around Memorial Park or take a free shuttle from the Consumer's Energy parking lot on Coolidge (east of Woodward) just south of 14 Mile.

For more about Woodward Dream Cruise events visit [www.woodwarddreamcruise.com](http://www.woodwarddreamcruise.com).

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Croutons dress up a salad.

## How to dress a naked salad

No salad deserves to be naked. After all, a dish that can deliver so much taste and nutrition in one meal should always be served with style. With all the healthy convenience items available in supermarkets, it's easy to liven up a lonely bowl of lettuce. Here are some easy ideas from Mrs. Cubbison's Test Kitchens:

**Chicken Nugget Caesar Salad** — Toss chopped romaine lettuce with bottled Caesar dressing; top with boneless chicken nuggets. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and Caesar Salad croutons. A kid-pleasing meal in minutes!

**Hamburger Salad** — Toss iceberg or green leaf lettuce with diced tomatoes and pickle slices. Top with grilled, cut up beef, turkey or vegetarian burgers. Drizzle with light or fat-free Thousand Island dressing and top with fat-free seasoned croutons. Great for low-carb diets.

**Baja Fish Taco Style Salad** — Place baby salad greens in a bowl and spoon bottled black bean salsa over the top. Sprinkle grilled fish fillet pieces over the salsa and top with shredded cheddar cheese, a dollop of sour cream and seasoned croutons.

**Pepperoni Pizza Salad** — Arrange a bag of mixed salad greens in a large salad bowl. Top with thinly sliced red onion, tomato wedges,

sliced pepperoni, and shredded Italian blend cheese. Add sliced, fresh mushrooms if desired. Pour a 1/2 cup of bottled Italian dressing over all ingredients and serve with cheese- and garlic-flavored croutons.

**Steak and Potato Salad** — Start with leftover grilled steak and oven roasted red potatoes. Cut the steak and potatoes into bite sized chunks. Toss meat and potatoes with sour cream, chives and cracked black pepper in a bowl; cover and chill. Serve over fresh salad greens and top with garlic- and French bread-style croutons.

**California Chicken & Fruit Salad** — Use bagged salad greens and freezer section breaded chicken strips that have been heated and chopped. Add fresh strawberry slices, halved, fresh grapes, and peeled navel orange sections. Sprinkle shredded Monterey Jack cheese and fat-free seasoned croutons and serve with light vinaigrette. A perfect light lunch.

**Vidalia Onion & Spinach Salad** — Toss a bag of baby spinach with thinly sliced sweet onions and chopped, hard-boiled eggs. Serve with vinaigrette and garlic- and French bread-style and croutons. Sauté fresh garlic slices in butter and spoon onto the salad if desired.

Courtesy Family Features

## Five best-kept secrets to shaping up

When it comes to helping people get into shape, no one does it better than health and fitness expert Denise Austin. She has simple advice that makes a big difference when it comes to making smart decisions about food and fitness.

Here are five of her best-kept secrets:

1. **Breakfast Is best.** Consider incorporating smart substitutes at meal times, especially breakfast. Start the day with a delicious twist to bacon — try turkey bacon, which has loads of flavor with less fat. Austin recommends turkey bacon with at least 50 percent less fat than pork bacon. One of her go-to morning pick-me-ups is a quick and easy turkey bacon breakfast sandwich.

2. **Hire a workout Spy.** E-mail your workout log to a supportive friend every week and you'll be more likely to stick with your exercise program.

3. **Girl's Night IN Is good for you.** There's a new excuse for girls' night. Research from the Harvard Medical School shows that women who maintain close ties with their gal-pals enjoy such health benefits as lower blood pressure, increased immunity, and even longer life expectancy. So get the gals together at least once a week for some good food and good fun! For extra sizzle, try a new recipe each time — like the Turkey Cobb Lettuce Wraps with Turkey Bacon or other delicious suggestions on [www.kraftrecipes.com](http://www.kraftrecipes.com).

4. **Be A Kid Again.** Mix up your workout routine by jumping rope to get your blood pumping and oxygen flowing. To be a jump rope pro, stay light on your feet and do small jumps in place. Pump it up by shifting your weight from your right foot to the

left while you circle your arms. For a real challenge, jump with both feet together and crisscross your arms in front.

5. **Helping Others Can Help You, Too.** According to a study by the Corporation for National and Community Service, people achieve a higher level of mental and physical health by helping others. Join the Oscar Mayer Good Mood Mission, [www.goodmoodmission.com](http://www.goodmoodmission.com), to share your good mood and learn how America has helped donate 3 million pounds of food to Feeding America.

### GRAB-AND-GO BREAKFAST SANDWICH

Prep Time: 5 min

Total Time: 10 min

Makes: 1 serving

- 1/4 cup cholesterol-free egg product
- 1 English muffin, split, toasted
- 1 low-fat cheese slice
- 1 slice turkey bacon, cooked, cut crosswise in half

Cook egg product in skillet sprayed with cooking spray on medium heat 3 minutes or until set, stirring occasionally. Spoon onto muffin half; cover with cheese, bacon and remaining muffin half.



Courtesy of Family Features

Easy-to-make breakfast sandwich

## Scottish shortbread recipe revisited

An incorrect version of one of the Scottish shortbread recipes ran in the *Observer* Aug. 5. Here's the recipe again, with the correct amount of sugar:

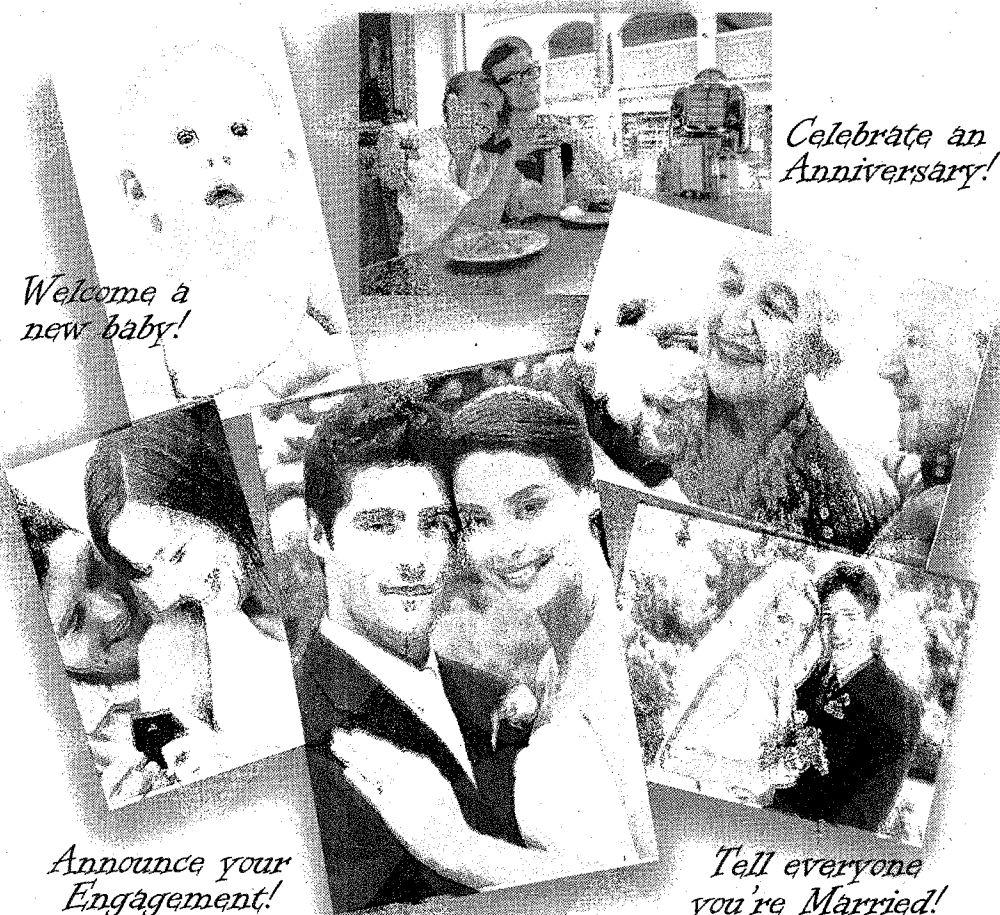
### PEG DUNLOP'S SHORTBREAD

- 3/4 cup of white granulated sugar
- 1 cup of butter
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 1/4 cups of flour

Beat sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Mix in one egg yolk. Add flour and mix until a semi-stiff dough forms. Press in 8- by 8-inch pan. Prick with fork at one inch intervals and bake in 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Cut in squares or rectangles while still warm.

This dough also makes good cut out cookies. Roll to 1/4 inch thickness and cut with cookie cutter. Or you can put it through a cookie press. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.

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