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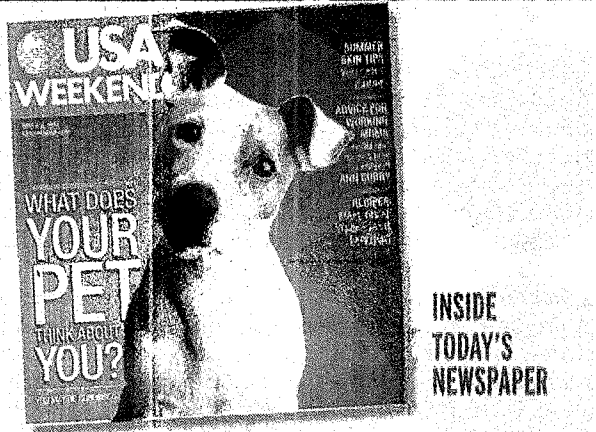
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IN BRIEF

Last chance to vote

Time is running out to cast votes for John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools which are among three Michigan schools vying for Big Lots' Lots2Give cash award.

The two Wayne-Westland high schools are competing for online votes for their videos to win a grand prize of a \$20,000 cash award from Big Lots. Wayne Memorial's entry is for the music program, while John Glenn has submitted an entry for its Positive Behavior Program.

Voting can be done online through Monday, July 4, at www.biglots.com/lots2give. Winning schools will share \$100,000 in cash prizes, which include 30 \$2,000 second-place prizes, four \$5,000 first-place prizes and the \$20,000 grand prize.

Participating schools will also be the recipients of an in-store donation program at Big Lots stores in the metropolitan area. People can help by donating \$1 or \$5 at participating Big Lots stores through July 4.

One last time

Wayne-Westland school board President Skip Monit thought he had said his last goodbye on June 13. He also thought he had said it June 20. But he got one more chance when the Wayne-Westland school board met in special session Wednesday evening.

"I'm starting to feel like Brett Favre," said Monit.

Monit, whose term ended on Thursday, said it had been "a pleasure working with all of you, it's been very rewarding." He also had "only the best of wishes" for incoming board members Andrea Clawson and Thomas Buckalew, telling them that "if you make decisions for the kids, you'll be fine."

Face of a Father

Congratulations to David Schroeder, a winner in the Westland Observer "Face of a Father" photo contest. He received two Emagine Theatre passes (each pass admits two people) and the Real Shave Ultimate Shaving Kit (includes barbershop quality grooming products from the Real Shaving Company).

He is among the 25 lucky dads from throughout the area who were named winners. Congratulations to all dads. The photos of dads were so good that all received an Emagine Theatre pass for two.

Enjoy the photos of all dads, view the Face of a Father gallery at hometownlife.com.

Christmas in July

Look inside this month's edition of Hometown Life Inspire for a chance to win a holiday shopping spree. Three lucky winners will win \$250, \$125 or \$75 to celebrate Christmas in July. Find this holiday beach ball on the pages of INSPIRE and enter to win. See more details in the July INSPIRE in print and online at hometownlife.com.

W-W OKs agreements with bargaining units

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 2011-12 budget is a little bit less challenging for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, after the school board approved eight concessionary employee contracts Wednesday evening.

The approvals came just more than two weeks after the board approved a concessionary agreement with the Wayne-Westland Education Association.

"As of June 29, in 16 days, all of our

bargaining units have stepped up to the plate," said Gary Martin, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services. "The (2011-12) budget was the most challenging one the district has ever faced because primarily of a historic cut in funding. It included assumptions that were dependent on our bargaining groups opening their contracts and helping the district stay in good financial shape."

"I want to express our sincere appreciation for all of the bargaining units and HR in getting this done in such a

short amount of time," he added.

The new agreements cover the Wayne-Westland Central Office Administrators Association, Wayne-Westland Building Administrators Association, Wayne-Westland Educational Secretaries Association, WWEA/Adult and Community Education, Brotherhood of Skilled Trades, MEA Local 4 and Wayne-Westland Association of Paraprofessionals, as well as district Supt. Greg Baracy, Deputy Supt. for Instructional Services Paul Salah and Martin.

SIMILAR AGREEMENTS

"All of the tentative agreements follow the same provisions covered by the WWEA with wage freezes, step freezes and paying 10 percent of health care expenses," said Kelly Bohl, senior executive director/human resources. "Over four years, they pretty much are all doing the same thing."

The latest contracts included the furlough days and a 10-percent co-pay in health insurance agreed to by the WWEA, however, the bargaining units

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A Livingston County Sheriff Deputy and Howell Area Firefighters begin to cover the cockpit of a small crashed airplane Wednesday evening near the Spencer Hardy Airport in Howell. Killed in the crash were Canton resident Patrick Charles and John Nowak of Westland.

NTSB seeks cause of plane crash

BY CHRISTOPHER BEHMAN
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Canton Township resident Patrick Charles was taking his biennial flight review on Wednesday when his two-seat experimental aircraft crashed into a Howell Township home.

Charles, 43, and Westland resident John Nowak, 70, were killed almost instantaneously after the plane crashed into the single-story home of Livingston County-based real estate broker Tommy O'Connell off west M-59 near the Spencer J. Hardy Airport around 7:15 p.m. Wednesday night.

Nowak, a flight instructor of at least 40

years, was conducting Charles' flight review, said Livonia resident Mike Scovel. Scovel and Charles were close friends through the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 113 out of Canton.

Friends of the pair were obviously stunned at the news, particularly given Charles' reputation as a "good stick," or excellent pilot.

"He was an extremely safe pilot," said Scovel, who knew Charles for more than 10 years. "That's why this is such a huge shock to all of us."

As of Friday, it hadn't been confirmed whether Charles or Nowak was behind the

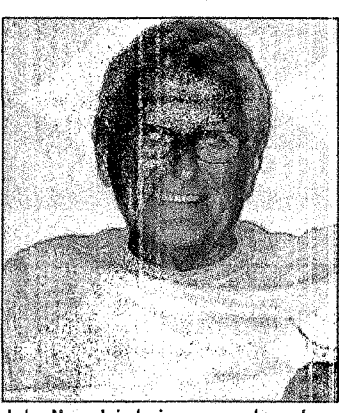
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Pilot remembered as generous, well-respected

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nancy Nowak just knew when she answered the back door Wednesday evening what had happened. Standing there was a Westland police officer, dispatched at the request of the Livingston County sheriff, to tell her that her husband, John, had died in a plane crash in Howell Township.

"He was very generous and well-respected as a pilot and instructor and for his knowledge," she said. "He had a passion for flying. He was an experienced pilot and was well-respected in the aviation community."



John Nowak is being remembered as an experienced pilot and flight trainer. He died Wednesday in a plane crash in Howell Township in Livingston County.

Mr. Nowak was with Patrick Charles of Canton who was taking his biennial flight review on Wednesday when his two-seat experimental aircraft he was flying crashed into a Howell Township home around 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Charles, 43, and Mr. Nowak, 70, were killed almost instantaneously.

Married for 26 years, the Nowaks shared a love of flying and fishing. The couple met at Mettetal Airport in Canton where they kept their Piper Cherokee Arrow. She was dating someone else at the time, "and when it didn't work out, he nabbed me," she said.

"He told his friends that the first time he saw me that 'that's the girl I'm going to marry,'" said Nancy Nowak, who has been a pilot for 30 years. "He and I shared the same hobbies. It's not many guys who find a wife who likes the same things."

Mr. Nowak served in the Navy after high school, and

once out, he owned a gas station on Wayne Road in Westland. He also owned Acme Garage Door in Plymouth for more than 40 years.

According to Nancy Nowak, flying was something her husband always wanted to do. He had been flying for 37 years and usually could be found at Mettetal Airport, working on his plane. The couple owned several over the years and often would gather friends to fly out to other cities for breakfast of lunch.

"Sometimes, it was one or two friends, other times it was six or seven," she said. "It used to be called the \$50 hamburger, but now it's the \$100 hamburger because of the fuel costs."

Nancy Nowak also described her husband as great friend to many. He was very generous and was always taking people for rides in his airplane. One of his passengers was the nephew of Nancy Nowak's hairdresser.

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RESA board sets date to fill W-W vacancy

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Residents interested in serving on the Wayne-Westland school board will have until 4 p.m. Friday, July 22, to submit a letter of interest to the secretary of the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency Board.

The five-member RESA board has the task of finding a replacement for William Gabriel, who resigned May 26. The RESA board is making the selection after the Wayne-Westland school board failed to muster the necessary four votes to appoint Scott Davis to fill the vacancy within 30 days of the resignation.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old, a

citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Michigan and the school district and a registered voter in the Wayne-Westland school district. They must submit a letter of interest and resume to RESA board Secretary Lynda Jackson at the Wayne RESA Education Center, 33500 Van Born Road, Wayne, MI 48184, to be considered for the appointment.

The decision will be made at special meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, at the education center. The term will be through June 30, 2012.

Three board members — Skip Monit, Shawna Walker and Cindy Schofield — had

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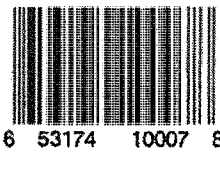
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Testimony: Youngster recounts being beaten by dad

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

David Bolton has been ordered to stand trial on three charges of child abuse and intent to cause great bodily harm to his 9-year-old son with a belt and stepping on him, leaving the youngster with bruises and abrasions around his eyes and on his torso.

A preliminary examination was held in Westland 18th District Court Thursday — Livonia District Court judges had recused themselves from hearing the case since the boy's mother works for the court.

The youngster, who just finished third grade, testified that

he and his sister divide their time between their divorced parents. On April 7, he said that they went to their father's home after school. On the way home from school, the boy said he accidentally soiled his underwear. He said he changed into clean underwear but didn't know what to do with the soiled underwear, so he placed it in the clothes dryer. Some time later, the boy said his father found the underwear.

"He was really angry, he started hitting me with a belt. He looped the belt so it was like two spankings at once," the boy testified.

Standing in the corner of the kitchen, the boy said his father

hit him more than 10 times with the belt, striking him in the eyebrow and eye area, the chest and thigh.

"He kind of stepped on my back with his shoe and pushed me down, I couldn't breathe very well. He did it again later," said the boy. "His hands were pressing down on the counter while he pressed with his foot. I kind of blacked out for a few seconds."

The boy testified that he remembered thinking that he was going to tell his school principal about what happened with his father. Due to the injuries visible on his face, the boy said he was sent to talk to school administration, who

called police. The boy subsequently was taken to an urgent care clinic to be examined.

Defense attorney John McLean questioned the youngster, focusing on whether his client had told the boy he would be punished for not completing household chores.

"I knew I was going to be punished when he (Bolton) went for the belt. I was putting dishes into the dishwasher when he hit me with the belt," the boy testified.

The boy's sister, 11, became very emotional and cried while giving a similar account of the incident.

"Dad was really mad and started hitting him over and

over and didn't stop, he was holding it like a loop," said the girl. "Dad was stepping on him, on his back. He was bouncing. His hands were on the counter. I think he was using two feet."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Angela Povilaitis agreed that the evidenced presented didn't support one of the charges — child torture — and asked that it be dismissed. She did argue that the other charges — first-degree, second-degree and third-degree child abuse — were warranted.

McLean argued that the seriousness of the charges — the first-degree child abuse carries a 15-year prison sentence — was not supported by the

evidence. He noted the medical record showed the youngster suffered only abrasion and contusions — not the serious mental or physical harm required by the statute.

"It may not raise to the level of serious physical harm, but there is no question that a 9-year-old receiving a beating like this at the hands of his father caused mental harm," said Judge Mark McConnell. "The defendant's behavior can be described as losing it. There is no other intent that can be inferred other than great bodily harm by a full-size adult male."

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NOWAK

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"He took him up for a ride and he was thrilled, his room was filled with pictures of airplanes," she said. "He's now flying out of New York."

One of the special things he did was participate in Operation Good Cheer at Christmas, delivering gifts to needy families around the state out of the Pontiac airport.

Retired, he also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and grand niece, taking them to the movies, the Detroit Science Center and the Detroit Zoo.

"He was very good," she said.

In addition to his wife, Mr.

Nowak is survived by sons John Jr. (Scott Klein), Larry and Terry, grandchildren Devin, Travis, Ashley, Arlene, Jennifer and Marisa, nieces Marie and Tracy, great-niece Mckenzie, brother Norman and sister-in-law Dorothy. He is preceded in death by a brother, George, and sisters Millie and Jane.

Services for Mr. Nowak will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel, 36100 Five Mile, east of Levant in Livonia. Visitation will be 3-9 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials can be made to Operation Good Cheer, c/o Child and Family Services, 2157 University Park Drive, Okemos, MI 48864.

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PLANE CRASH

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wheel, but the pilot was trying to land Charles' red Thorp T-18 plane at the county airport, said Tony Molinaro, spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration's Great Lakes region.

Molinaro said it's unknown where the single-engine aircraft was either coming from or planning to go to at the time of the crash.

The crash investigation is now in the hands of the National Transportation Safety Board, which hasn't released any new details.

FAA records list Charles, a 1986 graduate of Ionia High School, as the plane's registered owner. Nowak wasn't a member of association Chapter 113, but had a hangar at Mettetal Airport in Canton, where the chapter is based, said Tom Goulding, a fellow pilot and friend of Nowak.

The plane was an experimental, amateur-built plane constructed in 1982.

Professional pilot Karl Smith admired and took photos of Charles' plane less than two weeks ago at an associa-



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Police, fire and Ambulance personnel gather around a shattered aircraft which crashed into a home facing Highland Road near the Spencer Hardy Airport in Howell.

tion Chapter 113 Father's Day fundraiser.

The Thorp T-18, along with other planes, was on display during the June 19 pancake breakfast fundraiser, said Smith, a Monroe resident.

While an amateur plane, Smith said Charles' plane was built from scratch, likely over several years, and was custom-built. Many amateur planes are built from kits using published assembly plans, he explained.

"The airplane was in a good shape. It was a good looking example of that type," he said. "It was obviously well-constructed."

Smith wasn't privy to investigation details, but said the

condition of the plane in *Daily Press & Argus* photos indicates the pilot was attempting to glide safely to a landing.

Scovel said Charles was a longtime member of the national Experimental Aviation Association's Chapter 113.

"Pat was the most genuine, kind, generous, humble character I've ever met in my entire life," Scovel said. "He's the type of guy everyone would strive to be like. He was a very warm, wonderful person."

Scovel said the loss of Charles and Nowak was a big one to their friends and fellow aviators.

"The people who were lost were a huge loss to the people

in the aviation community," Scovel said. "There wasn't a person who didn't like them."

Goulding, president of the Dawn Patrol Flying Club based at Mettetal Airport, echoed Scovel's praise of Nowak as a seasoned pilot and instructor.

"He was a very experienced pilot. You just don't know" what caused Wednesday's crash, he said.

Scovel agreed. "They were the only ones in that cockpit," Scovel said. "We won't know until the NTSB has finished their work. None of us were there so none of us can know, until the very end."

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McCotter jumps in presidential race

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter announced his run for president Friday.

A Republican and Livonia resident currently serving his fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives, McCotter

was scheduled to be the keynote speaker the following day at the WAAM Freedom Fest in Whitmore Lake where he was expected to make the

official announcement of his candidacy.

McCotter confirmed his presidential candidacy Friday in a conversation with the *Livonia Observer*. He planned to file paperwork that day with the Federal Election Commission, and his website, www.mccotter2012.com, was up and running.

FIRST CONSIDERED RUN IN '08

McCotter told the *Observer* Friday afternoon he first considered running during the Congressional discussions of the auto loans and the bank bailouts.

"Here we were giving \$300 billion to the people who caused the problem," McCotter said of the bank bailout, which he strongly opposed. Yet some congressional members railed against the manufacturing sector and auto industry jobs during discussions at that time about loans to Chrysler and General Motors.

"There's something inequitable about that, and something needs to be done about it now," McCotter said.

McCotter said the American economy needs to be restructured to create growth in the 21st Century. Thirty million Americans want to change jobs, but can't because of the lack of economic growth.

"Wages are declining, inflation is increasing and things have to change," McCotter said. McCotter believes lowering taxes and curbing government will stimulate the economy, but also believes the Wall Street bailout has failed miserably.

"The credit isn't flowing," McCotter said. "It isn't getting to the entrepreneurs and business owners. The manufacturers will not be able to invest. It's not working, and no one is



U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and brother Dennis McCotter have a tradition of performing on their guitars every election night.

FILE PHOTO

EXPERIENCED IN POLITICS

McCotter is a former state senator and Wayne County Commissioner representing several western Wayne County communities. He represents the 11th District, which contains communities in western Wayne County and western Oakland County.

Congressman McCotter was elected by his colleagues in November 2006 to serve as chairman of the Republican House Policy Committee, which he chaired through 2010. McCotter is a member of the House Financial Services Committee.

The University of Detroit alumnus and graduate of Catholic Central High School is married to Rita, a nurse, and has three children.

McCotter is the son of Joan McCotter, the former city clerk for the city of Livonia.

McCotter said his family is prepared for the campaign. "We've gone through this in county commission, state Senate and Congress," McCotter said. "It's not really a shock to them; they've grown up in this environment."

And as challenging and formidable a presidential run appears, McCotter said he and his family think about the troops serving this country.

"There are a whole lot of others who are helping America, who are making greater sacrifices," McCotter said. "They have things a whole lot harder."

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talking about fixing it."

WEBSITE LAUNCHED

Early Friday morning, McCotter launched a new campaign website, <http://mccotter2012.com>, with a campaign slogan "For an America That Works." The website lists five core principles that McCotter intends to center his campaign around:

- Our liberty is from God not the government;
- Our sovereignty is in our souls not the soil;
- Our security is from strength not surrender;
- Our prosperity is from the private sector not the public sector;

Our truths are self-evident not relative."

When asked what his main message would be to voters, McCotter said: "Seize the opportunity to lift the crisis," McCotter said.

McCotter said watching the struggles of the Michigan

economy gives him perspective on how to tackle government restructuring.

"We've gone through the painful restructuring," he said. "It was such a sudden shock to the system," McCotter said that experience brings him an understanding by seeing it and living through it.

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that had agreed to wage and step freezes for 2010-11 — W-WCOAA, W-WBAA and BOSS — will receive delayed pay increases this year and take a salary freeze and delayed step increases in 2012-13.

MEA Local 4 will have a wage freeze and step increase for 2011-12 as agreed to in a Letter of Understanding signed in April 2010, and salary freeze and delayed step increases in 2012-13. It also agreed to merging two elementary food service classifications into one "which benefits both parties," Bohl said.

All of the unions, including the WWEA, have agreed to a wage reopener in 2013-14.

Baracy, Salah and Martin voluntarily applied for the provisions of the W-WCOAA contract covering the furlough days and health care co-pays. Baracy also will continue a

wage freeze for a fourth and fifth year in 2011-12 and 2012-13.

Under the W-WAP agreement, members on Step 15 will receive a 0.5-percent off-schedule payment at the end of the 2012-13 school year. The insurance stipend also will be reduced from \$55 per pay for 21 pays to \$35 per pay for 21 pays for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years.

COST SAVINGS

The new agreements will save the school district close to \$6 million this year and about \$9 million over two years.

"We didn't quite hit the target for 2011-12, but if you look at them (2011-12 and 2012-13) together, we exceeded expectations," Martin said.

"By extending contracts two years with concessionary language and getting concessions this year, we've prevented an emergency manager from coming in this year or next year," Baracy said. "It shows that we can work in collabora-

tion for the best interest of the students."

Members of the school board offered their own thanks to the unions. Board Vice President Shawna Walker told union members in the audience that the one thing she has learned is "love for the district involves sacrifice and this shows you have a love for the kids."

"Thank you for your support. You've helped out the district and you've helped out our kids," Trustee Carol Middel said.

Outgoing board Trustee Jeffrey Hayton also acknowledged those who worked on the agreements and recommended that the board sit down and strategize on where the district is going for the next four or five years.

"You need to make sure that you put contracts in place that are in the best interest of the district and the students," he said.

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Hoover fourth-graders Joseph Cherian and Sean McGinnis help plant plants to handle runoff from the parking lot of Wayne City Hall.

Hoover students Root for Rouge

The Rouge River got a little help in staying healthy from fourth-graders at Wayne-Westland's Hoover Elementary School.

The students recently Root for the Rouge by planting native flowers that will absorb runoff from the parking lot at Wayne City Hall. Through a foundation grant, they learned about the Rouge, how to protect it and got to help with Rouge River Cleanup. They also had the opportunity to hike along the Rouge.

"The reason we planted here is to help stop the road salt from getting into the river," said Amy Morse, fourth-grade teacher.

Morse said the students "fully understand the importance of what they are doing."



Mauricio Ramirez Tyler Ison make sure plant roots are covered in dirt.

Isabella Cistulli said she was happy to help the Rouge River. "It used to be really beautiful," she said.

"Many people can protect the Rouge River by doing good things," added Austin Southern.

VACANCY

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favored Davis, the third highest vote getter in the May school election, for the appointment. However, Trustee Carol Middel cast the dissenting vote, maintaining that the decision would violate school board policy which requires a majority vote of elected and serving board members. Board Treasurer John Goci was absent from the meeting, while Trustee Jeffrey Hayton recused himself

because he had applied for the appointment.

Instead, Middel had proposed that one of two incoming board members — Thomas Buckalew or Andrea Clawson — be appointed to serve through June 30, saying that it would then give the board an additional 30 days to fill the vacancy.

However, Wednesday evening Middel offered a "mea culpa" about the proposal. She said that she had talked to an attorney at the Michigan Association of School Boards about her proposal, but calls to the organization after the June

20 meeting made it apparent that there "was a lot of misunderstanding" on her part and the part of others.

"I was in contact with MASB and was assured that there was no problem with my proposal," she said. "A mistake was made in the information and in what got out. I apologize for the confusion caused by any comments I made."

Middel, however, stood by her contention that had the decision been made without Goci present, it would have violated board policy.

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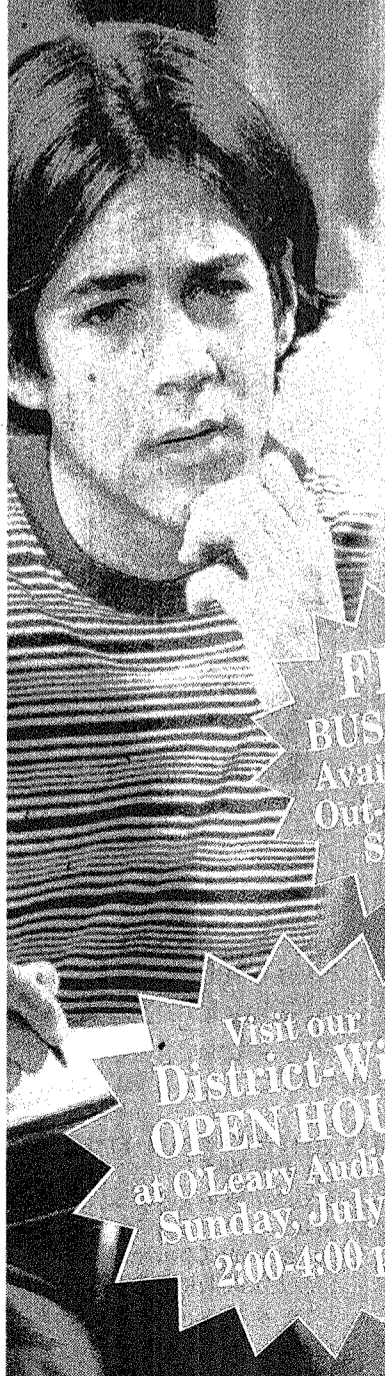
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Fireworks, music and rides, festival has it all



Alex Zajdel is not about to drop his Polish Platter Special he bought at the Westland Summer Festival opening night.



Festival goers check out the games along the festival's midway.



Maurissa Bey waves to her family from one of the kiddie rides at the carnival.

The thrills and laughs of the 41st annual Westland Summer Festival officially continues today (Sunday) starting at noon.

Held on the Westland City Hall grounds at Ford and Carlson, the festival is open through Monday, July 4 when there will be fireworks at approximately 10:15 p.m.

The non-denominational Harvest Bible Chapel, which recently purchased and moved into the former Patchin Elementary School, will be holding an outdoor worship service 10:30 a.m. Sunday, July 3 at the festival stage.

The festival features carnival rides provided by Wade Shows, which also opens at noon for the remaining two days. Discount ride wrist bands are available with a coupon.

The festival will also feature the finals of the horseshoe tournament at 1 p.m. today, a



Tommy Schimanski lets his buddy know who's going down on the bumper cars.

children's activities area 1-6 p.m. today and 1-8 p.m. Monday provided by Mad Science and a child identification program at the fire station.

There also will be food concessions, a beer tent and arts and crafts area. The live entertainment will be saxophonist

Steven Thomas at 3 p.m. and Annabelle Road at 8 p.m. today and Yankeeville at 1 p.m. and Second Wing at 7 p.m. Monday.

Free parking and shuttle service to the festival is offered from Westland John Glenn High School and the William P. Faust Library.



Derek Brown, Zander Brown, Kathy Belarie and Jadon Belarie take a ride on the Wild Mouse.

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Email the entry form (go to hometownlife.com starting Friday, July 22) or cut out the entry form in the July 21 edition of Inspire and mail to: Christmas in July, ATTN: Hometown Life INSPIRE, 41304 Concept Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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County wins 17 NACo awards

Wayne County is on the receiving end of 17 National Association of Counties Achievement Awards for, among other things, a China foreign trade mission program; a county-wide nutritional program, a life sciences initiative and a county effort that led to the state passing the Next Michigan Development Act, which has already stimulated economic activity within the Aeropolis.

"We know that governments today cannot continue to operate in silos," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "We are proud of the 17 programs recognized by NACo. They enhance our communities by reaching out in the spirit of collaboration and partnership."

The other 13 award-winning programs were:

- The Centers of Excellence, eGovernment Program,

- Emergency Preparedness Training Program,
- Energy Optimization Program,
- Equipment Re-Purposing Program,
- Infant Mental Health Program,
- Juvenile Spot Check Program,
- Medicaid Enrollment Program,
- Outside Counsel Cost Reduction Program,
- Return-to-Work Program,
- Tech Wizards Program, Technology Resource Center Program
- Transitions-Domestic Violence Treatment Program.

Over the last three years, Wayne County was awarded a grand total of 36 NACo awards.

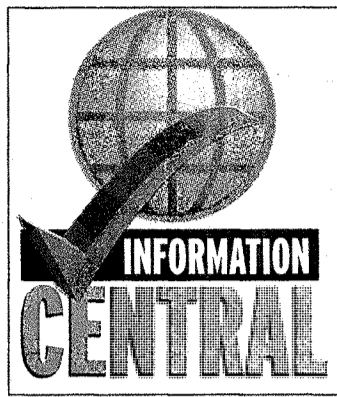
For nearly three decades, NACo has administered its annual Achievement Awards which recognize innovative county government programs.

Grilling, barbecue: There's a difference

With the Fourth of July coming quickly upon us, many people plan a big "barbecue" to celebrate the day. What many of us refer to as a barbecue is just grilling. The simple trick to remember the difference is that a barbecue is a long process where the food is cooked slowly over a low heat, whereas, grilling is fast cooking over high heat. No matter what you may call it, cooking outdoors is a summer staple.

Gas vs. charcoal is another big grilling decision. A charcoal grill is less expensive but a propane gas grill is less time-consuming and tends to heat more evenly. One more positive of a charcoal grill is that special smell of lighter fluid and charcoal. Also, s'mores just taste better when they get that special flavor when dropped on the coals.

If you want to be a little more adventurous in what you grill, the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland just might be able to help you plan that special meal. Our cookbook section is full of recipes to



please even the most discerning palate. You might want to check some of these out: Cheryl Jamison's "Big Book of Outdoor Cooking and Entertaining," Karen Adler's "Weeknight Grilling with the BBQ Queens" and "Fish & Shellfish, Grilled & Smoked," Ron Shewchuk's "Planking Secrets; Micol Negrin's Italian Grill," Bobby Flay's "Boy Gets Grill," David Joachim's A Man, a Can, a Grill; Al Roker's Big Bad Book of Barbecue," Steven Reichlen's "Beer-Can Chicken and Barbecue Bible," Phillip Schulz's "Backyard Barbecues," Joseph Bonanno's "Firehouse Grilling Book," Andrea Chesman's "Vegetarian Grill" and Michael McLaughlin's "All on the Grill."

The library also has subscriptions to magazines that feature cooking and many of them have special grilling issues in the summer. These periodicals include "Better Homes and Gardens," "Bon Appetit," "Chile Pepper," "Cooking Light," "Cooking with Paula," "Family Circle," "Food & Wine," "Martha Stewart Living," "Midwest Living," "Vegetarian Times" and "Woman's Day."

Don't forget to finish off the meal with that campfire standby: s'mores! The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday or visit us: westland-library.org.

Highlighted Activities

Summer Afternoon Movie Classic: "Fantastic Four," 3:30 p.m. July 5, Adults and Teens
Join us for the summer version of Afternoon classics. This month's theme is Marvel/DC Comics, this week: "Fantastic Four" starring Michael Chiklis, Chris Evans and Jessica Alba Refreshments served. This movie is rated PG-13. No registration required.

Fight Foreclosure One-on-One Counseling:

4-7 p.m. July 5, New Day - New Time
Homeowners can schedule a private, 30-minute, one-on-one meeting with a foreclosure counselor from the Wayne County Fight Mortgage Foreclosure Program. Call or stop by the library by to schedule your Tuesday appointment or call (734) 326-6123. Space is limited. The Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program is a no fee. Wayne County program providing you an expansive network of certified counselors who will help you avoid or manage a mortgage foreclosure.

"Larry Martin's WWII: In Their Own Words:" 10 a.m. July 9, Adults and Teens
"Larry Martin's World War II - In Their Own Words" is based on one man's firm dedication to bringing the stories of WWII to as many people as possible. The goal is to share with the world exactly what the heroes who fought for our freedom during the Second World War did, and to pay them tribute. Larry will have a taped interview with Bill Russell, a B-24 crewman who flew on 37 missions and was also a POW in Poland. Afterwards, Larry will host a question-and-answer session as well as time for comments by veterans and their friends and family. Larry will also bring a wide array of memorabilia for viewing. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to reserve your seat.

Amateur Chamber Music Workshop:

1 p.m. July 9, Adults and Teens
Join a low-pressure group for beginner to intermediate musicians who want to learn, play, and practice duets, trios, and quartets with other musicians. No instrument needed, recorders provided for the instrument-less and/or inexperienced. Sign up at the Reference Desk or just show up.

Green Jobs Training Information Session:

2 p.m. July 12
Learn about free training opportunities to prepare you for a green job in your future. Marie Guerra, Regional Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEPTP) representative, will explain how you can take advantage of this free training opportunity. Funding for this training is provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) No reservations are necessary. For more information, call (734)

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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.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library: 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Everyone welcome, including crocheters.

Chess Group: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays
Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No signup required.

Computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library at (734) 326-6123 to find out more.

Summer Concerts in the Pavilion are Back!

Summer Concert Series: Pam and Scott 7 p.m. July 7, An all ages program.

Our summer series continues with the outstanding duo of Pam and Scott as they revisit the feel good songs of yesteryear with their usual style and grace. Limited seating is available so bring your own if you one. A 50/50 raffle to benefit the Friends of the Library will take place (winner announced at intermission). In case of bad weather, concert will move into the library.

Concert dates: Every Thursday from June 16-Aug. 11. All shows start at 7 p.m. and are in the Pavilion located behind the Library.

Summer Reading program has begun. Fun for every age!

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



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Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano talks to residents about fireworks safety during a demonstration held Bell Creek County Park in Redford last week.

Firework safety is no accident

Blowing up watermelons, firework displays, and a dog named Striker who sniffs out explosives. They were all part of a Firework Safety presentation at Bell Creek County Park in Redford last week.

"Fireworks and celebrations go together, especially during the Fourth of July," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano who was at the event. "But fireworks can be dangerous, injuring thousands of people a year. And the research shows that typically 60 percent of those injuries occur in the month surrounding July 4th."

Hosting the event was a 23-year veteran of the federal Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearm Department (ATF), Yvonne Meyer, who demonstrated the effect of professional grade fireworks like M-80s - a full size watermelon was blown to bits and the hand of a mannequin shattered to pieces - and a few smaller displays that don't leave the ground.

"We try really hard to keep children away from hot stoves, grills, and toaster ovens, but we'll hand them a 1,200-degree firework and expect them to be safe with it," said Meyer. "Firework safety is imperative."

Approximately half of all sparkler injuries involve hands and fingers, the same pattern for firecracker injuries, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. About half the bottle rocket injuries involve the eyes, and almost 30 percent involve the head, face or ear.

Rounding out the event was Trooper Dawn Zonca's explosive-sniffing dog Striker, a German Shepherd from the Canine Unit, which thrilled the audience with his olfactory abilities.

The group also offered firework safety tips:
• Always have water readily available; You never know what could happen with these unpredictable hot products, and you should always be prepared if anything were to catch fire;

• Always use with adult supervision; You have to be 18 years old to purchase fireworks, so in no occasion should it be appropriate for a child to use fireworks without supervision
• Use with extreme caution; use fireworks in an empty area, not near buildings or trees, to prevent anything from catching fire
• Once a firework has been lit, children should never go pick them back up; they may still be active and have the potential of going off.

Contestants sought for Miss Wayne County pageant

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2011 Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant, an official Miss America preliminary.

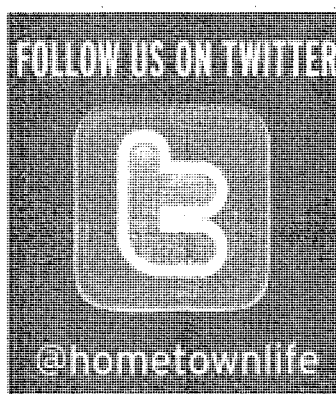
Any woman age 17-24 who lives, works full-time or attends school full-time in Wayne County is eligible to apply. Contestants will compete in six categories: interview, lifestyle, swimsuit, evening gown, talent, and onstage question.

The winner will receive a cash scholarship and will represent Wayne County at the 2012 Miss Michigan pageant which will be held in

Muskegon. The application deadline is Aug. 21. To apply online, visit www.misswaynecounty.org. For more information, call (734) 367-0560 or e-mail SheilaMae116@aol.com.

Applications are also available for the Miss Wayne County Princess Program, a non-competitive pageant experience open to girls ages 4-12. Visit www.misswaynecounty.org to apply.

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Westland man faces trial in shooting

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OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man has been ordered to stand trial on charges that he shot a man during an argument on a city street that turned violent.

Held in lieu of \$100,000 cash bond, Craig Scott Glover, 42, is facing four felony charges: assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, felonious assault and felony firearm. A not guilty plea was entered.

Entering court using a cane, Daniel Lawson Jr., 24, testified Thursday in 18th District Court that in the afternoon on June 1 he had gone to pick up a friend who lives on Eton. After his friend got into the car, Lawson said he drove a short distance and stopped, intending to stop at the home of a second acquaintance who also lives on Eton. Lawson happened to stop in front of 29005 Eton where Glover lives with his mother.

"We were going to smoke a blunt (marijuana) before work," said Lawson, a Livonia resident. "We were parked for five or 10 minutes. We weren't smoking but we planned on it. The windows were open."

Police had reported that there are drug houses on Eton and customers regularly stop on the street to consume their illegal drugs after making a purchase.

'KIND OF HOSTILE'

A man, whom Lawson identified as Glover, was standing on the curb opposite the car and had words with his friend, who was in the passenger seat of his car, he said.

"It was kind of hostile, I don't remember exactly what was said," Lawson. "Then he said to me, 'What the (expletive) are you looking at?'"

More angry words were exchanged by Lawson and Glover although Lawson said he didn't remember exactly what was said.

"I started to pull away. I can't say why I stopped in the street. I said we could fight right now and get this over with," said Lawson.

As Glover approached the vehicle, Lawson said he put the vehicle into park, removed a T-shirt that covered a muscle shirt and got out of his Ford Fusion. Once out of the vehicle, Lawson said he had his hands out to his side, then saw Glover reaching behind his back as he walked towards the car.

"He took a couple of steps as he pulled the gun out and shot me in the stomach," said Lawson, who added that he had been preparing to engage in a fist fight with Glover. "I said something like, 'Why you got to pull out a gun in a fist fight?' He pulled the gun straight up and fired at my torso."

After he was struck by the bullet, Lawson said he fell to the ground tearing his ACL and meniscus. He wasn't able to use his leg, he said, so his friend slid over into the driver's seat and took him to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital where he underwent surgery. Doctors were unable to remove the bullet, he said, which struck his gall bladder and liver.

'EVIDENCE IS CLEAR'

Defense attorney Deborah Trent questioned Lawson about

whether he was carrying a gun as he got out of his vehicle but he denied having a gun. Trent asked that Judge Mark McConnell not bind Glover over on the assault with intent to murder charge, arguing that there was no intent to kill Lawson, just get him to move along.

"The evidence is clear, the defendant took out a gun and shot the victim in the stomach. The intent was obviously to murder," said McConnell, who ordered Glover to be bound over for trial on all four felony charges.

Noting that her client had never been in trouble, had ties to the community and family members present, Trent argued for a reduction in bond for Lawson, who she described as having medical problems that weren't being adequately treated in jail.

"We dispute the facts, we have interviewed a witness who says the other party had a handgun. We believe it will shake out as self-defense," said Trent. "My client had his gun legally for four years and never had a problem. He is not a risk to the community. At least make it a 10 percent bond so that he can get medical care."

McConnell found the \$100,000 cash/surety bond reasonable but agreed to refer the case to pretrial screening services for review, adding a note about Glover needing better medical treatment.

Glover is scheduled for Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment on July 7.

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Westland man faces hearing on assault, arson charges

A Westland man is facing charges of arson and felonious assault in a fire set on June 19 in a townhouse where he lived with his elderly mother. Being held in lieu of \$500,000 cash bond, Yousef

Dughman, 52, is also charged with domestic violence in the incident at the London Townhouses. A not guilty plea was entered for Dughman following his arraignment in 18th District Court.

The man's mother, 80, had fled the unit, located near Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt, and gone to a neighbor for help, police said. She reported that her son had been beating her with a belt.

About 9:30 a.m., a witness reported smoke coming from the townhouse and police officers arrived to find Dughman sitting on the curb. No one was injured in the fire. Described as having a history

of mental illness, Dughman was initially hospitalized in a psychiatric unit. Based on their investigation, police submitted warrant requests which resulted in the charges against Dughman. Police reported to having

responded to domestic violence complaints at the home previously. A preliminary examination for Dughman is scheduled for July 7 in 18th District Court. -By LeAnne Rogers

AROUND WESTLAND

Storm chaser

Teens can sign up now for the Mid-Michigan Storm Chasers Teen Program planned for 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1, at The William P. Faust Public Library on Central City Parkway north of Ford Road. Teens will have the opportunity to meet a real-life tornado chaser and founder of the Mid-Michigan Storm Chasers. She will talk about her experiences

as a storm chaser and show video from her epic chases.

Sign up online at www.westlandlibrary.org or by calling the library at (734) 326-6123.

Wrestling camp

The Wrestling Program will hold its annual "Rocket Camp" 1-4 p.m. July 25-29 in the Wrestling Room of John Glenn High School. The camp is open to high school students. The cost is \$100 and includes a T-

shirt. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. Monday, July 25.

There will also be a Youth Camp 4:30-6 p.m. July 25-29 for youngsters in kindergarten through eighth-grade in the Wrestling Room. The cost is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is at 4 p.m. Monday, July 25.

Registration forms are available at www.glennwrestling.com. If you have any questions, contact Coach Polk at rocket-

wrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595.

Ring the bell

It's a sound associated with Christmas, but the ring-a-ling of the Salvation Army bells will be heard around Warren and Wayne roads Saturdays during July.

Wayne-Westland Salvation Army volunteers will be taking to the streets, bell ringing for the annual Christmas in July

fund-raiser. Bell ringers will be out between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, July 9, 16, 23 and 30.

For the Comets

Help the Westland Comets football and cheerleading teams raise money while earning a free beverage from Biggy Coffee in Westland.

The Comets are selling 200 Biggy travel mugs - 100 designated for football and 100 for cheerleaders - at \$10 each. The teams will earn \$5.65 for each travel mug sold. In addition, the person buying the mug is entitled to one free drink of their choice at Biggy Coffee on Ford just west of Newburgh which could be up to a \$5 value.

Store owner Mo Alkafir is selling the travel mugs in the store throughout June.

Free workshop

Westland residents at risk of losing their homes can attend a free Loan Modification and Short Sale Workshop held 6-7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey east of Venoy.

Annette Compo of WJR Real Estate 411 and Linda Miller, an MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselor with National Faith Homebuyers, will be on hand to meet with residents one-on-one to do an overview of the foreclosure process and present them with various options for their situation.

The city of Westland is working with developers to assist residents that lose their home to foreclosure to try to remain in the same neighborhood.

To register for the workshop, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to lindamiller@nationalfaith.org.

Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Donations only.

For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by e-mail at bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com or visit the website at www.hope4healinghearts.com.

Free books

The Friends of the Westland Library have excess inventory available in their book shop in the two categories: Children's science books (about 100) and hardcover fiction with no dust jackets.

Interested organizations and teachers interested in the books can send inquiries to friends@westlandlibrary.org.

Golf Outing

John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 14th annual Golf Outing Fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn, and steak dinner after golf.

Contact Coach Polk at www.rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. More information is also available on the website. Hole sponsorship and raffle donations are also being accepted.

Progressive raffle

The Westland Goodfellows have added a new progressive raffle to its fund-raising efforts. In addition to its long-standing 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.

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.

Fund-raising events

The AMVETS Post 171 Relay for Life is continuing its fund-raising efforts with an online Avon fundraiser now through July 31. Go to jfinfrock.avonrepresentative.com and click on online events to place your order. Be sure to use the promotional code of AMVETRELAY2011. Team AMVETS will earn 30 percent of total sales now through July 31. Products will be home delivered.

Weatherization help

Weatherization Assistance is a home energy conservation program providing services to low-income residents. Families receiving weatherization services can expect heating costs to be reduced 20-25 percent, amounting to about \$300 saving per year.

Eligible projects include such things as floor insulation, storm windows, window repair/replacement, programmable thermostat, furnace and duct repair or replacement and roof repairs.

Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency manages the Weatherization Program for Wayne County, including the city of Westland. Contact Jeff Boyd, weatherization director, at (734) 284-6999.

Lions Club

The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:30 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month at Logan's Roadhouse on Ford in Canton. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

American Legion The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Harris-Kerher VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

Keep walking

In the mood to walk, but don't like the weather? Westland Shopping Center has the answer - mall walking.

Westland Shopping Center opens its doors before usual operating hours for people who want to walk for exercise. Walking begins at 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Enter through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen on the north-east end of the mall. All other doors are locked until approximately 8:30 a.m. On Sunday all doors are opened at 10 a.m.

Westland Walkers also hold a meeting at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Community Room on the lower level. Call (734) 425-5001 to check when a meeting has been scheduled.

It's easy to become a member of Westland Walkers. Just fill out a registration card available at the Customer Service booth in East Court. Return it to the Customer Service associate or put it in the Walkers Box located on the side counter.

Westland Shopping Center is at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

CFL bulb recycling

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

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

City of Westland, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI, 48185, (734)595-0288

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

On or about July 18, 2011, the City of Westland will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release federal funds under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 for the projects listed below.

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the City of Westland has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 9-190), for the following reasons:

- Rehabilitation Administration - Administrative activity only.
- Outreach Ordinance/Code Compliance Officer - Reduce amount of health and property code violations in distressed neighborhoods.
- Neighborhood Resource/Code Compliance Officer - Code enforcement, community policing, school liaison in CDBG target areas.
- Housing Rehabilitation (CDBG & HOME) - Provide code repairs to units owned by low/moderate income families.
- City Projects - Rehabilitation to existing City structures. No new construction.
- Rental Rehabilitation Program - Make code and health/safety repairs to existing rental structures. No new construction.
- NSP Acquisition/Rehab/Demolition (CDBG & HOME) - Acquire blighted/foreclosed properties, renovate or demolish the homes.
- Homebuyer Program - Assist low/moderate income families to purchase homes throughout the City of Westland.
- Central City Park Remediation - In accordance with plan approved by State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, for which Environmental Review Record is completed.

Environmental Review Records document the environmental review of the above projects and reasons why an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The Environmental Review Records are available for public examination at the Housing & Community Development Department, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI, 48186, Mon-Fri, 9:00a -5:00p. No further environmental review is proposed to be conducted prior to Request for Release of Federal Funds. All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with the decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Westland, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, on or before July 28, 2011. The City will not request release of federal funds or take administrative action on the above projects prior to July 28, 2011.

CERTIFICATION: The City of Westland certifies to HUD that the City of Westland and Mayor William R. Wild consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Westland may use the Community Development Block Grant Funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept objection to its approval of the release of funds and certification only on the following basis:

- The certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the applicant or other officer of the city; or
- The applicant's Environmental Review Record for the project indicates an omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process.
- Other specific grounds cited in the HUD Regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.75

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD at 477 Michigan Ave., 17th Floor, Detroit, MI, 48226. Objections to the release of funds must be received by HUD by August 2, 2011.

William R. Wild, Mayor
City of Westland

2011-2012 PROPOSED USE OF CDBG & HOME FUNDS

PROJECT	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	FUNDING LEVEL	AREAS
CDBG:				
CD Administration	Community Development	Administer CDBG program, monitor subgrantees, operate Dorsey Ctr	\$213,633	
Rehabilitation Administration	Community Development	Administer Homeowner and Rental Rehabilitation Programs	\$34,180	City-Wide (Income Benefit)
IT Administration	MIS Department	Provide computer and mapping support to CD Department	\$1,000	
Youth Assistance	Youth Assistance	Youth Assistance counseling and mentoring for disturbed youths	\$27,000	City-Wide (Income Benefit)
Senior Programs	Senior Resources	Operate Friendship Center programs Operation Breadbasket: \$5,000	\$160,000	City-Wide (Income Benefit)
First Step	Subgrantee: First Step	Abuse & sexual assault counseling; education, outreach, emergency shelter	\$4,000	City-Wide (Income Benefit)
Samuel B. Ware Community Center	Subgrantee: Samuel B. Ware Community Center	Funding for spring break and summer camps for children; Training program for young adults	\$19,000	Southeast (Census 5670)
Community Resource Officers/Code Enforcement	Police Department	Two police officers; code enforcement, community policing, school liaison in CDBG target areas.	\$116,000	Norwayne & Southeast (Census 5685/5670)
Outreach Code Inspection	Various	Building Inspector; resolve health, safety; and code compliance issues in CDBG target areas	\$105,000	Norwayne & Southeast (Census 5685/5670)
Rental Rehabilitation	Community Development	Matching grant for renovation for Norwayne rental properties	\$84,649	Norwayne (Census 5685)
Housing Rehabilitation	Community Development	Loans and grants for emergency homeowner rehabilitation; meet building codes, eliminate safety hazards	\$75,547	City-Wide (Income Benefit)
NSP - Acquisition -/Demolition	Community Development	Continuation of Neighborhood Stabilization Program	\$90,148	Norwayne (Census 5685)
Central City Park Remediation	Parks and Recreation	Remediate park in accordance with State plan	\$100,000	Central City Park (Census 5680)
City Projects	Various	Friendship Center, etc.	\$46,307	City-Wide (Income Benefit)
HOME:				
HOME Administration	Community Development	Administer the HOME Program	\$31,015	
HOME Housing Rehabilitation	Community Development	Loans and grants for homeowner rehabilitation; repairs meet building codes, eliminate health/safety hazards	\$109,228	City-Wide (Income Benefit)
HOMEbuyer Program	Community Development	Assist low/moderate income families to purchase homes	\$51,570	City-Wide (Income Benefit)
HOME NSP - Acquisition - Rehabilitation	Community Development	Continuation of Neighborhood Stabilization Program	\$118,335	City-Wide (Income Benefit)

Buying or renting? There are many things to consider

Q: Dear Rick: I'm in my 30s, single and don't plan on getting married anytime in the near future. Since I've graduated college, I have lived in an apartment and now I'm considering buying a home. I am getting all sorts of advice on whether it makes sense to buy or just stay renting. Some of my friends say renting is a lot cheaper than owning, while other friends say I'll never be able to buy a house cheaper than I could buy today. What would you do? What are some of the issues I should consider?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

A: Let me start with some of the basics. I believe that homes are not great investments. I've said this for as long as I have been in the financial world. I'm not talking about rental property, I'm talking about a home that you plan to live in.

I believe people should buy a home for the quality of life it provides. My reasoning has nothing to do with what has happened to real estate over the last few years.

In your situation, the first question you need to ask is whether the house will increase the quality of your life. If it won't, then as far as I'm concerned, there is no reason to buy.

If you decide the home will increase the quality of your life, then it is important to consider the economics. That means not only what you pay in principal, interest and property taxes. You also need to factor in the cost of maintaining the home. Obviously, if the house is new there'll be less in maintenance than if it is 20 years old. In addition, when it comes to items such as repair and maintenance, you'll find that some years your costs will be higher than in other years. However, it does tend to average out. As a recommendation I would consider, at a minimum, 3-5 percent of the purchase price of the home as an estimate of annual repair and maintenance costs.

In looking at the economics of

owning a home, many people point to the great tax breaks. Although there are some breaks, they're not as valuable as some may think. The major tax advantages to owning a home are the deductibility of interest and property taxes. To determine the true savings, all you need to do is multiply your tax bracket by the amount you paid in interest and property taxes.

For example, if you are in a 28-percent tax bracket and you pay \$10,000 in interest and property taxes, you would save \$2,800 on taxes (\$10,000 x 0.28). Of course, that is assuming that you itemize your deductions. If you do not itemize your deductions, then there would be no tax savings.

There is another tax break with regards to home ownership that is difficult to quantify. The great majority of people will not have to pay income taxes if they have a gain when the home is sold. In today's real estate market gains are few and far between, so this advantage is not as valuable as it has been in the past.

In reviewing the cost between buying vs. renting, renting is probably the better move economically. That factors in not only the tax advantages of owning, but also the cost of maintaining a home. However, we don't make all decisions based upon what is good economically.

My advice is to focus on the quality-of-life issues.

Don't buy real estate because you think it is a great investment or that real estate has to go up in value — it doesn't. In fact, it wouldn't surprise me if real estate went down further over the next few years.

However, if you buy a home that you can afford and that will increase the quality of your life, then you will get an immediate return on your investment.

Good luck!

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

Golf outing

The Lyman Foundation is sponsoring the 32nd Annual Lyman Golf Outing benefiting Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City.

The outing will be held on Aug. 13 at Hickory Creek Golf Course. The Lyman Foundation is looking for hole sponsors and golfers for the event! Hole sponsors will be acknowledged in the golfing program and with the local media.

For more information regarding hole sponsors or registering to golf in the event, contact Sharon Lundie at (734) 728-4919.

Past Forward

Learn about Karma along with Past Lives at a program, entitled Past Forward, 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, Garden City.

Have you ever wondered if you were a peasant or a princess? Gayle Buchan, a certified hypnotherapist, and Kristy Robinett, psychic medium, takes you on a journey of your past lives. Open the book to your past and learn how to heal to move on with the future.

Tickets are \$35 each and are available online at www.tangledwishes.com/events. Light Refreshments will be served.

Open Mic Night

Take the time to experience open mic night at Maxwell Art and Treasures Saturday, July 16.

The doors open at 6 p.m., and dinner is served at 7 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m., as usual, but without any intermission.

The prices are the same, but must be paid at the door. It's just \$5 per person to come experience open mic. If you want to eat, the cost is \$10 per person, for admission and dinner.

Maxwell's is at 32416 Industrial, north of Ford, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 427-5301.

Pickers Paradise Sale

Booth space is available for the Plymouth-Westland Grange 389's Pickers Paradise Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at Maxwell's Art and Treasures, 32416 Industrial, north of Ford, Garden City. Rain date will be July 30.

The Grange is looking for people with items to sell, especially unique items. The booth size is eight feet by eight feet and costs \$15. A space will be assigned on the day of payment. Make checks payable to the Grange No. 389.

Food also will be available. Donations will help the community and Maxwell's.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

For more information, call Laura at (734) 427-5300, Ext. 7, or Sharon at (734) 722-4857.

Full-Day K signups

Parents of 5-year-olds can sign their youngsters up for the Garden City School's full-day kindergarten at its Lathers Early Childhood and Kindergarten Center for the 2011-12 school year.

The kindergarten program will be offered four days a week, with 12 "extra" Fridays.

For more information and to register, call 73 762-8300, Ext. 342.

Summer hours

Garden City Presbyterian Church is switching to its summer worship schedule.

The church will have one service on Sundays for the summer months at 9:30 a.m. The service will last approximately one hour.

From June through September, the format will be less formal, combining some of the best elements of traditional and contemporary worship. Child Care and youth Sunday school learning centers will be at the same time, and there will be refreshments and fellowship immediately after the service.

The church is located on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 421-7620.

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 vaccination, and other international 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 socialization with other, like-minded, nice 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.

Community Chat

Catch up on what's happening in Garden City with GC Community Chat with Kerry Partin at 9 p.m. every Thursday night at talkshoe.com/tc/82757. Also check out his website at communitychat.weebly.com. The talk show and website are dedicated to the residents and businesses of Garden City.

For more information, contact Kerry at gccommunitychat@gmail.com.

Garden City Kiwanis

The Garden City Kiwanis Club of is recruiting new members to help provide assistance to the disadvantaged residents of our community — especially children — who are having a difficult time during this economic recession. Founded in 1948, the Kiwanis Club of Garden City provides many community service projects each year including a "Baby Shower" for the Garden City Family Resource Center, a continuing Food Pantry drive, the Trauma Doll Project for hospitalized children, and the Third Grade Dictionary Project.

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road at Venoy in Garden City.

Anyone who is interested in attending one of the luncheons or with questions about the club's community involvement can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101.

Museum fund-raising

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

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

The Lathers General Store is open from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, offering a variety of collectibles and gift items. Call (734) 838-0650 for more information or visit www.sfhonline.org.

Shop online

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

Simply follow the link at the bottom of the district's web site — www.gardencityschools.com. A portion of any resulting purchases will be returned to Garden City Public Schools. Products do not cost any more by using the link, and residents don't have to do anything more than click on the link to start shopping.

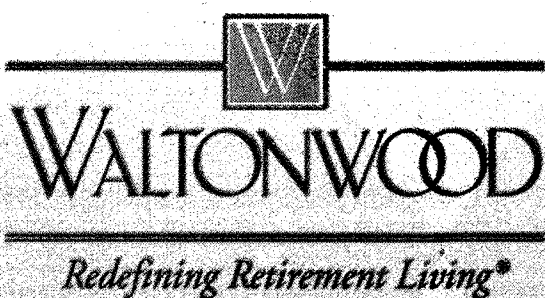
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Special Olympics holds Young Athletes open house

Special Olympics Michigan is inviting families, teachers and friends to the Special Olympics Michigan Young Athletes™ Program open house 9-11 a.m., Saturday, July 16, during the 2011 State Summer Sports Classic at the Canton Softball Center registration tent.

The YAP open house is an opportunity for families of children ages 2-7, with intellectual disabilities, to learn about the benefits of the YAP program. The open house will include YAP information, a tour of the softball competition and a visit to the skills event. Refreshments will be provided.

The Young Athletes Program is an innovative sports play program for children with intellectual disabilities, designed for children ages two through seven with

intellectual disabilities to help improve physical, cognitive and social skills through introduction to sports. The Young Athletes™ Program provides the opportunity for children to get involved before the age 8, when they are eligible to compete for Special Olympics Michigan.

The activities the athletes take part in are foundational skills consisting of walking, running, balance, jumping, catching, throwing, striking, kicking and other activities.

The program focuses on two specific levels of play. Level One includes physical activities focused on developing fundamental motor tracking and eye-hand coordination. Level Two concentrates on the application of these physical activities sharpened through play at Level One. Children get the opportunity

to engage in activities to foster physical, cognitive and social development as well as raise awareness of their abilities through peer participation, demonstrations and other events.

Through the open house, children as young as two years old can begin their journey through Special Olympics as a Young Athlete.

The 2011 Summer Sports Classic will feature golf competition on Friday, July 15, at the Pine View Golf Course in Ypsilanti and softball competition on Saturday, July 16, at the Canton Softball Center in Canton. The public is welcome to come out and support athletes. There is no charge to attend.

For more information about Special Olympics, visit www.somi.org or call (800) 644-6404.

Free digital media festival invites everyone to create movies

Hollywood's Christopher Coppola has a mission for anyone willing to accept it. If you are creative, love technology, like to tell stories, or just want to learn a new way to communicate and have some fun, then Coppola wants you to be a part of his PAH-fest Motown.

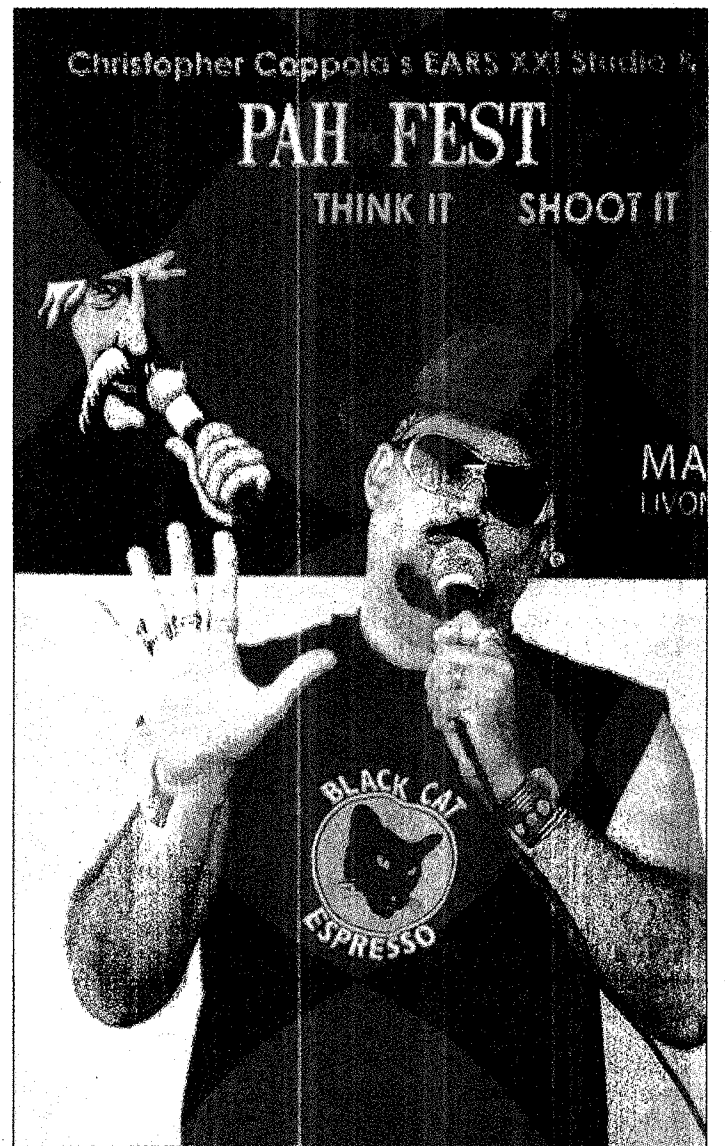
Held on campus at Madonna University in Livonia July 11-17, PAH (Project Accessible Hollywood) is a free digital media festival where anybody and everybody is invited to have fun making movies and telling stories.

As a way to get the creative juices flowing, PAH-fest features several challenges throughout the week-long event, open to everyone at no cost. No prior experience is necessary. Madonna University, along with Coppola and the PAH-fest staff provide tips, coaching and equipment for all of the contests.

"Wayne County is excited to be a part of PAH-FEST Motown. It is important that we foster and nurture our young creative community through technology and film. By offering mentorship opportunities from some of the best the industry has to offer, we are able to build an industry indigenous to Southeast Michigan," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

This year's contests are: Cell Phone Art: challenges your imagination by giving you the following ingredients to make a one-minute movie: a video-enabled cell phone (or you can use your own); a surprise topic given out by Christopher Coppola before the contest begins; just a few short hours to create and submit your cell phone art entry.

Digi-Portraits: Using a video-enabled cell phone, create a two-minute portrait of yourself or another person. PAH-fest will supply a complete Adobe editing system for you to edit



Hollywood's Christopher Coppola is bringing his PAH-fest Motown to Madonna University July 11-17.

and finish your piece.

Tone Poems: Using a flip camera, participants record imagery that visually expresses an original musical composition. Computers, editing software and technical support are provided for free to help participants edit and complete the pieces.

Take part in these contests by attending the festival anytime between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday, July 11, through Friday, July 15. Representatives

for the festival will be in the film studio hallway in the University's Franciscan Center at 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

Submissions into the Cell Phone Art and Tone Poems contests will be featured in the PAH Nation Theater to be rated by celebrity judges and the online public. A cash prize is awarded to the winners.

For more festival information, visit www.pahnationfest.com

Schoolcraft offers non-cancelation guarantee for fall classes

Frustrated students are being heard at Schoolcraft College this summer, where the college is trying a new approach to scheduling credit classes. Under the SC Guarantee, no fall 2011 credit class will be cancelled based on the number of students who sign up.

In the past, Schoolcraft followed a practice common at many colleges. It involves establishing a minimum number of students — at Schoolcraft it was usually between nine and 12 — needed in order for a class to run. If the minimum number wasn't met by a deadline, the class was cancelled. The few students who had signed up for the class would have to scramble to find another class to fill their schedules.

The college had been hearing from frustrated students who wanted to achieve a goal but

could not because the class they needed got cancelled. The new approach will make it easier for students to graduate with their certificate or associate degree, get the courses they want for transfer to a university, and fulfill other educational goals.

New sections of classes will be added based on student demand so students are encouraged to check the online listing of courses, which is continually being updated.

There are situations in which a class might be cancelled for reasons other than the number of students enrolled. For example, if an instructor originally scheduled to teach a class becomes unavailable and the college is unable to find another instructor for that class, the college reserves the right to cancel that class.

The use of enrollment mini-

mums promotes the efficient use of instructional resources at the classroom level. There is a tradeoff, however, when students who would have taken two, three or even four classes leave one college and go to another because they couldn't get one of the classes they wanted at the first college.

With the guarantee, Schoolcraft officials are viewing efficiency at an institutional level. They are hopeful the new approach will retain enough students to offset any loss in efficiency at the course level. In keeping with this mindset, the guarantee is being promoted as a pilot for the Fall 2011 semester and will be evaluated before a decision is made to continue the approach in Winter 2012.

Registration for fall classes is happening now. Fall classes begin Aug. 31.



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Ocelots' Larson adds top recruits

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rick Larson has been hard working on the recruiting trail.

And the sixth-year Schoolcraft College men's soccer coach appears to have another stellar incoming class for the 2011 season.

"I'm excited about what we've been able to bring to the table," said Larson, who must replace eight starters off last year's 17-4-1 NJCAA Region XII runner-up squad. "It's exciting because we have players who want to impact the program and players who truly want to play for the school, and that can get you through tough situations."



Dushkaj

Larson, who has guided the Ocelots to five straight Michigan Community College Athletic Association titles, plucked off two first-team all-Observer players in Livonia Clarenceville's Ardit Dushkaj and Livonia Stevenson's Pat Smith.



Smith

Dushkaj scored 33 goals and added 15 assists in just 16 games last year for the Trojans. He tallied 59 career goals in 35 starts.

Smith, meanwhile, had seven goals and 10 assists for the 13-5-3 Spartans and was an all-Kensington Lakes Activities Association selection.

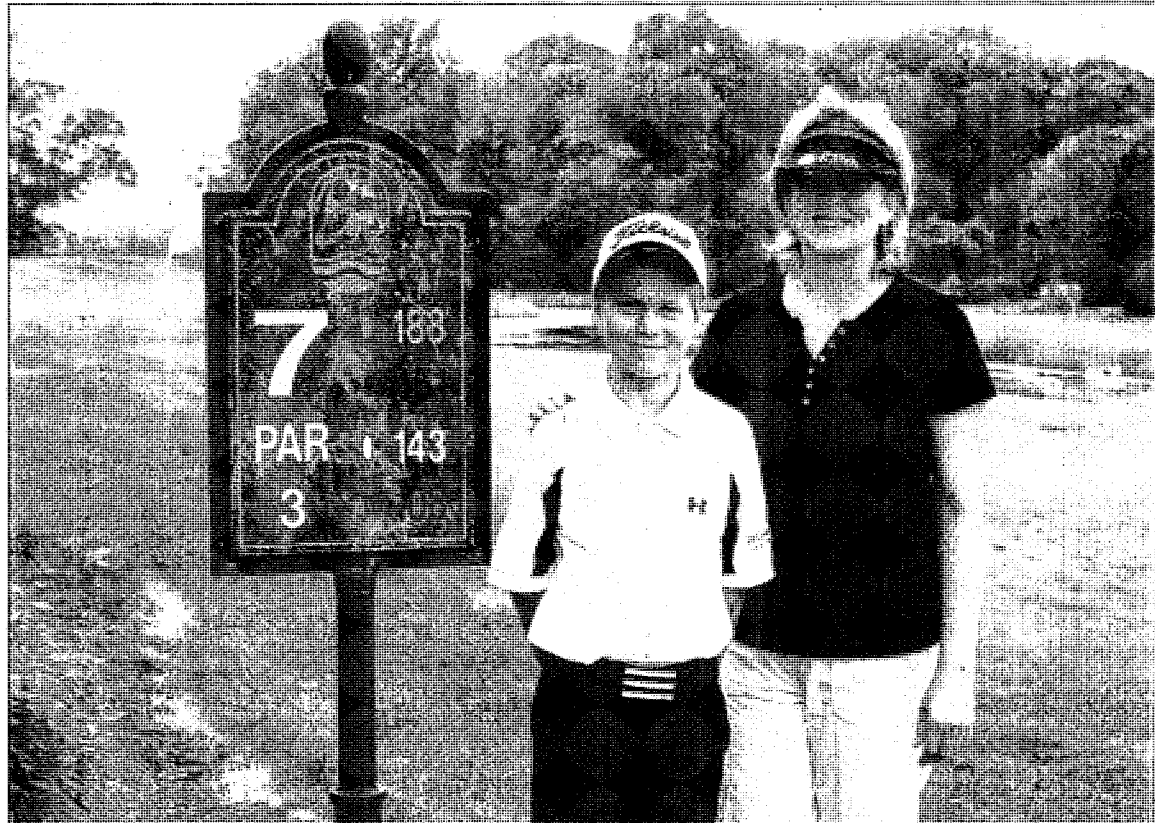
"Pat is a wide attacking player who is great on the ball and has the ability of passing players one-and-one which leads to either crosses or scoring goals," Larson said. "Ardit is super creative. He's confident with the soccer ball and puts pressure on defenders with the dribble. He can play at any speed, whether it's slow or at full-pace."

Larson also brought in three new goalkeepers to compete for the starting job including Toronto, Ontario native Scott Shewfeldt, who played last season for Garden City Community College (Kan.) before transferring after the program was dropped.

Tom Duquette (Novi) and Tyler Koontz (Auburn Hills Avondale) will also vie for the goalkeeping position.

Also in the fold are two players with

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Jack Boczar (left) and his mom, Roxanne Boczar, each aced the No. 7 hole at Pheasant Run in Canton — 14 years apart.

All (aces) in the family

14 years separate Pheasant Run feats for Canton mom, son

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jack Boczar is a 12-year-old who already knows what he wants in life.

The Canton youngster eats, drinks and sleeps golf and wants to become a professional champion someday.

"I want to win one of the four majors," said Jack, in matter-of-fact fashion. "Either the British Open, the Masters, the U.S. Open or the PGA championship."

But even if he does become another Rory McIlroy (his favorite golfer who won the 2011 U.S. Open) there is nothing that will

rival what he accomplished June 2 at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton.

Jack aced the No. 7 hole — the very hole his mom, Roxanne Boczar, sank a hole-in-one in 1997.

"I don't know what the odds are," said Jack's dad, Jeff Boczar, during an interview at Pheasant Run.

Not surprisingly for someone who has his future all mapped out, Jack interrupted his dad that those odds are about 1-in-40,000.

FUN STORY

"It's fun when you tell the story,"

Jeff Boczar noted. "Jack got a hole-in-one on No. 7 and, oh, by the way, his mom got one there about 14 years ago."

"Everyone's eyes light up. It's really cool."

According to Roxanne, there was a difference between the two. She used a 9-iron to sink hers from the red tees (109 yards) during an Octoberfest scrambles event while Jack's was launched from the white tees some 144 yards from the pin.

"He called me on the phone and told me it was No. 7," Roxanne

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SIDELINES

Rams falter, 5-3

Alex McMurray threw a complete-game Wednesday as Advanced Baseball defeated the Michigan Rams, 5-3, in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game at Bicentennial Park.

McMurray scattered seven hits and two walks over seven innings. Madonna University's Spencer Sarel paced Advanced's eight-hit attack going 2-for-3 with two RBI. Lonnel Bush also knocked in a run for the 22-and-under squad, which improved to 9-11 in league play.

Caleb Wick went 2-for-3 with two RBI for the Rams, who fell to 10-9 in the LCBL.

Miles Sorise also added two hits and an RBI in the loss.

Jay Perry, who pitched the final two innings in relief of starter Colin Gerish, suffered the loss.

Gerish allowed one run on three hits and two walks over the first four innings, while Perry was touched for four runs (two earned) on five hits.

Bucks win 200th

The Michigan Bucks achieved yet another Premier Development League (PDL) milestone Wednesday night when they became the first team in league history to win 200 games when they defeated the host Akron Summit Assault, 4-3, at St. Vincent St. Mary High School.

The Bucks (8-11, 25 points), getting the game-winning goal from Stew Givens in the 60th minute, kept their slight lead in the PDL's Great Lakes Division by winning their eighth consecutive match, while Akron (4-3-3, 15 points) dropped to fourth place in the standings.

Tommy Catalano led the Bucks with goals in the 23rd and 33rd minutes, while Lucky Mkosana (24th minute) also had a goal and assist. Adam Quinn, Thomas Schmidt and Ashton Campbell all scored for Akron during the first 30 minutes to take a 3-2 lead.

Bucks goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt (Livonia Stevenson/Oakland University) made two saves.

The Bucks will travel Sunday to Hamilton, Ontario to face the FC Rage (3-4-2, 11 points). Game time is 6 p.m. at Timmis Field.

The Bucks will also induct three new members into its Hall of Fame during halftime of their game with the Cincinnati Kings on Saturday, July 9, at Ultimate Soccer Arena in Pontiac.

Tim Richey, Kheli Dube and Dan Fitzgerald will be honored for their contribution to soccer and to the Bucks. Game time is 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$5 when purchased online at www.bucksoccer.com.

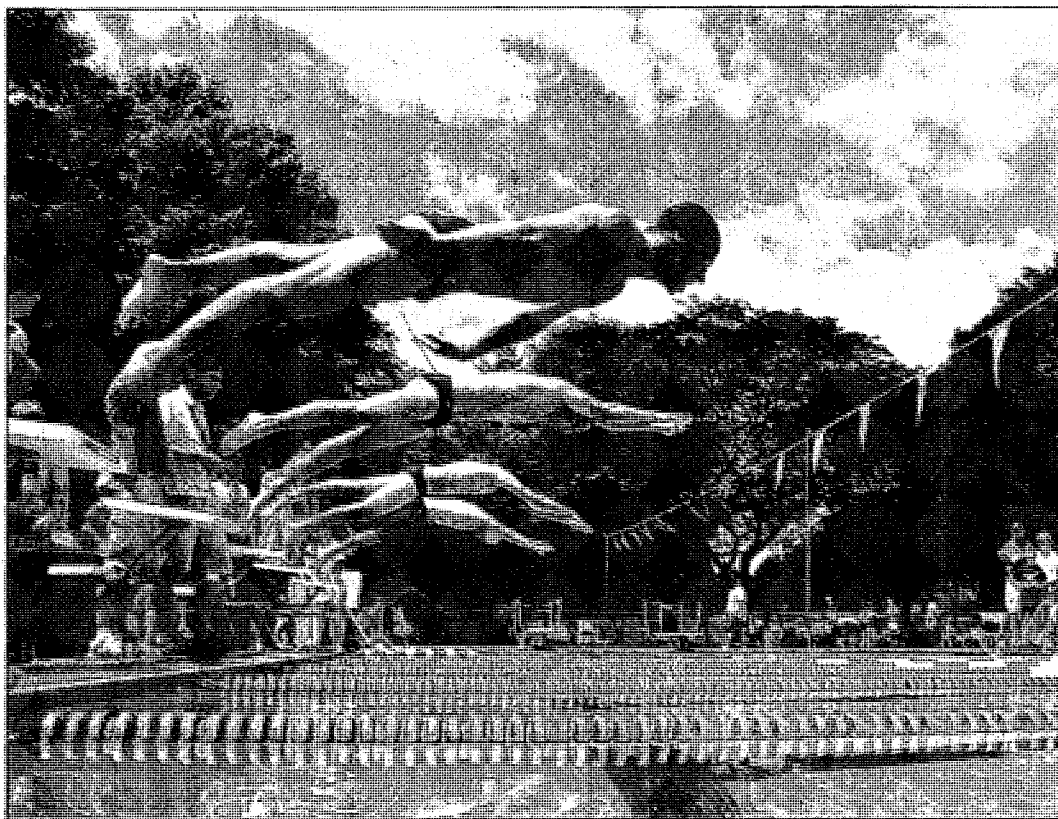
Moore wins vault

Livonia Franklin pole vaulter Helen Moore cleared 7 feet to capture the girls 14-and-under division at the Spree 61 Vault competition held June 24-25 at Ford Field in Livonia.

Hole-in-one club

Craig Henriksen, of Farmington Hills, used a 7-iron to ace the 144-yard, No. 17 hole Wednesday at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course. It was the second hole-in-one for the 54-year-old, who has been playing golf for 40 years. Henriksen shot 35 for nine holes.

Beechview swimmers garner 3rd straight city crown



CHRIS FLECK | PHLECK PHOTOS

Club swimmers get a flying start in one of the boys age-group events in the annual Farmington city meet.

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Capitalizing on its talent in the older age groups, Beechview Swim Club won its third consecutive Farmington all-city swim championship June 25.

In the competition between the four club teams, Beechview scored 585 points and overcame a serious challenge from runner-up Farmington Glen Aquatic with 533. Woodbrooke Hills scored 452 points and meet host Kendallwood 374.

"It was really close between Beechview and Glen this year," meet director Mike McNeece said. "Glen is building big time. It was good competition this year, and it'll be better competition next year."



McNeece

"Glen is coming on strong and Woodbrooke always fields a good team. There's a real good base in Farmington because of the Farmington YMCA Stingrays. A lot of those kids swim for Beechview and Kendallwood."

"Glen has a real good 10-and-under contingency. They're going to be a power the next couple years as those kids move up in age. Beechview has a lot of older kids, mostly girls. They'll be going off to college. They won't be scoring as many points, and Glen will be scoring more."

Beechview won 14 of the 46 individual events and two relays. It had four double winners in Madison Ruffin (12), Marina Borri (16), Katie Romero (12) and Emily Brunett (13).

The other Beechview winners were Kellie Flynn (8), David Ratze (12), Mikayla Doepker (14), Drew Hinckley

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ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Marissa Williams, Plymouth: The aggressive, ultra-confident goalkeeper successfully followed up a sensational junior season when she led the Wildcats to the Division 1 state final.

Williams racked up 12 shutouts as Plymouth finished 11-3-5 overall. One of those was against state champion Novi.

The third-team, all-state selection in 2010 made the second team this season.

"She started every game of her four year career for us," coach Jeff Neschich said. "Last year was a great year, but she played awesome this year."

"In the (0-0) tie against Novi and when we beat Northville in the crossover she just made incredible saves in both of those games."

She will play soccer at Tusculum College (Tenn.). "I think she'll have a fantastic career there, also," Neschich said.

Madeline Reed, Ladywood: The senior posted 13 shutouts this season after recording seven as a junior en route to Division 2 first-team all-state honors for the state runner-up Blazers.

Bound for Western Michigan University, Reed also earned all-Catholic League honors. She carries a 4.38 grade-point average.

"Maddie has a tremendous work ethic," coach Ken Shingledecker said. "She works hard every day on the practice field and in the classroom. I believe she won just about every scholar-athlete award you can win. To watch her grow into a premier goalkeeper in the state during the past two years has been awesome."

Hallee Kansman, N. Farmington: Kansman was a four-year starter for the Raiders and an outstanding defender. She also is skilled at heading the ball to the net on corner kicks. Kansman had three goals and two assists.

She was named North Farmington's team and defensive MVP, and she is the girls co-recipient of the Raider Cup (with all-area gymnast Kristen McKelvey), recognizing her as one of the top female athletes in the senior class. Kansman is also all-state as a player (honorable mention) and a student (academic).

"Hallee has been a key player for us in the back," coach Tim Russell said. "She has been a tremendous leader for us on and off the pitch. She never quits, never gets down on her teammates and always gives her best, during games and practices. Her humor and attitude are infectious, and (the) Eastern Michigan University (soccer team) is lucky to have her next year."

Kelsey Rothermel, Churchill: The senior defender, bound for Grand Valley State, earned first-team all-area honors for the second straight year.

Rothermel scored seven goals and added five assists to earn all-KLAA and all-district honors for the third straight year.

She was named honorable mention Division 1 all-state this year and is a two-time all-region selection. She also earned third-team all-state honors in 2009.

Rothermel, a four-year varsity starter, played in 79 matches for Churchill.

"Kelsey is a student of the game of soccer, as she not only plays the game, but also watches professional soccer and coaches youth soccer," coach Dave Hebestreit said. "Kelsey was a two-year captain and was a great central defender for the program. She possesses excellent technical ability, a tough, competitive personality, and can read the game at a high level. No doubt that she will make an immediate impact at GVSU."

Melanie Pickert, Canton: One of Canton's stalwart senior leaders, Pickert was steady as a rock on defense for first-year coach Jeannine Reddy.

As a bonus, she scored five goals and chipped in five assists to lift the Chiefs to K-LAA South and D1 district championships.

Reddy called Pickert "as solid as a defender can be and she will be greatly missed."

Pickert was named to the all-conference, all-district, all-region and all-academic teams as well as being selected to the all-state second team.

A versatile athlete who also excelled on Canton's varsity basketball team, she will play college soccer at Iowa.

Rachel Zukowski, Churchill: The senior defender earned all-KLAA and all-district honors this season for the Chargers.

"Zuke was our backbone the past two years and was named MVP in 2011," Hebestreit said. "Time-and-time again she was able to find success in numbers-down defending situations. A wonderfully gifted athlete, she possesses excellent balance, speed, and agility. She appeared in every match the past two seasons and served as a captain this year. Her commitment to her teammates is unparalleled in my 18 varsity seasons as a coach."

Robyn Mack, Canton: The hard-driving Mack made her presence felt in the midfield and in her own zone, not to mention occasionally wreaking havoc near the other team's goal.

Mack's all-out hustle and talent combined to yield a superb brand of soccer for the Chiefs.

She earned all-conference, all district and all-academic honors while tallying seven goals and four assists.

"She played great wherever I put her," Reddy said. "She's a great motivator on the field and played every game as if it were her last."

Kristina Klusek, Salem: The senior co-captain scored 10 goals and assisted on five others as she sparked Salem to a winning season.

For her efforts, Klusek was named to the all-conference, all-district, all-region and all-state teams.

"She has raised her game to the next level and it showed in her play and the attention she received from her opponents," coach Joe Nora said. "Usually being double-teamed or shadowed, still she produced."

With 39 goals and 25 assists during her career,

2011 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOCCER FIRST TEAM

Marissa Williams, GK, Plymouth, Sr.
Madeline Reed, GK, Liv. Ladywood, Sr.
Hallee Kansman, Def., N. Farmington, Sr.
Kelsey Rothermel, Def., Liv. Churchill, Sr.
Melanie Pickert, Def., Canton, Sr.
Rachel Zukowski, Def., Liv. Churchill, Sr.
Robyn Mack, MF, Canton, Jr.
Kristina Klusek, MF, Salem, Sr.
Stephanie Dillon, MF, Plymouth, Soph.
Paige Brennan, MF, Liv. Ladywood, Jr.
Makenzie Williams, MF, Mercy, Jr.
Melissa Kucukarslan, MF, Farmington, Jr.
Shannon Melvin, F, Garden City, Jr.
Alyson Krause, F, Canton, Jr.
Kelly Capoccia, F, Liv. Ladywood, Jr.

SECOND TEAM

Ryan Elequin, GK, Redford Union, Sr.
Alexis Smith, GK, Liv. Franklin, Jr.
Olivia Kitz, Def., Liv. Stevenson, Fr.
Katie Moss, Def., Plymouth, Sr.
Katelynn Krause, Def., Salem, Jr.
Victoria Kaye, Def., Salem, Sr.
Rachel Wright, Def., Salem, Sr.
Alexi Kliza, MF, Liv. Stevenson, Soph.
Sami Roumayah, MF, N. Farmington, Jr.
Amy Lindberg, MF, Farm. Harrison, Jr.
Sarah Bauman, MF, Liv. Churchill, Sr.
Dayna Stevens, F, Liv. Stevenson, Jr.
Bailey Terrell, F, Garden City, Soph.
Mackenzie Higgins, F, Mercy, Soph.
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McKenzie Hengesh, F, Plymouth, Sr.
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Ashley Murphy, F, Clarenceville, Soph.
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COACH OF THE YEAR

Ken Shingledecker, Livonia Ladywood

HONORABLE MENTION

Canton: Rachel Winters, Megan Trapp, Kayla Bridges;
Plymouth: Jen Babcock, Kate Watson, Alyssa Dillon, Zoe Foster, Maria Farmer; Salem: Madeleine Vala, Nancy Krutty; Plymouth Christian: Brianna Harris, Emily Gerulis, Rachel Zandee, Annette Somerick, Martha Mullet, Katelynn Barkell; Farmington: Tasha Ivanac, Lauren McCann, Lauren Kohler, Ashleigh Finn, Arielle Lochrie; Harrison: Catherine Barkach, Chelsea Potrykus; Mercy: Elaina Weber, Kirsten Padalis, Whitney Morey, Kirstie Racinski, Katie Coerd; North Farmington: Jessie Trimmer, Bridget Elezovic; Churchill: Kelsey Parrinello, Kayla Szado, Megan McDonald; Franklin: Chelsea Williams, Natalie Desautel; Stevenson: Michelle Krawczyk; John Glenn: Ashley Sportsman; Wayne Memorial: Erica Dye; Ladywood: Becky Babon, Catherine Garber, Liz Danger, Allison Bielski; Clarenceville: Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz; Lutheran Westland: Angela Morrison; Redford Union: Lindsey Gehlhausen, Angela Mancini, Jordan Chapoton; Thurston: Alyssa Alessandrini, Rachel Pebbles; Garden City: Rachel Hahn, Kasey Bunio.

Klusek provided plenty of punch the Rocks.

"A lot of our success is due to the example she set and her amazing work ethic and positive attitude," he said.

Stephanie Dillon, Plymouth: Although just a sophomore, Dillon played like a senior for the Wildcats.

She scored nine goals and assisted on seven others from the center-midfield position.

Neschich said she already has a knack for scoring big goals in big games and is a tireless worker who wants to improve and someday play college soccer.

"She was our most consistent player," said Neschich about the All-KLAA selection. "She played very strong, game in and game out. She's improved so much from her freshman year to her sophomore year, and she is so committed to the game."

Paige Brennan, Ladywood: The junior central midfielder earned Division 2 first-team all-state honors for the second straight year.

Brennan, who has made a verbal commitment to Eastern Michigan University, led the state runner-up Blazers with 15 assists to go along with nine goals.

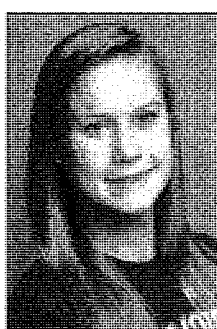
"We asked Paige to do more defensively than we did last year," Shingledecker said of the all-Catholic League pick. "We received more offensive production from other players, which allowed Paige to truly manage the midfield for us. She battled a right knee injury for most of the second half of the season, but really proved to be one of the state's top players throughout the state tournament."

Makenzie Williams, Mercy: The junior midfielder is that player around whom everything revolves for the Marlins, who tied Division 2 state finalist Ladywood twice. Williams, who is a three-year varsity starter, wasn't a high scorer (three goals and six assists), but she distributed the ball and got the offense started. She also plays for the Midwest Regional League's Michigan Rush club team.

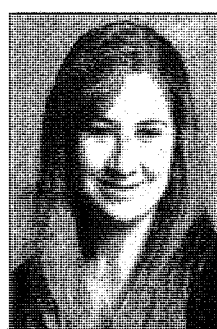
"She controls a lot of the game for us," coach Butch Babler said. "Her value doesn't show up in the stats. She's a good, all-round player, and opposing team had to account for her."

"Technically, she's a very sound player and reads the game very well. She can make adjustments during a game as to what's going on. She makes adjustments on the field that I don't have to make as a coach. She just takes care of it."

Melissa Kucukarslan, Farmington: The junior midfielder has exceptional skills. She's very good at controlling and distributing the ball, according to coach Greg Thompson. A two-year varsity starter, Kucukarslan led the Falcons with nine goals and six assists. Having



Marissa Williams Plymouth



Madeline Reed Ladywood



Hallee Kansman N. Farmington



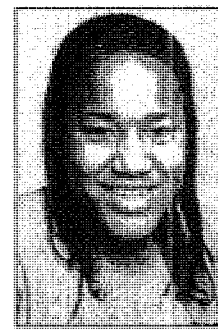
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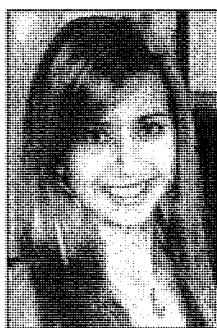
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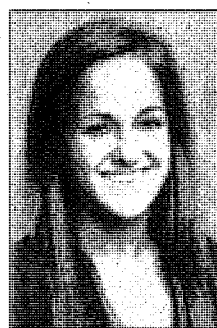
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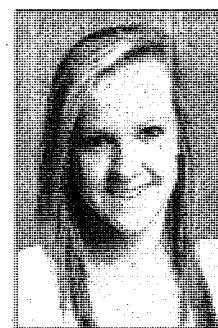
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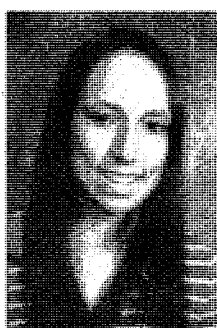
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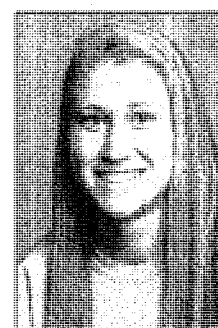
Melissa Kucukarslan Farmington



Shannon Melvin Garden City



Alyson Krause Canton



Kelly Capoccia Ladywood



Ken Shingledecker Ladywood coach

drawn interest from Michigan State and Loyola Chicago, she will eventually play college soccer.

"She was one of the best players on the field and always in the top three in every game we played," Thompson said. "She has an incredible first touch with pressure. She has amazing ball distribution; she threads the needle. She fights through tackles. She loves to take people on and is very effective at it. She's tough."

"Melissa doesn't want to come off the field. She wants to be out there and get it done. She's that kid who wants the ball. She's a pretty special player."

Shannon Melvin, Garden City: The junior had an immediate impact on the Cougars after transferring from Redford Thurston. Melvin tallied a team-high 16 goals to go along with one assist in 16 games.

"Shannon is deceptive with the ball at her feet," said coach Jason Dean. "She is skilled at taking defenders one-v-one and getting to the goal. It usually takes a couple defenders to slow her down. She can finish the ball with both feet and is composed when she can get to the net. She gave our team the big goals during crunch time and plays with great intensity. Shannon is a very fast player with a ton of knowledge of the game. Her possession up top gives us the opportunity to play possession into her feet and let her distribute the ball to the remainder of the field."

Alyson Krause, Canton: The junior forward's speed and offensive creativity propelled Canton to the D1 regionals.

She scored 26 goals and assisted on 14, enough for selection to the first All-State team (along with All-KLAA, all district and all-region honors).

"She's a great player with an outstanding knowledge of the game," Reddy said. "She has a great shot and can create chaos for the opposing team's defense. She is easy to coach and is one of the best high school players I have seen."

Krause already has verbally committed to play soccer at Michigan State University.

Kelly Capoccia, Ladywood: The junior forward was named second-team all-state in Division 2 for the second year in a row after finishing with 15 goals and 10 assists (both second on the team).

The all-Catholic League pick recorded her best game of the season when she scored both goals in a 2-0 win on the road against Division 4 state champion Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

"We moved Kelly all around the field this year," Shingledecker said. "She spent most of her time as a wide midfielder, but she can always play up top and be effective. In games when we would press the game into the other teams' end is when Kelly excelled. She is very crafty around the goal, and will find multiple ways to score goals."

COACH OF THE YEAR
Ken Shingledecker, Ladywood: The fourth-year coach guided the Blazers all the way to the 2011 Division 2 state finals before losing, 2-1, in the championship match to Plainwell.

Ladywood, which graduates only three seniors, finished 17-4-6 overall while capturing district and regional titles for the second straight year. The Blazers were also runners-up in the Catholic League.

The 33-year-old Shingledecker is 49-22-18 overall with the Blazers.

The Lutheran High Westland grad previously served as head girls coach (2004-06) and 12 years as an assistant boys soccer coach (1998-2009) at his alma mater, and he is currently an assistant coach for the Madonna University men's soccer program.

Shingledecker, general manager of the Taylor SportsPlex, also coaches in the Livonia City Soccer Club. He and his wife Nikki have two boys, Brody, 3, and Lucas, 1.

This season he was assisted by longtime Lutheran High Westland boys coach Rich Block, MU men's soccer coach Eric Scott and goalkeeping coach Joe Malek.

"Anytime you can play the maximum number of games in a season, you have to be excited," Shingledecker said. "It was hard to not win the final game, but it doesn't take away the proud feeling I have for everything we accomplished. I am thankful that Sal Malek (athletic director) has given me the opportunity to coach at Ladywood. The Ladywood kids are great and the facilities are top-notch. I'm excited about the future of Ladywood soccer."

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Schoolcraft soccer

Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, will offer four sessions of its Victory Soccer camps including its Elite Player camp for ages 14-17 from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, July 6-8 (cost \$75).

Other camp sessions (ages 6-17) include: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 11-15, 18-22 and 25-29 (cost \$165 for each week).

There will also be an advanced goalkeeping camp during the July 25-29 session put on Olympic Development Program coach Ben Davis (cost \$250).

Both lunch and swimming daily are included in the cost.

For more information, call Schoolcraft men's soccer coach Rick Larson at (734) 564-3693;

or e-mail ricklarson@victory-soccer.net.

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 fee).

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

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.

Canton wrestling camp

Canton High School's wrestling program will conduct a four-day camp July 11-14 at the school gym. Offering the camp is the Advantage Wrestling Club, run through Eastern Michigan University.

The camp will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. all four days, for students entering grades 7-12 in 2011-12.

Emphasis will be on running, lifting, technique, drilling, intense practices and

end of the day competitions. Another plus will be one counselor per 10 wrestlers for plenty of individual attention.

The cost to sign up is \$200.

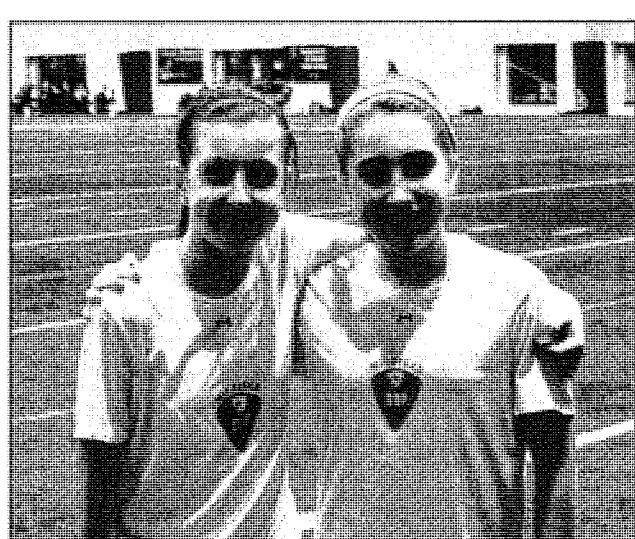
Contact Canton head wrestling coach Cory Mancuso (cory.mancuso@gmail.com) or EMU head wrestling coach Derek Delportq@emich.edu or call (734) 487-6429 for more information.

Hoop Skills Academy

Coach Paul Tripp will stage his eighth annual Basketball Academy Skills camps 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.



ODP selections

The Livonia City Soccer Club's Riley Burnette (left), an eighth-grader at Emerson Middle School, and Alyssa Benvenuti (right), a seventh-grader at Holmes M.S., were recently selected to the 45-member Olympic Development Program for Michigan players 12-and-under. The Livonia duo, who began the tryout process in July of 2010, will be participating in a ODP regional camp for the midwest's top players this month in DeKalb, Ill.

TRAVEL BASEBALL

Riversharks roll in tournament

The Motor City Riversharks 11U travel baseball team of Canton won the recent Haslett Diamond Days Tournament with a 4-0 record including a 13-0 triumph over Haslett in the title contest.

In the opener against Newell's Yankees (Waterford), the Sharks took an 8-1 lead after three innings and held on for a 9-5 victory.

Gage Moyers got the win and Brian Martin picked up the save. Offensively, the Riversharks were led by Brendan Olepa with two hits and an RBI, and Kyle Winfrey's three RBIs.

In game two, the Sharks beat East Lansing 14-3. It was all Motor City as the Sharks took a 14-0 lead into the last inning. Brenden Lacorato picked up the win on three innings of no-hit ball. Chase Every, Ryan Boyd, Olepa, Lacorato, Martin, and Moyers all had a multiple hit game.

The bats went silent for four innings against Fowlerville but the Sharks exploded for six runs in the fifth to lead the way to a 9-4 victory, putting the Riversharks into the championship game.

Hits by Martin, Winfrey, and Jeremy Armstead started the rally while Andy Lentine and Matt Hagan laid down perfect bunt singles.

The championship game was all Riversharks 13-0. Winfrey was dominant on the mound and Nik Patel was perfect at shortstop as the Sharks scattered three hits and Winfrey picked up the win.

Joe Watson returned from an injury to make a nice running catch in the second to secure the shutout. Olepa and Martin led the offense with two hits apiece while Winfrey drove in four runs.

The Riversharks are 20-7-1 and in first place in the 11U Cobb Division.



The Motor City Riversharks 11U travel baseball team of Canton continued their winning ways by capturing the recent Haslett Diamond Days Tournament.

SWIM

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(10), Tyler Roshak (14) and Miranda Shelly (16).

"We had some great swims, and our 8-and-unders were superstars," Beechview coach Driska McCullough said. "It was wonderful to see all the kids come together and have good swims and a fun meet."

Beechview had a little more depth than Glen Aquatic, which won 15 individual events and three relays. Double winners for Glen included Trevor Franklin (12), Brodeo Jamieson (8), Madeline Greaves (7), T-Bird Jones (8), McKenna Greaves (10) and Eric Gensheimer (17).

McNeece, who has served as meet director since the event was started in 2008, said it's a thrill to organize and produce the meet, because the kids enjoy it so much.

"In the summer, they get split up into different Farmington teams, but this meet brings them all together at the same time," he said. "The kids love it. This is their favorite meet of the year because it's such a friendly competition."

"It's some very good competition, but it's very friendly. A lot of age-group swimmers know each other and have fun competing against each other."

The idea for the all-city



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Beechview swimmers were No. 1 for the third straight year in the fourth annual Farmington all-city swim meet.

meet came from former Kendallwood coach Eric Newton. McNeece thought it was a great suggestion and took it from there.

"It was a big success the first year, and we've just continued it," McNeece said. "It's been fantastic every year."

"I'm glad he suggested it and grateful he had the foresight to say, 'Let's get all the

kids together.' We're going to have a fifth, sixth and seventh. As long as we can do it, we're going to do it."

McNeece is also grateful for the many Kendallwood parents and members who assist him in running the meet.

"We have terrific volunteers at the club who allow us to put it on," McNeece said. "It takes 30 to 40 people who

want to spend their morning with the kids, and it works out terrifically at Kendallwood. We have a great volunteer base."

"I'm looking forward to (the 2012 meet) already. It's a thrill to put it on for the kids. It's something they look forward to, and they would miss it if we didn't do it."

A total of 359 swimmers between the ages of 4 and

18 participated in the meet. Glen had the largest contingent with 117; Beechview had 92, Woodbrooke 82 and Kendallwood 68. The meet was a fund-raiser again for Special Olympics.

Kendallwood's double winners were Danny McNeece (14), Nick Leshok (15), Lauren Folkert (16) and JT Gidley (10). Other single winners were

Glenn's Emma Inch (9), Analiese Schneeman (10) and Karlie Wengorovius (12), Woodbrooke's Sarah Kane (14), Calvin Kopitz (17), Keith Erichsen (13), Alden Kane (12) and Christopher Barron (11) and Kendallwood's Andrew Schenkus (10), Annika Gidley (13), Rob Chapekis (14) and Greta Gidley (8).



Livonia Wild repeats

On June 26, the Livonia Junior Athletic League Wild, a 14-and-under girls fastpitch softball team, successfully defended its Millington Invitational tournament title. Members of the Wild, who posted a 5-0 tourney record, include (front row, from left): Lindsey Bugosh, Anne St. John, Natalie Moore, Natalie Spala, Alaina DeFrain, Maggie Law, Megan Chapman; (back row, from left) coach Pete Chapman, Desiree Krzywdzinski, Jessie Strauch, Julie St. John, Allie Strautz and manager Glenn Moore. It was a total team effort," Moore said. "The girls fought through injury, fatigue, and heat to prevail against a talented group of teams."



Pride power

The Plymouth-Canton Pride 10U travel softball team celebrates after a recent tournament victory. The team, which has excelled in numerous tourneys in Ohio, Indiana as well as Michigan, will compete at a national tournament in Florida in mid-July. Members of the team are as follows: (front row, from left) Madison Rosiewicz, Jessica Tucci, Justice Ruggles, Alaina Heitmeyer, Nicole Dawson; (middle row, from left) Morgan Overaitis, Isabelle Dawson, Makayleigh Silverman, Lucy Cronin, Jennifer Bressler, McKenzie Knight; (back row, from left) coach Dan Bressler and coach Craig Overaitis. Not pictured is coach Tony Gould.

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ACES
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said. "And that it was the same one and that he played from the white tees, so it was even longer. I was at the red tees."

She remembered that hers hit on the left side of the green and kicked in.

According to Jack, his hole-in-one rolled right up against the flag.

"I was playing with my dad and my friend Tyler (McMahan, 16) and Tyler lasered it with his yard-age finder," Jack explained. "And I figured it was a little bit downwind, the pin's up front so I took a 6-iron."

"And I just hit it and it bounced in front of the green, the pin's up front and it just rolled in."

Jack, a 4.0 student and multi-sport athlete entering seventh grade at Discovery Middle School, actually experienced a hole-in-one two years ago in Florida.

Of course, he said his recent ace was sweeter because it was where his mom sank hers.

Roxanne said she stopped golfing not long after her hole-in-one. The births of Jack and seven-year-old twins Bridget and Grace sub-

sequently delayed her return to the course.

RUNS IN THE FAMILY

But recently, she and the girls have gotten into the swing. They go out for family outings at Fox Hills (in Plymouth) or Bushwood (in Northville).

"Well yeah, the girls are a little older," Roxanne said. "We've been playing as a family, which is kind of nice."

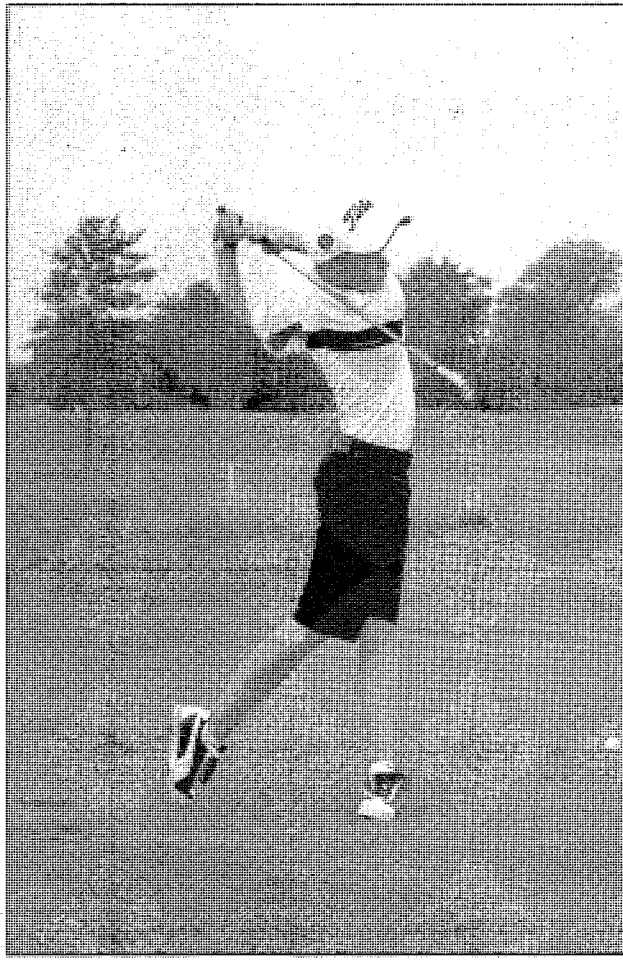
"They've played the last couple years. ... Bridget's probably going to play in a tournament this year. Grace, I don't know if she's ready."

It wouldn't be a shocker if one of the twins someday follows suit in the hole-in-one department because that achievement runs in the family.

"One of my uncles has had, like six," Jack said. "My grandpa has three."

Meanwhile, Jeff and Roxanne intend to make sure Jack's ego doesn't get too massive in the wake of already doing — twice, mind you — something most golfers never get to experience. "We won't let it," said Jeff with a hearty laugh. "Plus, he's got two sisters that definitely won't let it get to his head."

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Jack Boczar works on his swing recently at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton.

RECRUITS
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Northville High ties - Nate Lightner, a defender-midfielder, and John Hatzis, a midfielder and transfer from Siena Heights University.

"Nate is very versatile," Larson said. "He plays so hard and will compete for full-time minutes because he knows how to play."

"John played one year at Siena Heights. He has a very high soccer I.Q. and can play any position."

Larson also picked off two defenders from the Ann Arbor area led by Pioneer High's Luis Gomez-Dominguez and Huron's Mario

Teixiera, a transfer from the University of New Hampshire.

"Gomez is strong, super competitive and really a hard worker," Larson said. "Teixiera is a defender-type, a big, strong kid who played at Vardar Academy."

Another Larson recruit, forward Gino Pasquali of Utica Eisenhower, should also contribute.

Practice for Schoolcraft begins Aug. 1 and the first game will be a rematch on Friday, Aug. 26 against NJCAA Division I National runner-up Cincinnati State, which defeated the Ocelots in last year's Region XII final, 2-1.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Stevenson hockey

Livonia Stevenson will begin its summer hockey program from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, July 11, for incoming ninth graders and goalies at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia.

An informational parent meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, July 11, at Edgar Arena.

Skating and workouts will follow Monday through Friday, July 11-15, July 18-22, and Monday-Tuesday, July 25-26, at both Edgar Arena and the high school.

The cost per skate is \$10 for 1-hour skates and scrimmages, \$15 for 90 minutes; and \$5 for goalie half-hour sessions.

E-mail Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at lhyman@livoniapublicschools.org.

Whalers trade for future draft picks

With two good Import players already on the roster and ready to play next season, the Plymouth Whalers used Wednesday's 2011 Canadian Hockey League Import Draft to acquire two future draft choices.

Whalers president, general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci traded the Whalers' first pick and 31st overall to Erie.

In exchange, Plymouth receives a seventh round selection in the 2012 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection and a fifth round pick in the 2014 OHL Draft.

The Whalers passed on their second selection (91st overall) in the CHL Import Draft.

CHL teams can play just two import selections.

The Whalers current Imports - Rickard Rakell, from Sweden (taken in the first round by Anaheim in last weekend's National Hockey League Entry Draft) and Dario Trutmann, from Switzerland - will return in 2011-12.

"We have two of the best imports in the Canadian Hockey League," Vellucci said. "Dario and Rickard were important parts of our team last season. They both played in the World Junior Championships last year. We expect them to improve in 2011-12."

Rakell scored 20 goals and 25 assists for 45 points and was a plus-14 in 49 games last season for the Whalers.

He missed 15 games at the end of the season due to injury, but that didn't stop Anaheim from taking him with the 30th pick in the 2011 NHL Draft.

"I saw him at the world juniors a whole bunch and liked him," Anaheim general

manager Bob Murray told the Orange County Register. "He's a 17-year-old playing in the World Junior and he did a pretty good job. He's a good two-way smart hockey player. He can play center or the wing. We're very happy that he was still there at 30."

As one of the youngest players in the 2011 World Junior Championships, Rakell contributed three assists in five games for Sweden.

Although Rakell will go the Ducks developmental camp this summer and then their training Camp in September, Murray doesn't expect to fast-track him to the NHL.

"He'll finish out his junior career properly," the Anaheim coach said. "Maybe one year in the minors and then we'll see where he goes. He's very intelligent and plays more of a North American game than a European game."

Trutmann paced the Whalers during the regular season with plus-17 and scored six goals with 13 assists in 62 games last season. He added a goal and three assists in 11 OHL playoff games.

Trutmann played a regular shift for the Swiss during the 2011 World Juniors - often against the opposition's top lines - and scored four assists in six games.

Whalers associate coach Joe Stefan appreciates Trutmann's approach to the game.

"He plays hard and competes every night," Stefan said. "He doesn't back down from anybody. He'll battle the biggest guys and he enjoys doing that. He's given us a lift because he moves the puck really well and is smart in his own end and can help us on the power play."

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BY SHARON DARGAY
ORE STAFF WRITER

Schuman Street in Garden City will celebrate a milestone this summer. It's the 10th anniversary of the "Schuman Street Block Party," and organizers along the stretch of 10 houses have been gearing up for the event since February when they held a fundraiser at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia to raise seed money for expenses. Proceeds from the show, which drew about 200 friends and relatives, will buy a DJ's services, an inflatable bounce house, obstacle course and bungee run. Adults who indulge in the ice luge after the sun sets, pitch in for rental costs and remain vigilant for underage drinkers.

"We just have a blast," says George Kordie, who, along with his wife, Chris, and their three grown sons, has participated in the fun for the past decade.

But it's a party with a real payoff. "One purpose is that we try to watch each other's houses. We get to know our neighbors well. It has brought the block together," Kordie said.

Beyond the barbecues and bounce houses, block parties can promote neighborhood spirit and unity, create police-community partnerships and heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, according to the National Association of Town Watch. The non-profit organization, founded in 1984, is dedicated to the development of crime and drug prevention programs. It promotes the annual National Night Out, held on Tuesday, Aug. 2 this year, and suggests that neighborhoods consider block parties, cookouts, parades, flashlight walks, and contests as ways to promote unity and increase anti-crime awareness.

MEETING NEIGHBORS

Sgt. Duane A. Gregg of the Redford Township Police Department sees a connection between block parties and safer streets.

"Since we have reinstated the Neighborhood Watch program we

BLOCK PARTY PLANNING IDEAS

- Use the party as a fundraiser for a good cause or to strengthen or start a Neighborhood Watch program
- Create an organizing committee and meet a few months before the event to decide activities, delegate responsibilities and tweak plans
- Try a block-long yard sale before attempting a block party
- Consider a fundraiser to help defray the cost of renting games and music
- Suggest that each family be responsible for their own foods. They'll be able to choose their own time for dinner, as well as keep food covered and at the correct temperature
- If you prefer a more formal, potluck, make sure there's plenty of ice to keep foods cold, and keep grills away from pedestrian areas
- Make sure there are plenty of activities for kids: Decorated bike parade, chalking on the walk, inflatable bounce house, organized games

have seen a few more block parties in the Township as a result," he said, in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "We encourage residents to participate in block parties as it is a great way to interact with new and old neighbors, and it in turn strengthens our community."

He checks block party applications to make sure previous gatherings haven't drawn complaints or required police runs.

"In the five years I have been approving block parties I have only had an issue arise with one block."

On Schuman street, neighbors take turns with a "security walk," twice a night to make sure the block party revelers all are invited guests. In the past they've also used wristbands.

Please see **TOGETHER, B7**

Block Party



Get that permit

Here's a sampling of procedures for obtaining a block party permit and temporarily closing a street for the event:

• Canton: The police department needs at least four days to schedule a street barricade. Visit www.cantonmi.org for details.

• Garden City: The city needs two weeks to process and approve a block party application. Everyone on the block must agree to closing

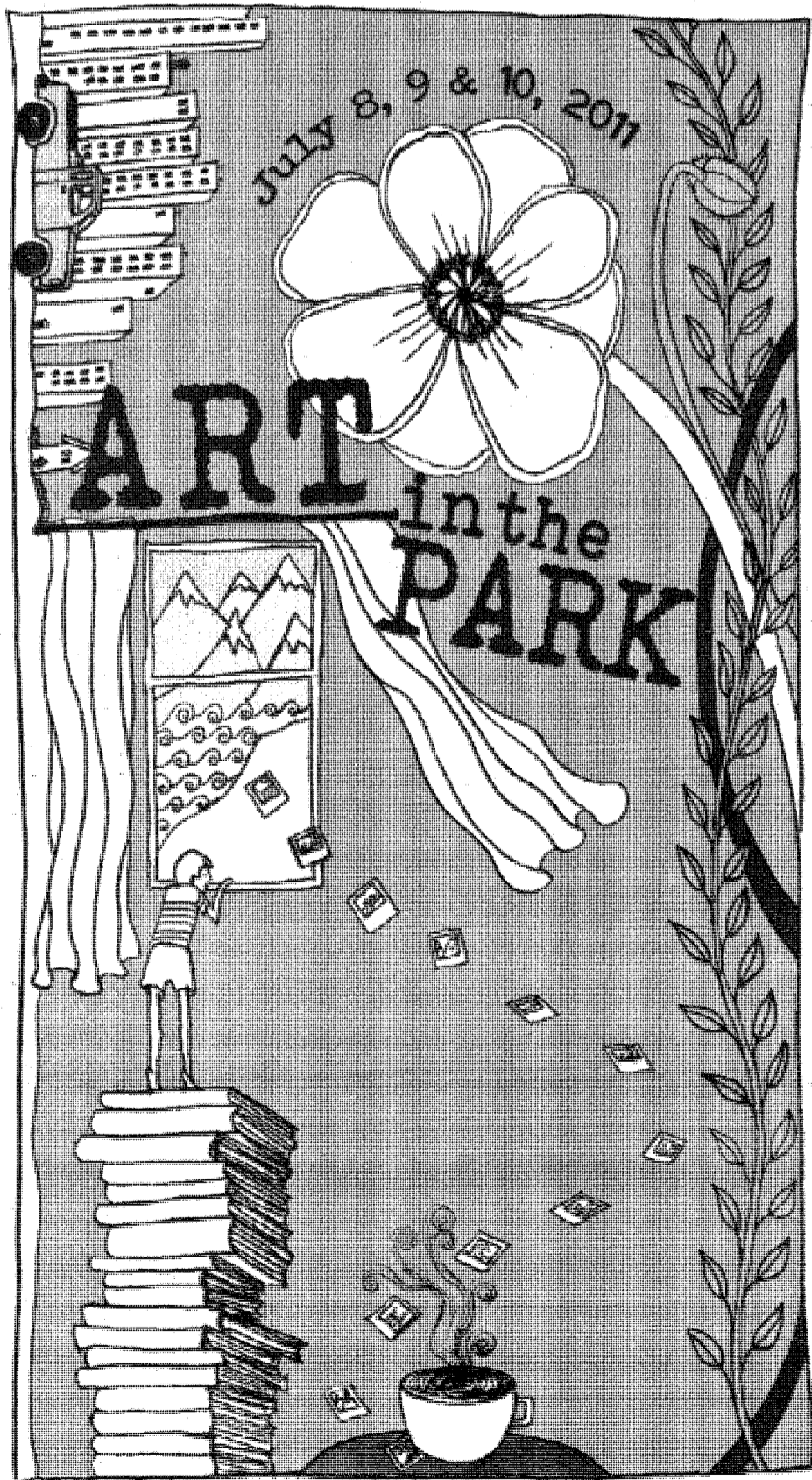
the street. A \$25 deposit is required for the barricades. Applications are available at Garden City's offices, 6000 Middlebelt; www.gardencitymi.org

• Livonia: Break out the cider and doughnuts and consider a football theme for your block party, because city guidelines say you must submit a request eight weeks before the event for city council approval. The council's resolution number is your ticket

to obtaining a permit from the police department. Permit-holders can borrow barricades, which are given out on a first-come first-served basis from the city sign shop, and must return them the day after the party. Visit the city Web site to download a form at www.ci.livonia.mi.us

• Plymouth: Maureen Brodie, deputy city clerk, says she receives

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Members of the Catholic Central Dads' Club, Rick Bloomfield, (left), and Mike McGarry, congratulate Don Stock and his wife, Marge, who received a trip to Ireland from Dads' Club raffle winners Terry and Nan Flood. Mike Pursak, (right) manager of The Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia, sponsors the annual raffle. Although the Floods of Farmington won the trip, they presented it to the Stocks as a gift to celebrate Don Stock's retirement as a guidance counselor from Catholic Central, in Novi.

SCHOOLCRAFT SUMMER CAMP SIGN UP

There's still time to enroll in Schoolcraft College's "Kids on Campus" summer programs. The college offers a variety of hands-on learning programs for kids of all ages. Camps run July 11-Aug. 5. New offerings this year include "Weather & Nature Clubhouse" for first and second graders; "Become a Potter" and "Life in the Wild West" for fifth and sixth grad-

ers; a class in Grecian culture and field trip to Mexico for middle school students. Other classes run the gamut from culinary arts to robotics and building design. For full camp details and to register, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/koc or call (734) 462-4448.

GARDEN & NATURE

ENGLISH GARDENS

- Get tips on creating a container water garden, 10 a.m. Saturday, July 9.
- Find out how to keep the summer garden looking its best at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 16.
- Learn about the four main categories of hydrangeas at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 23.
- Get basic information on planning, planting and maintaining flowers in the shade at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 30.

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.

REDFORD GARDENS

Redford Township Beautification Commission will present its garden walk 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 9. Tickets are \$5, available at the Redford District Library; the Clerk's office in the Township Hall; Leisure Services at the Redford Community Center; the Chamber of Commerce, 26050 Five Mile; Township Hardware, 25880 Five Mile; and at each of the gardens. For information on each garden go www.redfordtp.com. The ticket includes a map of the garden locations. Participants can visit

the gardens in any order and at their own pace. A total of nine gardens will feature a variety of container gardens, perennials, raised beds, vegetable gardens, garden ponds with waterfall, and basically good upscale gardening.

NORTHVILLE WALK

Country Garden Club of Northville presents its 18th Annual Garden Walk, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 13. Tickets are \$10, available at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main, Northville. On walk day, tickets also will be available at Mill Race Village; (248) 348-3263.

REUNION CALENDAR

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 1954
A 57-year reunion luncheon is planned for Oct. 6 at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623 or e-mail to Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com.

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 wolon1@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.

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Free picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21, at Nankin Mills Pavilion, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. 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@wowway.com

Class of 1971

40th reunion, 6:30-11:30 p.m. July 9, at Waterford Lanes/Banquet Hall, 7100 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. RSVP 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 hfh-s1971reunion@yahoo.com.

Detroit Mackenzie

June Class of 1961
50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail lvnerian@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.

Detroit Northwestern

Class of 1971
Celebration Weekend is Friday-Sunday, Aug. 19-21 and will include a meet and greet, class legacy dinner dance and a picnic. A fundraiser, "Bringing Back to the 70s" will be held 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, June 25 at Bert's, located in the Eastern Market in Detroit. A portion of the proceeds from the events will be donated to Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc., Michigan Chapter. For more information, call (734) 326-1488 or e-mail to dnshs40th71@yahoo.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 e-mail at pruddyduck1@sbcglobal.net or call (830) 620-5734; local contact is Louise Giles (248) 224-3369.

Ferdale High School

Class of 1961
4:10-4:25 p.m., Friday, Sept. 9, gathering time at the high school, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. at Rosie O'Grady's, 279 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. The reunion continues at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver, Troy, with a social hour, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Weekend concludes with a final farewell and snack 12:30-1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11.

at Dugan's 31501 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. Bill Stenbak at (231) 544-6522.

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.net.

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.

Garden City West

Class of 1981
30-year reunion, 6:30 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 22, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, Livonia. \$45 per person; \$90 per couple. Payment must be received by Sept. 1. No tickets will be sold at the door. Send a check or money order made payable to GC West Class of 1981, 32511 Windsor, Garden City, MI 48135. Questions? Call Erin (Therry) 751-2424.

Inkster Cherry Hill

All classes
The Cherry Hill High School Alumni Association presents a reunion for all classes, 11 a.m. to 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@twmlr.com.

Class of 1981
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BY SHARON DARGAY
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Happy Hounds, a doggy day care and boarding business, will fill its parking lot with cast-off treasures from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will donate the garage sale proceeds to benefit Last Day Dog Rescue.

"We're a foster for them. We've probably been for two years now," said Nancy Janoch, Happy Hounds owner. "At our last count we had over 100 dogs come through here. They get dogs from kill shelters on their last day, so they often don't have fosters or adoptive homes ready."

Happy Hounds fosters up to three dogs at a time. Stays range from a few days to a few months, depending on how quickly they are adopted. Janoch said the day care has donated funds to Last Day Dog Rescue in the past, but this is the first time she has planned a garage sale to raise the money.

"First of all, we wanted to clean out our closets. And we've been trying to think of events to have while Plymouth has their (downtown) events."

The garage sale will be held during the second day of the annual Plymouth Art in the Park in Kellogg Park and adjacent streets. The rain date



PET PROJECTS

for the sale is Sunday, July 10. Happy Hounds staff will grill and give away free hot dogs, and will have information available about Last Day Dog Rescue.

Janoch said Happy Hounds is accepting donations of gently-used items for the sale through Friday, July 8.

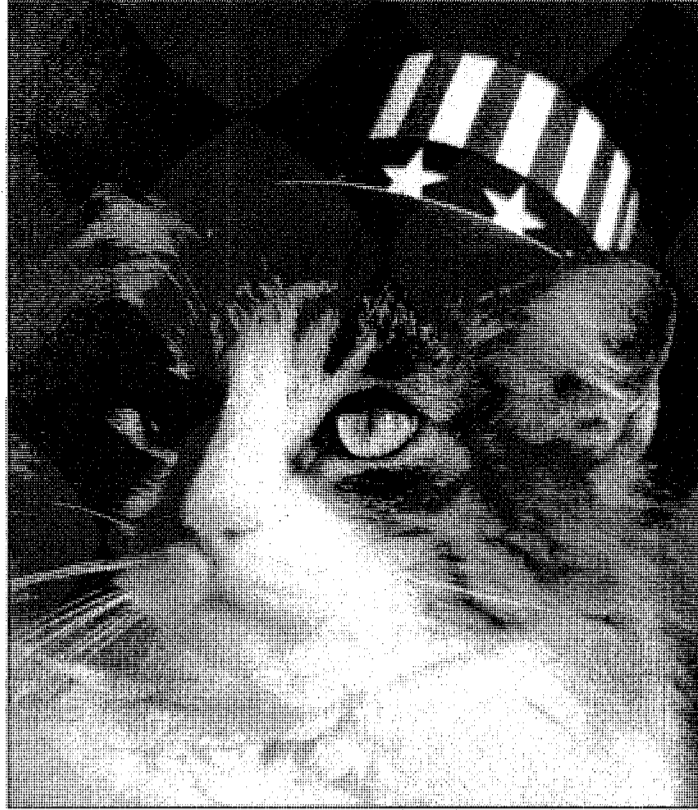
Happy Hounds is located at 673 S. Main; (734) 459-DOGS.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

Every year animal welfare organizations and veterinary offices caution against taking dogs to fireworks shows and using firecrackers near family pets.

And every year when I attend my favorite July 4 display, I watch people pulling their frightened dogs through the crowd, apparently oblivious to what's going on at the other end of the leash.

At last year's show, I saw a dog limp her way along the sidewalk as her family



Keep pets safe this Fourth of July.

searched for the perfect viewing spot. I wondered if the pooch might have stepped on a smoldering sparkler or had its paw trodden on by other pedestrians on the crowded sidewalk.

After the thundering finale, I headed to my car in a stream of spectators and watched a man pull at his cowering dog. He barked at her to keep moving and wondered out loud why she kept stopping and plastering her belly to the ground.

Is it really that hard to figure out?

"When fireworks and other loud noises are going on outside, pets can do some pretty remarkable things to escape," said Terri Mallett, animal behavior specialist, in a press release from the Michigan Humane Society, (MHS). "That's why having up-to-date identification including

tags and a microchip is so important - it's the best way for a lost pet to find their way home."

Here are a few suggestions from MHS about keeping pets safe over the July 4 holiday weekend:

- Keep pets inside and secure. Frightened animals may jump tall fences, bolt out gates or run through screens in order to "escape."
- Make sure pets have ID! A visible ID tag and license with current information plus a microchip is recommended for all dogs and cats.
- If your pet is afraid of the loud noises, confine him in a safe, quiet room and turn on soft music.
- If your dog shows signs of distress, give him a peanut butter-stuffed toy to help distract him and calm his nerves.

TOGETHER

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Kordie said he and a neighbor have welcomed 150 party goers at their homes alone, but have since tried to "tone it down."

"We don't want it to get out of proportion."

PUBLIC INCLUDED

Outsiders isn't an issue with some block parties, such as Old Village Association's annual Halloween themed event in Plymouth.

The group of homeowners and businesses, headed by Shirley Smith, a resident, welcomes the public to its fall block party - which appeals to children with its pumpkin bowling, costumes, balloon twisting and magician - and its summer adult event, Bumpers, Bikes and Bands on July 17, which includes a car and motorcycle show, along with live music and food concessions. Proceeds raised through the neighborhood events help pay for neighborhood beautification.

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"We want to draw people to Old Village for the businesses," Smith said. "We try to figure out what would be the biggest draw. From the resident's standpoint what we hope to do is beautify Old Village. We now have two sets of banners, a winter set and spring set. That is one thing we've done with the proceeds."

PERMIT

FROM PAGE B5

"quite a few" permit requests every year. Include your name, address, e-mail address, phone number, date/time requested and the street that would be temporarily closed. Include the names of the two cross-streets. Send the request to her at mbrodie@ci.plymouth.mi.us or City Manager's Office, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Redford: The city requires a petition signed by all residents affected by the block party. The petition must contain the street to be closed, the date and times, and a contact person for the block party. Fifty-one percent of the residents on the street must agree to the party. There is a \$25 fee. If approved, the affected street may be barricaded until 11 p.m. The police department

reviews applications. "We check for prior block parties and to see if there were any complaints or police runs to them. In the five years I have been approving block parties I have only had an issue arise with one block," said Sgt. Duane Gregg.

Westland: Kevin Buford, who heads the city's public service department, says residents should write a letter to him, including their block party date and time, their address and identifying the block they want to close from traffic. "We can't allow people to close down a main road, like Ford, and unfortunately we've had people who wanted to because they live on it," Buford said. He needs at least a week's notice to close a residential street. The city delivers the barricades for the street, but Buford says the person who requests the permit is responsible for them.

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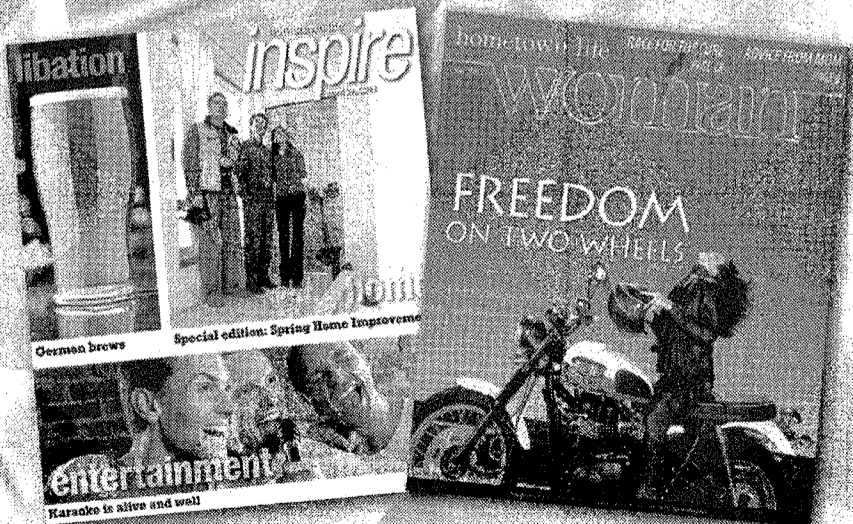
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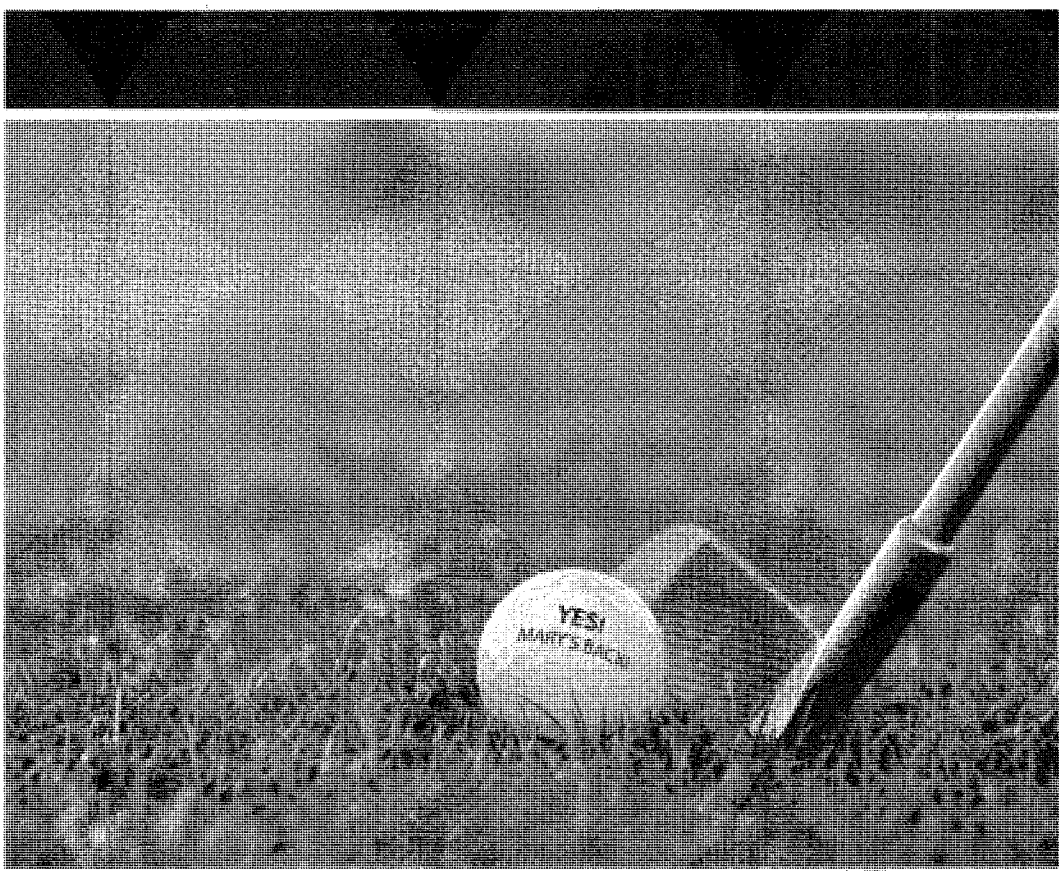
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Stephen Paletta, founder of GiveBack.org with Oprah Winfrey.



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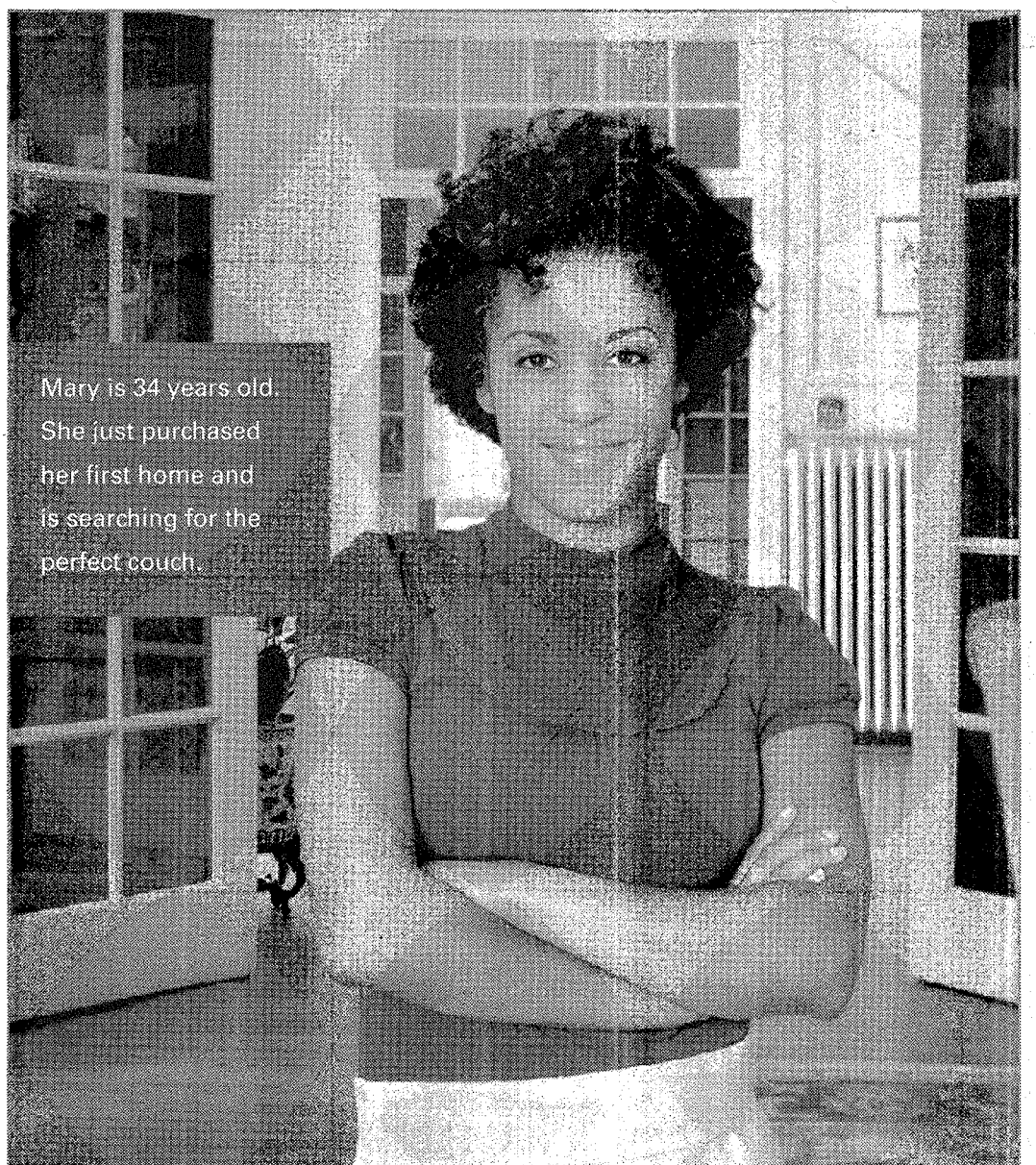
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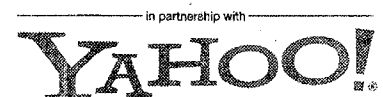
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60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Ron and Dollie (Juengel) Lieberman celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with their immediate family on Sunday, June 12, at Fox Hills Banquet Center. They were married June 30, 1951 at St. Brigid's Church in Detroit and now reside in Canton. They have six children:

John (Nikki), Carol, Thomas (Susan), Paul (Deborah), Gail (Daryl), Sandra (Michael) and 12 grandchildren; Michael (Jamie), Joseph (Sarah), Cory (Amber), Erin, Melanie, Darik (Lisa), Timothy, Edward, Michele, Rachel, Jacob, Bryan, and one great-granddaughter; Cerina.



Ron and Dollie Lieberman of Canton

60-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Charles Edmond and Bernadine T. (Beil) Paquette celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, June 30. The couple wed in 1951 at St. Julianna Parish in Detroit.



Charles and Bernadine Paquette of Livonia.

The Paquettes moved from St. Clair Shores to Livonia in 1969, where they raised three children, Charles Keith Paquette, Rosemarie Ann Vincent and Sandra Delores Haffey. They have one grandson, Jacob Joseph Haffey. Charles retired 17 years ago from careers at DeVilbiss and Myr Industries. He is a Civil War buff and a handyman. Bernadine, a homemaker, has been an avid gardener and a bingo worker. Both enjoy spending time with their grandson.



Bernadine Paquette is escorted down the aisle by her father on her wedding day, June 30, 1951.

WINTER WEDDING PLANNED



Matthews-Hunt

Heather Matthews and Joshua Hunt announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Kim Reeves Matthews of Livonia, is employed at Harman International in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé, son of the late Sue Fuller, is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is employed at Lean Logistics, in Holland. A winter 2012 wedding is planned in Holland.

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.

JULY 3-6

Guest speaker
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, July 3
Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield Details: Bernard Gaulier takes over the pulpit for a sermon on "Churches, Patriotism and the American Flag" during Sunday service
Contact: (248) 354-4488

Lecture
Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, 13, 20 and 27
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Howard N. Lupovitch teaches a summer series called "Esther's Children: Persian Jews Under Emperor, Caliph, Sultan, and Shah." Each lecture will be self-contained and can be attended independently. Tuition is \$50 for the series or \$15 per lecture. Advance registration is requested to help plan seating and photocopied handout materials, but walk-ins will be accommodated. Topics are "The World of Esther and Mordechai" on July 6; "Jews in Shi'ite Society," on July 13; "Under Sultans and Shahs" on July 20 and "Israel, Iran and the Persian Jews" on July 27. To sign up, send a check made payable to Congregation Beth Ahm, to 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield MI 48322 (Attention: Adult Ed). Also may pre-register by calling the office and pay at the door
Contact: (248) 737-1931

JULY 7-13

ENDOW
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Monday, July 11-Aug. 31
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 15500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Michele Schmidt facilitates this women's study group, which is designed to help women discover their God-given dignity and femininity through Catholic teaching. Sessions explore Pope John Paul II's Letter To Women. Atmosphere is prayerful, but relaxed. Cost is \$60. Scholarships are available
Contact: Register at (303) 715-3224 or at www.endowonline.org

Guest speaker
Time/Date: 10 a.m., Sunday, July 10
Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield Details: Ben Gabel takes over the pulpit for a sermon entitled "Island of Misfit Toys" during Sunday service
Contact: (248) 354-4488

Lecture
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, July 9 and 16 and Wednesday, July 13
Location: Metropolitan Adventist Church, 15585 N. Hagerty, Plymouth
Details: The three-session seminar, "The Evidence of Creation" will explore creation from the perspective of a NASA scientist and recent graduate with a master's degree in public policy from Pepperdine University. No cost, but a free will donation will be accepted. Register by phone
Contact: (248) 446-9176

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BACK, RONALD SCOTT
Went to be with the Lord, June 23, 2011. Beloved father of Holly & Lisa. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Roberta and parents Marion and Gordon Back. Survived by many who loved him dearly. A memorial service will be held at St. Andrew's Church in Livonia at 11:00am on Saturday, July 2nd.

FISHER, HELEN
Age 81 June 27, 2011 of Garden City. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland, 734-326-1300 vermeulenfuneralhome.com



FLOOD, CYNTHIA
Age 52, June 29, of Livonia. Beloved Daughter of Donald and Norma Flood. Dear Mother of Michael Pohutsky and Mark Pohutsky. Loving Sister of Lynda (Timothy) Smith. Dearest aunt of Kelley Smith and Karey Smith. Cynthia obtained an associate degree and a bachelor degree in business administration. She was a proud certified Braille transcriber. She also enjoyed contributing her time to the seedlings organization. Memorial Contributions can be directed towards Angela Hospice Center and Grace Lutheran Church. Memorial Service Tuesday at Grace Lutheran Church 25630 Grand River Ave. Redford, MI. Arrangements in the care of Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com

GYDE, ONALEE
June 26, 2011, age 93, of Plymouth. Loving wife of the late Kenneth. Beloved mother of Patsy (George) Alver, David (Joyce), and the late Sally (Frank) Busha. Proud grandmother of Sue (Richard) Hoy, Jim (Lori) Busha, Pam (Dave) Pedlow, Julie (Greg) Flanders, Mike (Diana) Alver, and the late Janet Breland. Also survived by 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held Wednesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Interment Kinyon Cemetery, Canton. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



HARMON, MARYELLEN, RSCJ
Educator and race relations consultant, died Saturday, June 18 at the age of 87. She ministered in education for more than 50 years. Sister Harmon served as Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Detroit for a number of years. Following her tenure as Superintendent, Sister Harmon taught at the University of Detroit and Madonna University. A memorial service will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 1, at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills. For more information, please visit www.rscj.org/node/1644.

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HILLSTROM, ELVA R. JUNE 26, 2011
Born on February 26, 1927 to the late Henry and Edith Kahler in Lake Linden, Michigan. She graduated from Lake Linden High School in 1945. She moved to Detroit in 1950 and to Farmington in 1978. Elva was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington. She is survived by her brother, Don (Shirley) Kahler of Chassell, Michigan and her sister Mae Toutaut of Laurium, Michigan. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6th at the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Rev. Carolyn Wik officiating. Memorials may be directed to the church.
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KARAGEOZIAN, LUCILLE U.
Age 80 of Livonia. Cherished wife of George. Loving mother of Valerie and Greg (Diane). Proud grandma of Tava, Mara and Ani. Dearest sister of Sonia Toundaian and sister-in-law to Margaret Benian and Joyce Obenhoff. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) Wednesday 3-9pm. Funeral Service Thursday 11am at the funeral home. Memorial Contributions may be made to Therapeutic Riders, Inc and/or Old Village School.
Please visit online guestbook at fredwoodfuneralhome.com

KIRKLAND, BARBARA L.
Age 61, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away June 29, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

LITTLE, BEVERLY M.
Age 68, of Farmington, MI. Passed away June 24, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.



MAGEE, ELLIS L. JR. "FRED"
June 27, 2011 age 87 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of the late Lucienne. Loving father of Robert (Jeanne), Carol McMichael, David (Lori), Sandra (Leo) Bitting, and Mark (Mary). Proud grandpa of eight and great-grandpa of four. Dear brother of Joyce Skoglund. Fred was retired from Ford Motor Company after 40 years of service. He also honorably served in the US Army during World War II. Long-time member of WCCA (Western Wayne County Conservation Association). Visitation Friday 3 PM until the 7 PM funeral service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth.
To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

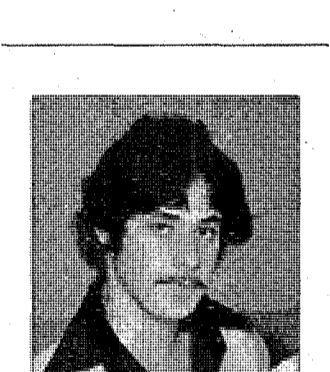


NOWAK, JOHN
Age 70 of Westland. Cherished husband of Nancy. Loving father of John Jr. (Scott Klein), Larry, and Terry. Proud grandpa of Devin, Travis, Ashley, Arlene, Jennifer and Marisa. Special uncle of Marie and Tracy and Great Uncle of McKenzie. Dear brother of Norman and brother-in-law to Dorothy (Dot). Preceded in death by his siblings George, Millie, and Jane. Visitation Tuesday from 3-9pm at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd (E. of Levan) Livonia. Funeral Service Wednesday 10:30am at Fred Wood Funeral Home. Memorial Contributions may be made to Operation Good Cheer c/o Child and Family Services 2157 University Park Drive Okemos, MI 48864. Please share condolences at www.fredwoodfuneralhome.com



OSBORNE, JOHN B. JR.
Died March 4, 2011. Although born in Indiana in 1932, he grew up in the Detroit area and spent most of his life in Michigan. He and his wife of 46 years, Gretchen, left their home in Bloomfield Township, MI, and moved to Sherman Hills, near Brooksville, FL, in 2002. It was an opportunity to be near their son and to live on a golf course. John served three years in the U.S. Air Force and was a graduate of Michigan State University. He was employed by General Motors Corp., Buick Motor Division, for 31 years. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, John III of St. Petersburg, FL; his daughter and son-in-law, Carrie and Markus Heiss; and granddaughter, Anna, all of London, England. He was also survived by his sister, Mary Jane Osborne Teaze, who died April 13, 2011, and her children, Molly Barnett and Daniel Teaze, survive him. John was generous with both his love and his time. Involvement in his children's lives included coaching in Little League and Connie Mack baseball for many years. He encouraged respect for the game and for each other. Although golf was John's favorite pastime, he also enjoyed reading (especially history) and gardening. He loved his M.S.U. Spartans and remained a life-long supporter of the Detroit Tigers and Red Wings. His family and his many friends, especially in Florida and Michigan, will remember him as a positive, enthusiastic and caring man. He truly lived each day with joy and will be missed always. Friends and neighbors were invited to his home to celebrate a life well lived. As was John's wish, his cremated remains will be interred privately in the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla. Donations in his memory would be gratefully accepted at either of the following, Moffitt Foundation, P.O. Box 23827, Tampa, FL 33623-3827 or Best Friends Animal Society, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanub, UT 84741

SHELL, CLARENCE
Age 64, June 28, 2011 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Frances. Loving father of Robert (Theresa), Lowanda, Carlen Holbrook, Tina Wisniewski, Julian Shell and the late Jami Holbrook. 15 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Funeral Service Saturday 10 AM at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Friday 2-9 PM. Please share a memory of Clarence at www.rggharris.com



ZACHOS, WILLIAM "BILLIE"
Passed away March 5, 2011. Born June 22, 1961, son of Louis L. Zachos (deceased) and Margaret (Cecil) Zachos (deceased). Grandson of Aristotle "Harry" Zachos (deceased) and Victoria (Mager) Zachos (deceased). Grandson of Edward Cecil (deceased) and Justine (Comstock) Cecil (deceased). Dear brother of Susan (Zachos) Adams, Louis E. Zachos (deceased), and Christopher Zachos. Brother-in-law of Dennis Adams and Alesia (Warren) Zachos (deceased). Uncle of Jeremy Adams, Amanda (Zachos) Watson, Katie (Zachos) Brown, Justine Zachos and Nicholas Zachos. Husband (separated) of Debra (Lambert) Zachos and stepfather of John and Heather (children of Debra). Memorial to be held July 9, 2011 at a private residence. Please call (313) 532-6539 for further details.

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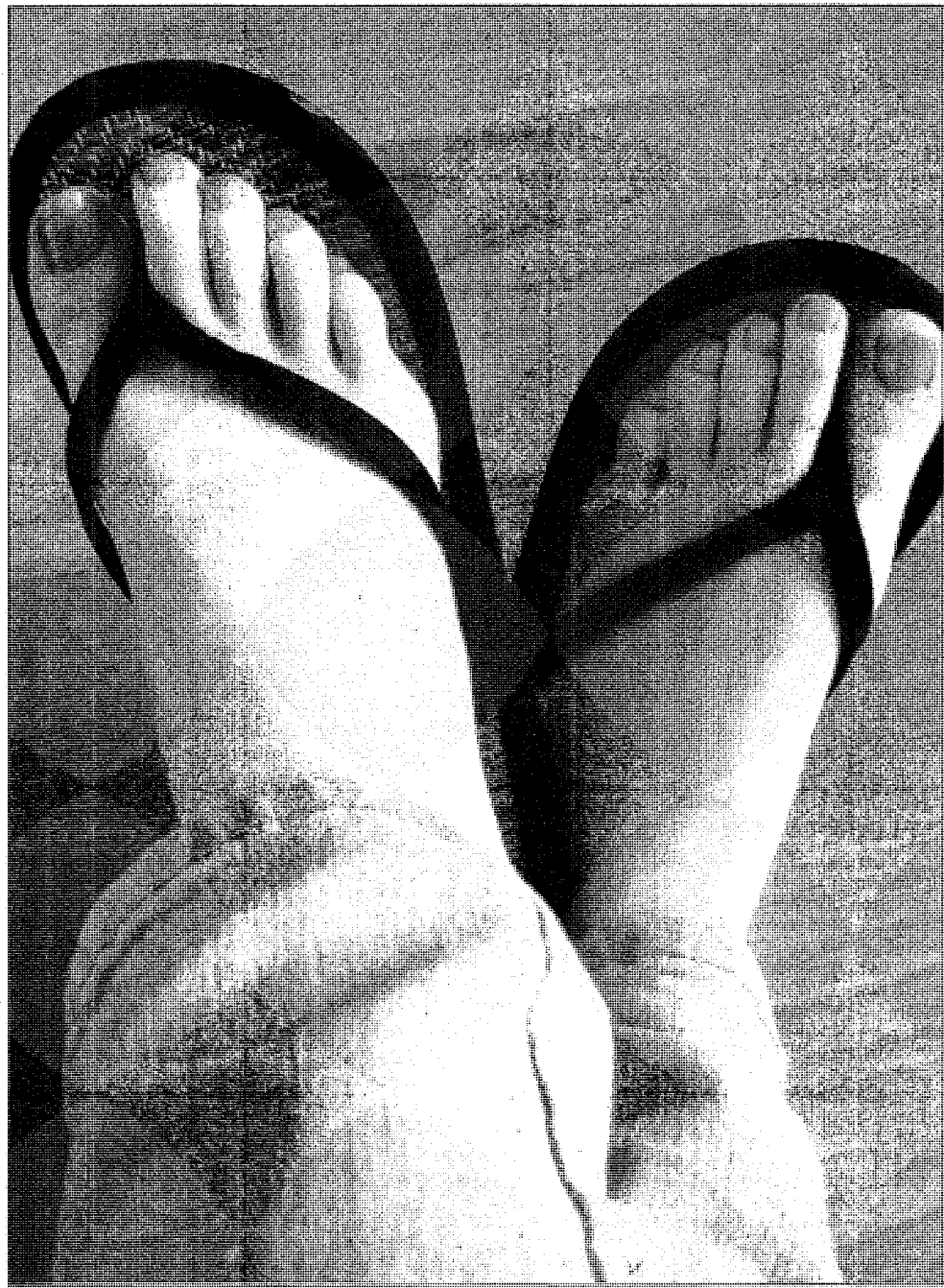
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Keep nails manicured and clean during sandal season.

Beware! Consider safety while at the nail salon

The heat is on and pedicure season has begun as sandals and flip flops make their way out of the closet and onto beautifully manicured feet.

Unfortunately, not all pedicure facilities offer clean and proper foot care and infections and other foot ailments may arise. The Michigan Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA) wants to make sure you keep the following advice in mind as you select a salon for a pedicure:

- Make sure that the instruments used are clean and sterilized. Ask the technician which cleaning procedure they use as well as the frequency of cleaning.
- Soaking in alcohol is not an approved sterilization.
- Sterilization — rather than disinfecting — is the best method. This can be done by using a cleaning agent such as hospital bactericide, fungicide or viricide. Instruments can be sterilized in an autoclave or ultrasonic machine.
- Make sure the instruments are sterilized after each use. You may consider bringing your own tools — nail nipper, cuticle nipper, cuticle pusher and curette cleaner

- Make sure foot tubs or basins are drained after performing a pedicure to get rid of all the bacteria present. Once all the water is removed, the inside of the tub should be wiped down with an antibacterial cleaner.

- Make sure technician's hands are clean. The nail technician should wash their hands in between clients. If they don't, request that they do or that they wear gloves.

- If you are diabetic, pedicures are not advised. Visit your doctor before receiving a pedicure to identify any potential risks.

- Do not allow aggressive cleaning. Nails should be cut straight with rounded edges. If bleeding of calluses occurs, see your podiatrist.

- Discolored or sickly nails should be treated.

Because polish hides the nails from the sun and can foster fungus, you may want to limit the use of polish to special occasions. However, keeping your feet clean, nails trimmed and moisturized for summer sandal wearing is recommended.

Visit www.mpma.org for more information.

Pack a healthful, safe picnic cooler this holiday weekend

Tonia Reinhard, director of Wayne State University's Coordinated Program in Dietetics in the Department of Nutrition & Food Science, says it takes only a few minor adjustments in food choices to keep July 4 picnic safe.

Food pathogens — microorganisms that make people sick — generally like room or warm temperatures, low acid, water, nutritious foods and the time to multiply. To prevent microorganisms, Reinhard offers the following tips:

- Use iced coolers, check ice periodically; consider replacing ice during picnic if the temperature is high.

- Pack the cooler carefully, with most highly perishables closest to ice and farthest from lid.

- Avoid bringing certain types of foods if they'll not be consumed almost immediate-

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— microorganisms that make people sick — generally like room or warm temperatures, low acid, water, nutritious foods and the time to multiply.

ly. These foods include meat, ground meat (especially burger patties) and mixed salads that contain meat and/or eggs.

- Plan to only bring what you will eat at the picnic; don't plan to bring home leftovers, especially meats and other entrees.

- Myth about mayonnaise: Mayonnaise is actually high in acid, so it keeps bacteria at bay. However, the foods it is typically used in, such as egg-based potato salad and macaroni salad, contain ingredients

that are highly perishable, making them more susceptible to food pathogens.

Reinhard offers these suggestions for healthful picnic snacks:

- Quick finger foods (such as chips and candy) are poor choices. Counter these with:
- Lots of raw, well-washed cut vegetables. Be careful with dips, though, and keep them near the ice

- Fruits and fruit salads; - Berries - mix red, blue

- Hard cheeses
- Chopped vegetable salad with balsamic vinaigrette dressing

- Whole grain pasta salad with vinegar oil dressing

- Whole grain pitas or tortillas

- Baked goods, such as brownies, made with mashed black beans as one ingredient.

Lend a hand at Stroke Retreat

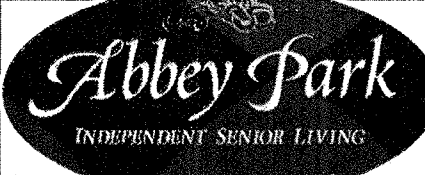
The annual Stroke Retreat for stroke survivors, caregivers and family members, sponsored by Henry Ford Health System, is looking for volunteers.

Physicians, nurses, technicians, therapists and lay persons with special skills are needed to work with stroke survivors at the annual Stroke Retreat, July 22-24, at YWCA Camp Cavell, in Lexington.

Volunteers provide assistance so that stroke survivors and families can have a care-free mini-vacation while having their needs met in a structured camp environment.

Volunteers receive two nights lodging and meals from Friday dinner to Sunday brunch at no cost. For further information, call Sheila Daley at (313) 916-8884 or visit www.henryford.com/strokeretreat.

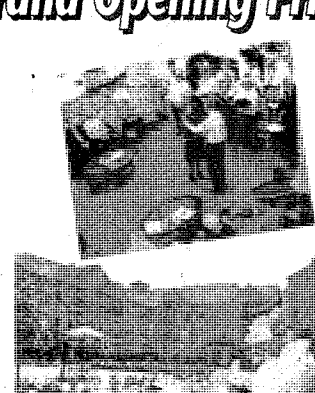
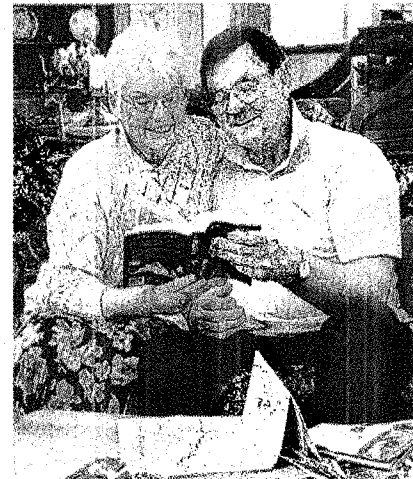
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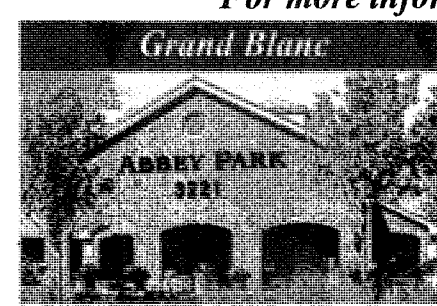
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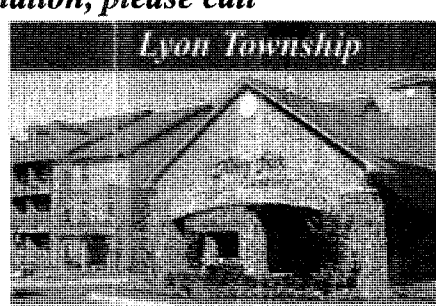
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Physicians are quick to pick up on Polymyalgia because the features of sudden onset, extreme stiffness not accompanied by pain or weakness and the pattern of stiffness, partial recovery followed by return of stiffness, are characteristic of polymyalgia and no other condition. The other feature of Polymyalgia is its clustering in people age 70-age 90.

Treatment is prednisone; a small amount 10 mgm-15 mgm/day suffices to reverse the stiffness within a week. Thereafter, the doctor decreases the steroid every 2 weeks until the person is off the medication completely.

At times the individual believes that because of feeling stiffness again, particularly in the morning, the Polymyalgia has returned. The recurrence of Polymyalgia is rare; in my medical practice, I am not convinced I have ever seen it. What is far more common is that the illness has caused the individual to get out of shape. The person is, in medical jargon, deconditioned. The treatment is not a return to prednisone but a start on regular exercise.

Do You Leak When You Laugh?

Stress Urinary Incontinence (SUI) is the sudden, accidental loss of urine that occurs during normal, everyday activities. You may have SUI if you leak urine when you sneeze, cough, or laugh, when you exercise or lift items.

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