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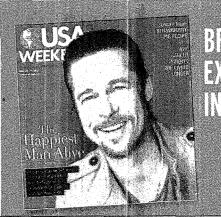
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### IN BRIEF

Life Remodeled

With the help of about 450 volunteers. Life Remodeled completed construction of a new home in Norwayne.over six days in April

Get a look at the reality show filmed during the project at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at the Emagine Theater on Ford, east of Lotz, in Canton.

Admission is \$1 per person. Life Remodeled is hoping to sell its reality show to a cable network and help fund future projects.

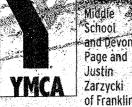
#### Just a reminder

Westland city offices, including the library, recycling center and 18th District Court, will be closed Monday, May 30. The library will be closed Sunday, May 29.

And for residents with a Monday refuse collection day, there will be no rubbish or recycling picked up Memorial Day. Those collections will be picked up Tuesday and refuse collection will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the

#### Summer campers

Four Wayne-Westland middle school students will enjoy a week at camp as part of a partnership between the school district, North Bros. Rachej Dean and Gyonna



of Franklin Middle School will attend one-week sessions at YMCA

"On behalf of all of the employees and customers, we're happy to support the YMCA and young people in the community," Doug North said. "I attended camp and I remember it to this day."

The students had to write essays about either someone who inspired them to be a leader in the community or about a camp which they would enjoy and how it would have an impact on their life. Rice was the only one to write about a leader Rosa Parks, and how attende ing a YMCA camp would make her a better leader like the late civil rights activist.

Dean wrote about wanting to attend a baby-sitting camp to learn the skills that would make her a good baby-sitter. Page expressed interest in Attending a camp that would teach him more about the creative arts, while/arzycki wants to learn abox survival in the woods.

The camps offer everyring they're looking for and will truly change their lives, said Doug Overton from the ♪ Livonia Family YMCA

Not only did North sponsor them for the camps, he also presented them with canvass bags, packed with a sleeping bag, hat and beach towel.

## Pared-down W-W language in new budget

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials are relieved that the new school aid budget includes a partial restoration of its \$6 million equity funding. But beyond that, there's not much to celebrate.

"We're happy to get it, but it's onetime money. Even the state language is one time only," said Gary Martin,

deputy director for administrative and business services. "We're struggling to keep our heads above water with the challenges this year and with what we'll face in 2012-13."

The budget that was signed into law Thursday will cost Wayne-Westland between \$7.7 million and \$9 million. Per-pupil funding will still be cut \$470, but there's the potential to get \$200 back. The state is offering \$100 per

student to offset a sharp increase in retirement costs and another \$100 if districts meet five best practices related to service consolidation, bidding out of non-instructional services, employees paying 10 percent of their health care, the district being the health care policy holder and a dashboard on its website.

According to Supt. Greg Baracy, with some tweaking, the district could qualify for the dashboard best practice, "but the other four, we're not even close.'

These are huge cuts," he said. If the district qualifies for the \$200 extra, the loss would be \$608 per student, but without the best practice money, the loss is \$708 per student.

"These are being used as one-time money to soften the blow," Martin said.

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### Westland spared massive flooding after heavy rainfall



Construction equipment in Hines Park was submerged by flood waters as the Middle Rouge River overflowed its banks. The park is a flood plain for the river which crested at 10.6 inches Thursday morning, just above its 10-foot flood stage.

BY LEANNE ROGERS ORSERVER STAFF WRITER

What a difference from a year ago. Unlike some surrounding communities, Westland avoided any widespread problems after heavy rains last week.

'We're pretty stable. We had 60-80 homes that experienced flooding. A lot of it was Wednesday night," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "Most of it was in the north end of town all the way across to Inkster Road along Hines Park.

In June 2010, approximately 2,000 homes around the city reported basement flooding following a tremendous rainfall. In this case, Wild said the rainwater overwhelmed the Wayne County interceptor in Hines Park - the Rouge River was reported to be five feet above its normal level for this

"At some point between 5:30-9:30 p.m., Wayne County bypassed the interceptor and pumped the water into the river. That got things moving," said

City crews worked on diverting water

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### Zumbathon raises money, awareness of sarcoidosis

BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

As a Zumba instructor, Derica Wade works to get people fit and moving.

Now Wade is using Zumba to raise money and educate people about sarcoidosis, a potentially fatal systemic disease that can affect any

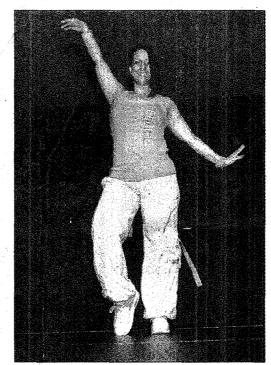
"My mother-in law has the disease — it runs all through my husband's family and we've lost family members to it," said Wade. "It's really near and dear to my heart."

The Zumbathon for Sarcoidosis will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill, Westland, where Wade teaches Zumba four days a week. The doors open at 1:30 p.m. It's open to all ages and a \$15 donation is requested.

We average more than 100 people for a Zumba party. I hope we will get at least 200 people for the Zumbathon," said Wade.

Along with the Zumba fundraiser to benefit he Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research, Wade said part of the event is aimed at educating the public about the disease. If the average person has heard of the disease, she notes that it is likely because that is what caused the death of comedian and actor Bernie Mac.

In saicoidosis, the immune system doesn't function properly and blood cells become overactive, releasing chemicals which cause inflamed tissue to form in the body's organs. Common symptoms are vague, such as fatigue unchanged by sleep, lack of energy, weight loss, aches and pains, arthritis, dry eyes, swelling of the knees, blurry vision, shortness of breath, a dry hacking cough or skin lesions. The cause



Instructor Derica Wade is using a Zumba-thon to raise money and educate people about sarcoidosis, a potentially fatal systemic disease.

isn't known and there isn't a cure.

"There isn't a lot of awareness. It's a horrible disease. They used to think it was genetic but now it affects all ethnic groups ... It used to occur more in ethnic minorities," said Wade, who hopes to have a couple of sarcoidosis sufferers speak at the event.

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### Hearing delayed in WYAA embezzlement case

BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The preliminary examination for a former athletic association president charged with embezzling from the group has been delayed again.

Galen Huren Jr., 46, had been scheduled to appear before 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell Thursday for preliminary examination on a charge of embezzling more than \$20,000 from the Westland Youth Athletic Association.

The hearing was adjourned until Thursday, June 16.

Currently residing in Garden City, Huren is free on the \$10,000/10 percent bond. He had waived his right to preliminary examination within 14 days of arraignment.

The charge is that money was stolen from WYAA from January to July 2010. According to police, cash collected for registrations were not deposited into the bank. WYAA put the figure for the

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and they provided information to homeowners about how to deal with water in their basements. Last year, the city send out crews from Belfor to helps residents clean up their basements.

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"Last year was a citywide emergency in my estimation, this was more localized flooding in the Rouge area,' said Wild. "We dodged the bullet.'

The recent wet weather caused the cancellation of the Thursday morning ground-breaking scheduled for Westland's Community Garden in partnership with DTE Energy at their training facility of Cherry Hill.

The ground is so wet. They haven't even been able to plow," said Westland Planning Director Bruce Thompson, who also heads the city's Mission: Green program. No new date has been set for the groundbreaking.

The rain is also delaying work on the remediation and restoration of Central City Park, which is scheduled to be completed by

"Obviously, it's been bad. They were supposed to pave the approaches to the park from Carlson this week but that was moved back a week," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski. "The rain has definitely limited us but



Hines Drive near Warren Road in Westland couldn't be seen under the Middle Rouge River which spilled over its banks after heavy rainfall Wednesday.



A playscape in Hines Park will be out of commission until the Middle Rouge River recedes. Flooding due to heavy rain closed Hines Drive from Northville to Dearborn.

there is not much we can do. The ground is so saturated, it's starting to look like they are going to need an extension. We have a really great contractor and we want to do it right.'

The park has been closed due to lead contamination since 2006. The remediation project focuses on the

east part of the park which was cleared and regraded in advance of a geotextile membrane being installed to contain contaminated soil and covered with up to 12 inches of top soil before being seeded in some areas, covered with sod in others.

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#### Progressive raffle

The Westland Goodfellows have added a new progressive raffle to its fund-raising efforts. In addition to its longstanding regular Bingo event, held every week at the Wayne Ford Civic Center, and poker tournaments, at Marvaso's-Electric Stick, the Goodfellows have launch an "Ace of Spades" Progressive Raffle, a 54-week event, hosted by Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

BY LEANNE ROGERS

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The Firing Line shooting

The Westland City Council

recently approved a rezoning

and special land use required

relocate to 33000 Ford, west of

to allow the Firing Line to

The 14,469-square-foot

building had been used for

zoned CB-4, vehicle service,

Moving from its current

location in an industrial park

off Hix north of Ford, the

Firing Line would now be

located within the Westland

an indoor gun range.

automotive repair. It had been

with the rezoning making it I-1, light industrial, which allows

range will be relocating.

Drawings are held at 9:30 p.m. every Monday. It is a 60/40 raffle with 60 percent of the jackpot going to the winner. People interested in participating, can visit Buffalo Wild Wings to get tickets each week.

#### Golf outing

The Westland Fire Fighter's **Public Awareness Committee** is sponsoring a benefit golf outing for Children's Fire Safety.

The proceeds from the outing will be used to educate children about the dangers of Planning Commission cited studies prepared for the DDA suggesting that the amount of automotive-related uses along the Ford Road corridor be reduced. In other action:

Rezoning allows shooting range

to relocate to Ford Road site

Downtown Development

Authority district. The favor-

· Council approved a

revised site plan for Plastipak Packaging, 1351 N. Hix. The action will allow the installation of an addition to the roof of the existing building to accommodate new equipment for the existing operations.

The proposed roof extension would be 35 feet tall and the construction materials will match the existing 184,631square-foot building.

• A revised site plan has also been approved for a proposed able recommendation from the solar pilot project at the DTE **Energy Training Facility, 38155** Cherry Hill, west of Newburgh. Plans call for the installation of a 386kW solar array system at the south end of the site and a 5kW solar system at a pole barn previously approved by council.

The site has an existing 22,000-square-foot building and a large outdoor training facility, with outbuildings at the rear of the property.

The development on the property makes it necessary for Westland's DTE Community Garden to relocate on the site for its second year.

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missing funds at \$31,000 during this period of time.

Representatives from WYAA filed a complaint with police in July 2010 after Huren had resigned as president. Huren, who has entered a not guilty plea, denied the allegations when interviewed

by police.

WYAA officials discovered money missing when the group began getting notices of nonpayment, including the utilities at their headquarters on Farmington Road. The group reported little or no deposits into their account for about six months.

WYAA has worked out payment plans and has been working to rebuild their finances after adding to their

financial checks and balances, while continuing to offer youth sports programs.

Now in its 53rd year, WYAA registers about 1,000 youngsters 5-16 years old annually participating in football, baseball, volleyball, basketball, softball and cheerleading. The group is self-supporting through registration fees and fundraisers.

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#### AROUND WESTLAND

fire and how to escape them. Throughout the year, the **Public Awareness Committee** promotes fire safety through school programs, after-school programs and the sponsorship of many other functions, both within the fire department

and within the city. The 2011 Children's Fire Safety Golf Classic will be held on Thursday, June 9, at the Gateway Golf Club, 33290 Gateway Dr., Romulus. The cost is \$125 per person and includes lunch, dinner, refreshments and prizes. The tee time for the 4-person shotgun scramble is 8:30 a.m.

To participate in the golf outing or for fairway sponsorship information, call (734) 467-3201.

#### Bowling benefit

A Breast Cancer 3-Day bowling benefit will be held Saturday, June 4, Oak Lanes, 8450 N. Middlebelt Westland. Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m., bowling starts at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$15 per person and includes three games of 9 pin no tap bowling, and

shoe rental and mystery, cash bar, snack bar open, raffles and 50/50 drawings all night. Bring a team or come alone.

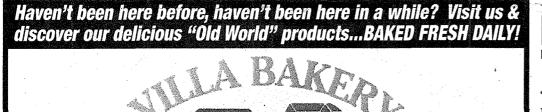
Pre-pay by May 27 for free 50/50 tickets. Contact Dawn Downer at (734) 502-4277 or at downt@doubledexpress.

Proceeds will help Dowmer raise the \$2,300 she needs to walk in the Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day Aug. 12, 13 and

#### Benefit concert

"For the Love of Chris" is a benefit to help musician/singer/song-writer Chris McCall win her fight against Cancer. Enjoy an amazing night of music with an incredible line up of local Detroit bands featuring The Christina Jensen Band, Panic Trigger, Robb Roy and Pistol Day Parade.

The event takes place 4-10 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at Bumper's Bar and Grill, 8631 N. Newburgh, south of Joy, Westland. The event is open to people who are age 18 and older. A \$10 donation at the door will be accepted.



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"Next year the \$200 in stipends and the one-time money for categoricals will be gone."

As it now stands, Wayne-Westland's per-pupil funding will drop to the 2001-02 level of \$7,249. At that time, the

district had 14,300 students, a retirement rate of 12.17 percent and health care costs of \$8 million. For 2011-12, enrollment is projected to be to 12,602, the retirement will be 24.46 percent and health care costs will be \$15 million, "assuming we can get the bargaining units to increase their co-pays," Martin said.

"This will put us at the mini-

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mum of funding for districts in Wayne County. It's a travesty because Wayne-Westland was in the top half before Proposal A." he said Now that the district knows

what to expect, Martin will be going to the school board to get its direction on what to do with the new budget. There won't be much time, since the board will vote on a new budget on June 13.

'We're still hoping we can do something with the cooperation of all the bargaining units," he added.

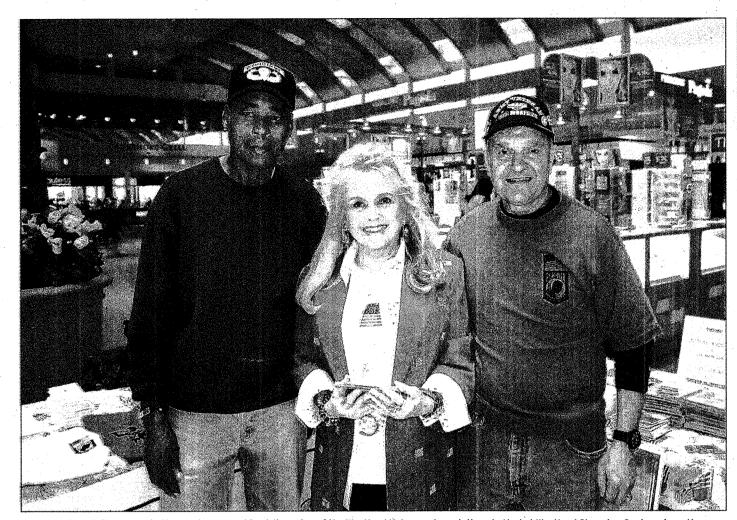
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### Byron MacGregor's 'The Americans' stands test of time



Al Parker (from left), Jo-Jo Shutty-MacGregor and Paul Jingozian of the Westland Veterans Association chatted at Westland Shopping Center where the veterans were holding a Memorial Day weekend fundraiser.

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Detroit radio traffic reporter Jo-Jo Shutty-MacGregor stopped by Westland Shopping Center Thursday to help local veterans with their fund-raising efforts.

One of items being sold by the Westland Veterans Association has a personal connection to Shutty-MacGregor — it's a spoken word CD by her late husband, Byron MacGregor. Included is MacGregor's chart-topping recording of The Americans which has already raised \$4 million for the American Red

"It was (recorded in) 1973, that's what makes it so incredible and amazing. That mesthe test of time," said Shutty-MacGregor. "The message transcends time."

Recorded with America, the Beautiful performed by the **Detroit Symphony Orchestra** as background music, The Americans reached No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and sold more than 3.5 million copies.

It's not the precise words — it's the presentation. Byron's presentation is to lift you up," said Shutty-MacGregor.

Proceeds from the sale of The Americans CDs, along with two other CDs, the Remember the Other Side which is music and the Military Americans, narrated by Lee Alan, will benefit the Westland Veterans Memorial project.

More than 35 years after it

sends a clear patriotic message, Shutty-MacGregor said, especially coming from her husband, a Canadian who later had dual citizenship.

"People call to this day asking to hear it. We've had earthquakes and tornadoes since then," said Shutty-MacGregor. "It's all things people can relate to — the only (natural disaster) we've had that wasn't mentioned is a tsunami.'

Shutty-MacGregor hadn't met her future husband when he recorded The Americans, which he originally read at the end of a public affairs program that aired on CKLW (800).

MacGregor was news director at CKLW which had the 20/20 news department in addition to being a top 40 music radio powerhouse.

idea of adding a traffic reporter delivering reports from a helicopter and ended up hiring his future wife.

Currently heard on radio stations WOMC (104.3), WWJ (950) and WJR (760), Shutty-MacGregor and her husband, who died at 45 in 1995, worked at CKLW during its heyday.

"The Americans is continuing to help out and what better than to help out our service people," said Shutty-MacGregor. "Talk about our treasures. They fight for our country and our personal freedoms. So many people take that for granted.

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### Westland veterans group fundraises for Wall's visit

Members of the Westland Veterans Association will be fundraising throughout the Memorial Day weekend.

The veterans will be selling three CDs with proceeds going towards the construction of a new Westland Veterans Memorial in Central City Park. The first phase is projected to cost \$150,000 and the vets hope to have it dedicated on Veterans Day 2012.

The CD featuring The Americans and other recitations by Byron MacGregor with background music and a musical CD, Remember the Other Side, are being sold for \$15 each or both for \$25.

A third CD called The Military Americans, narrated by former disc jockey Lee Alan, is available for \$7. All three CDs can be purchased for \$30.

The veterans will be in the east court of Westland Shopping Center through

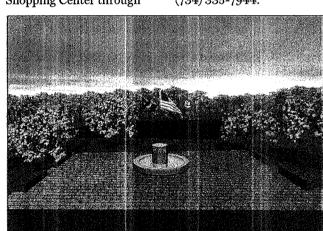
Memorial Day selling the CDs. T-shirts which benefits the Vietnam Moving Wall visit to Westland July 21-25 are also being sold at the

The T-shirts sell for \$15 for sizes small through extra large, \$18 for 2X and \$22 for 3X.

Members of the veterans association also will be selling T-shirts during the Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council. The parade will be at 1 p.m. today, May 29. It begins at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, heads north on Wayne Road, then west on Ford to the Peace Memorial at Westland City Hall.

The shirts will be available during the parade at the Wayne-Ford Civic League and Westland City Hall.

For more information, call (734) 335-7944.

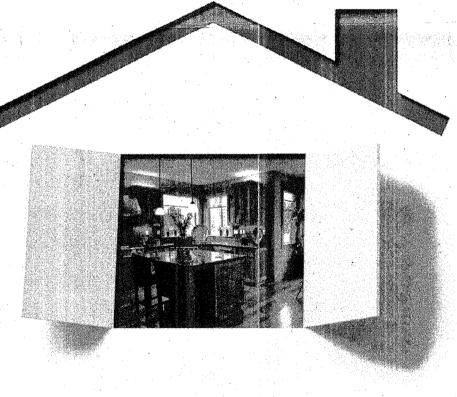


This is a rendering of the Westland Veterans Memorial that is to be constructed in Central City Park.





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### Students put Beyblades to test in Marshall's first ever tournament



Teacher Chris King explains how the brackets work at the start of the tournament.

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"Who would have thought tops would be so exciting?" Kim Schweninger said, watching youngsters mill around battle stadiums where Beyblades whirled and twirled as they bounced off each other. "It's a new generation."

Schweninger was among parents who converged on Marshall Upper Elementary School last week for its first ever Beyblade Tournament.

Organized by teacher Chris King, students launched their tops with hopes that theirs would nab them the championship.

"I thought it would be 30 kids and it turned out to be 128," King said. "We had an overwhelming response. I would have loved to participate, but when it got up past 40 kids, I knew I couldn't."



His expression says it all as Noah Said wins a round in Marshall's Beyblade Tournament.

Using a bracket system and broken up into eight groups of 16, the players sent their Beyblades two at a time into the stadiums, hoping theirs would stay upright the longest. They played against each other, with first-round losers getting a second chance to advance on the way to the sweet 16 finalists.

In some groups, the students managed the competition, keeping track of the brackets, while in others parents like Schweninger helped keep groups focused on the competition. Her son Dylan, a sixth-grader, has been playing with Beyblades for two years. His arsenal include

nine blades, seven of which were free.

"My mom does online surveys and got a ton of them before they came out," he said.

Hoping to spin his way to the finals, he lost in the fourth rough, only to beat the winner in the other bracket.

"I hope this will be annual thing," co-Principal Bobby Kelly Jr. said. "When you do something like this, it's hard not to do it again when the other kids know about."

Youngsters play the game during recess and before school. They had been playing during lunch a little "crazy," Kelly said.

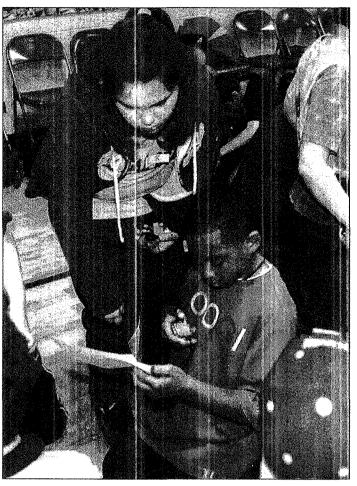
"It's the nature of the game.

Everyone wants to crowd around to see what's going on," he said.

King had set aside two hours for the event, but with the crowd of students, he had to call play at the semifinal round, holding off the final games for a special championship round which he hosted during lunch the next day.

"I'm a let-it-ride kind of guy. I figured we'd get through this one way or another and that it would be more fun than frustration," he said.

Dustin Hinkle was in the finals. A sixth-grader, he's been playing Beyblades for only a few months.



Students Courtney Prough and Andre Edwards look over the directions for the competition.

"It's pretty cool. You can beat people by having matches," he said, pointing out that each Beyblade is different. They come in different colors, have names and can even have the spinning shafts changed. For his heats, he was relying on a red Dark Gasher.

"The school's great for activities like this," Schweninger said. "These activities are great for the kide"

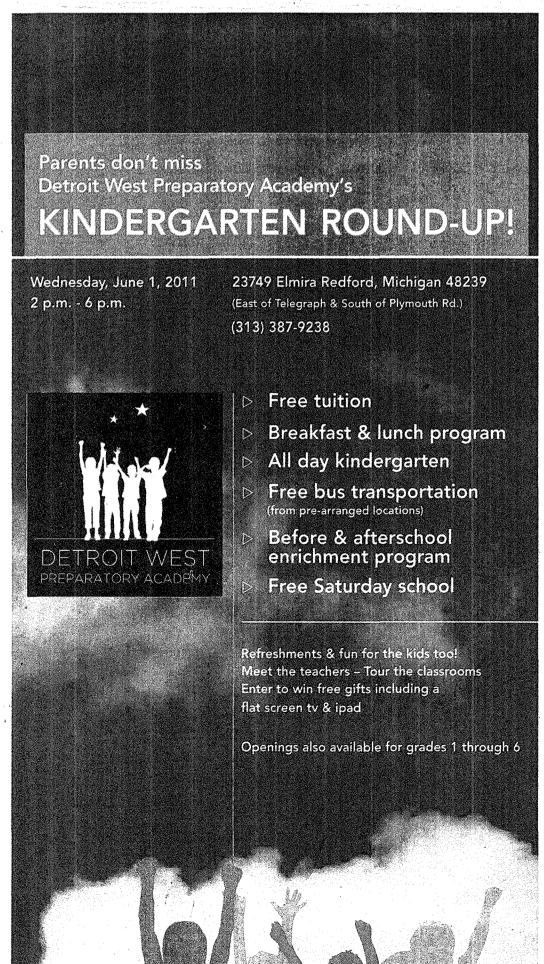
The 16 finalists also played in a double elimination round,

with sixth-grader Delon
Anderson winning bragging
rights as the best Beyblader at
Marshall. Placing second was
fifth-grader Kalpit Sutariya.
Aaron Foster was third.

Terrie Griffith-Wrone's son Nathaniel was among the 16 players making it to the final competition.

"They take it so seriously and it's just tops," she said. "Who would have thought a top would be so much fun?"

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### Glenn grad named Canton Firefighter of Year

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Mere hours after he learned his skin cancer has spread, 32-year-old Ryan Swick reached the pinnacle of his career Thursday evening as he was named Canton Firefighter of the

It was a bittersweet day for Swick, a former Westland resident, John Glenn High School graduate, highly respected firefighter and father of two little girls - Shelby, 2, and Shylei, 9 months. He has earned accolades for saving other people's lives even as he battles for his own.

Honored by the Canton Public Safety Department's top brass, Swick humbly accepted his award on the stage of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill as the audience stood to applaud him. His wife, Laurie, snapped pictures of him during the Canton Fire Department's 12th-annual awards ceremony.

"I'm very humbled," Swick said during an interview before the ceremony. "I never thought anything I did would lead to an honor like this."

Swick was singled out among 59 firefighters for the department's highest honor on the same night his wife earned a Civilian Commendation Award for grabbing a garden hose and dousing a wooden fence that had caught fire across the street last summer in their Canton neighborhood. She was nearly eight months pregnant at the time.

"She stepped in and risked her safety as well as the safety of her unborn child to not only put the fire out, but to keep the fire from spreading," Fire Chief Tim Dunn

Ryan Swick was lauded by Dunn as a hard-working firefighter paramedic who has emerged as a leader and



John Glenn alumni Ryan Swick, who is battling cancer, is Canton's Firefighter

role model as he continues to work, following multiple surgeries and treatment for melanoma.

"He has worked every day his doctors would allow him to work with a smile on his face and determination to make every day count," Dunn said. "With a hard work ethic, determination and dependability, Firefighter Swick is a positive role model for all firefighters to follow. He is a perfect example of how to handle difficult situations with dignity and strength."

Swick has worked seven years in Canton after earlier giving five years of service to Huron Valley Ambulance. He wanted to become a firefighter since he was a teenager, and he didn't let his

asthma deter him. "I like to be able to help people and be someone people look up to," Swick said.

"I like to break stuff, too," he said, smiling, adding that he likes breaking down doors to rescue people from fires or breaking out car windows to help people involved in accidents.

**Battalion Chief Mike** Caruso and Firefighter Wendy Murphy nominated Swick as Firefighter of the Year, and an awards committee made the final selection.

He has kept coming to work through all of his cancer treatments," Caruso said. "It's just a real tough ordeal for him to get through, and he never gave up working. He was going through a lot of surgeries, and he was back to work not long after."

Murphy gave Swick similar

"He's one of the nicest guys you could ever know — the kind of guy you can't dupli-



Ryan Swick accepts the Firefighter of the Year award from Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek.

cate," she said. Swick said being a firefighter paramedic always

interested him, and he likes seeing the profession glorified in movies such as

Backdraft and Ladder 49. "Firefighter Ryan Swick has been an asset to the fire department from his first day on the job," Dunn said, calling Swick "a seasoned paramedic" who is "the kind of man who can count on in any situation. He works hard and is very dependable. He is a teacher, a leader and his

co-workers call him a good

and loyal friend." Swick, dressed in his uniform, seemed proud as he walked across the Village Theater stage to accept his award. He smiled toward the crowd, which stood and applauded at length until he had returned to take his seat among other firefighters on the stage.

"I'm just so proud of him," Laurie Swick said. "I'm immensely proud of him."

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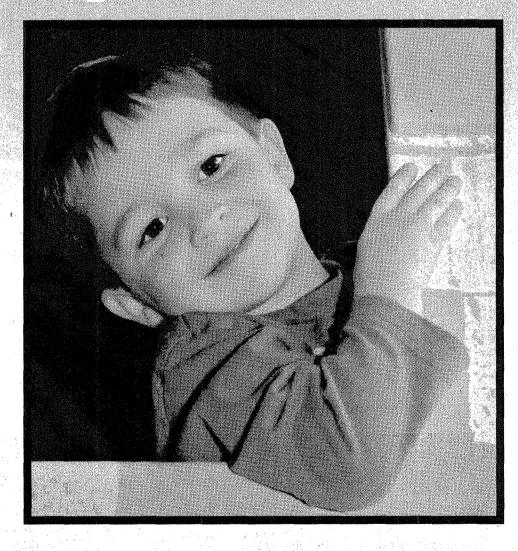
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## A new brother and son

### Vietnam veteran dedicates book, meets family of fallen Livonia soldier

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Over the years, Livonia native Debra Braden often wondered about her brother, Arnold Sarna.

She never really knew him as a child. She was only 4 when Arnold, the oldest of eight Sarna children, left for Vietnam. When she was 7, her family received the horrible news that Arnold had been killed by a rocket in a strike by the Viet Cong in March 1968.

Debra grew up with her siblings in a home on Wavne Road in Livonia, and attended Ladywood High School before the family moved to San Jose, Calif., in 1976. She eventually married and moved to Hillsborough, N.C., always wondering about Arnold. As many transplants do. she was homesick and missed her family, a feeling that made her long even more for personal details about her brother.

She left a note on the Virtual Wall, a website devoted to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. At the site, relatives and friends can place letters, poems and photographs.

"I wanted to know if anyone was stationed with him, who knew him and what he did for fun," Braden said.

The note drew occasional responses from Vietnam veterans, none of whom really knew Arnold.

The note sat in cyberspace.

#### **FINALLY, A RESPONSE**

Then one day, Braden received an e-mail from someone who said she knew of someone who had written a book about Vietnam and dedicated it to her brother. Braden remembers her reaction.

"Oh, yeah, right," Braden



Pat Moffett stands with Cecilia Sarna at Veteran's Park Memorial Plaza in Livonia. Moffett visited the plaza to view the name of Arnold Sarna, Cecilia's son.

said.

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The woman followed up with a second e-mail and sent information about the book so Braden searched for it on Amazon.com. "I looked it up and saw my brother's name, and I just gasped," Braden said. "Here was my brother's name just staring me in the face.

The dedication in Fortunate Soldier read: "This book is dedicated to Arnold P. Sarna. I didn't forget."

It turned out Braden was corresponding with a friend of Pat Moffett, an author and Vietnam veteran.

Oddly enough, Moffett never met Arnold Sarna. Moffett dedicated Fortunate Soldier, a book about Moffett's Vietnam experiences, because Moffett had an opportunity to live his life when he returned home from Vietnam, enjoying a successful business career, family and a grandchild. Moffett was with the 101st Airborne Division in 1968. Moffett was sent out

on reconnaissance, but was called back because the division needed someone to type up "morning reports," which highlighted soldier counts, accounting for R&R breaks to ensure minimum counts of soldiers. · Moffett could type 80 words per minute.

One of his first assignments was to type up information on Arnold Paul Sarna. Moffett asked what happened to Sarna. "He was killed when a rocket hit his tent," Moffett said he was told.

"When he was killed, I got his job," Moffett said.

Weeks later Moffett learned that his former company where he had served in the field had been overrun and everyone was killed. Moffett believes that Sarna's death spared his life.

Moffett went back to the United States, married, raised a family and today he is vice president of logistics for Audiovox Electronics Corp. He lives in Great Neck, N.Y.

Years and decades passed.



**Arnold Sarna** 

Moffett wrote the book and dedicated it to Arnold Sarna in 2003. Then Moffett heard about and read Braden's note on The Virtual Wall.

Braden received the e-mail and later Braden and Moffett spoke. "It was an amazing, overwhelming experience, Moffett said.

#### REMEMBERING ARNOLD

Moffett met the Sarna family on the weekend of Veterans Day 2010. Moffett flew into Detroit, then traveled with Sarna family members and met Arnold's mother, Cecilia Sarna, at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights to visit Arnold's grave.

Moffett said the grave visit represented closure "because I knew he was home with other family members at the cemetery, and I didn't know that," Moffett said.

Cecilia said the first time she saw Moffett at the cemetery, "it was like Arnold was reaching down to me.

"This man is very sensitive and feels a closeness he had with Arnold even though he never met him," Cecilia

said. "He said he always said a prayer for Arnold, and that he would never forget and he never did.'

Moffett and Sarna family members visited the Veteran's Park Memorial Plaza at Five Mile and Farmington Road, where Arnold's name is etched on the wall. That weekend Moffett visited and learned all

about the Sarna family, enjoying a Polish meal of kielbasa, sauerkraut and beer with the family in Northville. "I didn't know Sarna was Polish," Moffett said.

Moffett gave Cecilia a leather-bound copy of his book, writing in it: "Your son gave his life for his country on March 13, 1968, and through a twist of fate, my life was spared. I will be eternally grateful to Arnie and the entire Sarna family for his supreme sacrifice that day. He will always be my hero."

Moffett called Cecilia on Mother's Day and Easter, Cecilia said. "He calls me 'Mom'; he's adopted me," Cecilia said.

Other Sarna members who grew up in Livonia included Tom Sarna, now in Portland, Maine; Deb Braden, Hillsborough, N.C.; Judy Sarna, Salem Township; Tina Michelski, Farmington Hills; Maryann Concertino, San Jose, Calif.; and Bill Sarna, Port Angeles, Wash. Another brother, James, is deceased.

Arnold graduated from Franklin High School, while Judy graduated from Churchill. Their father, Adolph Sarna, died 30 years ago. Their mother, Cecilia, is 85 and lives with Judy in Northville.

#### 'A VISIT FROM HER SON'

Sarna family members were moved by the entire experience of meeting Moffett. "She actually felt like she got a visit from her son," Judy said of her mother. "After all these years, he feels like he owes his life to Arnold. We've kind of adopted

"It's just awesome, after all these years."

Moffett points to the life he's had as the reason for his deep appreciation, respect and honor for Arnold and the Sarna family. He's experienced tragedy, too, as he lost his wife last year at the age of 53 to Alzheimer's disease. He wrote a book about that, too, called Ice Cream in the Cupboard.

Moffett enjoys a successful career in the business world and reflects on his life today and the blessings of his 64 years of life.

"None of this would have happened," Moffett said. "My first grandchild was born last year and all those moments would not have happened, everything I've done over the past 40 years."

Braden said she believes that the experience leaves her thinking that the world "is not as big as we think."

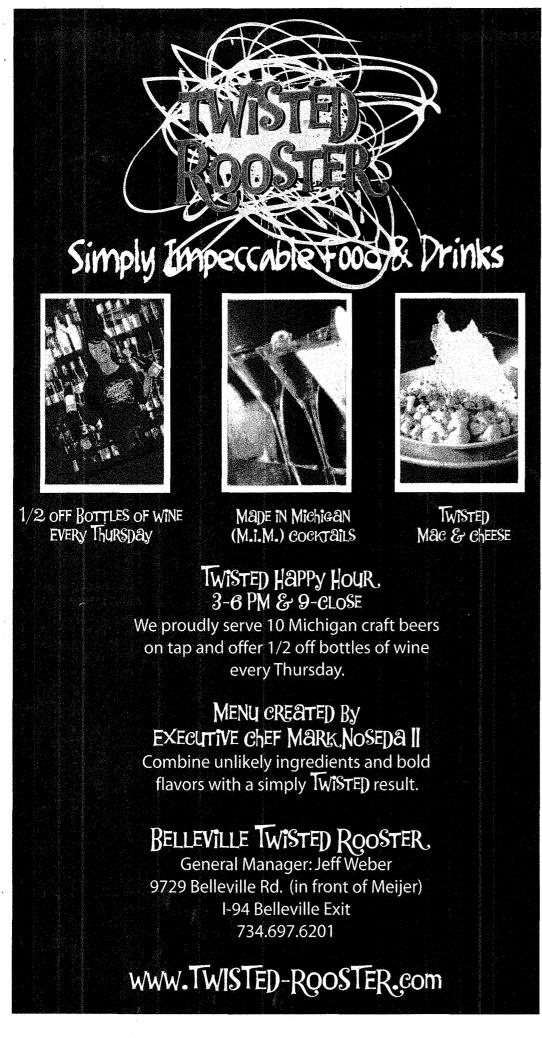
Braden believed that her brother would be fascinated and amazed by the family's connection to a soldier he never knew.

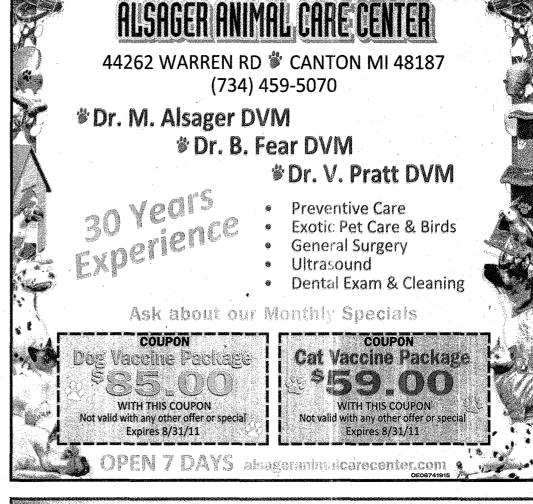
"He would be happy to know that my mom was able to touch him many years later," Braden said. Though the family lost Arnold years ago, "we are close to him," Braden said.

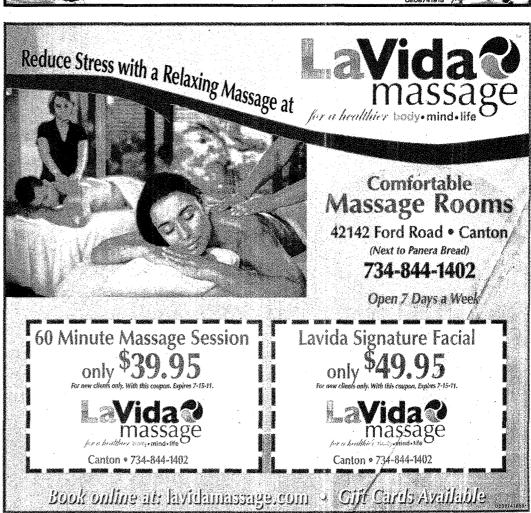
"So many people can touch one point in history. And at some point, you touch again, and he (Moffett) has a whole new group of friends now," Braden said.

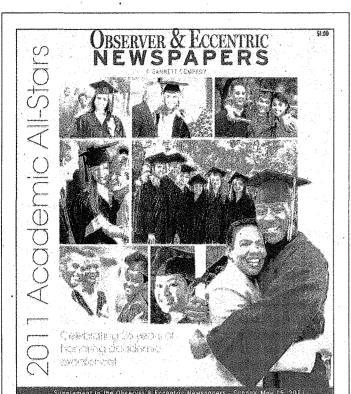
"Something good has come out of something horrible."

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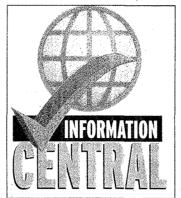
The special section profiling the 2011 Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Stars was distributed to paid subscribers only on Sunday, May 15. Additional copies of the section are available for purchase at \$1 each by calling (866) 887-2737 or in the Plymouth Distribution Center, 41304 Concept Drive, (off Haggerty Road between Plymouth and Schoolcraft roads), Plymouth, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. The section profiles nearly 80 outstanding students in public, private and parochial schools in the western Wayne County and Oakland County coverage areas of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

### Spy games: Read up about espionage

Tense action sequences, car chases, gun fights, and cool gadgets - in one word: espionage. Espionage, or spying, involves a spy or secret agent working to obtain secret, confidential information without permission. Spies are typically hired to collect information related to the government, military or a corporation.

No one can talk about espionage without thinking of James Bond - famous for his love of women, fast cars, preference for "shaken, not stirred" martinis, and use of exciting spy gadgetry, Ian Fleming, author and creator of the infamous James Bond, was born this month (May 28) in 1908. Events in the James Bond novels were directly influenced by Fleming's own experience working in the British Naval Intelligence Division. You can learn more about Ian Fleming in "Ian Fleming: The Man Behind James Bond" by Andrew Lycett.

James Bond first appeared in "Casino Royale," published in 1953. "Casino Royale" was the first of 12 books and nine short stories that Fleming wrote about the fictional British Secret Intelligence Service Agent 007. After Fleming died, several authors including John Gardner, Raymond Benson, Sebastian Faulks and Jeffery Deaver continued to write Bond novels. Numerous movies (22 released



to date) were made based on various James bond novels beginning in 1963 and continuing to the present day.

Check out these titles related to Espionage and James Bond at the Westland Public Library:

 James Bond Books and DVDs - "For Your Eyes Only," "Casino Royale," "Dr. No," "You Only Live Twice," and "The Spy Who Loved Me."

The Westland Public Library also has books on espionage and spying like "The Complete Idiot's Guide to the CIA" by Allan A. Swenson and Michael Benson and exciting titles for kids such as "101 Spy Gadgets for the Evil Genius" by Brad Graham and Kathy McGowan and "The Master Spy Handbook: Help Our Intrepid Hero Use Gadgets, Codes & Top-Secret Tactics to Save the World

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#### **Adult Literacy Tutor Training** - Session 2: 9:30 a.m. June 4, 9:30

This is the second of three training sessions for tutors of the Westland Library Adult Literacy Program.

Afternoon Movie Classics: "Platoon," 3:30-5:30 p.m. May 24, age 18 and up, unless accompanied by an adult

Join us for the summer version of Afternoon Classics! This month we explore great, American war movies. This week: the Oliver Stone Vietnam War classic, "Platoon." "A young recruit in Vietnam faces a moral crisis when confronted with the horrors of war and the duality of man." Starring Charlie Sheen, Willem Dafoe, and Tom Berenger. This movie is rated R.

**Summer Afternoon Movie Classic:** "Star Wars: A New Hope," 7:30 p.m.

June 7 Join us for the summer version of Afternoon Classics. This month's theme is Summer Favorites, this week: "Star Wars: A New Hope" starring Mark Hamill and Harrison Ford. This movie is rated

Fight Foreclosure - One-on-One Counseling: 4-7 p.m. June 7, adults

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Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

Information Central was compiled by Tara Scott, a Wayne State University graduate student and library intern. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

### Many things to consider about withdrawing

Q: Dear Rick: I retired about five years ago and between my pension and Social Security, it has covered my living expenses. I'm in the situation now where I'll need some extra money and I'm not sure exactly where I should take it. I have money in a traditional 401(k), a Roth IRA and money outside my retirement account. I am 67 years of age, so I don't have to take anything out of my retirement accounts. I recognize that everyone's situation is a little different, however, I would like your thoughts as to what I should consider when it comes to my income needs.

A: Generally, when it comes to investing, age is not something that I consider very important. However, when it comes to income needs for someone over 70, then age does enter into



**Money Matters** 

Rick Bloom

believe that you should wait until 70½ to take money out of your retirement account. The general theory is

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that you should first draw down on your non-retirement accounts and then use your retirement accounts. I don't subscribe to that theory because it's based on the fact that traditional IRAs grow on a tax-deferred basis. The theory being the longer you

can let money grow tax-deferred, the better it is, however, that's not always the case. Remember, non-retirement money receives the favorable capital gains treatment, therefore, sometimes it makes sense to withdraw money from a retirement account prior to 70½ and let the non-retirement accounts grow at a more favorable tax rate.

I believe you should never let the tax tail wag the dog, meaning taxpayers should not make a choice just for the tax benefits. However, that doesn't diminish the need to take taxes into consideration. My general view is when someone over 591/2 needs income, he/she should first withdraw money from the traditional IRA. However, they must

be sure that withdrawing the money won't throw them into a higher tax bracket. For example, if I'm in the 15-percent bracket and I need \$10,000 of income, I would take an amount from the retirement account that would still keep me in the 15-percent bracket. In other words, if I can only withdraw \$7,000 and stay within the 15-percent bracket. I'll take \$7,000 from the retirement account and the remaining \$3,000 from the non-retirement account. My theory is that by withdrawing from the retirement account prior to 701/2, I am lowering my overall taxes and giving myself the most flexibility by eventually lowering my required minimum distribution.

As for the Roth IRA, because

that money is not growing tax-deferred but tax-free, my general thought is to leave that to grow for as long as you can. Remember, a Roth IRA does not require minimum distributions. The money can grow tax-free for as long as you choose, and if for some reason you never need the money, upon your death, your loved ones inherit the money income tax-free.

One additional issue needs mentioning. Just because you are an income investor does not mean your entire portfolio should be invested for income. You're only 67 years old which means you will, more than likely, be around for many more decades, so it is important to have a growth element in your portfolio.

My recommendation is to keep your growth side (mostly equities) of the portfolio invested in your non-retirement account. Keeping those outside of your retirement account will preserve the favorable capital gains treatment available to you. For most people, the capital gains bracket is less than half your ordinary income bracket. By having an effective strategy, you can reduce your taxes and at the same time remain economically smart. Good luck!

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

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### Flamingo theft puts pinch on flockings

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**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Garden City High School's Project Graduation is putting out a be on the lookout for 20 pink flamingos that went AWOL Tuesday night in a Westland neighborhood.

**Project Graduation has** been using the pink lawn ornaments to "flock" homes for a fee. The money goes toward the Class of 2011's all-night party that follows graduation June 10.

"We've had them stolen one or two at a time at various houses, but not 20 at once," Lenise Smith said. "It saddens me. It's been fun doing it."

The plastic pink flamingos stand about 18 inches tall. Project Graduation has been flocking people throughout western Wayne County since the fall, setting them up on lawns for birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions. They included a special message sign as well as a Project

Graduation sign. It was a Happy Birthday message for the South Norma Street flocking in the Cherry Hill-Newburgh area. The birthday sign was left, but the Project Graduation sign in Garden City High School colors was taken, along with the flamingos.

Smith estimates the flamingos were taken sometime during the night. When the homeowner got up Wednesday morning, she presumed they had been retrieved and the birthday sign left as a memen-

Heidi Witt, also a Project Graduation member, cruised the neighborhood for 45 minutes, looking to the birds, thinking they were taken as a joke and put somewhere else, but to no avail.

"We were thinking about doing a missing person's report," Smith said.

Project Graduation purchased the birds and over the course of the year has bought 124 flamingos to replace those that have disappeared. With the theft, they're left with just 28 birds and the ability to flock only one house at a time.

Smith is asking that anyone who sees pink flamingos call her at (734) 748-4847 or Witt at (734) 612-5274. They'll investigate and see if they're the missing PG birds. They'll know because of a special fix Smith did to keep them in one piece.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Fibro Support Group** 

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Thursday, June 9 Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City **Details**: The Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Support Group will have Victor Sipes, a massage therapist, as its quest speaker. He will talk about and demonstrate on how massages can help relieve some pain. **Contact**: For more information, call Ruthann at (734) 981-2519 or go online to www.MetroFibroGroup.com.

**Grief Support** Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month **Location**: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lille, Suite A, Canton **Details**: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, The Grief Journey, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge. Contact: For information, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement

Coordinator at (888) 983-9050. **Community Blood Drive** Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, June 2

**Location**: Auditorium of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan, Livonia

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Contact: To schedule an appointment call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or go online to www.redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

#### Class Reunion

Time/Date: Saturday, Oct. 15 **Details:** Garden City High School Class of 1986 is holding a 25-year reunion. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on Facebook.

#### Summer School

**Details:** Kumon Centers are enrolling for their summer program. Parents of preschool to high school age students are invited to learn more about its summer enrichment program. Registration fees are waived for families who enroll between June 1-July 15 in the math or reading program.

Contact: To find a local Kumon center, call (877) 586-6673 or go online to www.kumon.com

#### **Ladies Night Out**

Time/Date: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 1

**Details:** Mary Mercy Hospital is holding a Ladies Night Out, entitled "Menopause and Preventive Medicine" for Women," in the hospital auditorium. Bone Density Screening, Blood Pressure Screening and Massage

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will be offered 5:30-7 p.m. and the lecture will be 7-8:30 p.m. The speakers are Dr. Karol Otteman and Dr. Ramneet Mangat, Registration for this event is required. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs.

Contact: Call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1182 to register, or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

#### Car show

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. every Thursday evening, now through Sept. 29th Location: American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, just south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, Details: In addition to a variety of

cars on display, there will be dinners will be served inside as well as grilled items like hot dogs, hamburgers and sloppy joes outside. There also is a DJ, 50/50 raffle and a bake sale hosted by the American Legion Riders. Everyone is welcome.

#### Indoor Flea Market

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, June 22-23 Location: Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights **Details**: Vendors are being sought for an indoor flea market. The cost for a 6-foot table is \$10, and for an 8-foot table \$15. Table position will be based on a first come basis. Registration for a table can be made through Friday, June, 17.

Contact: To reserve a table or for more information, call (313) 791-3550.

#### Toastmasters Open House

Time/Date: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Thursday, June 9 **Location**: Eastern Michigan University, 38777 W. Six Mile, at I-275,

**Details**: Light refreshments; meet members of the West Side Professionals Toastmasters. Contact: David Shevrin (248) 788-9511 or George Haralampopoulos (248) 672-2528; visit www.westsideprofessionals.org for more information.

#### Widowed Friends

· in Livonia. Room 412.

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, west of Inkster, Livonia

Details: Social bour is at 5 p.m. and an Italian buffet dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$12 whichincludesdinner, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door (exact amount). Cash bar available. Stay to enjoy cards, games, conversation and meet new friend until 9:30 p.m. Sponsored by Widowed Friends, a peer support

Contact: Must RSVP by June 6 to Carol at (148) 946-0300 or Pat at (248) 545-8348.

#### Rouge Rescue

Time/Date: Saturday, June 4 Details: Friends of the Rouge are looking for volunteers to participate in the 25th Anniversary Rouge Rescue 2011. This annual river cleanup event has been so successful at removing trash that many of the sites now work on river restoration projects. There are volunteer opportunities for all ages with activities varying by site that may include trash cleanup, invasive plant removal, planting projects, woody debris management (moving wood in streams), nature walks, nesting box construction and more. Contact: Call Friends of the Rouge at

(313) 792-9621 or go online to www.

therouge.org for more information.

#### **Fall Craft Show**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22

Location: St. Theodore Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road; Westland Details: St. Theodore's CCW is looking for vendors for their fall craft

show. Table rental is \$25. Contact: all Mary at 734-425-4421 (voicemail #10)

#### Support group

Time/date: 3rd Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

**Details**: Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person. Contact: Chris Goldberg at (734)

629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

#### American Legion

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

Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland **Details:** American Legion Westland Post 251 meets at the VFW hall the first Tuesday of each month. The post welcomes all veterans male and female who have been honorably discharged.

Contact: Bill Acton at (734) 326-2607, Ron Nickels at (734) 455-3415 or visit the website at www.post251. com or www.post251.org.

#### Fish fry

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. every Friday Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia

Details: Dinners cost \$8.95 per person.

Contact: For details and reservations, call (248) 476-8383.

#### Fish Dial-A-Ride

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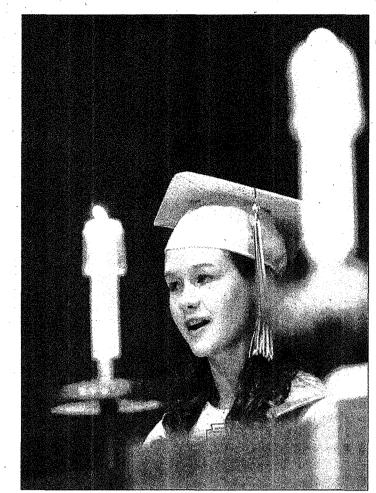


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Valedictorian Mercedes Sarah Black speaks to graduates, parents and guests.

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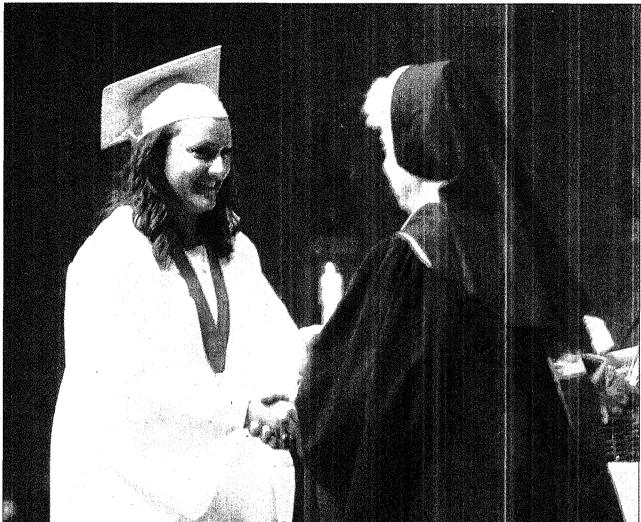
Valedictorian was

Valedictorian was Mercedes Black of Redford. Co-salutatorians were Katherine Suchyta of Dearborn and Megan Vitale of Livonia.

Winners of the Moms and Dads club scholarships were Rachael Heath of Livonia and Erica Mirabitur of Westland, respectively. The Moms and Dads scholarships are based on essay written by the students on the topic of what an education at Ladywood has meant to them.



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### Crowd turns out to celebrate schools 75th anniversary



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Jackie Jones of Westland, mom of sixth-grade student Taylor, serves up the hot dogs to guests.

here were plenty of hot dogs and plenty of cupcakes. That's good news when you have 100 people show up at the door.

That was the case at St. Raphael School's 75th Gala Celebration May 21. An estimated 500 people showed up for the event which included Mass and then a party in the school with the different classrooms decorated for different eras.

"It was a great turnout," said Kathy Carroll, who helped organize the event. "We sold tickets up until Saturday and ran out. Rather than print more, we stamped hands. We had about 100 who came with no tickets."

Coming back for the celebration were five nuns from the Sisters of St. Francis in Sylvania, Ohio, including Sister Winifred Templin who was a principal when Carroll attended the school, and Sister Marie Aneree who taught there between 1946 and 1955.

Even though Carroll wished that more members of her Class of 1969 had attended — there were six there - she was excited that one of her best girlfriends came in from Denver, Colo.,

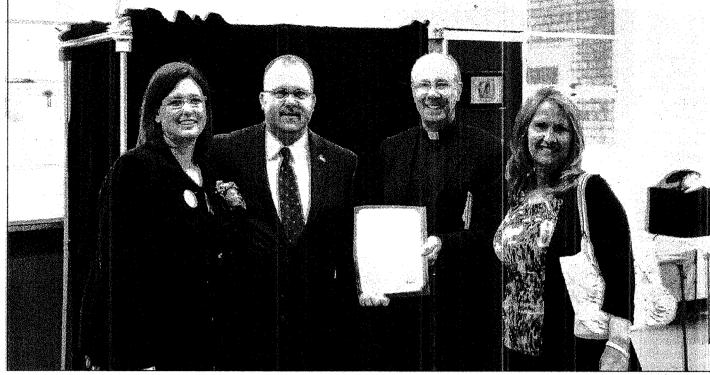
for the party. The school has always had



St. Raphael teacher Karen Beaubien is all smiles as it's announced that after teaching at school for 37 years, she is retiring this year.

an auction fundraiser which was rolled into the gala celebration this year. This is the first time the school held an anniversary celebration and there's talk now to "hold something like this every five years," Carroll said

"It was a success, we heard nothing but good reviews," she said. "We're very pleased. I had a smile that went from side to side all evening." -By Sue Mason



School Principal DeAnn Brzezinski, Garden City Mayor Randy Walker, Father Raymond Lewandowski and former St. Raphael teacher and Garden City Council Member Jaylee Lynch show off a city proclamation presented to the school on its 75th anniversary.



**GARDEN CLIPPINGS** 

Alison and Isabel Christopher of Coldwater enjoying the crafts at the celebration. Their father attended St. Rapahel School in 1981.

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Please take notice that, on June 13, 2011 at 7 o'clock p.m. at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2011-

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2011-2012 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2011-2012 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education. **CINDY SCHOFIELD, Secretary** 

Publish: May 29, 2011

#### **Garden City Rotary**

The Garden City Rotary Club is on the hunt for new members.

The local club was chartered in 1940 as part of the worldwide Rotary International organization and is guided by the Rotary motto "Service

Above Self." Charitable involvement covers the spectrum from local activities, such as college scholarships, literacy training, coats for needy elementary children, to projects including school construction and orphanage support in Latin America, as well as pure water, polio vacci-

nation, and other international tion with other, like-minded, humanitarian efforts.

Rotary offers a wonderful opportunity for people to provide service for others on many different levels and to the extent they feel comfortable doing so. At the same time. it offers the availability for weekly contact and socializanice people.

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road just east of Venoy in Garden City. Individuals interested in more information about the club can call Steve Kelly at (734) 748-1345.

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Petition #2736-M. Cole, 360 N. Hix

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Petition #2737-V. Tasi, 32040 Merritt

Req. for a 5.5' front yd. setback from Ord, 248 in order to construct a 6' x 18' covered porch addition to the front of the home that would be located 19.5' from the front lot line; whereas Sec. 7:4.2 requires a minimum front yd. setback of 25'.

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## Irish eyes are ready to smile at festival

BY JILL HALPIN CORRESPONDENT

Irish eyes will certainly be smiling when the second annual Motor City Irish Festival rolls into Redford Township June 3-5 drawing an estimated 5,000-7,000 people eager to celebrate in the Celtic tradition.

With more than 20 local Irish bands lined up to perform, the family-friendly festival will showcase some of the best that the area has to offer in Irish music, dancing and culture on the grounds of St. Valentine's Catholic Church.

Local acts will perform in two tents, the Claddagh All Ireland Tent and the Dunleavy's Ceilidh Tent. Organized by Wayne County's Stephen Walsh Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, proceeds from the festival will benefit St. Valentine's as well as the Redford Interfaith



Irish bands will be jamming during the entire festival.

Relief and other local charitable organizations

The event offers area residents an excellent opportunity to celebrate the Irish heritage, festival co-chair Charlie French of Livonia

"This is a feel-good festival. Detroit has such a rich history with the Irish culture; this is a great chance to recognize that," French said.

Festival planners focused on creating a fun, family event and activities appealing to all ages are planned

throughout the weekend, said Kevin Murphy, a cochair of the festival. Murphy is a Livonia resident and owner of Redford's Murphy's Restaurant.

A children's area featuring games, face painting and an inflatable bounce house will offer fun for young festival-goers and a vendor's area featuring Irish food and merchandise will give folks an opportunity to purchase everything from Celtic crosses and T-shirts to Irish soda bread and shortbread. In addition to beer and whiskey tasting, food will be available from St. Valentine's and Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia, a festival sponsor. Dunleavy's Irish Pub of Allen Park is also a large event sponsor.

#### IRISH MENU

Menu items include Irish fare such as "bangers and mash," also known as sausage and mashed potatoes,

shepherd's pie and fish-nchips, we well as more traditional festival eats like pizza, hot dogs and hamburgers.

Special events planned for the festival include a "Parade of Champions" featuring the winners of a local "feis" or Irish dance contest at 6:45 p.m. Saturday, June 4, and an outdoor Mass at noon June 5.

"It's entertainment for the whole family," Murphy said, adding that several notables in the Irish community are expected to attend Mass, including honorary festival chairperson Tom O'Halloran, owner of the Tipperary Pub.

"We are also expecting the Maid of Erin and Court of St. Brigid and many local priests," Murphy said. The Mass coincides with a food drive for Redford Interfaith Relief. Those bringing four canned goods between noon and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 5, will receive a free pass to the

festival. Tickets to the festival cost \$7 and \$2 discount vouchers are available at http://www.motorcityirish-

According to Murphy, there are currently 22 local Celtic bands scheduled to perform on two different stages and include wellknown performers such as The Kreellers, Blackthorn and The Diggers. He said he is pleased that the festival offers a chance to highlight local Celtic musicians.

"We have phenomenal talent here in Detroit. We could have hired at least 10 more bands," Murphy said.

For French, longtime coowner of Livonia-based business The Irish Baker with Jack Derrig, the Motor City Irish Festival is long over-

He and festival organizers have wanted to organize a large event that gives metro Detroiters a chance to celebrate their culture and the

traditions of Ireland.

After attending Irish festivals around the area with partner Derrig, it quickly became evident that "Detroit is the only major city without an Irish festival. There are festivals in Chicago, Muskegon ... even Toledo," he said.

"There is such nice Irish community in the area. We need to celebrate that," French said. He and friends within the AOH organization decided the time was right for such an event. The first festival was held last year at the AOH in Detroit. A larger venue was necessary for this year's celebration, and they settled on the Redford location after recognizing the

township's community spirit. "The township has just embraced us," he said.

Murphy agrees, "This is great place for the festival. The Redford community is wonderful and always very supportive."

#### A look at the bands performing at the Motor City Irish Festival

The Motor City Irish Festival opens with performances in two tents in the grounds of St. Valentine's, 25881 Dow Road in Redford Township. The lineup is as follows:

Friday, June 3 Claddagh All Ireland Tent 6 p.m. -Terry Murphy

7:20 p.m. - The Codgers 8:40 p.m. - Bill Grogans 10 p.m. - The Kreellers

Dunleavy's Ceilidh Tent 6:15 p.m. -Gerard Smith 7:45 p.m.-Tom Kish Band 9 p.m. -Traditional Irish Music Session

Saturday, June 4 Claddagh All Ireland Tent 12:30 p.m. - Shamrock Shore 2:15 p.m. - Odd Enough 3:45 p.m. - Inis Ceol 5:15 p.m. - Jamrocks 6:45 - Detroit International Feis/Parade of Champions 7:20 p.m. -Terry Murphy

8:40 p.m.- The Kreellers 10 p.m. - The Codgers

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Sunday, June 5 Claddagh All Ireland Tent 1 p.m. - Inis Ceol 2:15 p.m. – Jamrocks 3:30 p.m. - The Diggers 5 p.m. - Blackthorn 6:15 p.m. - Irish Dancers 6:45 p.m. - The Kreellers

Dunleavy's Ceilidh Tent 1:30 p.m. Carey's Company 3 p.m. FOUI Chowder Society 3:45 p.m. Emerald Isle Dancers

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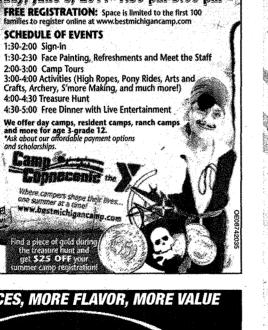
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### Swedish success story: IKEA going strong as 5-year mark nears

BY HELEN NIEMIEC CORRESPONDENT

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, May 29, 2011

The big blue and yellow building so eagerly awaited during its construction is gearing up for a major birthday celebration marking five years of operations in June. IKEA, the Swedish-based furnishings store, is very pleased with its decision to call Canton its

The Canton store, located on Ford and Haggerty roads, is one of 38 American stores in the chain. There are 280 stores in 26 countries. As the sole Michigan location, the Canton store is a destination shopping event, not only for locals but people throughout Michigan, Ontario and parts of Ohio. Before the store in Cincinnati, Ohio opened last year, the Canton store also drew shoppers from Kentucky and Tennessee.

James Organ, deputy store manager, said the Canton store has met and exceeded all corporate expectations, even in the bleak economic times.

He says there is much to cel-

ebrate. IKEA has delivered very positive results. More than 300 people are gainfully employed, with no layoffs when the economy went sour. We offer welldesigned furniture at great prices. The Canton IKEA has a steadily growing market share,"

Canton was one of the cities looked at and its cultural diversity, accessibility to major freeways and the good relationship with local government is what played a role in the final decision.

'It made sense to open a store in this area. Detroit is in the top 10 in the country for furniture spending. People in this market spend a lot of money on their homes," Organ said.

IKEA is a 311,000-squarefoot building, with two levels and 1,300 parking spaces on a 21-acre parcel. Showrooms and model houses are located on the second floor. Also on the upper level is a 300-seat



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IKEA is a destination. Tour Connection, based in Lansing, offers a \$30 day excursion from Lansing to IKEA, then to Block Greenhouse in Romulus, to Guernsey in Northville for ice cream, then back to Lansing.

restaurant. The main floor houses Smaland, a supervised children's play area, the unassembled furniture stock to take home, 17 checkout lanes and packaged Swedish food.

IKEA designs all its items at the headquarters in Sweden. Cost is a key component in deciding to put an item on the market. Packaging is the other, Organ said.

We believe in flat packaging. When we put something like pillows in a box for shipment, the air is removed so more pillows can fit in a box. That means fewer trucks on the road and less emissions," Organ said.

The IKEA look decidedly is Swedish, with cleaner lines and a European color palette. The taste also is decidedly Swedish, both at the restaurant and the Swedish Foodmarket.

The stock ranges from small kitchenware items to appliances, furniture and a full array of bedding and linens. A children's section features toys, decorative items, bedroom furniture and tot-sized tables and

#### **DECORATE AFFORDABLY**

"Tastes change from babies to tweens. Parents can decorate more affordably here. We have an expandable toddler bed that grows with the child," Organ

It's that type of versatility and good price point that makes IKEA a major part of the furnishings business, he said. While the business is steady throughout the year, Organ said that in July and August as students prepare for the dorm life at colleges and universities, there is a great demand for beds, desks and décor that fits into the compacted space.

We are a destination. We're the only store in Michigan right now. That's why it's important to offer a good day out. We try to make it fun and we make it affordable," Organ explained.

The recessionary times and affordability have broadened IKEA's appeal, Organ said. Shoppers, who might not have considered IKEA before, came in when money was tight. IKEA is finding that the initial

contact was positive because many have become repeat customers and are spending more now that the economic climate is improving, the deputy manager said.

Customers find that to be the

Charley Hernandez was picking up items for his new apartment in Westland.

"I needed something nice for the living room and found everything on this one trip," he Admitting that home fur-

nishings aren't his specialty, he said he relied on the look of the floor design at the store and asked the IKEA salesperson for "She was great — gave me

really good ideas but she didn't push anything on me," Hernandez said. Tiffany Baines of Canton was

shopping for "little odds and ends." With a tight budget, she's tired of the look of her rooms and wanted some new purchases to "spice it up a bit."

Kathy Kovacic of Cleveland was in town to visit relatives



Livonia resident Andrea Otto and 2-year-old daughter Makenna shop at IKEA in Canton. The store celebrates its five-year anniversary early next month.

and always tags on a trip to IKEA.

"Certainly I am an expert IKEA shopper. The one closest to me is outside Pittsburgh, opened several years before the one in Canton. But with the family up here, I go to this one more often. I like the store, its furnishings' clean lines and good price; I have a lot of their products."

Another plus in her eyes is the access. "I like the one in Canton better than the Pittsburgh one in ease of getting in and out," she said.

#### **SWEDISH APPEAL**

The Canton store is the only IKEA not on a freeway. Swedish members of the Detroit Red Wings hockey

team make regular visits to the store to pick up items that they had in Sweden but are difficult to find locally. They're most usually dropping in to buy food items, Organ said. There is a variety of herring and salmon products, as well as lingonberry jam and cookies, a Swedish mainstay.

Organ added that a good work team makes IKEA successful and that employees are enthusiastic about what they

An IKEA employee who works 30 hours per week is considered full-time, getting benefits. Former store manager Kelly Frieze held a meeting

with employees when the economy soured to reassure them that their jobs were safe.

Libby Olave, an employee in the Interior Design Department, attests to that.

"I appreciate the amount of time the company places on training and development. And I am grateful for its values," she said.

Olave hired in when the store first opened

"IKEA takes a long-range view of things," Organ said. "We knew that we would work together and see this through. There was such a peaceful feeling when they heard that. It certainly provided a calming effect in the storm."

In addition to what it sells, Organ said the company makes charitable giving and environmental issues a part of its everyday planning. Though it doesn't send out press releases on its charitable acts, Organ said the Canton store has been involved in a few projects, including First Step, a shelter for women and children.

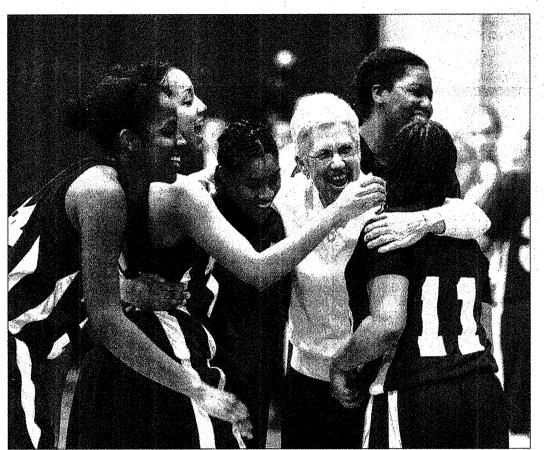
Environmentally, the emphasis is on reducing carbon footprint. The chain has stopped selling incandescent light bulbs and earlier this year the headquarters shipped 300 bicycles to be given to Canton employee so they can pedal to work, or during off hours if they live too far away, to reduce the impact of car emissions.







SUNDAY, May 29, 2011



RENA LAVER

Karen Lafata is stepping down after 13 seasons at Schoolcraft College to become the assistant women's basketball coach at Wayne State University.

### Lafata era ends

### Successful Lady Ocelot coach off to WSU

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Karen Lafata is taking her coaching talents to the next level.

The winningest women's basketball coach for the past decade in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association is leaving Schoolcraft College after 13 seasons to become an assistant at Wayne State

University.
Schoolcraft athletic director Sid Fox also named Kevin Brathwaite, an assistant under Karen Lafata for the past four years, as the Lady Ocelots' new head coach on

"Kevin has a deep passion for the game," Fox said. "He has been instrumental in the recruitment process and has helped to bring quality student-athletes to our campus during a very successful run for our program."

Lafata compiled an impressive overall record of 326-77 with the Lady Ocelots, an .808 winning percentage, which also included two trips to the NJCAA Division II National Tournament result-

ing in a second-place finish in 2009 and a third-place finish in 2010.

Lafata will serve under Carrie Lohr, who was named the WSU's 12th head coach in school history on May 11 after a nine-year stint at rival St. Clair County Community College.

"It's just a perfect time for me," said Lafata, who recently retired after teaching after 36 years at the Macomb Juvenile Justice Center.

"Maybe five or six years ago I wouldn't have jumped on it. But with Carrie getting the job, and because of our special relationship, I thought this was right. I admire her and she's dynamic. I wanted to join her and put Wayne State on the map. She's got it all."

Schoolcraft, which finished 28-4 last season, has a veteran squad returning and Lafata already had lined four new recruits.

"It's difficult to leave
Schoolcraft and the kids,"
she said. "I felt bad, but
this is something I always
wanted to do. Once I retired,
I wanted it to be local and be
a part of a four-year college



Lafata



Brathwaite

program."

Lafata said she met with the Schoolcraft players last Monday.

"It was a cryfest, but we're in good shape," she said. "A lot of kids are coming back and it's a strong team. I really enjoyed Schoolcraft, everybody in the athletic department and the school. I was totally happy working all these years and I experienced tremendous success. It was an honor to work there."

an honor to work there."
At Schoolcraft, Lafata's
teams were MCCAA Eastern
Conference champions eight
times, MCCAA state champions six times and NJCAA

District winners three times. Schoolcraft also placed sixth under Lafata at the 2001 Nationals.

Please see LAFATA, B3

# LPS athletes face tougher standards On academic eligibilty

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

This is no pop quiz.
When it comes to eligibility, Livonia Public School high school student-athletes have been put on notice and will be held more accountable for their academic performance starting with the 2011-12 fall sports season.

2011-12 fall sports season.
Members of the LPS'
Athletic Council, made up of principals, athletic directors and a parent representative from Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson high schools, along with the Director of Secondary Education (Dr. Rod Hosman), recently adopted a more stringent academic policy when it comes to card markings and semester grades.

"For several years our Athletic Council has felt our academic standards aren't where they should be," Franklin principal Dan Willenborg said. "We align ourselves with the Michigan High School Athletic Association and follow their rules, but their standards and requirements are not real strong."

The new test for LPS student-athletes will come in the fall.

"We put a survey out to the community earlier this season," Willenborg said. "We had 82 percent of the respondents tell us, 'Yes, you should be increasing those requirements.' "We looked at several other school districts within the KLAA. Ours is actually modeled after a

couple of those."
The MHSAA currently recommends a 10-week check for card markings, but the Livonia Public Schools will now review grades every five weeks starting in the fall.

The MHSAA guidelines say student-athletes can remain eligible by passing four classes (D-minus or better) and allows two (E) failing grades.

"There's a caveat,"
Willenborg said to the new
LPS guidelines. "They could
be failing one class, and

if they're passing all their other classes – if they have a 2.0 (grade-point) average – they'll still be allowed to play.

"We're trying to send that shot across that academics is your priority. Every year at schools, some seniors wake up to the idea: 'Wait, this is my last game, what am I going to do? What am I going to do for the rest of my life?' What we're trying to emphasis is that reading, writing and reasoning is better investment than jumping, running and throwing. I think most parents understand that. Teachers do, coaches do. We want to build character through our athletic programs."

The new LPS guidelines had been on the table for the past several years.

"It's been on the docket for awhile, but this year it gained more traction because jobs are hard to come by," Willenborg said. "And it's your education that's going to take you places."

Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye said he received data and tracked eligibility under the new LPS standards during the fall 2010 semester.

"We looked at a scenario with students last semester based on their information and there were a handful that fell under these (new) categories that negated eligibility," Hammye said.

Willenborg said he wants to get the message out loud and clear before the next school year starts for both athletes and parents.

"One of the things we wanted to get across, too, that during the marking period after five weeks ... but after the semester grades, if you're failing a class there, or don't have a 2.0 in the five other classes, you're going to be out a semester," he said. "That's quite a bite and kids will feel that. Hopefully we can convince them earlier on during

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#### SIDELINES

Blazers advance

Senior Alexa Burns finished with six goals and four assists Thursday as Livonia Ladywood earned a 17-7 win over Farmington in the first round of the MHSAA girls lacrosse tournament.

The Blazers, who improved to 8-6 overall, also got four goals and four assists from senior Niki Jacobs, while junior Kylie Birney added four goals and two assists.

Junior Alyssa Daly also contributed a goal and assist as Ladywood advances to the regional semifinal 7:15 p.m. Wednesday at Ann Arbor Skyline.

Ladywood goalies Stephanie Mackley and Lauren Perugi combined for eight saves.

Farmington got three goals from Megan Koopmen and two from Kelly Plummer. Goalie Lauren Foster had eight saves for the Falcons.

On Monday, Alexandra Dietz went wild with nine goals Monday as host Birmingham Marian rolled to a 23-9 Catholic League win over the Blazers.

Atonia Vialante added seven goals and goalie Kelsey Serra made 17 saves for the Mustangs.

Burns had four goals and four assists for the Blazers, who slipped to 5-3 in the division. Birney added three goals and one assist in the loss.

Mackley, a sophomore, made 14-of-30 saves.

#### Shaw football camp

Former Livonia Clarenceville High football standout and Tennessee Titans linebacker Tim Shaw will stage his second "Dream It. Do It," football camp (grades 4-12) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 18 at David McDowell Stadium.

The camp, assisted by current NFL and college players, is free and enrollment is limited,

To print and fill out a registration form, visit www.timshawfootball.com.

#### Jaycee Park meeting

The Michigan Wolves-Hawks Soccer Club will stage a neighborhood informational meeting for residents about the Jaycee Park Improvement Plan, beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at Coolidge Elementary School, 30500 Curtis Road, Livonia.

The club, which received a \$100,000 grant from U.S. Soccer, plans to install a turf soccer field.

In an agreement with the city of Livonia, the Wolves-Hawks have been maintaining and improving Jaycee Park, located south of Eight Mile and east of Farmington (next to Tyler Elementary).

For more information, email Lars Richters at LarsRichters@aol.com.

#### Ladies golf clinics

Canton PGA golf professional Tami Bealert will offer a pair of ladies golf clinics next month at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located 3625 Napier Road (off Ford Road), in Superior Township.

The ladies clinic will be from 7:15-8:15 p.m. Thursdays, June 2, 16 and 30 (cost is \$15 with a social to follow afterwards).
The mother and daughter

clinic is from 2:15-3:15 p.m. Saturday, June 18 (cost \$10). To register, visit www.playgolfamerica.com (enter zip code 48198)

For more information, visit TrainWithTami@yahoo.com.

#### Women's golf league

The 10-week Livonia Women's
Golf League will be at 8 a.m. each
Thursday, beginning June 23, at
Whispering Willows Golf Course.
Non-residents are invited to
join the 18-hole league.

The cost is \$26 per week (includes greens fees and cart). For more information, call Alethea Van Gorp at (734) 604-9020; or e-mail aavg@juno.com.

### Softball Italian-style: St. Clair enjoys pro experience

#### Will also catch for Akron Racers

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Roya St. Clair wouldn't call A-1 Italian Softball League not close to Big Ten caliber, but former University of Michigan catcher wouldn't have traded for the experience to play overseas for anything.

"I definitely had fun and am very thankful that I had this opportunity," said the Livonia Stevenson High grad, who will join the Akron Bandits this week in the National Professional Fastpitch circuit. "I was able to visit Rome and Venice. My favorite was being able to walk around the Colosseum."

St. Clair earned first-team All-Big Ten Honors in 2009 and third-team All-Big Ten as a senior for the Wolverines.

She was an Academic All-Big Ten selection twice (2008-09) and earned a B.A. degree in Sport Management.

So when the opportunity to play in Montegrenaro, Italy came up, St. Clair jumped at the chance.

The language barrier did

cause some hardship, but St. Clair adapted the best she could.

"I wish I could speak Italian, it would have made things a little easier," she said. "I have picked up words here and there, mostly pertaining to softball. This was my first time overseas and I think the major difference from the U.S. is Italy has a slower-paced lifestyle.

"During the day all the businesses close up shop for three or four hours – everybody goes home for lunch or takes a nap. Things open back up at around 4:30 p.m. It's probably like that all over Europe."

all over Europe."
St. Clair said her team didn't enjoy much success on the diamond. There were also cultural differences with softball. It was not quite the same as playing in the College World Series.

"We'd practice at 8:30 at night because the (Italian) players either had jobs or were going to school," St. Clair said. "At Michigan 'Hutch' (coach Carol Hutchins) runs the best practices in America. There's little time wasted, everything



Former Michigan catcher and Stevenson grad Roya St. Clair played a professional stint in Italy and will join the defending champion NPF Akron Racers this summer.

is doing their work in an hour and 45 minutes. Over there we'd stand around, it was a much slower pace and it would go two and helf hours

go two-and-half hours.
"But I enjoyed my time. The girls were great and the orga-

nization treated us well."

The catcher felt somewhat like an ambassador for the sport of softball to a certain extent. Her roommate was former Ohio State Buckeye player Jamee Jaurez, a pitcher with

the rival NPF Chicago Bandits.
"They can bring in three
Americans and we got paid by
the club," she said. "It's a mutual thing. The Americans get a

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## Baseball oddity Warriors' Fikes throws no-hitter in 8-5 triumph

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BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When it comes to no-hitters, this one could be called unconventional.

On Friday, junior Taurrek Fikes held host Ann Arbor Greenhills without a hit as Lutheran High Westland secured second place in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with an 8-5 victory over Gryphons in a game played a Concordia University.

Only one of the five runs was earned as Fikes struck out eight and walked five in seven

This was definitely an odd game for many reasons," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team improved to 12-4 overall and 8-3 in the MIAC Blue. "To start the game we were on the wrong side of a couple questionable calls that cost us some runs in the first.

"Then defensively in the bottom of the first, we committed three straight errors (all of which scored) to find ourselves down 3-2."

The Warriors added three runs each in the second and third innings to take an 8-3 advantage before Greenhills (10-4, 7-5) got one each in the fifth and sixth innings.

"We were able to push some more runs across," Wade said, "but we stranded a total of 10 runners, which would have made the game a lot different.

"Fikes finished the game and then we look back at the book and he didn't give up a single hit, but they scored five runs. It was kind of odd I thought, but we got the win nonetheless and to finish second in a very tough conference is very respectable.'

Nick Flanery paced the Warriors' 11-hit attack going 3-for-4 with a double and two

Jake Andrzejewski went 2-for-3 with a triple, RBI and scored twice, while Kent Krzyske added two hits and had two stolen bases.

Fikes also helped his own cause with two RBI, while Marc Rosen scored a pair of runs and Aaron Gartha chipped in with an RBI.

The Warriors now turned their attention to the Division 4 district Saturday at Plymouth Christian.

"Hopefully now with the second season starting we can put complete games together offensively and defensively and compete at a high level now

that it is June," Wade said. Huron Valley sweeps

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran's baseball team remained atop the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division standings following sweeping a double-header Tuesday against visiting Ypsilanti Calvary Christian, 12-2 and

The Hawks, defending MIAC Red champs, improved to 11-1 overall and 10-1 in the division.

In the first game, winning pitcher Ryan Schaffer went 3-for-3 to pace the Hawks' seven-hit attack.

Schaffer struck out five. walked three and allowed just four hits over six innings.

In the nightcap, Shawn Schaffer went 2-for-3 with two RBI to lead Huron Valley's 13-hit output. Andy Barber and Ryan Schaffer also went 2-for-2 each.

Winning pitcher Alex Harris went three innings, striking out eight and walking only one. He allowed all four runs on three hits.

The two losses left Calvary at 1-9 in the MIAC Red.

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### Blazers 2nd at regional, net D3 state berth

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Linda Brennan got an unexpected surprise in her first season as varsity tennis coach at Livonia Ladywood.

The Blazers earned a Division 3 state finals qualifying berth as a team after a runner-up finish May 20 in the Grosse Ile regional tournament.

Host Grosse Ile captured the title with 26 points, while Ladywood claimed a runner-up finished and automatic bid next weekend to Kalamazoo with 17.

Riverview (15), Dearborn Divine Child (14) and Chelsea (12) rounded out the top five team finishers.

"These girls deserved to go to 'state' after the way they came on as a team,' said Brennan, who spent the previous six seasons as the Blazers' JV coach. "I never dreamed we'd take second and I think we surprised a lot of coaches.

Ladywood finished 7-8 during the dual-meet season and fifth out of six teams in the Catholic League Tournament. They also had runner-up finishes at the Monroe and Howell invitationals.

"The Catholic League was very tough and we also had matches with (Beverly

**CATHOLIC LEAGUE A-B DIVISION** 

TRACK & FIELD MEET May 24 at Livonia Ladywood GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Dearborn

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Ashley O'Neill (DDC), 35 feet

Discus: 1. Teresa Wojnarowski (LL), 108-5,

High jump: 1. Ceara O'Leary (DDC), 5-1

Long jump: 1. Caroline Strasser (DDC)

100-meter hurdles: 1. Dana Carey (BM),

100 dash: 1. Paige Patterson (DDC), 12.89.

400: 1. Taylor Timko (NDP), 59.33; 8. Brett

3,200: 1. Kelsie Schwartz (WR), 11:35.47;

300 hurdles: 1. Carey (BM), 45.99.

800: 1. Sara Barron (NDP), 2:17.41; 2.

1.600: 1. Barron (NDP), 4:59.73.

Strasser, Amanda Polly, O'Leary), 51.49;

5. Ladywood (Pilar Furlong, Megan Roux,

Mykela Hawkins, Allison Holland), 54.25; 800 relay: 1. Divine Child (Mallory Myler, Strasser,

Liz Mullen, Patterson), 1:46.86; 6. Ladywood

(Stefani Dudek, Callan Tigani, Celia Haueter,

(Myler, Mullen, Strasser, Patterson), 4:09.38;

Wojnarowski), 4:13.17; 3,200 refay: 1. Marian

Michalski, Ashley Wile), 9:49.84; 5. Ladywood

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Quick), 2:01.4; 1,600 relay: 1. Divine Child

3. Ladywood (Furlong, Holland, Vitale,

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Mulcahy, Quick), 11:17.95.

8. Emma McClory (LL), 13:01.9.

400 relay: 1. Divine Child (

200: 1. Patterson (DDC), 26.31,

**GIRLS TENNIS** 

Hills) Detroit Country Day and (Bloomfield Hills) Cranbrook," Brennan said. "We started the season a little slowly. Our singles were strong all year long, but then our doubles came around because of the way they worked together and came together."

The biggest surprise came at No. 1 doubles when juniors Kenzie Kettner and Jenny Rhodes, seeded fifth going into the regional, won the title with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Grosse Ile's duo of Marissa Nazareno and Montana Pruett after knocking off the top-seeded duo from Trenton (Liz Sheeran and Molly Wilkie), 7-5, 6-4.

Kettner and Rhodes, starters on Ladywood's Final Four volleyball team last fall, went 3-0 on the day and improved their season record to 12-10.

"Those two played No. 1 for me last year on JV and they've really come on," Brennan said.

Ladywood's other regional title came at No. 2 singles when third seed Erica Ley defeated Grosse Ile's Ania Latala, the top seed, 6-2, 6-1, in the finals. Lay, a junior, also ousted second seed Felicia Kollias of Riverview, to improve to 15-7 on the year.

Ladywood's No. 3 singles player Megan Glowacki (13-7) also earned a spot in the regional semifinals before falling in three sets to Grosse Ile's Mary Kate McShane, 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.

The Blazers' No. 1 singles player all year has been Stephanie Petrusha (13-8), while sophomore Nicole Salter holds down the No. 4 slot.

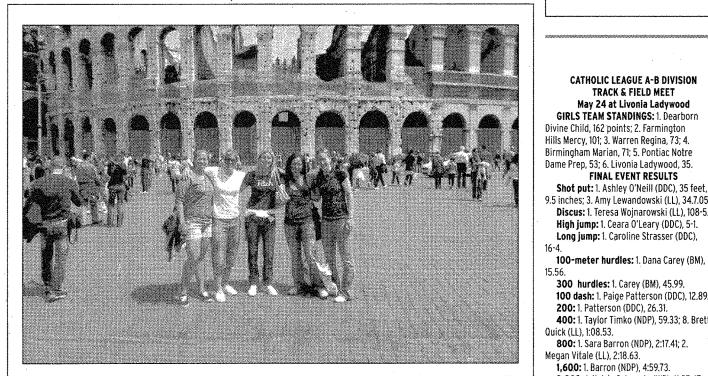
Ladywood's No. 2 doubles team of Mary Beth Rouna and Courtney Doenitz reached the regional finals before falling to Riverview's top-seeded duo of Emily Bow and Bianca Korkis, 6-2,

Also headed to Kalamazoo to represent the Blazers are No. 3 doubles team Maura Motta, a senior, and Mia Kudron, a junior, along with No. 4 doubles players Allison Franz, a senior, and Shannon Butwill, a junior.

Brennan was an assistant under Joe Stafford when the Blazers qualified as a team in 2009.

"It's exciting to coach these people," Brennan said. "They're great group. Even in a tough Catholic League they played their hearts out. They're very coachable and have been so respectful."

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Former Michigan catcher and Stevenson High grad Roya St. Clair (far left) took in the Colosseum in Rome with

lot out of it being in a different culture and the Italian players see a higher skill level they're not used to."

St. Clair's eight-week stint went fast, but she still missed being away from home.

"It was tough to talk to family friends because of the six-hour time difference," she said. "I went to college 30 minutes from home. And although I was busy and didn't get the chance to go home much during the school year, I could always pick up a phone and call home or my family could come see me. Here I didn't have a phone and had to rely on e-mail and Skype to talk to people at home.

The Italian way of life was also a big adjustment.

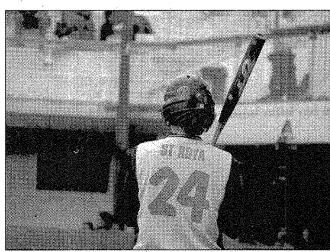
We eat at 8-or-9 p.m. and I had to get used to that," St. Clair said. "A lot of times we'd go to a teammates' house and they'd cook. That was the best food and I'm used to a lot of different ethnic foods because my mom is from Iran.

"It was mostly sunny, around 65 to 75 degrees, it would often rain early in the morning. It's near the Adriatic Sea, off the east central coast. It's very rural.

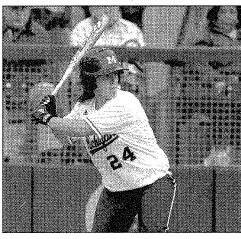
"They drive like maniacs, the cars and the buses. I was running and almost got hit a couple of times. I like to run outside, but I used the treadmill a lot because the hills are so steep.'

St. Clair's softball career begins again with the defending champions of the NPF. The season starts June

"I expect to challenge for some pretty good playing time whether it's catching or being a designated player," she said. "I was lucky enough to get a chance



Obviously the Italian team softball jersey for Roya St. Clair is a hybrid spelling of her last and first name.



Stevenson grad Roya St. Clair played a professional stint this spring in Italy and will play this summer for the NPF defending champion Akron

Racers.

Former Michigan

catcher

and Livonia

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at playing softball back in the States. I jumped at the opportunity, Akron had some spots open on their roster and the catching position was one of those that they needed filled.

"My coaches at Michigan were helpful in recommending me and Akron's owner Joey Arietta offered me a spot and I gladly accepted. My expectations for this summer ... I don't really have any. If I learned anything in college it had to have been expectations are worthless, just work hard. I have the opportunity to play softball again and I'm going to work hard and see what happens. I have goals and those are

personal. Obviously I want to play, but as far as expecting that to happen - that all comes with working hard."

The Italian experience hopefully will prove benefi-

"I've been working hard and being in Italy was like spring training here," St. Clair said. "It's not (NCAA) Division I, but getting back into it will help.

"Everybody is paid (at Akron). We'll make appearances at camps and clinics. We'll be out in the community. I'm excited to play and be back home."

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#### PREP TRACK RESULTS

May 24 at Novi H.S. GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 158 points; 2. Waterford Mott, 89; 3. Livonia Churchill, 88; 4. Walled Lake Central, 83; 5. Howell, 80; 6. Pinckney, 59; 7. Canton, 52; 8. Westland John Glenn, 49.
FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Andrea Gordon-McClain (WJG), 34 feet, 9.5 inches: 3. Mahagony

Miller (LC), 33-1.5; 6. Chanelle Wright (WJG), 31-11.5; 8. Megan Ling (LC), 21-1.5. . Discus: 1. Katie Lusk (WLC), 110-10; 5. Emily Norscia (LC), 99-3; 7. Chanelle Wright (WJG), 94-5.

High jump: 1. Senclair McDonnell (LC), 5-6: 4. Ashley Cochran (LC), 5-0. Long jump: 1. Chantel Edwards (WLC), 15

2.5; 5. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 14-6. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Ally Goff (WM), 15.13: 3. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 16.06: 5. Taloui Phillips (WJG), 16.91; 7. Dayna Esper (LC), 17.2.

300 hurdles: 1. Kelly McCloskey (Novi), 45.68; 4. Smith (WJG), 47.55; 6. Molly Jarvis (LC), 48.61; 8. Phillips (WJG), 50.44. 100 dash: 1. D'Mya Davis (Novi), 12.86; 5.

Demi Crossman (LC), 13.31; 5. Rheana Allen (WJG), 13.32. 200: 1 . Jasmine

Allen (WJG), 27,58, 400: 1. Natalie Nelson (Pinckney), 1:00.2; . Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:00.8. 800: 1. Kayla Kayulich (Salem), 2:20.7: 7.

Kerigan Riley (LC), 2:30.4. 1.600: 1. Jackie Mullins (Novi), 5:18.8: 3.

Bethany Pilat (LC), 5:22.6. 3.200: 1. Jenna McClellan (Howell). 12:00.7; 4. Megan McFarland (LC), 12:35.2; 6. Vivien Okechukwu (LC), 12:49.9.

51.09: 6. John Glenn, 53.6. 800 relay: 1. Walled Lake Central, 1:47.78: 6. John Glenn, 1:52.53; 8. Churchill, 1:56.52. 1,600 relay: 1, Salem, 4:09.18; 4.

Churchill, 4:17.35: 7. John Glenn, 4:29.28.

400 relay: 1. Novi, 49.7; 2. Churchill,

3,200 relay: 1. Mott, 9:53.37; 2. Churchill,

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Milford, 142 points; 2. Walled Lake Central, 105; 3. Grand Blanc, 103; 4. Novi, 77; 5. Canton, 73; 6. Stevenson, 66; 7. Walled Lake Northern, 52; 8. Livonia Franklin, 43.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS Shot put: 1. Jon Aneed (LS), 50 feet, 7 inches; 2. Adam Clay (LF), 50-2.5; Jay Woolfork (LF), 47-5.

Discus: 1. Cullen Prena (WLC), 156-0. High jump: 1. Derek Cingel (Novi), 6-5. Long jump: 1. Nicholas Alaniva (Canton), 20-7.5; 6. Jordan Bickham (LF), 18-10.5. Pole vault: 1. Alaniva (Canton), 14-1; 8. Chadd Chisholm, 11-7

110-meter hurdles: 1. Austin Reed (WLN), 15.12; 7. Tom Brokaw (LF), 16.09; 8. Joe Mims (LS), 16.91.

300 hurdles: 1. Ben Spreitzer (Canton), 100 dash: 1. Justice Hayes (GB), 11.33; 7.

Rvan Hurt (LF), 11.63. 200: 1. Ramon Alexander (WLC), 22.31; 2. Jay Woolfork (LF), 22.93. 400: 1. Brandon Wallace (Milford), 51.12;

7aid Shareef (LS), 52.93 800: 1. Matt Williams (LF), 2:00.3. 1,600: 1. Evan Smallman (Milford), 4:28.4

3,200: 1. Cody Snavely (Milford), 9:51.5. 400 relay: 1. Grand Blanc (Jamil Banks, Jalen Cureton, Damonta Madden-Warner, Haves), 43.79; 6. Stevenson, 45.27; 8. Frnaklin, 46.52.

800 relay: 1. Walled Lake Central. 1:30.53; 2. Franklin, 1:31.91; 3. Stevenson, 1.600 relay: 1. Milford, 3:29.38: 4.

Stevenson, 3:37.14; 6. Franklin, 3:48.7. 3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Williams, Joe Urso, Shareef, Adam Chludzinski), 8:06.24; 6. Franklin, 8:40.54.

### Hazel Park routs Clarenceville, 17-6

Kellie Hogan, Megan McCullen and Emma Mabins each collected three hits as Hazel Park rolled to a nonleague girls softball win last Tuesday over visiting Livonia Clarenceville, 17-6.

Mobins had a pair of doubles and scored four runs (as did Hogan) for the victorious

#### PREP SOFTBALL

Vikings.

Winning pitcher Kami Dozier gave up six runs on nine hits, three walks and four hit batters. She struck four.

Losing pitcher Stephanie

Bishop (7-8) gave up 10 earned runs on 16 hits and five walks in 5.1 innings as the Trojans lost their third straight and fell to 9-10 over-

Joanna Burling went 2-for-4 with three RBI, while Jodi Ankiel also added two hits for Clarenceville.

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this (fall) semester that, 'Hey, it's worth doing my homework.' It's worth putting forth the effort in the classroom to make sure I'm not on that list.' Hammye said that fall

sports athletes will be the first test case. "The minimum check time

was a 10-week marking period - that's now going to be done in five weeks," the Franklin A.D. said. "The ramifications obviously, once a kid was deemed eligible in the fall - for example with all fall sports - it was after 10 weeks and it didn't affect those kids. Now it does.

"It was two E's and four Dminuses under the worst case scenario. At the semester, if a kid was failing three classes, they could do nothing, but now they have to be passing all their classes. Or if they're failing one class, they have to have a 2.0 in the other five classes. Things happen in kids' lives. We're going to provide them one out and not discourage them from taking advanced placement classes, or whatever the case may be. You get that one hiccup." The two Franklin admin-

istrators believe there will be an adjustment period with the new academic guidelines, but it will become beneficial in the long term.

"I think it's very doable and kids can pass all their classes," Willenborg said. "They just have to feel that urgency. They have to feel that importance and this is going to help them in this direction. There may be some kids caught up in the marking period, but hopefully by semester they're alright."

Card markings and semester grades will be reviewed by the athletic director on the fifth Friday. Ineligible students may practice with their team, but are not to compete during scrimmages, games, or other

events and contests.

"If a youngster is deemed ineligible, that person will still be able to play that (fifth) Friday night," Hammye said. "However, they will start the following Monday and won't be permitted to play the next Friday night. Everything starts with the fall (2011) teams.

"Coaches have been supportive. Teachers have been supportive. Teachers have cooperated in the past and they understand."

Willenborg, meanwhile, hopes all student-athletes will

take notice. "It's going to be a change for some kids," he said, "but there has to be more of an effort on

the academic end. "We wanted to set a tone that academics come first and is the priority. That's what we want to emphasize with our kids is that you have to be passing your classes in order to participate."

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#### THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL Tuesday, May 31 John Glenn at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Parkway at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS **DIVISION 1** 

at LIVONIA FRANKLIN Saturday, June 4: Garden City vs. Redford Union, 10 a.m.; Livonia Franklin vs. Redford Thurston, noon; championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 at University of Detroit Jesuit vs. U-D Jesuit district champion.)

at LIVONIA STEVENSON Tuesday, May 31: (A) Livonia Churchill vs. (B)

Saturday, June 4: Salem vs. A-B winner, 10 a.m.; Livonia Stevenson vs. Plymouth, noon; championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 at Novi

vs. Birmingham Groves district champion.)
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN Tuesday, May 31: (A) Wayne Memorial vs. (B)

Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 4 p.m. Friday, June 3: Romulus vs. A-B winner, 11 a.m.; Westland John Glenn vs. Inkster, 1 p.m.; championship final: 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 at Saline vs. Brownstown-Woodhaven district champion.)

DIVISION 2

at MADONNA UNIV. (Hitch Ballpark) Saturday, June 4: Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. Dearborn Divine Child, 10 a.m. Livonia Clarenceville vs. South Lyon East, 12:30 p.m.; championship final: 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday June 11 at Madonna University's Ilitch Ballpark vs.

Warren Fitzgerald district champion.)
DIVISION 4 at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN Saturday, June 4: (A) Westland Huron Valley vs. Plymouth Christian Academy, noon; championship final: Lutheran High Westland vs.

> **GIRLS SOFTBALL** Tuesday, May 31 Thurston at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 1 Waterford Mott at Stevenson, 4 p.m. (Suspended Catholic League A-B final) Ladywood vs.: Farm. Hills Mercy at Univ. of Detroit Mercy, 4 p.m. Thursday, June 2 Clarenceville at A.A. Greenhills, 4:30 p.m DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS DIVISION 1 at LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Saturday, June 4: Livonia Franklin vs. Redford Thurston, 10 a.m.; Garden City vs. Redford Union, noon; championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett vs. Marine City Cardinal Mooney district

at LIVONIA STEVENSON Tuesday, May 31: (A) Canton vs. (B) Livonia

Saturday, June 4: Livonia Stevenson vs. Plymouth, 10 a.m.; Salem vs. A-B winner, noon; championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 at Novi vs. Birmingham Groves district champion.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN Tuesday, May 31: (A) Wayne Memorial vs. (B) Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 4 p.m.

Friday, June 3: Romulus vs. A-B winner, 11 a.m.; Westland John Glenn vs. Inkster, 1 p.m.; championship final: 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 a Saline vs. Brownstown-Woodhaven district champion.) DIVISION 2

at LIVONIA LADYWOOD Tuesday, May 31: Dearborn Heights vs. Dearborn Divine Child, 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 4: Livonia Clarenceville vs. South Lyon East, 10 a.m.; Livonia Ladywood vs. A-B winner, 12:30 a.m.; championship final: 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 at Livonia Ladywood vs. Warren Fitzgerald district champion.) DIVISION 4

at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN Saturday, June 4: (A) Westland Huron Valley vs. Plymouth Christian Academy, noon championship final: Lutheran High Westland vs. A-B winner, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 11 at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett vs. Marine City Cardinal Mooney district champion.)

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DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS DIVISION 1

CANTON-SALEM-CEP (Host) Tuesday, May 31: (A) Livonia Franklin at (B) Plymouth, 5 p.m.; (C) Canton vs. (D) Salem, 7 p.m.; (E) Northville at (F) Garden City, 6 p.m.; (G) Livonia Churchill at (H) Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, June 2:** A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m (both at Canton-Salem-CEP).

Saturday, June 4: Championship final, noon. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 at Dearborn Edsel Ford vs. Dearborn district champion )

ANN ARBOR PIONEER (Host) Tuesday, May 31: (A) Wayne Memorial at (B) Ann Arbor Skyline, 7 p.m.; (C) Westland John Glenn vs. (D) Taylor Truman, 5:30 p.m.; (E) Ann Arbor Pioneer at (F) Ann Arbor Huron, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 1: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m.; Taylor Kennedy vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 4: Championship final, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 at Dearborn Edsel Ford vs. Brownstown-Woodhaven district champion.) DIVISION 2

SOUTH LYON (Host) Tuesday, May 31: (A) Livonia Ladywood at (B) South Lyon East, 6 p.m.; (C) Redford Union at (D) South Lyon, 6 p.m.; (E) Redford Thurston at (F) Dearborn Divine Child, 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 2: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m; Detroit Renaissance vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m. (both at South Lyon).

Saturday, June 4: Championship final, 2 p.m (Winner advances to the regional semifinals 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 at Chelsea vs. Fast Lansing district champion.)

DIVISION 3 BEVERLY HILLS **DETROIT COUNTRY DAY (Host)** 

Tuesday, May 31: (A) Madison Heights Bishop Foley at (B) Clawson (City Park), 6 p.m.; (C) Detroit Cesar Chavez at (D) Harper Woods, 5 p.m. (E) Detroit University Prep at (F) Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 7 p.m.; (6) Livonia Clarenceville vs. (H) Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 2: E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 5

p.m.: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 4: Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 7 at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep vs. Grosse lle district champion.)

DIVISION 4 PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN (Host) Tuesday, May 31: (A) Ann Arbor Greenhills at (B) Taylor Baptist Park, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, June 3: Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner vs. A-B winner, 3 p.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Plymouth Christian, 5 p.m. (both at Plymouth

Saturday, June 4: Championship final, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals,  $6.30\,$ p.m. Tuesday, June 7 at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard vs. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett

> BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD Saturday, June 4

(MHSAA state finals) Division 1 at Rockford, 10 a.m. Div. 2 G.R. Houseman Field, 10 a.m. Division 3 at Comstock Park, 10 a.m.

Division 4 at Jenison, 10 a.m. **BOYS GOLF** Tuesday, May 31 Kensington Conference Tourney at Pheasant Run G.C., 8 a.m.

Thursday, June 2 (MHSAA District Tournaments) Div. 1 at Whispering Willows, 8:30 a.m. Div. 1 at Huron Meadows, TBA. Div. 1 at West Shore (Grosse IIe), TBA. **GIRLS TENNIS** (MHSAA state finals)

Friday-Saturday, June 3-4 Division 1 at Midland, 10 a.m. GIRLS LACROSSE (MHSAA Regional Semifinals) TBA - time to be announced.



Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Karen Lafata stepped down after 13 seasons to take an assistant coaching position at Wayne State University.

"The Schoolcraft college community recognizes the outstanding women's basketball coaching career of Karen Lafata, whose numbers reflect her loyalty and dedication to the college and the student-athletes she served," Fox said. "Karen epitomizes the very best of what college educators provide on a daily basis, that balance of academics and athletics. We wish her the very best at Wayne State University."

The 39-year-old Brathwaite

ketball at Moraine Valley did his undergraduate work at Chicago State University. He coached at Our Lady of Angels in Chicago and in Detroit.

Brathwaite is a former Detroit police officer who

should keep rolling.'

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"I'm really happy and it will be a smooth transition." Lafata said. "The kids love him. I feel good about that and he's a big part of our success the last four years. They

Community College (Ill.) and Detroit Old Redford Academy

currently resides in Detroit.

played two years of bas-

**Conference champions** The Oakland Community College women's softball team is the Michigan Community College Athletic Assocation Eastern Conference champion. The Raiders are coached by Jamie Seaman and finished with a 17-5 record. The team members are (front, left to right) Kayla Provo, Macomb Dakota; Mareec 'Mo' Jordan, Macomb Dakota; (kneeling) Katelyn Shattleroe, Garden City; Kim Toth, Farmington; Angel Biernacki, Utica Eisenhower; Marissa

## The big picture

Masakowski, Sterling Heights Stevenson; Chelsea Freeland, North Branch; (third row) Shantel Uballe, Clarkston; Vanessa Bayley, Ortonville Brandon;

Kallie Desjarlais, Windsor Villanova; Chelsea Roggenbuck, Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse; (fourth row) Alexis Mullard, Westland John Glenn; Lori

Tennis, Holly; Jessica Sherman, Ortonville Brandon; Hailee Johnson, Westland (Ohio); Katrina Vandenboom, Bay City Central; Samantha Antoinie,

### Potential Whalers get taste of OHL in orientation

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Madison Heights Lamphere: and Kelcie Drenth, Ellsworth,

Teenagers haven't changed too much over the past three decades. But it is safe to say quite a bit about society and the Ontario Hockey League has since Craig Wolanin played for Kitchener in 1984-

That's one reason the 43year-old former NHL defenseman is thrilled that his son, Christian — a 2011 draft pick of the Plymouth Whalers - had the opportunity to get a two-day primer at Compuware Arena.

Craig Wolanin, watching his son scrimmage from above the blue seats at one end of Compuware, said the Whalers rookie orientation was a "terrific" idea.

"It exposes the kids to what might be. And (Whalers GMcoach) Mike Vellucci does a real good job of painting a clear picture of what the options are for these kids and what the Whaler organization has to offer."

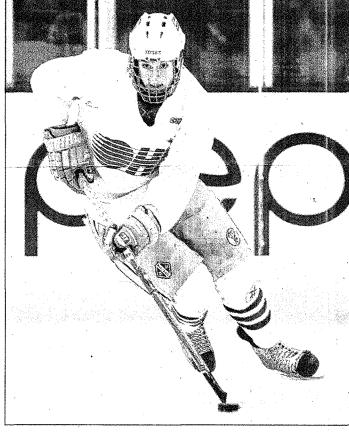
The younger Wolanin, a 16-year-old left wing from Rochester who played last season with the Detroit Little Caesars U-16 team, was one of 11 players recently drafted by Plymouth to take part in the rookie orientation.

(Of course, No. 1 pick Mitchell Dempsey was on hand, as was second pick Matthew Mistele. Both are wingers.)

There also were others drafted in 2009 or '10 and a handful of free agents. Helping coach the Blue and White teams in scrimmages were former Whalers such as Ryan Hayes and Tyler Brown; two players from the 2010-11 team (goalie Matt Mahalak, defenseman Max Iafrate of Livonia) also skated.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

One of Christian Wolanin's teammates on the White Team was another left wing just



Recent Plymouth Whalers draft pick Christian Wolanin, wearing orange hockey pants from his Detroit Little Caesars U-16 team, skated during last weekend's rookie orientation at Compuware Arena.

drafted by the Whalers, 16year-old Danny Vanderweil of Island Lake, Illinois.

"It's a pretty good experience, it's nice out here to kind of get a feel for what it's like, the facilities, the rink," Vanderweil said. "Just go out there and play."

Vanderweil, a self-described "grinder" from the Team Illinois U-16 squad, added that the on-ice part of the orientation was "maybe a little bit different" from what he expected.

But after talking to Mahalak and another 2010-11 Whaler. Tom Wilson (who participated in the 2010 orientation) he felt more at ease about being able to handle the frenetic OHL

"It's kind of a big transition from Minor Midget to play-

ing in the OHL," Vanderweil said. "But they said that after a while you get the hang of it and (that) it's a good fit.'

Another aspect of the orientation was finding out that life in the OHL goes far beyond what transpires on the 200-by-85 ice sheet.

"Right now I'm heading upstairs to have a meeting with the coaching staff," he said. "Then it's dinner and back to the hotel to get some rest for the game tomorrow (Sunday).'

Wolanin and Vanderweil and the other youngsters also took a field trip to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, which is where Whalers players go to high school.

That was another plus as far as Craig Wolanin was con-

'What they're trýing to do is just expose them to the Whaler organization, orient them to what is demanded of these kids moving forward," he stressed. "And not only on the ice, (it's) the expectations of getting in the weight room, ... acclimating themselves to a new situation. Understanding that school is still important.

#### **NOT JUST YET**

But Christian and Danny undoubtedly will have to tuck away the experience for future reference.

According to Craig Wolanin, a Michigan native himself, Christian will stay another year at home, playing for Little Caesars Midget Majors (ages

"We're family first, he just turned 16," the ex-New Jersey Devils blueliner said. "There's a lot of stuff that (still) needs to take place at home."

Wolanin stressed that being drafted and invited to the orientation does not guarantee ever playing for the Whalers.

"A kid is drafted by the Whalers, all that means is the Whalers retain his rights," he added. "They see something in that kid, potential that might evolve into something.

"Drafts are potential. Now it's up to the kid, 'Do I want to realize that potential?"

Taking some mental notes on the newest crop of future players was season ticket holder and billet host Steve Kowalkoski of Plymouth.

Kowalkoski hosted Rickard Rakell last season, and in previous seasons was Hayes' billet.

"We've come here for the last five or six years to watch this," Kowalkoski said. "It gives them an idea what it's like to play in the Ontario Hockev League.

"It's different than playing Midget Majors or Midget Minors, so it's a good orientation for them."

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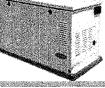
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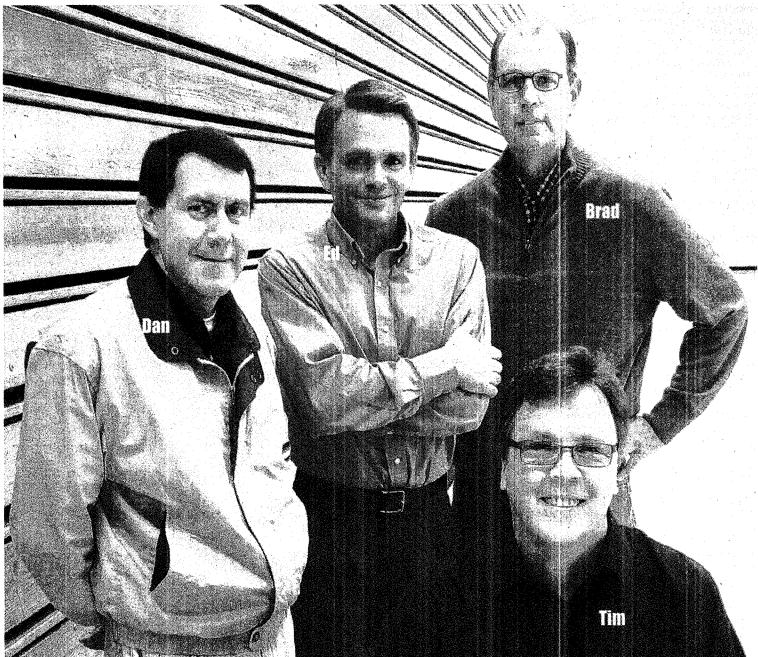


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#### Dan O'Meara Sports Editor

Beat: Farmington/Farmington Hills youth/prep sports

**Experience:** Has covered sports in the Farmington community for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for more than 23 years and, for seven years, worked the same beat in Plymouth-Canton, Before joining the Observer. Dan worked for three daily newspapers - the Big Rapids Pioneer, The Daily News in Greenville and the Ypsilanti Press - from 1979 until early 1987.

**Education:** Graduate East Detroit High School; B.A. Journalism (minored in history) and english) Central Michigan University in

Awards: Honored for sports writing, sports column writing and best sports sections by the Michigan Press Association and Suburban Newspapers of America.

**Personal:** Lives in Westland. Attends annual homecoming reunions with former 'Shamrocks' from EDHS and enjoys covering the gridiron sport.

In his own words:

"I enjoy reporting and making the Observer the go-to source for sports information, especially when covering big games and events of heightened interest in the community."

#### Ellyman Soons Editor

Beat: Redford, Garden City youth/prep/recreation sports

**Experience:** Worked as the sports editor for the Marshall (Mich.) Chronicle and Dearborn Heights Leader before accepting position as a publications manager for Midwest Publishing, Inc. Worked at Midwest Publishing, Inc. for 16 years before getting laid off in 2004 due to economy-based down-sizing.

Worked as free-lance writer for Observer from 1999-2002: worked as sports editor of Plymouth and Canton Observers from 2004-09. Developed and operated PlymouthCantonSports.com from August 2009 to February 2011.

**Education:** B.A. in journalism from Central Michigan University.

Awards: Many state and national writing awards for sports coverage, sports writing, column writing and sports features from the Michigan Press Association and the Suburban Newspapers of America.

Personal: Married to Laura (25th wedding anniversary in August 2011); three kids: Erik, 21; Brandon, 17; Ben, 10. Erik is a redshirt sophomore pitcher for Madonna baseball team, majoring in marketing and sport management; Brandon is a student at Cooke School in Northville; Ben is a fourth-grader at Tonda Elementary in Canton. The Wright family lives in Canton.

#### In his own words:

"Here is why I love covering high school sports: There are no lockouts, no holdouts, no taking plays off, no guaranteed contracts and no practice boycotts. It's refreshing being able to write about athletes who play for their school, their teammates, their coaches and their love for the games."

#### Brad Emons Sports Editor

Beat: Livonia, Westland youth/prep sports, Madonna University, Schoolcraft College.

Experience: Joined the Observer & eccentric Newspapers in December 1977 and has covered the Livonia, Westland, Redford, Canton, Plymouth and Garden City sports beat for nearly three decades.

**Education:** Livonia Franklin High School grad where he played high school basketball on the patriot's first district championship team B.A. journalism, Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.

Awards: Catholic League Hall of Fame

Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Honor (2008) 0&E Journalist of the Year (1996) College Tennis MVP, Franklin College 1977 Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Finish Line Award (2003) Honored for sports column writing by the Michigan Press Association

**Personal:** Lives in Plymouth and is an active distance runner with two local clubs (Northville and Downriver). He averages 30-35 miles per week.

In his own words:

"Covering community sports is rewarding because it's remains the last bastion of amateur sports. The athletes and schools remain appreciative of the coverage."

#### Tim Smith Sports Editor

Beat: Plymouth and Canton youth/prep and Plymouth Whalers of the OHL.

**Experience:** Joined the O&E in 1986, as a news reporter for the Southfield Eccentric. He also covered news beats in West Bloomfield/Lakes (1991 - 97') and Farmington (1997 - 2001).

Joined the sports staff in 2001, covering the Redford - Garden City communities, Madonna University and Schoolcraft

Education: Graduate of Livonia Clarenceville High School, B.A. Mass Communication Wayne State University.

Awards: Finalist for Society of Professional Journalist's (Detroit Chapter) Journalist of the Year Award in 1996, O&E Journalist of the Year 1998, Writing, reporting awards from the Michigan Press Association and Suburban Newspapers of

Personal: Lives in Livonia with wife Donna and 16 year-old daughter Elizabeth. He is the author of "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies-Little Thumbs Up!" (1999). Is a longtime recreational ice hockey

#### In his own words:

"I cover teams from year-to-year, all season long. You almost feel part of the teams yourself and can't help silently cheering when an athlete or team does something incredible. Another plus: When moms and dads thank us for what we do, chronicling the efforts of their sons or daughters in a way they can't get anywhere else."

#### **SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS**

#### Stevenson boys hoops

The Livonia Stevenson boys basketball camp (incoming grades 4-9) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 20-24, at the high school fieldhouse.

The fee is \$80 (includes T-shirt if registered by May 18). The cost is \$75 (with no shirt through the first day of

For more information, e-mail Stevenson coach Mike Allie MichaelAllie@yahoo.com; or call (248) 939-2692.

#### Skyshark pole vault

The 2011 Livonia Pole Vault camp, hosted by Skyshark Athletics, will be from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, June 13 through Aug. 10, at the Churchill High School track, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$160 (includes T-shirt). For more information, call Churchill pole vault and jumps coach Vern Williams at (734) 732-0840; or e-mail skysharkathletics@yahoo.

#### Madonna boys hoops

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer boys basketball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, July 20-24, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's main

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch.

Registration forms are available online at www.ci.livonia.mi.us. For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

#### Churchill volleyball

The Livonia Churchill volleyball skills camp will be from 8:15-10:45 a.m. (entering grades 10-12) and 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (entering grades 7-9), Monday through Friday, June 20-24, and Monday-Tuesday, June 27-28, at the high school.

The fee is \$89 (if registered by June 1) or \$99 (late fee).

For more information, e-mail coach Mark Grenier at mgrenier@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (734) 355-

#### Churchill baseball

Livonia Churchill will stage a baseball camp for boys ages 7 (before Sept. 1) through 14 from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Wednesday, June 20-22, at the high school field.

The cost is \$55 (includes T-shirt if registered by June 1) or \$55 (after

For more information, e-mail Ron Targosz at rtargosz@livoniapublicschools.org; or call the Churchill varsity coach at (734) 542-6844 (home) or (734) 502-4419 (cell).

#### Churchill softball

The Livonia Churchill Chargers summer girls softball camp (entering grades 3-8) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Wednesday, June 20-22, at the high school field-

The cost is \$75 (if registered by June 1) or \$80 (late fee).

For more information, e-mail Churchill coach Steve Gentilia at stebbie@woway.com; or call (734) 776-1716.

#### Stevenson volleyball

The Livonia Stevenson volleyball camp will be from 9-11 a.m. (incoming grades 7-8) and from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (incoming grades 9-1), Monday through Friday, June 20-24, at the high school competition gym.

The \$60 fee includes a T-shirt (\$50 with no shirt after June 1).

For more information, e-mail Stevenson coach Kelly Graham at kgraham@livoniapublicschools.org.

#### **Future Stars baseball**

The Future Stars summer baseball camp for boys and girls in current grades 2-8 will be 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 27-30, at Livonia Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road.

The cost is \$60 and you must be registered by June 24.

For more information, call Franklin varsity baseball coach Matt Fournier at (734) 968-0499 or e-mail mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org.

#### Churchill boys hoops

The Livonia Churchill 2011 boys summer basketball camp (incoming grades 5-8) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 20-23, at the high school.

The cost is \$45 (includes T-shirt if registered by June 5).

For more information, e-mail Jim Solak at solakj@taylor.k12.mi.us; or call the Churchill athletic office at (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46194.

#### Churchill girls hoop

The Livonia Churchill Lady Chargers summer basketball camp (entering grades 5-10) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, July 11-14, at the high school.

The fee is \$50 (includes T-shirt if registered by June 17); or \$60 (late

For more information, e-mail varsity coach Kevin Etue at ketue@ livoniapublicschools.org; or call (248) 914-0844.

#### **Youth Tennis Skills**

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage a three-week tennis skills camp (ages 9-12) from 9:30-10:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, June 20-23, 27-29; and Tuesday through Thursday, July 5-7, at Bicentennial Park courts, located a Seven Mile and Wayne

Registration is underway at the Parks and Recreation office, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The cost is \$115 (resident) or \$125 (non-resident).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

#### Total Baseball

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom, will stage a baseball fundamentals (Monday-Thursday, June 20-23) and train and play (Monday-Thursday, June 27-30) for ages 6-14.

The camps will run from 8:30-3:30

The cost is \$150 per player (\$50 sibling discount). Lunch specials and after-care are also available.

To register online, visit www.totalsportscomplex.com.

For more information, call (248-668-0166; or e-mail aaronk@totalsportscomplex.com.

#### Franklin boys hoops

The 2011 Livonia Franklin United We Play boys basketball camp (incoming grades 4-9) will be from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 11-13, at the high school.

Pre-registration cost (by June 30) is \$65 (includes T-shirt and ball). Walk-up registration is \$75.

For more information, e-mail franklinbball@gmail.com.

#### Madonna volleyball

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham will stage the following summer volleyball camps including:

Advanced (elite) and General All-Skills, Monday through Thursday, June 27-30; Setters and Youth, Tuesday through Friday, July 5-8; Hitters and Defensive, Monday through Thursday, July 11-14.

For more information, call Abraham at (734) 432-5612 (office) or (734) 254-0698 (evenings). You can also e-mail jabraham216180mi@ comast.net.

For additional information, visit www.madonnacrusaders.com.

#### Franklin junior hoops

The Livonia Franklin junior boys and girls basketball camp (incoming grades 1-3) will be from 9-10:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, July 11-3, at the high school.

Pre-registration cost (by June 30) is \$50 (includes T-shirt and ball). Walk-up registration is \$60.

For more information, e-mail franklinbball@gmail.com.

#### Churchill boys hockey

The Livonia Churchill summer hockey camp will stage 10 skates from 8-9:20 a.m. Monday through

Friday, July 11-15; Monday through Wednesday, July 18-20; and 3-4:20 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, July 18-19 - all at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

The cost is \$175 and all checks should be made payable to Churchill High School.

For more information, call Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni at (248) 345-6584; or e-mail Pmazzoni@livoniapublicschools.org.

#### **Hoop Skills Academy**

Coach Paul Tripp will stage his eighth annual Basketball Academy Skills camps, Monday through Thursday, July 11-14 (boys) and July 18-21 (girls) at St. Mel's in Dearborn Heights.

The registration fee is \$95 (\$10 discount if registered by May 30).

For more information, call (248) 563-0858. You can obtain a registration form via e-mail at basketballacademy@hotmail.com.

#### Churchill football skills

The Livonia Churchill High 2011 football skills camp (entering grades 9-12) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, July 25-28, at the high school.

The cost is \$60.

For more information, e-mail coach John Filiatraut at jiliatr2@ livoniapublicschools.org; or call (313) 680-8915.

#### Football youth skills

The Livonia Churchill youth football skills camp (entering grades 3-8) will be from 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, July 26-28, at the high school.

The cost is \$40.

For more information, e-mail coach John Filiatraut at jiliatr2@ livoniapublicschools.org; or call (313) 680-8915.

#### Churchill gymnastics

The Livonia Churchill gymnastics camp for girls ages 11-and-up will be from 6-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 8-12, at the high school.

The fee is \$79.

For more information, e-mail camp director and Churchill coach Kelly Grodzicki at kgrodzic@gmail.com; or Sara Wilchowski at sarahwichowski@gmail.com.

#### Madonna girls softball

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer girls softball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 15-19 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 3).

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch.

Registration forms are available nline at www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

**CANTON 174** May 26 at Whispering Willows

Churchill scorers: Ben Proben, 37 (medalist); Andrew Ioanou, 41; Cory Dare, 42; Evan Fargo, 45; Zach Colosimo, 47; Alex Estes, 51.

Maxam, 43; Brent Perry, 44; Marty Peck, 45; Frank Parzynski and Justin Legel, 46 each.

Dual match records: Churchill, 8-1 overall, 8-1



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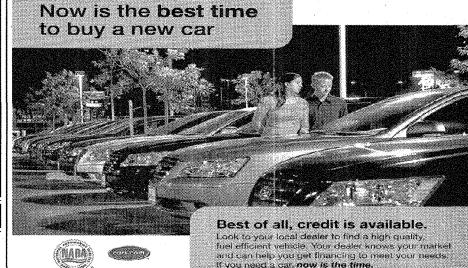
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Any player 15-16 years-old (by April 30) is eligible to play. The season starts the first week in June.

For more information, call (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours (or leave a message) or visit www.wyaa.org.

#### RU soccer alumni match

Redford Union High School soccer alumni (1989-2010) will meet at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 3 at Hilbert Middle School's Kraft Field, 26440 Puritan) for a game that will pit Team '90s against Team 2k+ to raise funds for RU student-athletes.

Concessions and a 50-50 raffle will be available. There will also be a halftime show featuring a majorette performance and game between youth players from the Redford Soccer Club.

General admission is \$4 (adults) and \$2 (seniors, college and high school students with a school ID). There is also a \$6 fee for families with at least one parent and one child present.

For more information, visit www. alumnifaceoff.com.

### C'ville girls boot Lathrup

Sophomore Ashley Murphy scored a goal and added an assist as host Livonia Clarenceville sloshed through a 3-0 girls soccer victory Thursday over Southfield-Lathrup. Mary Zhen and Sadie Zachos also

tallied goals for the Trojans, who improved to 7-11 overall. Other assists went to Megan Strachan and Kayla Zawol.

defense in the shutout.

Jenny Cruz also helped spark the

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### Redford costume designer dresses actors in authentic style

BY SHARON DARGAY OSF STAFF WRITER

Bernadine Vida amassed approximately 10,000 clothing items - including jewelry, hats, purses, dresses, shirts and ties - to tell a story this month.

The Redford costume designer used the authentic 1960s vintage clothing to build wardrobes for each character in Margarine Wars, a film comedy about anti-oleo laws and margarine smuggling in the Midwest. The film, which recently finished shooting in Armada, tells the story of a New York hippie whose van breaks down in rural Illinois en route to California. He ends up smuggling margarine across state lines for women in the community, trying to earn the \$500 he needs to fix his vehicle.

Vida outfitted actors in clothing that will help tell the story, enhance their characters, and accurately interpret the 1960s time period. Many of the pieces came from her own collection of vintage outfits and accessories. Others were bought with the film's costume budget or sewn.

"I wanted this film to have a real authenticity. To be true to the story and the characterization, you've got to be true to the sociological aspects of the film. What were people doing, what were they thinking? It's all reflected through their wardrobe.



Bernadine Vida of Redford on set of the "Margarine Wars," in Armada.

#### **COSTUME HOUSE**

Vida, who has costumed nearly all the major feature films that have been shot in Michigan, worked for several weeks this spring in a rented vacant ranch house 15 minutes from the Margarine Wars set on an Armada farm. For three of those weeks, she lived in a nearby condo, miles from her Wayne County home and studio.

Assisted by five interns, she stored and organized racks of clothing, boxes of hats, purses, earrings, pins and necklaces. She adjusted and fit costumes and kept track of the costume budget and receipts.

"To be successful in this industry, you've got to have an even

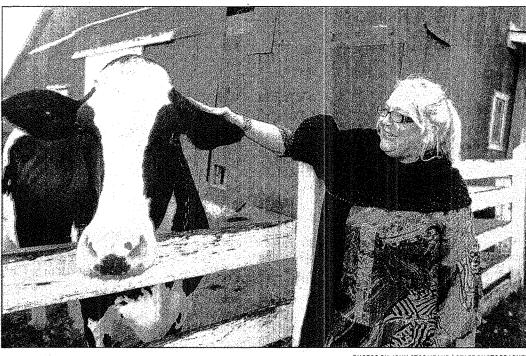
mind, be flexible and be a jack of all trades," Vida said. "I can build, I can sew. Whatever goes through my mind I can make an actuality. I've always been proud of that."

She has clothed dancers, musicians, opera singers and actors on the theater stage, in commercials, television shows and industrial promotions and events.

#### **MEMORABLE JOB**

She's most proud of her work with the Lincoln presidential library and museum in 2001.

"When I go into the rotunda and see John Wilkes Booth and realize I built his entire costume, tailored it, dressed it and everything, it's one of my favorites. I'm



PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bernadine Vida makes nice with a cow on the set of "Margarine Wars." The Redford costume designer has created garments for theater, movies, television, dance and yes, even animals.

proud because it will live beyond me."

Lately she has designed costumes for a teen television sitcom, The Wannabes, and for characters involved in promoting a new injection pen for diabetics. She's also busy with made-in Michigan movies.

"I'm happy I'm getting the kinds of movies that are socially important. They aren't fluff and junk," said Vida, who began work this week on The Citizen, a film about a Lebanese Immigrant

"Big studio features will always go to what is stereotypically desirable to American masses. The big (Los Angeles) features want to hire designers out of L.A. I don't get a chance to do that because I never made the L.A. exit."

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California years ago, Vida has lived locally since childhood. After graduation from

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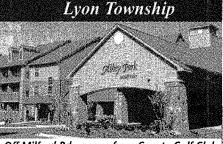
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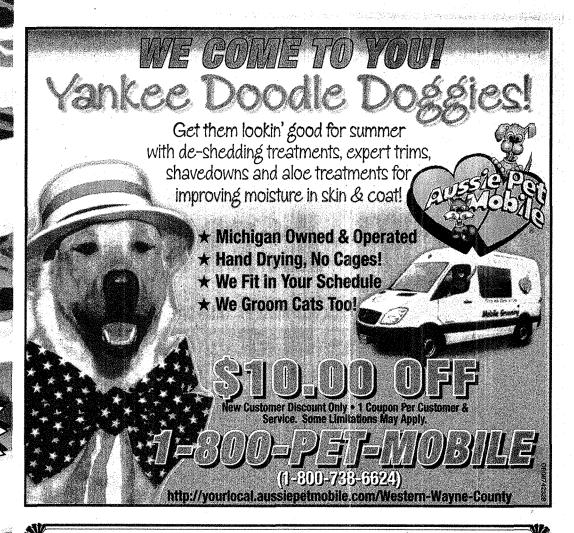


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Attorney J.B. Bieske can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary Bieske has won several hundred cases before a court date is

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher

Attorney Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 27 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings.



Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience; and often these firms aren't even based in Michigan

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

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of client's cases and administrative

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to

may be eligible for these benefits. He offers a free phone or office consultation. If will be no fee charged until after the case is won. retroactive benefits

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability

benefits. You may be eligible even if you have retired and are receiving a pension. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/ Widower's benefits).

Call attorney J.B. Bieske at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you are considering applying for Social Security Disability Benefits or if you have been denied. His Livonia office is located on Six Mile Road just West of 1-275 and his Novi office is on Haggerty just North of 12 Mile Road

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Pamela Shorter (left), and Alberta Karll (right) are all smiles after receiving community service awards from John Sackett Regent Cynthia Tenerovich of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Susan Sweetman (second from left) of Livonia, receives a warm welcome into the DAR from Dorothy Moore (left), chapter chaplain, Brenda Halseth, chapter registrar and Cynthia Tenerovich, chapter regent.

### Area DAR chapter inducts new member from Livonia

The John Sackett Chapter of the Daughters of community service awards for their dedicated the American Revolution recently gave community service awards to members and inducted Susan Sweetman of Livonia into the organiza-

Alberta Karll and Pamela Shorter received

service to the residents and families of Angela Hospice. Karll has worked with Angela Hospice since 1994; Shorter has been involved since 2009. Both prepare freshly-baked goodies including cookies, specialty breads and pies on

a weekly basis.

The program for the chapter's May meeting was "Collecting More than Dust." Members shared their prized collections. Katrina Beery showed silver commemorative spoons from around the world. Margaret Steward presented

antique Indian quill boxes. Dorothy Moore had antique citrus fruit spoons on hand. Mary Anne Duluk brought elaborate decorative eggs to the meeting. Joan Cheyne showed antique invalid feeders.

### Humane Society seeks pet photos for annual calendar

The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) is looking for metro Detroit's most photogenic pets for its 2012 Pet Calendar.

The \$20 entry fee per photo guarantees inclusion in MHS' 14th annual calendar. Twelve top photo entries will be selected for special "Pet of the Month" placement, with all other photos appearing in

a variety of formats throughout the calendar.

Dogs and cats wearing collars and ID tags, and cats photographed indoors will receive the best consideration. Entries must be postmarked by June 15. Calendar proceeds will help the Michigan Humane Society change the lives of animals

Photo guidelines:

• Photos must be clear, in color, contain only pets, and be no larger than 4- by 6inches

• Horizontal (landscape) orientation and gloss finish preferred

 For quality reasons, color prints made at home on inkjet or laser printers cannot be considered for Pet of the

Month placement. However, these types of prints will be accepted for the smaller photos used throughout the calendar.

· Photos taken at a commercial studio must include a signed copyright release from the photographer

Write your name, phone number and pet's name on the back of each photo

using a permanent felt-tip pen. Mail entries by June 15 to Michigan Humane Society 2012 Pet Calendar, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025

Download an entry form at www.michiganhumane.org. In the fall, MHS 2012 Pet Calendars will be available for purchase for \$15 plus tax

at www.michiganhumane.

The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) is a private, nonprofit organization that runs animal shelters in Westland, Detroit and Rochester Hills

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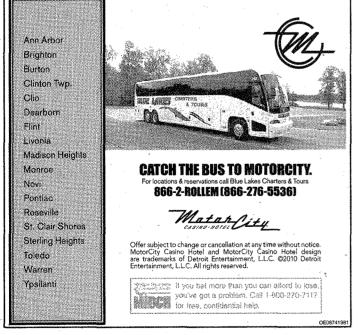
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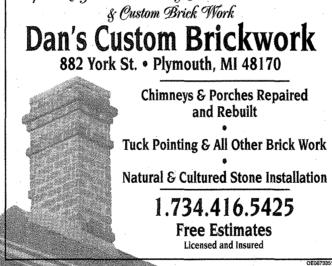
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This column has dealt in the past with the question of how often a person can receive a joint injection, the answer being: as often as the injection confers benefit. But another related question is: at any one time, how many joint injections can a patient receive?

Physicians cannot turn to the medical literature to answer that question as investigations are lacking on that aspect of medical therapy. However, by custom, two injections at one time are considered as acceptable treatment. The answer really depends on the condition of the patient. If the individual is

elderly and has 2 swollen knees and a sorê shoulder, then the doctor likely will inject only the 2 worse joints. The amount of anesthesia needed might cause the elderly rson to become dizzy or even faint. If the patient is not elderly, but is a poorly controlled diabetic, the physician may inject only one joint. Steroids antagonize insulin and 2 or more injections may cause

the diabetes to go out of control.

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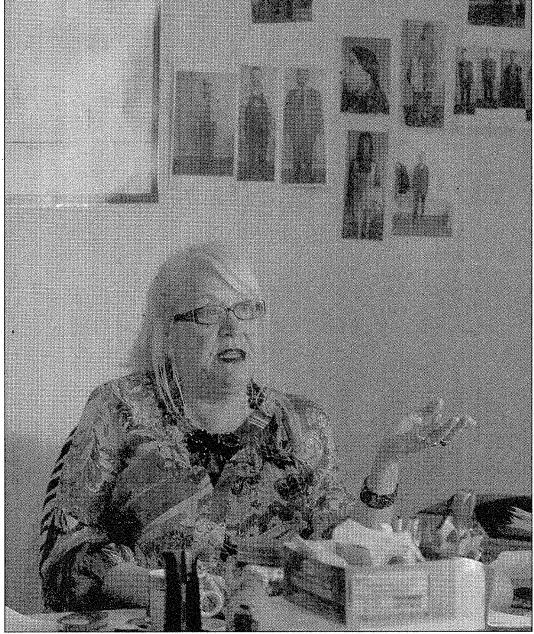
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Bernadine Vida keeps photos of movie cast members on the wall of her temporary costume department in a rented house near the set of "Margarine Wars."

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design at Parsons School of Design in New York.

After college she designed clothing for the Harbinger Dance Company, but worked mostly in the political arena, both in Michigan and in San Francisco, Calif., where her now ex-husband was completing a job assignment

Growing tired of politics, the young mother took on a challenge of designing costumes for a San Francisco theater produc-

tion of Little Women.

That led to an internship and more work in theater, both in San Francisco and later in Michigan. Although she has travelled extensively, Vida has maintained her studio and residence in her childhood home ever since.

Her father helped her raise her son while she juggled motherhood and a growing costume design business.

"I wanted my son to go to the schools I went to. My brothers and I went to Redford Union and so did my son"

Last summer she turned the

garage into a second studio. She suspects she is the most longterm resident in her neighborhood, which she describes as "a village."

She doesn't plan to stray far from her roots.

"I've been fortunate. I hayen't made a million dollars but I've amassed quite a career. And the real joy for me is being able to teach, mentor and pass on my skills to others."

In addition to working with costume interns on films, she teaches at the College of Creative Studies and has lectured extensively.

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Some new products to check out.

#### **BORA CLAMP EDGE**

Lon Grossman

Affinity Tool Works, LLC recently introduced the Bora Clamp Edge.

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The Bora Clamp Edge is a quick guide tool that provides a perfectly straight and secure straightedge for accurate cuts through all kinds

and types of wood. You can use it with circular saws, jigsaws, routers and biscuit jointers as well as with other tools or just as an accurate guide to scribe.

The company manufactures three sizes of clamps to handle a complete variety of woodworking projects. The small, 24-inch model is commonly used as a fence on table saws, router tables

and small cutting projects. The 36-inch clamp edge is perfect for remodeling

jobs such as trimming doors and cabinets.

They also make a 50-inch clamp edge, which is the one I've been testing. It's designed for 48-inch cuts. The design, engineering, integrated clamps and ease of use are all impressive.

The Bora Clamp has ergonomic handles, easy and simple lever locking mechanisms, unique swivel clamps (which also permits the user to do some slight angle cuts) and was designed for professionals, handymen and homeowners in mind.

The clamps are made from aircraft grade extruded aluminum and come with a lifetime warranty.

Affinity Tools also has an enviable line of pistol grip clamps, multi-angle adjustable squares and an angle master miter duplicator.

If you or someone you know works with wood, check out Bora Tools at the following websites: Woodcraft (www.woodcraft.com); Rockler (www.rockler.com); Sears (www.sears.com).

#### **SPORT BRELLA CHAIR**

Now that great weather is almost upon us, I'm sure everyone, including myself is looking to the outdoors as well as outdoor projects and events.

I recently came across the Sport Brella Chair. It is a unique, new portable garden and patio chair. Yes, we've all seen portable outdoor fold-up chairs. People take them from their patios to the Woodward Dream Cruise, beaches, parks and concerts.

What makes the Sport Brella Chair unlike other foldout sport chairs is that it has an attached, 360-degree swivel umbrella, which can be moved from side to side, and can be swiveled at three different points with the push of a button. The umbrella opens out to 46-inches, which provides complete coverage from the sun and wind at any conceivable angle.

The lightweight Sport Brella Chair also has a

built-in cup holder, bottle opener and even a zippered pouch for personal items. The chair easily folds up and fits into a compact carry bag that has a comfortable carry strap.

The M.S.R.P. is \$39.99 and is available at www.sportbrella.com. I recently found it at Costco for \$35.00.

#### WHISPERSENSE VENTILATION FANS

Panasonic recently introduced its new Whisper Sense Ventilation Fans at the 2011 kitchen and bath industry show in Las Vegas.

Panasonic claims the WhisperSense bathroom exhaust fans are the only vent fans on the market to incorporate dual-motion and humidity sensors. That makes perfect sense, since the fan will only operate when necessary. The motion sensor has a delay shut-off timer that activates when a person enters the bathroom and automatically shuts the fan off 20 minutes after the occupant has left.

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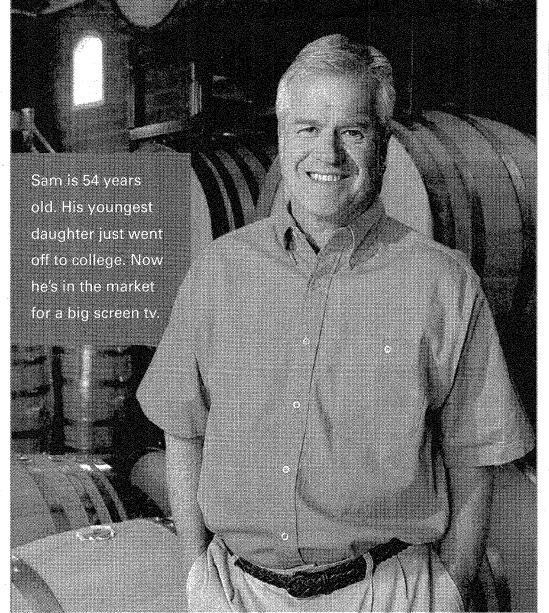
All that is well and good, but my favorite feature is the noise level. It has an incredibly quiet level, as low as 0.3-sone. One-sone is the sound of a quiet refrigerator operating at night. The 0.3 would be the quietest ceiling mounted fan I have experienced.

Panasonic WhisperSense ventilation fans have an average suggested retail price from \$289 to \$412 depending on the model (some have lights) and are available at Panasonic dealers and wholesalers. Check out the WhisperSense fans when they come out in June of 2011 at www.panasonic.com/vented-fans.

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Lon Grossman of Bloomfield Hills is president of Technihouse Inspections Inc., a southeast Michigan residential and commercial inspection company. E-mail your questions to him at drdiy@comcast.net. Call (248) 855-5566. Visit his website www.technihouse.com.



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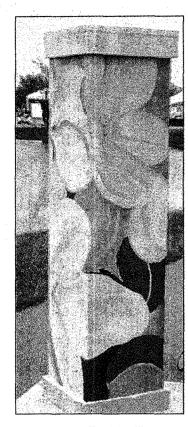
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### Painting adds creative touch to annual relay

Sharon Lee Dillenbeck earned the "People's Choice" award for her painted pillar version of Herbert Badham's "George Street" painting during the annual Relay for Life

earlier this month in Canton. Dillenbeck, owner of D & M Art Studio of Canton, came up with a creative, artistic way to help the cause by asking artists to donate their time to paint famous

artwork on four-sided pillars with acrylic paint. The artists painted during the Relay.

Local businesses and philanthropists sponsored the short pillars for \$50, large pillars for \$100 and those attending the Relay voted for their favorites at \$1 per vote.

Artists included Marilyn Meredith, Elizabeth Gullikson, Megan Flynn, Megan Miner, Deana

Salhaney, Rachel Bissonnett, Cathy Vettese, Bethany Grysko, Ryan Rockov, Megan Vance and Mary Elizabeth Winther.

The pillars will be displayed during Canton's Liberty Fest next month. The short pillars are for sale at \$125 each. Large pillars are \$250. Call Dillenbeck at (734) 453-3710 for more informa-

### Camp featuring acting coach teaches teens to act for film

Film Acting Camp for Teens, taught by acting coach Gorlon Michaels, will run 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 20-24, at Genitti's Little Theatre, 108 E. Main, Northville.

The Gordon Michaels Actors Workshops have been housed at Genittis Little Theater since the first time his classes were made available in Michigan in 1999. They have grown into what is now The Gordon Michaels Acting Studio. The studio provides actors of all ages with a place to grow artistically while at the same time gathering insight in the business of film, television, and theatre.

Michaels says that "any person who has that dream in



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their heart and truly believes in their heart that they want

to become an actor must be true to themselves, and move forward with every ounce of effort to make that dream come true."

"I believe a person with these desires has a responsibility to honor that dream which is born in their heart. I have witnessed many successes in the entertainment business of people doing exactly that. It's not always easy for a person with the desire to become an actor to just throw themselves into that area but the most important thing is to take that first very important step, begin to get training."

Cost of the teen camp is \$225. Reģister at gordonmichaelsstudio.com or call (248) 262-6805.

#### **GARDEN & NATURE**

Send garden information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@ hometownlife.com.

#### **BIBLE GARDEN**

Congregation Beth Ahm will dedicate its Louis and Fay Woll Memorial Bible Garden at 11 a.m. June 5, at 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The dedication and public opening will include tours of the garden. Visitors will experience a series of themes including the Garden of Eden, Abraham and Sarah's Tent, Parting of the Red Sea, and the giving of the Hebrew Bible at Mt. Sinai. The many species of plants, flowers, and trees included in the garden are identified by both their biblical references and botanical names. A visit to the Woll Memorial Bible Garden concludes at a replica of the Western Wall, the remnant of the Old Temple and one of Judaism's holiest sites, in Jerusalem. The Woll Memorial Bible Garden will be open from sunrise to sunset in the spring, summer, and fall. Guided visits can be arranged by calling (248) 851-6880 and visitors may come at their convenience for self guided tours. See the garden on the Internet at www.wollbiblegarden.org.

#### **GARDEN WALK**

The 21st annual Ann Arbor Garden Walk will run 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11. Six gardens and a marketplace of garden art are included. Garden Walk tickets can be purchased online at www. annarborfarmandgarden.org, or at these Ann Arbor locations: Dixboro General Store, Downtown Home & Garden, Nicola's Books, and Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Advance tickets are \$12. Tickets are available the day of the Walk at any of the gardens, at \$15 adult, \$3 students K-12. Groups can purchase advance tickets for \$10 per person; contact Irene Ball at (734) 222-0747. The ticket includes a map of the garden locations; participants can visit the gardens in any order and at their own pace. Descriptions of the featured gardens are on the website.

#### **ENGLISH GARDENS**

· See a free presentation, The Basics of Water Gardening, at 1 p.m.

Saturday, June 11 at all store locations. · Learn how to bring color and texture to your garden at a free presentation on perennial gardening, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2.

Get tips on creating a container water garden, 10 a.m. Saturday, July

• Find out how to keep the summer garden looking its best at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13.

Local English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive, in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, at Maple, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

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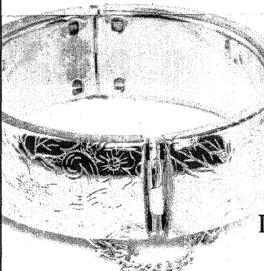
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#### **MEDICAL DATEBOOK**

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#### JUNE

#### St. Mary Mercy Hospital

· Bone Density Screening, Blood Pressure Screening and Massage will be offered from 5:30 - 7 p.m., with a lecture by Dr. Karol Otteman and Dr. Ramneet Mangat from 7 ~ 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 1. A \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Register by calling (734) 655-1182.

· A community blood drive runs 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 2, in the auditorium at the hospital. Participants will receive a hockey puck stress reliever and will be entered into a drawing for \$3,000 worth of gasoline. Schedule an appointment at

(800) GIVE-LIFE. · A presentation on "Obstructive Sleep Apnea Treatment Options" with Tim Short of Healthcare Solutions, will run 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Discover the latest in medical equipment, masks and supplies for sleep disorders, such as continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) technology. Individuals with a CPAP machine, may bring it along for a free pressure accuracy check. Register at (734) 655-4640. Baby Basics runs 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, in the hospital's auditorium. Participants will learn the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. A St. Mary Mercy Hospital certified pediatrician will discuss infant illness and child immunization. In addition, new parents will learn breastfeeding techniques including positioning, pumping, storage and breast care. The fee is \$50 per couple. Registration is required. To register call St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1162, or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events" The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

#### Health care reform

Learn how health care reform applies to the day-to-day practice of medicine at "Health Care Reform, Accountable Care Organizations, and Physician Network... A Primer," 7:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Henry Ford Hospital, 6777 Maple, West Bloomfield. Speakers will discuss topics such as health care reform's effect on medical schools. health care economics and accountable care organizations' impact on health care reform. Cost is \$75 for physicians and \$50 for other professionals, Offers

AMA PRA Category 1 credits. Register at

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#### www.henryford.com/cmeevents.

#### Free fall risk screening

The screening will run 12:30-3 p.m. June 15, at The Recovery Project, LLC, 20000 Victor Parkway, Suite 100, Livonia. A physical and occupational therapist, pharmacist and physicians will provide vision, balance, medication, blood pressure, and home safety screens. (734) 953-1745.

#### Summer camp

The American Cancer Society offers a camp for children being treated for cancer or for those who are in remission. Cancer survivors, 4-15 may participate in one of two camps offered by the Society's Great Lakes Division. Young Camper's Day is a one-day program offered to children 4-6 on Sunday, June 19. Camp Catch-A-Rainbow is a weeklong summer camping experience, held June 19-24, for children 7-15. Both camps are held at the YMCA Storer Camps near Jackson, where children have access to activities such as swimming, horseback riding, archery, canoeing, arts and crafts. Health care professionals are available at the camp 24 hours a day. so most medical treatments, with the exception of radiation therapy, can be done onsite or at a nearby center. Registration is accepted through May 27. Get an application by calling (800) 227-2343 or by visiting www.cancer. org/camprainbow.

#### **ONGOING Aquatic classes**

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

#### Arthritis support group

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

#### **Belleville High School** Class of 1971

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

#### Dearborn Fordson Class of 1971

The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale now for \$52 per person for dinner and open bar. Send a check payable to Fordson '71 Reunion to 16124 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154. For more information go to Facebook, Classmates.com or the Web page at Fordson71Reunion.com.

#### Dearborn Heights Robichaud Class of 1961

50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at wolonl@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

#### **Detroit Cody** Class of 1961

50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland, Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167. 50s and 60s

Free picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at Nankin Mills Pavilion, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, Rain or shine; door prizes, hot dogs, bottled water, T-shirts and sweatshirts, tassels, music CDs all available. Bring a chair. No need to register. Parking for classic cars. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcglobalnet or Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to pvarilone@wow-

#### **Class of 1971**

40th reunion, 6:30-11:30 p.m. July 9, at Waterford Lanes/Banquet Hall, 7100 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, RSVP by May 30 to Karen (Hassa) Leto at (330) 722-5954.

#### **Detroit Henry Ford** Class of 1971

The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are \$50. Call Barb Blum Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn Ogilvy Twa at (616) 802-0305, or e-mail to hfhs1971reunion@yahoo.com.

Detroit Mackenzie June Class of 1961

#### **REUNION CALENDAR**

50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail Ivanerian@msn. com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

#### Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

#### Farmington High School Class of 1961

A 50-year reunion of the Farmington High School Class of 1961 is set for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel at 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi. The party dinner buffet is \$48.75 per person. There will be a 9-hole golf outing at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile Road in Livonia at 10:30 a.m. the day of the reunion. Contact Phil "Jim" Newberg via email at pruddyduck1@sbcglobal.net or call (830) 620-5734; local contact is Louise Giles (248) 224-3369.

#### Garden City East & West Classes of 1966-67

A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Domanski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402. or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.

#### Garden City High School Class of 1986

25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 15. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on facebook.

#### Inkster Cherry Hill All classes

The Cherry Hill High School Alumni Association presents a reunion for all classes, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, July 30, in the fields behind the school, 28500 Avondale, Inkster, Admission is \$15 per person if received by July 4 and \$25 per person after that date. For complete information, including registration, deadlines and events, go to chhsinkster.com.

#### Ladywood High School Class of 1961

Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacg@aol.com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.

#### Livonia Bentley Class of 1961

Holding a 50th class reunion Sept. 16-17. To register, call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@twmi.rr.com.

#### **Class of 1981**

30th reunion planned for Aug. 6, at One Under Banquet Facility 35789 Five Mile, Livonia. Visit http://www.freewebs.com/bentlev81 for more details.

#### Livonia Franklin

Class of 1966 45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and con-

tact info. E-mail contact info to Larry Ruzsas at Lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3506.

#### Plymouth High School

Classes of 1951-52

Planned for Aug. 19-21. Just show up for gatherings at 6 p.m. Aug. 19 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth and 6 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Box Bar Restaurant in downtown Plymouth. Bring a dish to pass and a large bottle of pop for the picnic at noon, Aug. 21 at the #1 pavilion in Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail. For more information call Ron Beaver at (734) 397-9357, Bea Gray at (734) 453-6613 or Dick Nelson at (734) 453-0798.

#### **Redford Union** Class of 1971

6:30-11:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, at Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Look for Redford Union Class of 1971 on Facebook or e-mail to RUHS71@yahoo.com

#### Rosary High School Class of 1966

Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail

#### Pam at Taffttoo@aol.com Royal Oak High School

#### Class of 1951

A 60th reunion is planned for Sept. 14 at the Oxford Inn, 1214 Main, Royal Oak. The event will start with a social gathering at 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information and for reservation forms contact Fred Locke and Katy Marsh, 5464 Lakeshore, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059; (810) 385-3253; filocke@aol.com

#### St. Mary of Redford

#### Class of 1971

6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Sept. 10 at Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia: \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. Make your reservation check payable to and mail to: Peter Noble, 12001 Market Street #443, Reston, VA 20190. For more information, e-mail to barkerwa@aol.com

#### Southfield High School

Class of 1981

The 30th reunion is planned for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6, at Doc's Sport Retreat in Livonia. Tickets are \$20 per person for appetizers. There will be a cash bar. The group is looking for classmates. For more information go to Facebook Southfield High Class of 1981 or e-mail Terri Jarvi O'Brien at terri@streetmktg.com.

#### Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1976

35-year class reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Livonia Holiday Inn. Visit www.waynememorial76.com or e-mail to reed.terri@sbcglobal.net

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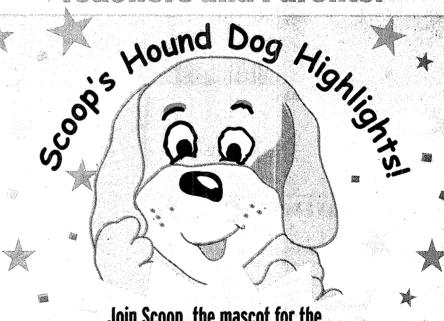
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#### **MILESTONES**

#### **JUNE WEDDING PLANNED**

Beverly B. Panuga and Silviano T. Fulgencio announce their

The bride-to-be, daughter of Armando and Salud Panuga of Chula Vista, Calif., attended California State University and is employed by the U.S. Air Force at Fort Meade.

Her fiancé, son of Jose and Rosa Fulgencio, attended Michigan State University and is a military affairs contractor. A June 2011 wedding is planned in Annapolis, Md.



Panuga-Fulgencio

### Annual run/walk focuses on prostate cancer

Prostate cancer is the most common type of non-skin cancer found in American men, affecting one in six, and is the second leading cause of death, according to the American Cancer Society.

More than 217,000 new cases of prostate cancer were diagnosed in the United States in 2010, with more than 32,000 men losing their fight with the disease.

Because the best defense against prostate cancer is early detection, the Michigan Institute of Urology (MIU) will present its Third Annual MIU Run for the Ribbon at 8 a.m. Father's Day, Sunday, June 19 at the Detroit Zoo, in Royal Oak. The MIU Run for the Ribbon 5K run/ walk is led by MIU CEO Dr. Alphonse Santino, and coordinated by MIU urologist Dr. Michael Lutz. MIU developed the run to increase awareness about prostate cancer and educate the public about the disease, including detection, prevention and treatment.

"By tying prostate cancer awareness to the MIU Run for the Ribbon, we hope men, supported by their families, will be inspired to be proactive about their health. The risk of developing prostate cancer increases as a man ages, so men need to choose to know about their health with appropriate screenings. If you're going to 'fight like a man,' you need to know everything you can, as early as you can, about your opponent," Lutz stated. "We hope to see

more runners than ever this year as this event grows, along with awareness of prostate can-

MIU Run for the Ribbon is in partnership with the American Cancer Society, The Prostate Conditions Education Council and Prostate Awareness and Cancer Education (PACE) Race Series and is one of only 18 sanctioned PACE races across the country.

The cost for early registration, made by May 30, is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Registrations made from May 31 to June 18 are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. Race day registration is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children. Online registration at MIURunForTheRibbon.org is available until June 14.

T-shirts, blue ribbons honoring those with prostate cancer and medals will be awarded to all participants and finishers. Those with the disease will be given a hat to be honored and supported throughout the race for their cour-

Proceeds from the walk/run will benefit prostate cancer treatment, research and education in Michigan.

For more information about the MIU Run for the Ribbon events, visit MIURunForTheRibbon.org, e-mail info@ MIURunForTheRibbon.org or call (586) 443-

#### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

#### MAY 29-JUNE 1

**Financial Peace University** Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesdays, June

Location: Clarenceville United

Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, **Details**: During Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, par-

ticipants will discover a world of freedom by using proven, biblical principles to permanently break free from the bondage of debt **Contact**: (248) 474-3444 or search

on www.daveramsey.com

#### **JUNE 2-8**

Job fair

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 2 **Location**: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Driv, Catnon **Details**: Bring resumes and dress to impress. Some employers may interview on the spot Contact: (734) 404-2480

Spring Bazaar Time/Date: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, June 4 **Location**: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia Details: Tables of crafts, jewelry, new and gently used household articles, and clothing will be sponsored by the Women's Guild

#### **JUNE 9-15**

Contact: (734) 464-0476

Concert

Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Sunday, June 12 Location: Redford Aldersgate UMC, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford **Details:** Pentacost of Praise Concert featuring The Sacred Heat Choral **Ensemble of Detroit's Sacred Heart** 

Church Contact: 313-937-3170

#### **JUNE 16-22**

Day camp Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 20-24 **Location**: Emanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Day camp is a week-long experience for children completing kindergarten through sixth grade. College-age individuals from Michigan's Living Water Ministries lead the camp. Includes singing, games, arts, crafts, nature activities, devotion, study, lunch, special activities, snacks. Registration is \$60 per child.

Contact: (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to office@emmanuel-livonia.org

#### **ONGOING**

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414

Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten-fifth grade Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second

Monday of the month Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh

roads, Livonia **Details**: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact: pastor Scott Sessier at

torscott@emmanuel-livonia.org **Faith Bible Church** 

Time/Date: 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8

(734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pas-

Location: 34541 Five Mile, Livonia **Details:** "Four Views of the End Times"

Also ongoing: "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hang-ups and habits

Contact: (734) 464-7990 Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

**Location**: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberger at (734)

464-9491 **New Life Community Church** Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am.,

Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615 Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly,

**Details:** KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Praye Contact: (313) 531-1234

**Our Lady of Loretto** Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly,

**Details**: Scripture study Contact: (313) 534-9000 **Ward Presbyterian** 

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile. Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: (248) 374-5920 **Clothing bank** 

**Canton Christian Fellowship** Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second

Wednesday Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and

Haggerty **Details**: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those

in need Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www. CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@ cantoncf.org

Food Bank

**New Hope Church** Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill, Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown

to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528. Moms

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church** Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, MOPSnExt. Both pro-

grams run through May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children. The theme will be "Momology - The Art & Science of Mothering" for MOPS and "Boundaries" for MOPSnext Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 524-0283 for MOPS and Susan

Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPS



MORSE, WOODIE E.

May 27, 2011, age 93. Wife of the late Edward S. Nikolics and Donald G.

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Bill Freund Jr. (Susan), Jerred Pruneau.

and Anastasia Pruneau. Great grand-

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Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Thursday 2:00p.m.

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#### ADAMS, VIRGINIA E.

Age 97, of Rochester Hills, May 24, 2011. Wife of the late Daniel M. Adams; mother of Craig Adams of Rochester Hills and Jane Adams of Kingman, AZ: A founding member of Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, Ferndale and a member of the Cadillac Retirees Club. Memorial service 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 31st at the Chapel of Flowers, White Chapel Cemetery, 621 W. Long Lake Rd., Troy.

Please leave condolences at:

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#### **K**BROWN, AMY MARIE

Age 31, of Wayne, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at her mother's home in Westland. She was born June 26, 1979 in Trenton, daughter of William Russell & Diane Marie (Yandura) Brown. Amy graduated from Romulus High School in 1997 and was attending Baker College to be a Vascular Ultrasound Technician. She worked for Millennium Medical Group, Farmington Hills, as an EEG technician. She loved baseball and was a huge Detroit Tiger fan, loved games, and making people laugh. She enjoyed music, dancing, scrapbooking, shop-ping and she loved to travel. Survived her mother Diane Brown of Westland, her grandparents Robert Anthony & Judy Yandura of Romulus, a sister Carrie (Paul) Bauer of Westland, a niece or nephew "Baby Bauer" on-the-way, her dog Harlow Jean, also numerous cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. Preceded in death by her father William Brown, also her grandparents Maude & Cordell Brown. Visitation was Tuesday and Wednesday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com



70, of North Lakeport, Michigan, died Sunday, May 22, 2011. She was born-January 10, 1941 in Saginaw to the late Clifford and Margaret Richards. She married Donald Bundy on August 20, 1960 in Port Huron. Mrs. Bundy was a teacher with the Livonia School District prior to her retirement. She and was an avid reader and book club member. She is survived by her beloved husband, Donald; three children, David Bundy, Christine (Jaan) Douma and Dennis Bundy; six grand-children, Allison, Jake and Chloe Bundy, Jansen, Tenley and Harper Douma; two brothers, James (Jan) Richards and Steven (Lisa) Richards; and several nieces and nephews Private graveside services will be held in Lakeport Cemetery. A memorial gathering for family and friends will be held this summer. Arrangements were by Pollock-Randall Funeral Home, Port Huron. Memorials may be made to Blue Water Hospice, Port Huron. To send condolences, visit pollockrandallfuneralhome.com

CRYDERMAN, W.G. "Bill" May 27, 2011, age 88. Beloved husband of Barbara & the late Joyce. Visitation at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi, Tues., May 31, 10am until time of memorial service at 11am

Age 71 of Livonia. Beloved wife of

James. Cherished mother of Jennifer

(Robert) Allen, Jessica (Robert)

McGrath and Jeannine (Jim) Rintala

Proud grandma of James, Grace, Julia, Gretchen, Olivia and Shay. Dearest

sister of Linda (Lee) Damron, Judy

(Dennis) Mathison and Michael

(Sandra) Stanton. Dear sister-in-law to

Tom (Carol) Killion. Preceded in

death by her loving sister Mary Jo

Moore. Also survived by many other

loving family and friends. Visitation to

be held Tuesday from 3pm-9pm at Fred Wood Funeral Home - Rice

Chapel, 36100 5 Mile Rd Livonia (E.

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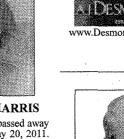
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TALMERS, FREDERICK N., M.D.

May 26, 2011, age 87, of Bloomfield Village. Beloved husband of Vicky for 51 years. Dear father of Margaret E. Talmers (Thomas J. Gallitano), Nicholas (Kelly) and Peter (Leah). Grandfather of Alexander, Lia and Nicholas Gallitano, Lily, Chloe, Sophia, James, Helen and Katherine Talmers. Brother of Georgia Thurston (William), Virginia Soufleris (James), Socrates Tseckares (Gail), Charles Tseckares (Lorna), and the late Rita Koutsos (Charles), William Talmers (Danae), Aristedes "Ted" Tseckares (Ann) and Julia Pingree (Thomas). Brother-in-law of Ellen Greanias (Chris), Stanley Stavropoulos (Rose Mary), Alex Stavropoulos (the late Linda) and the late Theodore Stavropoulos (Litsa). Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Thursday 2-8p.m. Trisagion 7p.m. Funeral service Friday 11a.m. at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 43816 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 10:30a.m. Memorial tributes to the church. View obituary and share memories at:





REID, LORENE HARRIS

Of Bloomfield Hills, MI, passed away peacefully at home on May 20, 2011. Lorene was born December 2nd 1931 in Norman, Oklahoma, to Loyd Erwin and Maurine Dill Harris. She was the devoted wife of Glenn; loving mother of James Reid (Alexis), David Reid (Diane), Douglas Reid (Beth) and Sheri Reid Grant; proud grandmother of Erin Reid Barbossa, Emily, Mary,
Rachet, Caitlin, and Andrew Reid,
Megan and Nathan Grant; loving sister of Ronald Harris. She graduated from Ohio State in 1953 and began a successful teaching career. Lorene retired in 1995 from Avondale School District after 32 years of service. She developed and directed the district's Gifted and Talented Program, which included outstanding work with autisher passion, to research her family's history. Her enthusiasm and dedication to genealogy took her many places not only around the U.S., but abroad, including England, Scotland and Germany. Lorene's favorite things in the world were her genealogy research, teaching, coffee, playing bridge and of course, SHOES! A memorial will be held in her honor at The Radisson Kingsley, in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan from 1:00-4:00pm on June 12, 2011. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Family History Center, 5574 Castleton Drive, West Bloomfield, MI 48322. Share condolence and memories at sgrant@flexible-prod-ucts.com. All stories will collected and shared with the family.



WARD, ROBERT (BOB) Age 89, of Farmington Hills

and formerly of Livonia and Novi. Passed away May 23, 2011, at Botsford Hospital. Bob graduated from Northwestern High School, attended Lawrence Tech and worked as a manager at Western Electric for many years. Bob honorably served in WWII in the Third Reconnaissance. Beloved Husband of Helen for over 65 years Loving Father of Thomas (Frances FitzGerald) of Farmington Hills, Bill of Laurium, MI, Nancy Mininger of Christoval, TX and Betty (Ron) Rainville of Westborough, MA. Proud Grandpa of Wesley, Keely, Andrew, Scott, Ward and Yulia, and Great-Grandpa of Clinton and Trevor. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Bob was preceded in death by his parents William and Grace and his brother Scott. Bob will be laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army and/or The Gleaners Food Bank. The family would like to extend their special thanks to the staff of Botsford Hospital for their kindness, care and concern. A Celebration of Bob's Life will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel Livonia, MI.

#### WATERMAN, MARY ANN

Longtime resident of Farmington; at 71 years of age. Mary Ann is a retired attorney. She is the past president of the Farmington Art Foundation, and accomplished artist. Mary Ann won First Prize at the 2008 Spring Exhibit at the Costick Center. Mary Ann is survived by her beloved husband, Tom Kyle. Loving mother of Judith Hope Wort, John (Julia) Kyle, Richard (Michelle) Wort, Dawn (James) Holland, Jacci (David) DiCarlo and the late James Kyle (d.2001). Cherished grandmother of 12 grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren. Dear sister of Richard (Sharon) Waterman, Judith (Ernest) Roy and Frances (Nick) Mikula. She is preceded in death by her brother, Lynn Paul Waterman, II. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment in Farmington's Historic Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial tributes may be directed to Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi, MI 48374. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington 248-474-5200 heeney-sundquist.com

#### WILLETTE, MARY JEAN "MJ"

May 25, 2011 age 87. Born in Clarksburg WV. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Beloved mother of Tom (Bonnie), Robin DeYonker and the late Robert. Beloved grandmother of Alicia and Rocky. Dear sister of Dr. John Hess. Preceeded in death by her par-ents, John and Mary Hess. Member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority. She loved to play Bridge, and was a Bridge "Life Master". Private cremation services were arranged by Vermeulen Funeral

Home-Plymouth.
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### Sinus Care 101: Spring cleaning for your allergies

With the departure of the winter chill comes allergy season with all of its runny, scratchy, sneezy annoyances.

Stuffy nasal passages and plugged up sinuses are a common complaint and remedies can range from over-the-counter medication to sinus surgery in extreme cases.

Doctors at the Michigan Sinus Center offer the following tips to keep you breathing easier:

Before you consider other measures, one of the simplest things you can do is cut down on your exposure to allergens.

"Allergy avoidance is the key for patients with allergies," stated Dr. Jeffrey Terrell, director of the Michigan Sinus Center and professor of otolaryngology at the University of Michigan Medical School. "It's the real first step, because if you can avoid the allergies you can avoid the symptoms."

If pollen bothers you, keep your windows closed, change clothes and shower after doing yard work, and consider investing in an air purifier with a HEPA filter for your home.

Reducing your exposure to non-seasonal irritants can help, too.

Most people spend more time in their bedrooms than in any other room in the house. Putting allergy covers on your pillows and mattress can help cut down on allergies to dust mites, which feed on

Fido and Fluffy may love sleeping in the bed with you, but keeping them out of the bedroom will keep their dander out, too. And if your basement smells too much like a basement, you may have a mold problem, which can exacerbate aller-

If you have chronic sinus stuffiness or discomfort, testing for and treating underlying allergies is a critical step, said Dr. Melissa Pynnonen, associate professor of otolaryngology at U-M.

Treatment options can include medications, allergy avoidance and allergy shots," Pynnonen said. "Many medications for allergies are available without a prescription, including antihistamines

Allegra and Claritin, while other medications, such as nasal steroid sprays, require a prescription."

One simple, cheap and effective weapon against sinus troubles is a salt-water rinse, said Dr. Mark A Zacharek, associate professor of Otolaryngology at U-M.

"They come in two varieties — a neti pot, which is like a little watering can - and a plastic squeeze bottle, which introduces the water with more force," Zacharek said.



"The rinse helps to clear the nasal passages and keep them

If you've already been prescribed a steroid nasal spray, Terrell suggests you lean over the bottle while holding it straight, rather than tilting it up into your nostril. The

technique ensures the medicine gets deep into the nose. The Michigan Sinus Center is located in Livonia. For more information, visit http://www.uofmhealth.org/medical-services/noseandsinus or to make an appointment call (734)936-8051.

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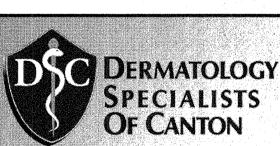
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location in September 2010. She graduated with highest distinction from the University of Michigan in 2002 and Wayne State University School of Medicine in 2006. She did her residency in dermatology at Wayne State University and subsequently became board certified in dermatology. Dr. Schrieber specializes in diseases of the

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