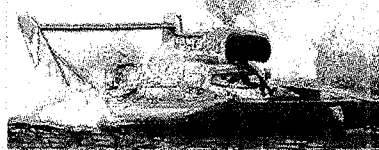


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IN BRIEF

Coming home

The John Glenn High School alumni group is inviting the community to come Friday to Buffalo Wild Wings on Wayne Road in Westland to help welcome home Eric Ingram, who is been serving in the War on Terror.

The son of 1980 JG grad Lisa Dansby-Ingram, he will be joined by fellow soldier Ryan Blanchard, a 2009 Wayne Memorial High School graduate and the son Ron and Lori Blanchard.



Ingram

The event will serve as a fund-raiser for the group, which has been mailing care packages to U.S. service personnel who graduated from the Westland high school or are the children of Glenn grads as well as Wayne Memorial grads and their families.

Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 20 percent of its sales to the group to help pay the shipping costs for the packages. People also are asked to bring items for those care packages.

Another soldier Mike Gallagher, the son of Liz Gallagher, also is coming home.

For more information, call Karen Rousseau at (313) 720-0583 or contact her by e-mail at rousseau@yahoo.com.

Heavy duty

The Westland Fire Department will be getting a new rig after the Westland City Council recently approved the purchase a Heavy Rescue Ambulance from Michigan First Response.

The 2010 Chevy Heavy Rescue Ambulance will be housed at Fire Station 2 on Merriman and replaces a 2006 Ford Normal Duty Rescue that has approximately 170,000 miles.

The Heavy Rescue Ambulance was purchased for \$165,392, with funding provided through the 2011-12 Motorpool Budget and is equipped with a new tablet for electronic patient care reporting and advanced rescue tools for extrication.

Board vacancy

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 will select a replacement for William Gabriel, who resigned May 26.

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.

Westland considers ex-airport property

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A cleanup of a former landfill using a geotextile membrane, top soil and grass — sounds familiar but it's not Central City Park.

In this case, Westland is being offered a chance to not have to pay for any cleanup of the site, assume ownership of at least 19.5 acres of vacant land and receive \$390,000 as a one-time payment to be used for parks and recreation improvements.

At a council study session, City Attorney James Fausone presented the proposal which is expected to voted on Monday.

"Ford (Motor Co.) and 3M are buying the property from the two new owners. They want the city to take ownership. The city would agree to recreation as the land use," said Fausone. "This would allow them to go forward. They've been stuck on this for 20 years. They've been good corporate citizens."

The 19.5 acres, located southeast of the Emagine Theater on Ford, is

part of what is known as the National Airport property. The original 180-acre site, which was bounded by Ford and Cherry Hill, John Hix and Lotz, had been used as private airport beginning before 1949.

A nearly 28-acre portion of the property, including the 19.5 acres and 8.5 acres of the Emagine property, was used as a general landfill from 1958-65. Fausone said that Nankin Township—the City of Westland, Ford Motor Company and 3M have been identified as potentially responsible

parties for the site. That means all three could have to pay the tab for remediating the environmental contamination which also requires approval of the property owners.

"Ford and 3M want to implement a plan to allow recreational use of the property, not unlike Central City Park, with a geotextile barrier and soil on top," said Fausone. "I've been talking to 3M and Ford seriously for one year, on and off for 20 years. They came to us

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Let there be mud

Jacob Kobylarz of Westland floats in the Mud Day mud pit, created by mixing more than 200 tons of topsoil with more than 20,000 gallons of water. He was among hundreds of adults and children who gathered in Hines Park in Westland Tuesday for the annual event. See story and more photos on Page A5.

FOREIGN RELATIONS



Polish exchange student Marcin Puczowski extended his visit three weeks and stayed with Westland Police Officer Matt Bobby so that he could continue participating in the police Explorers program.

Westland police officers share skills with Polish exchange student

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Interested in a future career in public safety, Marcin Puczowski had a plan before he arrived from Poland to spend a year as an exchange student staying with a Westland family.

"Before I ever got to the U.S., I looked at the (City of) Westland website. I read about the (police) Explorers," said Puczowski, who e-mailed Explorers advisor Westland police Officer Matthew Bobby about joining. "It was pretty nice."

When he arrived last fall for his year attending Wayne Memorial High School,

Puczowski, 16, joined the Explorers, program that lets young people get some firsthand law enforcement experience.

"It was what I expected — ride-alongs, helping with events like the (Westland Summer) festival and fundraisers. It was the greatest year of my life," said Puczowski, 16. "I want to be either a police officer or a firefighter. It seems like a nice job to do. I think it's about the excitement and trying to make the world a better place."

FIRST FOR EXPLORERS

Puczowski, nicknamed Poland by officers who had trouble pronouncing his name, is the first foreign exchange

student to participate in the Westland Police Explorers program.

"He'll do great in whatever he does," said Bobby, who hosted Puczowski for his last three weeks in the U.S. "He gave up a trip across the country with his (school) host family to be here."

A highlight of Puczowski's time as an Explorer was making a successful buy as an undercover decoy as police investigated complaints about cigarettes being sold to minors.

"He came out of the store with those cigarettes like a kid in a candy store," said Bobby. "He got to do a little bit of

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**High grass
problem?
Call fire
department**

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, the Westland Fire Department has taken over residential ordinance enforcement, including high grass complaints.

To help streamline the process, there is now a link on the city website, www.cityof-westland.com, to report a residential ordinance violation. A confirmation of the request will be sent out no more than one hour after the request is received, including evenings and weekends. For people who have specific questions, there is now a dedicated ordinance hotline at (734) 713-3767.

"We'll be taking complaints and they will be aggressively investigated," said Westland Deputy Fire Chief Martin Reddy. "In all the complaints for high grass and leaves, we will actively participate in mitigation of the problem in a timely fashion."

When an ordinance complaint is received, whether on illegal signs, blight or debris, many different scenarios can occur, but Reddy expects fire officials will be able to work out a way to remediate the problems.

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"If there are illegal signs, we will work with whoever is placing the signs to remove them or we will remove them," said Reddy. "I can come up with 100 hypothetical situations that the Fire Department could remediate."

If a situation poses a danger to the public, Reddy said the focus will be on remedying the situation with a ticket issued later, if needed.

"Court is not an effective way to enforce ordinances. It's

a last resort to officially defend the ordinance. We want to mitigate through cooperative efforts," said Reddy.

The fire department had been handling commercial ordinance enforcement before the residential enforcement duties were added. The shift in duties came when the Building Department was eliminated as a budget cutting measure in light of decreased demand for building inspections. Unlike building inspections, ordinance enforcement doesn't generate revenue to cover expenses. The residential ordinance enforce-

ment was added to the Fire Department responsibilities without a budget increase.

Residential ordinance enforcement is often an educational process, since many times residents are not aware they are in violation, Mayor William Wild said. Once the residents are educated about the ordinance, the problem is quickly corrected without further action.

"We want this process to be a win-win for the city and the residents and create positive relationships to help maintain our neighborhoods to the standards that our residents deserve," said Wild. "The fire

department is taking a proactive approach to tackling the issue. In addition, we continually urge residents to be vigilant and report to us any property with ordinance violations to help our city remain a beautiful place to live."

The city has also created a vacant homes registry to help in the process of making sure that these homes are kept up to code and do not create a hazard to residents in the neighborhood.

For more information about a specific ordinance, go online to www.cityofwestland.com.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Restaurant Rally

Tickets are still available for the Westland Chamber of Commerce's eighth annual Restaurant Rally 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 26.

Tickets cost \$25 each and let rally participants sample food at Ashley's Beer & Grill, Beaver Creek, Biggy Coffee, Malarkey's Irish Pub, Marvaso's Italian Grille, Texas Roadhouse, Famous Dave's, Panera Bread and Indian Flavors LLC.

New this year is a contest open to participants who purchase alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages at the participating restaurants. Each purchase is worth a raffle ticket good for prizes like six months of massages and gift certificates.

Tickets are available at the chamber office, 36900 Ford Road, west of Wayne Road, through Friday, July 22. Only 300 tickets will be sold.

For more information, call (734) 326-7222 or e-mail westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

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 16, 23 and 30.

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.

Cage fighting

Hierarchy Fighting Association brings a title match to the Mike Modano Arena, on Wildwood at Hunter in Westland Saturday, July 16.

Spectators will see over 15 action packed cage fights including the main event of Scott Brown vs. Rick Morais in the 170 Title Fight. Doors open at 6 p.m. and matches begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$40 per ticket for

VIP Cage Side seating and \$25 for general admission. Limited reserve VIP Cage Side Table Seating is available. For more information, call (734) 363-0022 or (734) 612-9962.

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

Tent sale

Goodwill Industries' resale at store 41937 Ford Canton is holding a "Big Tent Sale" 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 16. Shop for treasures while supporting local jobs. Browse the racks inside and out the store. Find great deals on a variety of household items, and new or gently used clothing, and receive up to 75 percent off.

Proceeds from Goodwill's "Big Tent Sale" support Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit employment education, training and placement programs that help unemployed Metro Detroiters earn jobs.

For more information, visit www.goodwilldetroit.org.

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, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to linda-miller@nationalfaith.org.

EXPLORERS

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everything. He rode with a canine officer. I thought it was interesting that he had a choice go around the U.S. to travel and chose to do ride-alongs."

The Explorers have advisors, but with Puczowski, Bobby said more officers got involved.

"A lot of the guys who aren't typically involved with the Explorers helped out," said Bobby.

Detective Bureau secretary Sharon Konfara didn't think Puczowski should go home

without experiencing a Detroit Tigers game, so she bought him a ticket and he went to a game with Sgt. Dan Serrano.

DREAM OF RETURNING

A native of Katowice in southern Poland, Puczowski was also able to spend three shifts with Westland firefighters. Puczowski has completed emergency medical technician training and plans to become certified once he is able to take the examination after he turns 18. His dream is to return to the U.S. after he completes his two remaining years of secondary school.

"In Poland, public safety is all centralized, it's national-

ized," Puczowski said. "It's not as good a job in Poland. That's why I want to do it here, I want to go to college here."

His father is an engineer who works in mines while his mother works in clinical research. His parents visited Puczowski three weeks ago, but the teenager answers for a quick "Nope" when asked if he had been homesick.

"I love high school here, I actually wanted to go to school. I got to meet so many people. There are 20 people in my class in Poland and you go through school with the same kids," Puczowski said.

The day before Puczowski headed back to Poland,

Westland Police Chief Greg Angelosanto presented him with a Westland Challenge coin which is only given to officers.

"I commend Officer Bobby and his family for welcoming Marcin into his home," said Angelosanto. "I also want to say what a great experience it was to have Marcin experience the great police work the men and women of the Westland Police Department do every day. I believe both he and the department benefit from this wonderful exchange of life experiences and culture."

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and said they had a plan that can utilize the city's status to utilize the property."

Because of the experiences with similar projects at Cooper School and Central City Park, Fausone said the Department of Environmental Quality is more comfortable with projects of this nature.

What the city would do

with the property, which is at the end of Superior Parkway, but difficult to access, hasn't yet been determined. Part of the agreement for transferring owner requires the city to assume responsibility for all general site maintenance, maintain site security and restrict the land use for recreation.

"The city would take on the turf up obligations. Like if an animal burrows in which would cause erosion," said Fausone. "The security of the

site only envisions keeping people from illegal dumping, dirt bikes can cause erosion. They don't envision gates."

When it came to the \$390,000, Fausone said he asked that the use of the funds not be restricted to the National Airport property due to its difficult to access location. There is a creek on the property which is why Superior Parkway doesn't continue through the parcel, Fausone said.

No definite plans have been

developed for using the property — it could be open green space or possibly practice soccer field. Due to the geotextile membrane, no irrigation could be installed. Like Central City Park, the trees on the parcel would have to be removed to make way for the geotextile membrane.

The expected timetable would have the remediation completed and the property seeded in the spring or fall of 2013.

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Jammin': Fix shows market goers how to can

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In her down-to-earth style, Norah Fix helped to teach others not to be afraid of jams and jelly making and canning.

Fix, a Garden City resident, was the featured speaker at last week's Garden City Farmers Market. With her daughter, Patti Fix, at her side, Norah talked about learning the art as a child from her mother. Fix was one of seven children and grew up in a kitchen that was never without activity.

"My mom also made root beer and ketchup," Fix said.

For her demonstration, Fix bought strawberries at the Garden City Farmers Market. The market runs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays on Middlebelt, just south of the Kroger store.

"One thing about canning your own things, you do not have them recalled," Fix said.

She showed the crowd how easy it was to make freezer jam. For that special touch, she personalizes labels on the jars.

Fix said that it is important to rinse the strawberries just prior to using them. If rinsing is done too early and they are placed in the fridge, they'll become soggy, Fix said.

"Canning is a great way to make memories," Fix said.

Because she didn't have any electricity available at the market, she brought freezer jam that was already made. Fix also makes raspberry jam and triple berry jam, and everybody got a



Norah Fix shares a laugh with her audience as she shows how to make jam with her daughter, Patti Fix, as an assistant. Fix had to improvise because there was no electrical plug available.

chance to sample the jams.

"I make 40 jars of jam, and they are gone," Fix said.

Her family knows where to find the good stuff.

"I go down in the basement in the middle of winter and say, 'Where has everything gone?'"

she said. "One year I had to make pickles in the middle of January because we ran out."

Freezer jam will last a year or more, she said.

With canning, it's important that everything is clean and sterile, said Fix, a former operating



Patti Mepham samples some freezer jam that's easy to make.

room nurse.

"If in doubt, you throw it out," she told the crowd.

Fix drew a variety of people who were interested in learning the old-fashioned food crafts.

Jean Smith, a Garden City resident, called Fix's demonstration fantastic.

"This was great," she said.

"The history of her family was

fascinating."

Liz White, a Wayne resident, and a vendor who sells vegetables for Monty Farms in Armada, also came by to watch the demonstration and to ask questions.

Garden City Schools Supt. Michelle Cline, who was on vacation, said that Fix is not only known for her volunteerism, but

her generosity in making and donating food. Cline recalled a delicious New York cheesecake donated by Fix for a fundraiser auction.

"She is the queen of volunteering an donating food to good causes," Cline said.

Fix also provided some tips:

- Have the right utensils to get started.

- Never double the recipe for the fruit spread, whether it is a cooked or freezer-type jam.

- Measure properly.

- Use fruit that is fully ripe for best flavor. If using frozen fruit, make sure it does not contain sugar.

- Crush fruit a cup at a time.

- To prevent foaming of the jam or jelly, add 1/2 teaspoon of butter or margarine before you start cooking.

- Use clean jars for freezer jam and sterile jars for cooked jams.

Fix's demonstrations continue at 4 p.m. Wednesdays throughout July. Upcoming demonstrations include tomatoes July 20 and pickles July 27.

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Fishermen discover body along Rouge River in Westland

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A police investigation is continuing after a body was found by two fishermen in the Rouge River in Westland on Saturday.

At approximately 2 p.m., officers of the Westland Police Department were dispatched to Hines Park near Ann Arbor

Trail near the Oakgrove Recreation Area after two people reported finding a body in the Rouge River.

Two men told police that they were wading in the river — an area considered part of Newburgh Lake — with a net on a pole to catch crayfish and minnow. The men said they had entered the lake about 150 feet from where the

body was found.

The witnesses told police they first noticed a strong smell of something dead in the area. Then standing on top of some logs and branches, the men said they noticed clothing and a boot visible, then realized it was a body.

The remains of a human body, described as being partially submerged and entan-

gled in several fallen trees and other natural foliage debris that was protruding from the west bank of the river. Police described seeing a jacket or shirt, pants with a wide belt and one winter-type boot along with a mitten on the heavily decomposed remains.

Responding Westland officers removed the human remains from the water

with the assistance of the Wayne County Sheriff Dive Team and Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office. The remains were located in an area of the river that was approximately 2 1/2 feet deep.

The initial investigation revealed that the body had been in the water for a long period of time. The age, race and sex are unknown at this

time, although the responding officer reported the body appeared to have been a white male.

It is also unknown if the death is the result of a crime or accident. The remains have been transported to the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office for autopsy.

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Colorado man finds truck missing from parking lot

Stolen vehicle

A Trinidad, Colo., man told police that someone had stolen his truck while he was eating July 10 at Longhorn

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Steakhouse on Warren Road. He said he parked in the lot and returned to find only glass on the ground. The man told police he had the keys to the 1995 Ford F-350, valued at \$5,000 and that it was paid off.

The red truck with a matching red cap on the bed was reported to have contained a GPS, a Louis Vuitton purse, Sirius Radio, a CB radio, tools and the man's wallet valued at \$1,220. Officers dropped the man at the hotel where he has been staying.

Retail fraud

On July 10, police were called to J.C. Penney, 35000 Warren Road, after store security reported seeing a woman selecting items and

placing them into a purse before walking out of the store. A Westland woman was arrested for shoplifting and \$300 worth of assorted clothing was recovered.

Vehicle stolen

A resident of the Hampton Court Apartments, 5696 E. Hampton Court, told police, July 11 that when she left for work she didn't see her car in the parking lot. She said she assumed that her live-in boyfriend had taken the car since they have three shared vehicles. When she arrived home later in the day, she said she talked to her boyfriend and realized the car had been stolen.

The 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt, valued at \$13,000, was leased, the woman said, but she was current on the payments and had both sets of keys.

- By LeAnne Rogers

Pills, gaming system stolen in break-in

False identification

Garden City police arrested a Garden City man for providing a false name to police officers about 12:30 a.m.

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July 9 and for concealing a knife in his pant leg that was more than three inches long.

The police had stopped a man and a woman in the parking lot of Golden Feather Restaurant, 29633 Ford. The woman readily handed over her driver's license for identification. The man, however, said that he had no identification on him and gave a false name.

The police asked him if that was his wallet on the ground. At first, he said no and then said yes. He immediately sat down on the ground and the police observed him try to slide his driver's license out from his wallet and then between his legs to hide it.

He told police that the reason why he didn't provide his correct identification at first

was because he had not properly registered himself as a sex offender.

Home invasions

An apartment dweller in the 31000 block of Krauter said that he found a door and a bathroom window open when he returned home on July 3.

The renter discovered that someone removed 37 Vicodin pills but left behind the prescription bottle. Craftsman tools and a PlayStation game system were also taken.

The police said that the same Krauter apartment was broken into on May 1.

Another home invasion was also reported July 3 in an apartment in the same block of 31000 Krauter.

Someone entered through the bathroom window by placing a milk crate underneath it.

A female resident reported the theft of an Xbox, a Nintendo Wii, a laptop computer and cash.

Fraud

A 45-year-old Inkster woman reported at 2:30 p.m. June 30 that someone fraudulently used her Bridge card. She told police that someone made four transactions at the Shell station at 120 Middlebelt on the same day without her permission.

Bike theft

An employee at the International Bike shop at 5640 Middlebelt said that someone stole a bicycle while he was waiting on other customers.

A suspect came in, examined a bike, and then stole the \$1,000 men's mountain bike from the store, riding northbound on Middlebelt.

Larceny

The owner of a 2011 Dodge pickup reported that someone entered his unlocked cab sometime before 6 a.m. July 3 and stole his wallet which contained his gun carry permit and credit cards.

Auto theft

The owner of a 1995 Jeep Cherokee who lives in the 30000 block of Elmwood reported it stolen July 10. The car was parked in front of the house. The police could find no signs of forced entry like broken glass.

Theft

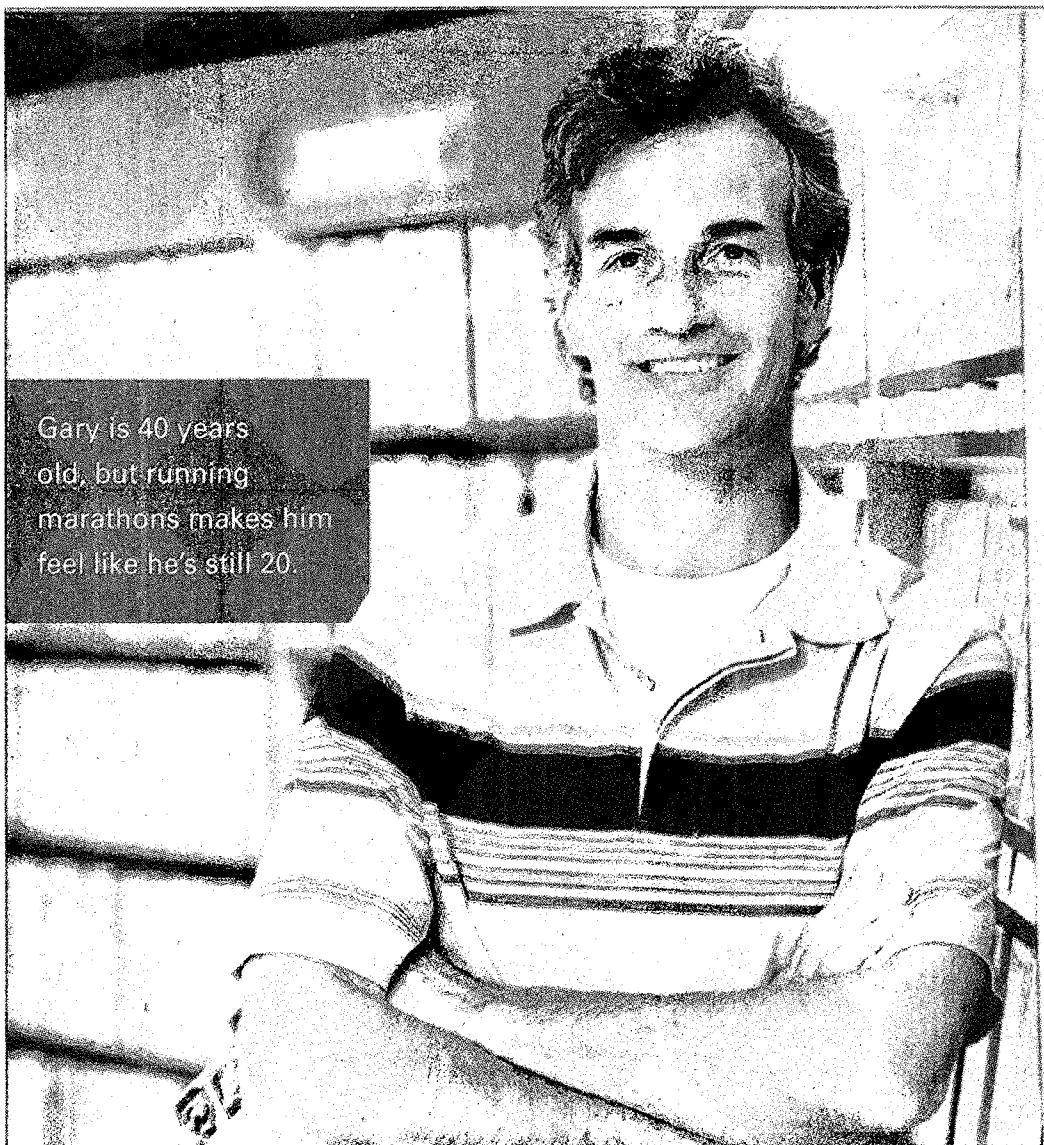
A homeowner in the 6300 block of Deering reported that someone stole her laptop after she left in the yard to play music for her child's birthday party. When she went outside to retrieve it on July 10, it was gone.

She has no suspects.

Vandalism

The owner of a 2006 Chevy Monte Carlo reported that someone threw a piece of concrete about the size of a baseball through her car window, shattering it. The police found the piece of concrete on the floorboard.

-By Sue Buck



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Garden City welcomes sculpture to its downtown

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Garden City becomes the home of many sculptures this evening with a kickoff at the Garden City Commons Corner.

The newly landscaped corner at the northwest corner of Ford and Middlebelt will house a special sculpture that will be unveiled at 6:30 p.m. There will also be a Public Art Stroll where people have a chance to win prizes.

John Sauve, curator of the Brighton-based Sauve Art Foundation will also attend tonight.

Inclusion of the sculptures was an "invitational," Sauve said. He added that he worked with the Garden City Downtown Development Authority which is hosting the event to select the sculptures and their placement.

The foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)3 which sponsors public sculpture exhibits, film festivals, performances and educational programs. It establishes close links to the local community and other cultural institutions and universities in the United States and abroad.

Started by Sauve, the Sauve Art Foundation provides artists from around the world an opportunity to develop and exhibit their work in a stimulating environment.

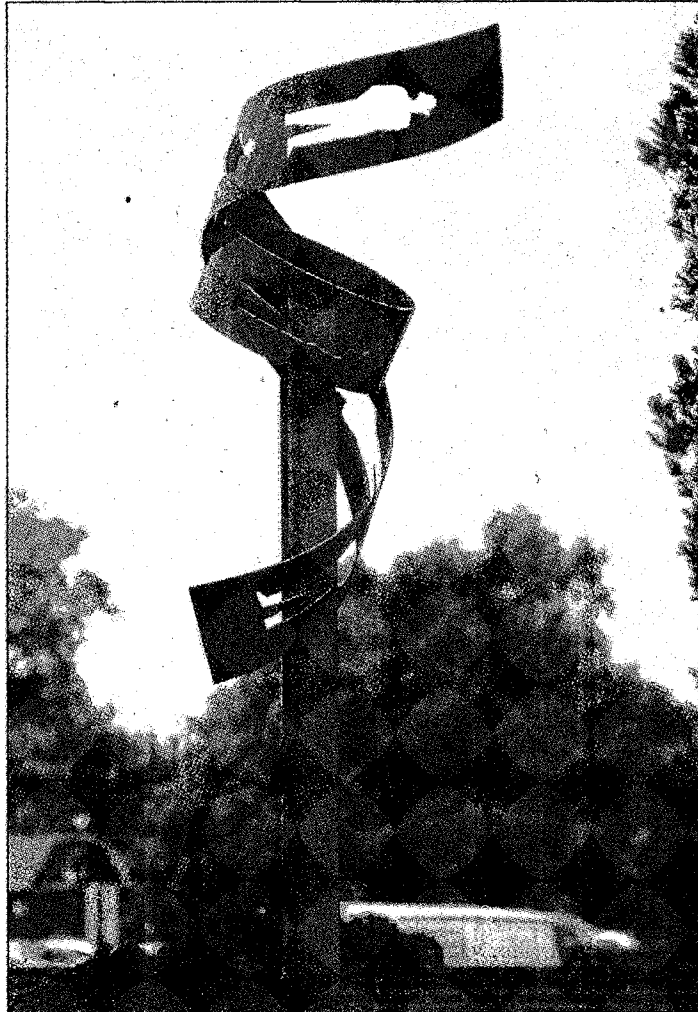
Sauve said Wednesday that he has two other public art displays this year at the Scarab Club in Detroit and at Delta College.

The art on display are:

- "Lotus" Brain Ferriby is made of steel. His sculpture is an orange triangle located on Ford west of Middlebelt.

- "I sculpt because it is a perfect combination of my passions," he said. "Sculpture embraces space and form like architecture, movement and rhythm like music, and beauty and simplicity like nature. I prefer to work from intuition. I rely upon similarity of form to unite a composition."

- Mike Sohikian's "Position," which is made of salvaged steel. His sculpture is the weather vane with standing figure locat-



This sculpture with cutouts of men can be found at the corner of Middlebelt and Ford in Garden City.

ed on Ford, east of Middlebelt by the Moose Lodge.

"When I am creating art, it is important to me that it is approachable and accessible," he said. "This is why I prefer to work in public spaces. Part of my sculpting process includes looking at a scrap pile of steel as a puzzle to be solved. I have a part of me that is drawn to making art out of steel. Maybe it is because Dad has the steel company and it worked its way into my subconscious."

- Isaac Duncan III's "Threaded," a steel sculpture. His sculpture is located in front of Garden City Hall, on Middlebelt.

"My sculpture comes from a whole bunch of place," he said. "I create nonobjective artwork, which is funny because they are very objective. They are based off of my own philosophy of

creating and how I put things together. I like to challenge the fundamentals of sculpture. When I'm creating, I have a specific vocabulary I work in."

- Adam Genei's "Nike," which is made of steel. His yellow winged sculpture is located on Ford, east of Middlebelt in front of the medical building.

"My work includes both representational and non-representational sculptures," he said. "Curved shapes, clean lines, and abstract designs are common themes. Many of the sculptures are based on geometric shapes. Most of my work is in steel, but I also work in aluminum and stainless steel."

- Steve Ryan's "Collective," which is made of steel. This sculpture is a rolled steel tube in the shape of a circle located on Ford, in front of the tattoo parlor.



This special sculpture is located near the Golden Feather restaurant on Ford in Garden City.

Rouge," which is made of steel. Hers is the red pig located on Ford, west of Middlebelt.

"The properties inherent in the material I have chosen, whether marble, wood, plaster, clay, copper, sheet metal, wax, bronze, and most recently, aluminum and mirrored stainless steel, guide me in my development of each piece," she said. "Each offers me its own singular challenge: how do I unravel the mystery of revealing its kinetic possibilities? And, the material is only one element to consider. Size, surface, texture, and patina must combine to create balance, making the piece visually and spatially engaging."

- Emmanuel Rodriguez's "Flame," which is made of steel. His sculpture is a brown steel tube with circles cut out which is located on the east side of Middlebelt, south of Ford.

"Movement is the breath of life," he said. "It releases the power, or subtlety, of any form in repose — the promise of action. My sculpture examines the relationship between fixed form and movement. Each sculpture attempts to suggest the transformation that is possible. The exploration of movement seemed a natural evolution from a previous investigation of duality."

- Kansas Williams' "Significant Body," which is made of steel plate. His is a brown raw steel sculpture located on Middlebelt, north of Ford.

"My sculptures are products of their environment," he said. "I'm often asked what inspires me or influences my work. Frequently, it's not until well after a piece has been completed that I understand the finer points of what motivated me. When I was growing up, the sculptures were an everyday part of my life. I simply don't have the ability to verbally elaborate on their impact, so what I have done is develop a three-dimensional vocabulary that I employ in my work."

"As the figures have evolved, they have completely pulled away from the wall and increased in scale to create a dynamic between the ground plane and the stance of the figures," he said. "The result is best seen when the forms are located within the public realm, where they mingle with others and begin the subtle conversations that only the subconscious can hear."

- John Sauve's "Urbemensch," which is made of steel and I Beam. His is an orange I Beam with flat steel with cutouts of men is located on corner of Ford and Middlebelt.

"We are all bodies in space, but where we fit into the scheme of things at large is

still an open question, the cumulative effect of seeing the everyday elevated or in a new frame," he said. "It is the sense of discovering the same body in different circumstances, so it is less about the subject and more about the content."

- Richard Mutt's "Pieta," which is made of steel. His sculpture is a red steel I Beam located on Middlebelt.

"History is constantly repeating itself and the more that we try to distance ourselves from the past the more we are bound to it in the future," he said. "My work is a culmination of art historical references and an exploration of my relationship to the past."

- Sophie Marie's "Cochon

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Caked with enough mud to win them Wayne County Parks honors is 2011 Mud Day King Cole Argo of Novi and Queen Kathryn Hepp of Northville.



Youngsters make a dash for the mud with official start of Mud Day Tuesday in Hines Park in Westland.

Squish, squish

County Parks' Mud Day brings out the kids ... and adults

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's something royal about Megan Hepp's family. In the four times she has brought her children to Wayne County Parks' Mud Day, the Northville resident has gone home with two kings and this year's queen.

"I laid in the mud and went back and forth," 6-year-old Kathryn Hepp said. "I hoped I'd win. My mom helped me." "I think the way to do it is layer upon layer upon layer upon layer and letting it dry between layers," her mother said. "It was a whole day of adding on mud."

Kathryn's bright purple crown was in stark contrast with the layer of brown mud that covered her from head to toe. But it was nothing like 10-year-old Cole Argo of Novi, whose eyelashes were a solid chunk of the brown goo.

It was his first time at Mud Day and he had to admit that he was very surprised he won.

"It was kind of hard to get the mud on. I just had to try to stay away from the water and kind of pile it on everywhere," he



The Western Wayne HazMat uses hoses to help rinse off mud-caked kids.

said. "I kind of used it as glue."

Sonya Szabo of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, may have come the farthest to be at Mud Day. She brought her son Jude, 9, and Cole.

"He's a friend and it's the one day a year I get to visit with him," she said. "I don't think he thought he'd win, but on the way here, my son was confident he'd win, so they worked together to load on the mud."

FAR AND NEAR

While the park was officially closed to traffic Tuesday from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive due to flooding, fans of Mud Day flocked to the Nankin Mills area for the annual event. Cars, trucks and school buses filled the available parking lots and lined the road. People even hiked in after parking their cars in nearby residential areas.

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Julia Cunnien of Canton gets up close and personal with the mud.

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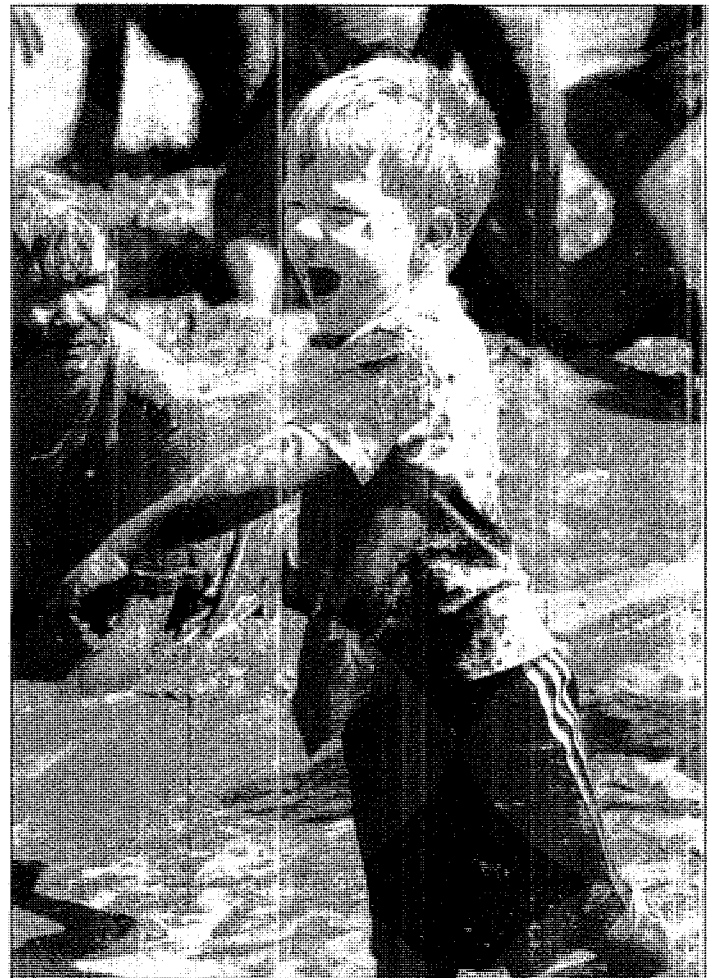
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Noah Beaudoin of Westland thought it would be fun to wallow in the mud at Wayne County Parks' annual Mud Day.



Taking part in Mud Day were Trevor Smith, Ryan Smith, Nina Flynn and Nick Flynn, all of Westland.



Noah Dreibelis of Livonia found out it was OK to throw a little mud.

MUD
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Both children and adults played and did contests like running backward in the muddy pit. When they were through, they cleaned off with the help of the Westland Fire Department and Western Wayne Hazardous Material Unit. The Westland Fire Department provided the water supply and the HazMat team "did the work" in the shower area.

"I can't believe all the kids that are here today," Westland Fire Capt. John Valensky said. "I've never saw it this big — there's school buses here."

Firefighters ran 400 feet of hose to the shower area, but when the line to clean up stretched almost to Hines Drive, firefighters broke out another hose and rinsed off kids and adults at the end of the line.



Madalynn Davis came all the way from Kalamazoo to have fun at Mud Day.

"This so great for the kids," Valensky said.

Judeh Odeh of Garden City was having a blast in the mud pit, but his 4-year-old sister Gabriella was hiding out under the stage. On a day when parents encouraged their kids to play in the mud, she was content to play with the grass.

This was the family's first time at Mud Day and Judeh gave it a thumbs-up.

"It's a blast. I want to go in, but I can't," said his father, Frank, nodding to his daughter.

'THIS IS OK'

Lori Pfeil didn't care if her kids got muddy. The family

is visiting from San Antonio, Texas.

"We're in a drought in Texas, so this is OK," she said.

Brighton resident Jennifer Pfeil found out about it from a friend who lives in Belleville, who told her they had to do it.

"They're all excited. If they did it at home, they'd get yelled

at," she said.

Wallowing in the pit with Jennifer Pfeil were Sarah Pfeil, 14, Kalina Bransford, 14, Jessica Pfeil, 9, and Tori Pfeil, 13, who sported a smile full of muddy braces.

"It tastes gritty," she said, heading back for more. "The

best part is the mud. We've been able to get dirty and not get yelled at."

"They're allowed to get dirty," Lori Pfeil said. "What's part of the fun, too, is when do you get to do something like this?"

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer School

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

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

Special Mass

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 17

Location: St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, just south of Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group, invites widowed men and women to come and celebrate Mass together at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, the join the group for refreshments and social time and get information about other activities and future locations of the Masses.

Contact: For more information call Pat at (734) 895-6246.

Rouge River tour

Time/Date: 5:45-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2

Details: Join the Friends of the Rouge for their third annual dinner cruise and tour of the Rouge River aboard the Diamond Belle. Boarding will be at Stroh's River Place near the intersection of Atwater Street and Joseph Campau Street, Detroit. The dinner and tour is \$45 for Friends of the Rouge members and \$50 for non-members (tickets are non-refundable). There's a membership special of \$75 for a one-year membership and ticket. Parking at the dock is \$4. Checks can be made payable

to the Friends of the Rouge. Online payment is also available on our website www.therouge.org. Just click on our "Events" section in the left hand column.

Contact: Space is limited so contact the Friends office at (313) 792-9621 to reserve spot.

Past Forward

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6

Location: Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Learn about Karma along with "Past Lives." Have you ever wondered if you were a peasant or a princess? Gayle Buchan, certified hypnoterapist, and Kristy Robinett, psychic medium, take 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 per person. Light Refreshments will be served.

Contact: Tickets are available at www.tangledwishes.com/events.

Grief Support

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Suite A, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, The Grief Journey, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge.

Contact: For information, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (888) 983-9050.

Class Reunion

Time/Date: Saturday, Oct. 15

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

Car show

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. every Thursday evening, now through Sept. 29th



On the road again

Jeremy Cybulski, youth and community development coordinator for Co-op Services Credit Union, is on the road again with the launch of the credit union's popular community initiative, Project 100. Entering its third year, Project 100 was originally created by the credit union in 2009 as a way to encourage giving in southeast Michigan, during the toughest economic climate in decades. Just as Co-op Services has done since 2009, Project 100 will be giving \$100 to 100 random people over 100 days, with no strings attached. All it asks of recipients is to think of things they can do to give in their local communities. Check out Project 100's GIVE section of its website, www.whatisproject100.com, for some ideas.

Location: American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, just south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

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

Fall Craft Show

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

Location: St. Theodore Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: St. Theodore's CCW is looking for vendors for their fall craft show. Table rental is \$25.

Contact: all Mary at 734-425-4421 (voicemail #10)

Support group

Time/date: 3rd Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

Details: Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.

Contact: Chris Goldberg at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

American Legion

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

Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post,

1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: American Legion Westland Post 251 meets at the VFW hall the first Tuesday of each month. The post welcomes all veterans male and female who have been honorably discharged.

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

Fish fry

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. every Friday

Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia

Details: Dinners cost \$8.95 per person.

Contact: For details and reserva-

tions, call (248) 476-8383.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

Contact: For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Earth Angels

Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/ performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

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

Higher Rock Cafe

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

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

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

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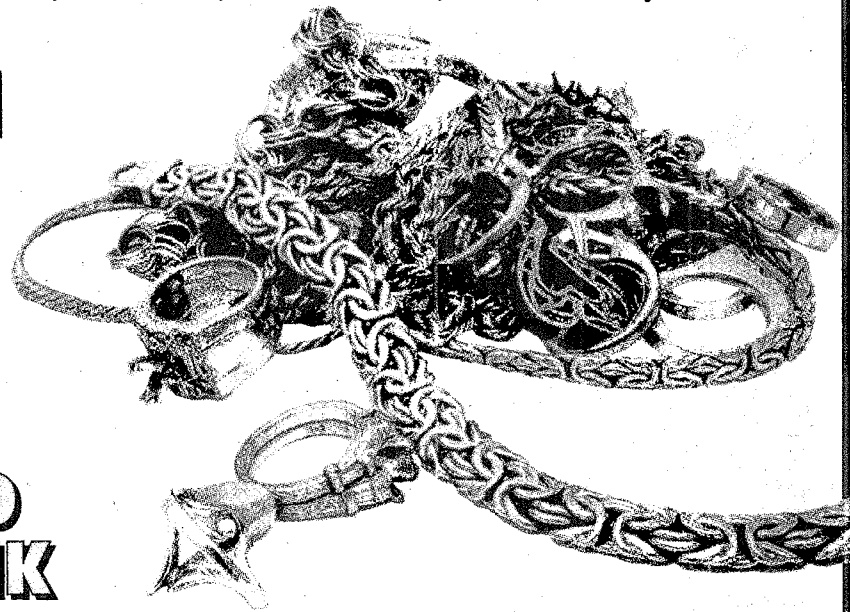
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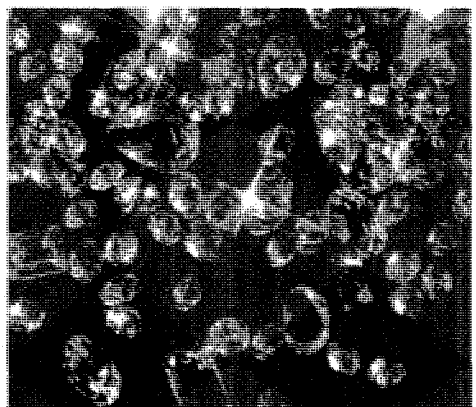
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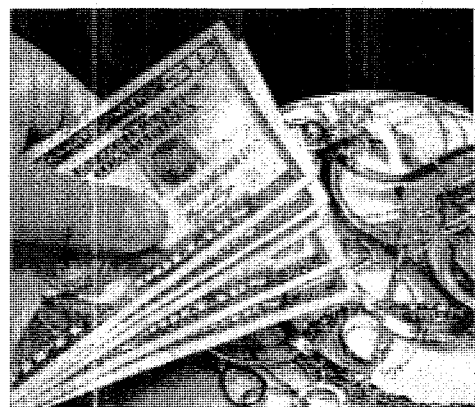


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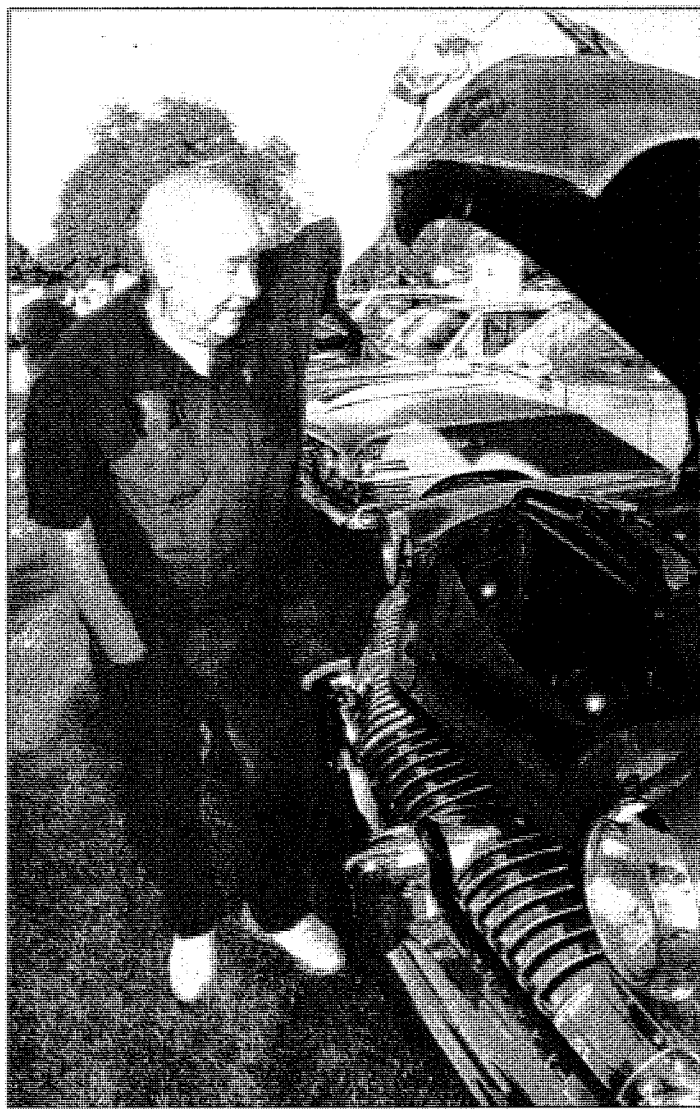
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Cruisers, classics turn out for Autos for Autism



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Joseph Wien's tasty 1951 Mercury is up for sale. The Garden City resident is looking for a convertible.



Dennis Struzik of Garden City, and Wilf Lockley of Redford take a look at one of the classic cars on display at Monday evening's Autos for Autism car show.



Darlene Jablonowski, a member of the Burger Autism School Association, talks about the annual car show with Loraine Stover. The two women serve on the Garden City school board.

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

ENJOYING THE SHOW

The storms may have rolled through western Wayne County Monday, but they were considerate enough to be gone by the time classic cars and motorcycles began rolling into Garden City High School for the 11th annual Autos for Autism car show.

"I'm here every year, it's one of my favorite shows — this and the Livonia Spree," said David Roeser of Livonia, who, with his son, David, was showing off their 1940 Ford Deluxe Opera Coupe they turned into a street rod. "I like the smaller shows, they're more fun. You get to talk to folks and renew acquaintances. This is a good time, good food and good people and it raises funds for a good cause."

Put on by the Burger Autistic School Association, the money raised will be used to benefit students who attend the county-wide Burger Center for Students with Autism in Garden City. According to show treasurer Darlene Jablonowski, this year's funds — more than \$8,000 — will be used to upgrade technology.

"We're going to buy iPads, they have some great programs for the kids," said Jablonowski. "They're a great way for the kids to express themselves, especially the nonverbal students."

Jablonowski estimates attendance was down about 25 percent, due in part to the afternoon storms, but those who showed up were enjoying the food and the music while looking at the cars, motorcycles and dragsters.

Bob McAdams of Livonia brought his 2002 Harley Davidson Road King Classic that sported a 1947 Indian sidecar. A member of American Legion Post 396's Legion Riders chapter, he came to the event to "give money to the kids."

"I got it in a garage in Hartland from a guy who installed sidecars," McAdams said. "It was in the rough. It was painted black and on a green motorcycle. I had to send to California for the knockoff tire."

Dave Waite of Garden City also does the show for the kids. Sitting in the shadow of the Shell-Camino monster truck, Waite was showing off the dragsters driven by his sons, Kyle, 14 and, Kevin, 11. The two brothers race in the open point series at Milan Dragway.

"We kind of, sort of built them, we bought the parts and out then together," said Waite.

As cool as the dragsters were, Austin Cowan of Garden City was more interested in the monster truck, tricked out with

seats so it can give rides at truck shows, speedways, NASCAR events, even birthday parties.

"This is an awesome truck," said Austin. "I'd love to drive it on the street. Everybody would be honking, but that would be so sweet."

"It's a lot of fun, it puts a lot of smiles on face," said Plymouth resident Ron Kujat, who was at the show with wife Shelly, who's sixth in the world in monster truck competition.

"I worked for FedEx for 20 years, the kids grew up and moved out and we thought what are we going to do now," she said. "We decided to have some fun. My husband is a serious motor head."

THE 'ONLY SHOW'

For Joseph Wien of Garden City, Autos for Autism is the only car show he puts his 1951 Mercury in; he'd rather drive it than sit and look at. That and his daughter and son-in-law work at the Burger Center.

He bought the car in 1998-99. The body and interior were in good shape, but he has had to do such things as overhauling the engine and putting in a new drive shaft.

"The speedometer says 90,000 miles, I think," he said. "I'm not sure, I don't drive it that much."

Maurice Ballard's 1973 Lincoln Continental has 63,000 miles on the odometer. He bought the car three years ago,

and like Wien's Mercury, it was in good shape. He did change some parts and the vinyl top and seat covers to an ostrich pattern.

"I work at Ford's and the guys were always getting on me because I'm a Chevy guy," he said. "A guy brought it up from Florida and I go it through an auto sales."

The weather did delay setup by about two hours, when the skies cleared the cars started arriving, according to Jablonowski.

"People love this event, they do it for the kids," said Jablonowski. "The entry fee is \$15, but a lot of people throw us a \$20 because they know it's for the kids. One hundred percent of the goes to BASA. A lot of the people from

the community come and volunteer. This isn't a Burger event, this is a community event."

Co-chair of the show for 10 years, Cecilia Nesbitt is now devoting her time to talking to sponsors and getting the word out about the show. With the numbers for autism increasing, Nesbitt wants to fundraiser as much as possible for the Burger Center. The center, she said, needs "all the fundraising we can turn in."

"There's no way I intend to leave this show," said Nesbitt. "I have a grandchild who's a student there, that's the reason I got involved."

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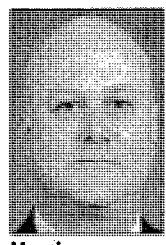
Maurice Ballard of Westland dusts off his 1973 Lincoln Continental.



David Roeser and son David Roeser of Livonia took on turning their 1940 Ford Deluxe Opera Coupe into a street rod before the younger David graduated from high school.

Driving safely with mobile technology in Motor City

BY BOB MORRISON
GUEST COLUMNIST



Morrison

The development of new technologies has made travel easier and more enjoyable. But the use of mobile devices while driving can be dangerous to drivers and others on the road. Since July 2010, it has been illegal to text or use mobile e-mail while driving in the state of Michigan.

The law prohibits reading, typing or sending text messages or e-mails using a wireless two-way communication device in a person's hand or lap while driving a vehicle. However, it is still legal to use a GPS or make calls while driving. Motorists need to be cautious of partaking in these actions while driving because distractions and accidents can easily occur.

According to a study by the Virginia Tech Transportation

Institute, motorists who engage in texting while driving are 23 times more likely to be involved in an accident, or near-crash event, than those who are not distracted. It has been said that texting while driving is more dangerous than drunk driving. And while it might be hard to believe, in the four seconds that a driver glances at their cell phone, they could have traveled the length of a football field - with their eyes off of the road, not aware of what is ahead of them.

By following these suggestions about mobile technology, including cell phones, GPS systems and music devices, drivers and pedestrians can remain safe from mobile distractions.

CELL PHONES

- Stop your vehicle to place a call or send a text. It is illegal to text or e-mail on a mobile phone while driving in Michigan. Pulling over will reduce the likelihood of becoming distracted while driving. In fact, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that 20 percent of all injury crashes in the United States in 2009 involved distracted driving and in the same year, 5,474 persons were killed and 448,000 injured in crashes involving distracted driving.

- Use a hands-free vehicle kit. Many new vehicles and cell phones offer Bluetooth capability. If a vehicle does not have this option, systems can be installed to provide the driver with hands-free voice communication. There are also apps available that will read text messages and e-mail aloud in real time and respond without

drivers touching the mobile phone.

- If there is a passenger in the vehicle, ask them to control the mobile phone while you are driving.

- Avoid stressful calls while driving. Mental and emotional distractions can increase the likelihood of an accident. Turning off a mobile phone while driving is safest option.

GPS SYSTEMS

- GPS systems can be just as distracting as cell phones and text messages. Touch screens and multiple menu options can draw your eyes and attention away from the road.

- Program the travel destination before putting the vehicle in drive. If the destination needs to be cancelled or changed, pull over in safe area or ask a passenger to make the changes. Some GPS navigators have optional settings that will

prevent address input while the vehicle is in motion.

- Rely primarily on the voice directions, not on the map feature.

- Mount the GPS away from important sight lines. It is usually easiest to position a GPS near the dashboard.

MUSIC DEVICES

- Do not wear headphones while driving or play music excessively loud. You may be unable to hear, if someone is honking or if sirens are blaring.

- Use an audio adapter cord to connect the MP3 or iPod to the vehicle's audio system. The music can be heard through the audio system and with some systems, controlled with voice activation.

- Create a music playlist before putting the vehicle in drive so there is no distraction. Finding a song on a music device while driving is as haz-

ardous as texting or dialing.

- Avoid reaching to change a radio station in the vehicle so that your hands and eyes stay where they should be - on the steering wheel and the road. Newer vehicles have radio controls on the steering wheel.

Whether you are just learning to drive or have been behind the wheel for years, it is smart to follow these basic tips for mobile technology while driving. Drivers need to remain focused and avoid distractions while on the road.

Bob Morrison is the vice-president and general manager at AlliedBarton Security Services, an industry provider of trained security personnel to higher education, commercial real estate, healthcare, residential communities, chemical/petrochemical, government, manufacturing and distribution, financial institutions, and shopping centers.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

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.

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.

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

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 gcommunitychat@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 Parlor 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.

Recycle for cash

Drop off used ink jet cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras and similar items at City Hall. Garden City Charities, a group formed by city staff, sends the items off to be recycled by Cartridges for Kids and gets cash in

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.

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 www.hope4healinghearts.com.

Progressive raffle

The Westland Goodfellows have added a new progres-

AROUND WESTLAND

sive 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 jmfirock.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.

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.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The Westland Police Department will conduct an online public auction of miscellaneous seized and forfeited items. The auction will begin on Sunday July 17, 2011 and end Sunday July 24, 2011. Interested persons should:

1. visit <http://shop.ebay.com/sellingking01/m.html>
2. click on the "Auctions" tab
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A request for a public hearing has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Public Hearing for Proposed Review of the 1996 City of Westland, Michigan Master Plan

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 3, 2011. A copy of the Master Plan is available for review at the office of the Planning Department at 37137 Marquette, Westland MI 48185

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On July 19, 2011, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1997	Merz Benz	C280/4DR	Tan	WDBHA28E1VF474280
1980	Honda	CX500/MC	Blk	CX5002001188
2006	Chevy	Cobalt/2DR	Blue	1G1AK15F667773405
2001	Chevy	Malibu/4DR	Blk	1G1NE52J116203657
1995	Chevy	Tahoe/SW	Burg	1GNEK13KX5J401983
1995	Ford	Contour/4DR	Blue	3FALP6537SM134248
1994	Nissan	Altima/4DR	Green	1N4BU31D1RC103333
1996	Mazda	Protege/4DR	Tan	JM1BB1411T0346283
2006	Pontiac	G6/4DR	Red	1G2ZF55B164280331
2002	Hyundai	Accent/4DR	Gray	KMHCG45C32U292673
1999	Pontiac	Grand Am/2DR	Green	1G2NE12E1XM732389
1997	Chevy	Malibu/4DR	Tan	1G1ND52T8VY122198
1993	GMC	Sierra/PU	White	1GTGC24K6PE543704
1998	Ford	Windstar/SW	White	2FTDA54U2WBB51163
2000	Ford	Escort/4DR	Red	3FAPP13PZYR205935

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after May 15, 2010 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1999	Saturn	SC1/3DR	Black	1G8ZN1282XZ335875

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 15 7/05/11

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves
121: Appr: minutes of regular meeting held 6/20/11.
Appr: purchase of Heavy Rescue Ambulance from MI First response; amt. \$165,382.00.
Appr: req. from JGHS to hold Homecoming Parade 10/14/11.
3: App'd B. Krupp as Alt. Commissioner to ZBA to fill unexp. 3 term to exp. 5/12/13.
4: Appr: app. from St. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Arch, 36375 Joy for new entertainment permit in conjunction with Class C license.
Appr: app. from D. T. Anderson to transfer all stock interest 10 licensing yr. in 2010 Class C licensed business w/Dance t located at 31022 Ann Arbor Tr.
opr: app. from D. T. & R. J. Anderson to transfer 500 shares each to new stockholders.
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Eileen DeHart
City Clerk, CMC

July 14, 2011

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

July 14, 2011

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearings on Thursday, July 14, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following:

1. **11-006, Conditional Rezoning.** An applicant is proposing to establish a child care center at 28482 Cherry Hill Road. The property is zoned O-1, Office. The applicant is requesting to Conditionally Rezone to a C-1 zoning district in order to allow a child care center that would only be allowed in a C-1, C-2 or C-3 zoning district. The property is located on the north side of Cherry Hill Road and west of Harrison St.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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OUR VIEWS

Giving back

Unions' concessions are good thing for W-W

Preserving public education in Michigan has been a daunting task at best these days. With the state cutting millions out of its school funding, K-12 districts have had to scramble to find ways to cut costs and balance their budgets, lest they get taken over by a state-appointed emergency manager.

For Wayne-Westland, the state cuts were extreme. It was the district hardest hit by the governor's proposal and even with partial restoration of its enhanced funding, it still faced a severe revenue loss.

That's why what was accomplished over the past few months with all of its employee unions and district leaders is worth noting. The district's employees from the superintendent on down have stepped up to the plate and accepted concessions to help save the district close to \$6 million this budget year and about \$9 million over two years.

The unions — the Wayne-Westland Education Association, Wayne-Westland Central Office

The unions — the Wayne-Westland Education Association, 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 Superintendent Greg Baracy and Deputy Superintendents Paul Salah and Gary Martin should be commended for their commitment to the students of the district.

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 Superintendent Greg Baracy and Deputy Superintendents Paul Salah and Gary Martin should be commended for their commitment

to the students of the district. It is they who benefit the most from the concessions. There will be no loss of educational opportunities and extracurricular activities this year. And that's a good thing.

In addition to wage concessions, employees have agreed to pay 10 percent of their health care costs which helps the district get closer to the four best practices needed to qualify for an additional \$100 in per pupil funding this year.

It's never easy to give back hard fought gains and that's why we are surprised at the WWEA's agreement to increase to the number of students that would trigger establishing an additional class. That we see as a huge concession, considering class size was the rallying cry among supporters of a four-day teachers' strike in 2008.

The state has been in an economic funk for close to 10 years. When will the good times return, or if they return is anyone's guess. The fact that employees are willing to help keep the doors open and lights on in Wayne-Westland without the help of an emergency manager is a huge relief.

We believe the superintendent was correct when he noted that "we have to save ourselves — no one else is going to save us," and the contracts approved in the past month are a strong indication that Wayne-Westland plans to save itself.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What letter grade would you give Gov. Rick Snyder for his first six months in office?

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



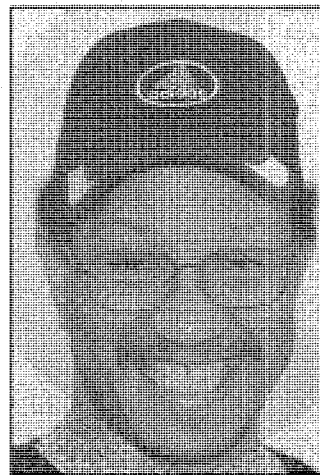
"I'd give him a C. I'd give him an A for being an aggressive problem solver and an E for taxing retirees' pensions. I'm retired and that equals an E."

Wade Cupps
Westland



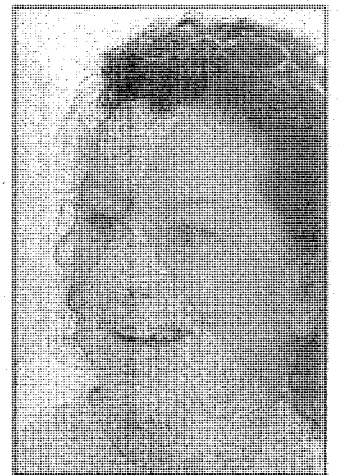
"For old people, you're screwed. I'd give him a D. At least he's moving his lips, but I'd like to watch my own coin, not have him watching over my shoulder."

Gary Moore
Westland



"I'd give him a low C-high D. I think the way things are with job development, a lot of things are starting to happen, but with some of his policies, it might be setback."

Gregory Bailey
Romulus



"I don't know that much about him. I'll give him between a C or a C minus."

Diane Paris
Westland

LETTERS

Obama didn't wait as long

A couple of weeks ago, a letter writer who describes himself as a Pole who served with the 82nd Airborne in World War II, for which I commend him, believes Obama waited too long to authorize the strike against Osama.

Not near as long as George W. whose State Department had knowledge that Osama was in Abbottabad, Pakistan, according to cables obtained by Wikileaks in September 2008.

He then goes on to say that Franklin Roosevelt played a role in the painful division of Europe. True that at the Yalta conference Britain and the U.S. signed on to Russian occupation of Eastern Europe but the war in the Pacific had not been won and FDR wanted Russia to declare war on Japan. The atomic bomb had yet to be tested in February 1945 whereas the Soviet army was well on its way to Berlin at that point and Soviet occupation of Eastern Europe was all but completed by May of 1945 and the U.S. Army had yet to cross the Elba river in East Germany. Thus we had little choice in the matter.

Mr. Siedlik should agree with most if not all military historians that the Soviet army with a lot of help from the U.S. and Britain defeated the German army and their occupation of Eastern Europe could not have been prevented short of a war no one was interested in at the time.

Larry Egan
Livonia

Other side of Wind Day

The wind power industry celebrated Global Wind Day on June 15, an occasion promoted by the wind lobby group AWEA to tout the benefits of wind power. The same group is also pushing to create a "WindMade" certification to identify products made using this energy source.

In principle, there are grounds to celebrate the

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evolution of wind power into a robust and sustainable element of the world's energy portfolio, but we need to take the blinders off and look at wind from all sides. And when we do, we see a very significant dark cloud that hangs over what could otherwise be an unabashed celebration of a potentially green power source — the toll that wind turbines exact on bird and bat populations.

In 2009, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimated that about 440,000 birds are likely killed each year by the fast-spinning wind turbines — and that was at a time when the industry was just beginning an expansion that may bring about a 12-fold growth by 2030. It is impossible to determine how many dead birds that will translate into (it depends how and where wind projects are built), but without a sea-change in the industry, it will certainly be in the millions.

And it's not just any birds that are killed. Many iconic American birds have died in encounters with whirling turbine blades: eagles, hawks, kestrels, owls and many songbird species. So the next time

you hear someone say, "Cats kill more birds than wind turbines," remember, cats don't kill Golden Eagles. And wind power does something else, too. Like other forms of development, it destroys bird habitat. In the West, where significant wind power build-out is planned, habitat for the once common but now increasingly rare prairie-chickens and sage-grouse is particularly threatened.

But it doesn't have to be this way. Wind energy can co-exist with birds, but not on the path we're currently taking. The wind industry will proudly hold up a few wind developments as proof of how it is doing the right thing for birds. But don't be fooled. For every one project that is done right, many are being done very wrong—poorly sited in places important for birds or along migratory pathways, and with no planning and with little done to make up for the damage caused.

We cannot expect giant utility conglomerates to do the right thing on their own. In an era where the phrase "government regulation" is viewed by many as dirty as they come, we need to acknowledge that this is one case where additional mandatory federal standards are essential for the future of our birds and their habitats. The proposed federal wind industry guidelines are not mandatory — they are optional. Other energy sectors such as coal, oil, gas, and nuclear don't get to choose which environmental standards they abide by. Why should wind?

The wind industry wants the WindMade moniker to suggest that wind energy is somehow in harmony with the environment, with nature, and it could be. If the wind industry would take responsibility for the bird mortality issues and provide the requisite simple fixes that would go a long way toward bringing that green imagery into focus for all of us.

George Fenwick
President,
American Bird Conservancy

McCotter and his ego step into the race for president

One of the real perks of the job for us journalists is that we get to spend a lot of time talking to politicians. Yes, I know, please don't be too jealous.

One of those politicians I have been fortunate enough to spend time with over the last decade or so is our congressman, Thaddeus McCotter. If there is one thing I have always said about McCotter, it is that he is the smartest guy in the room. Just ask him.

Whether he tries to or not, McCotter, 45, just seems to carry around with him an aura of arrogance. Believe me, that is not an unusual trait among politicians. And I don't hold it against him. We elect people to Congress because we hope they are smart, which McCotter certainly is, and that they will do a good job representing our interests in Washington. Depending on what side of the political aisle you favor, McCotter has mostly

done a good job in that regard.

But when you talk to McCotter, especially about politics, he is quick to let you know that you don't know half as much as he does. He is apt to bring up long ago political treaties or obscure economic philosophies that leave the layman scratching their heads. I know, because he has left me scratching my head on occasion. Several times after interviewing him with my colleagues, I have walked out of the room remembering something my old football coach told me when I was a captain years ago: Even if you don't know what you're talking about, act like you do and people will believe you. Now I'm not suggesting McCotter doesn't know what he's talking about. Oftentimes, though, the people he is talking to have no idea what he is talking about.

Well, if there was anyone who doubted McCotter's arrogant streak, he put it to rest last weekend. After weeks of speculation and McCotter tap dancing around answering the question whether he was getting in or not, he came to Whitmore Lake to make it official. Standing on the Freedom Fest

stage in front of a smattering of people, the Livonia Republican announced he is running for president of the United States. You don't do something like that unless you have a pretty healthy ego.

I'm not sure what his real motivation is with this move. Let's be honest. McCotter's chances of winning the Republican nomination are slim — at best. His name recognition compared with the other nominees is low. And that means he is going to have a hard time raising the kind of money it will take to win the nomination.

But he is a darling of some in the right-wing media, particularly over at FOX News, where he often appears as a guest, especially on "RedEye With Greg Gutfeld." They know McCotter is smart and can make a compelling argument, and they helped talk him into this move. Plus, he doesn't have a lot of baggage. And he has been very successful winning in a district that leans Republican, but is home to plenty of Democrats. He has represented the 11th Congressional district since 2003. Perhaps he is doing it for his own

vanity. There is no question McCotter likes the limelight. We in the media receive at least weekly updates from his people letting us know what news programs the Congressman has appeared on that week. I think one of the reasons he is asked to appear on the television news programs is because he can articulate the Republican arguments on most issues, and that's why he will serve a purpose in this race.

However, I think McCotter is about to be taught a lesson in humility. He has just stepped up to the big time. If he thinks winning the Republican nomination for president is going to be anything like winning five terms against a bunch of patsies (just try to name three or even two of the opponents McCotter has beaten for Congress) he is mistaken. McCotter has never had a problem being cut-throat when it comes to running a campaign (anyone remember his television ads when he ran against Democrat Kevin Kelley?). He is about to find out how it feels to be on the other end of the equation. I'm guessing the first thing his opponents will

go after him on is his support of the government bailouts for the auto companies. While I personally agree he was on the right side of history with that support, it won't matter in a Republican primary field. He's crucified for it.

Yet, I think McCotter's big problem will be the fact that isn't a very good public speaker. The sense of whipping up Just check out a clip of Whitmore Lake. I sur right things, it's just "We will reconstruct the average citizen. The problem, I think doesn't connect age citizen. He for his own g So it will or if his at' this cam' wilt unc' Time v

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Midyear: Great time to review finances

BY RICK BLOOM
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It's mid-year and a great time to review your personal finances. Last week I discussed pruning your portfolio to keep it well-maintained and balanced. However, when it comes to personal finance, it's more than just your investment portfolio. It is estate planning needs, taxes, risk management, debt and cash flow. All these areas are important in order to maintain your personal financial affairs. One thing that everyone should look at mid-way through the year that helps in all areas of personal finance, is cash flow.

Cash flow means determining where your money is coming from and where it is going. Typically, it is easy to know where money is coming from. Most of us obtain the cash coming into our households either from salaries or investments. Check your last pay stub, which is in the great majority of situations cumulative for the year, as well as statements received over the next few weeks from investments.

The second half of the equation, often more difficult, shows where your money is going. You should know where every dollar that's coming in is going. You should know how much is going for food, entertainment, utilities, etc. In other words, you should know exactly what you have spent your hard-earned dollars on.

One of the most important numbers for each of us is what it costs us to live a month. The only way to get this number is to look at where your cash is going.

This is important because it could help you determine whether you can afford to retire. If you're already retired it could help determine whether you have to make any lifestyle

adjustments. From an estate planning and risk management standpoint, that number is important because it could help you make important decisions such as whether you need life insurance.

PERSONAL INFLATION RATE

If you prepare a cash flow statement a couple times a year, you will determine your cost of living and personal inflation rate.

The government reports inflation, but that number is relatively meaningless to the average citizen. What is important is our individual inflation rate. If you prepared a cash flow statement last year at this time, you could compare it to this year and have an idea of what costs are increasing on a year-by-year basis.

The more you know about your finances the better you will be at handling them. I strongly recommend that as we enter the dog days of summer you spend some time preparing a cash flow statement.

At the same time, I also recommend preparing a personal balance sheet - a list of your assets and liabilities. Your assets less your liabilities equal your net worth. Maintaining a personal balance sheet can help you see how you are doing over the years. If your net worth is not growing, it may signify a problem that you need to correct.

Liabilities are a key section of a personal balance sheet is your. Getting a handle on your debts is one of the most fiscally responsible things you can do.

The first time you prepare a cash flow statement or a personal balance sheet is time consuming. However, every time after that, it gets easier and easier. So if you want to make life easier six months from now, prepare a family balance sheet and a cash flow statement now.

Good luck!

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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Girl Scouts teach 'upcycling' at Ann Arbor Art Fair

There will be something new this year at the Ann Arbor Art Fair: Girl Scouts who will be on hand to teach kids how to create usable art with recycled materials at the Art Activity Zone on Ingalls Mall from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., July 20-23.

Girls attending Camp O' the Hills Fine Arts Camp, which is owned and operated by Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, and local troops will teach children how to create bracelets and eco-envelopes using magazines, catalogs and calendars.

"Creating a memorable art-making experience is very important to us," said Michelle Schaefer, director of programs and outreach for the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair. "We work to ensure that our Art Activity Zone offers quality arts education projects to kids and families. Organizations like Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan make this possible."

The Ann Arbor Art Fair is a group of four award-winning art fairs that take place Wednesday-Saturday, July 20-23, in downtown Ann Arbor. The event attracts more than 500,000 visitors annually. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

In addition to art exhibits, the fair also features music performances and children's activities - most notably the Imagination Stations - family-oriented stops along the way offering special projects designed to engage and challenge even the youngest of fairgoers.

Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, the original is the oldest of the four Ann Arbor Art Fairs. Established in 1960, the fair is held around the Burton Carillon Tower, a clock tower on the central campus of the University of Michigan, and features almost 200 artists, along with a number of other



Girls attending Camp O' the Hills Fine Arts Camp and local troops will teach children how to create bracelets and eco-envelopes at the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

hands-on activities and performances. The other fairs include the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair that transforms the Main Street Area into an impressive outdoor art festival showcasing the best in fine art and fine crafts; State Street Area Art Fair that combines the talents of 325 artists with a host of merchant displays along the streets of Ann Arbor's campus area, and the AnnSouth University Art Fair which features almost 150 artists.

There are many kids who do not have art classes in

school, and these projects at the fair may be their only art experience this year" said Schaefer. It is a very special environment - kids making art - artists selling their art. It is my dream that these kids see that it is possible to pursue a career as an artist, and one day I hope to see them as one of our art fair artists."

Drawing and painting artist, Erin Mattimoe, who has taught at Madonna University, said, "arts education encourages critical thinking and creative problem solving and increases focus. It provides a construc-

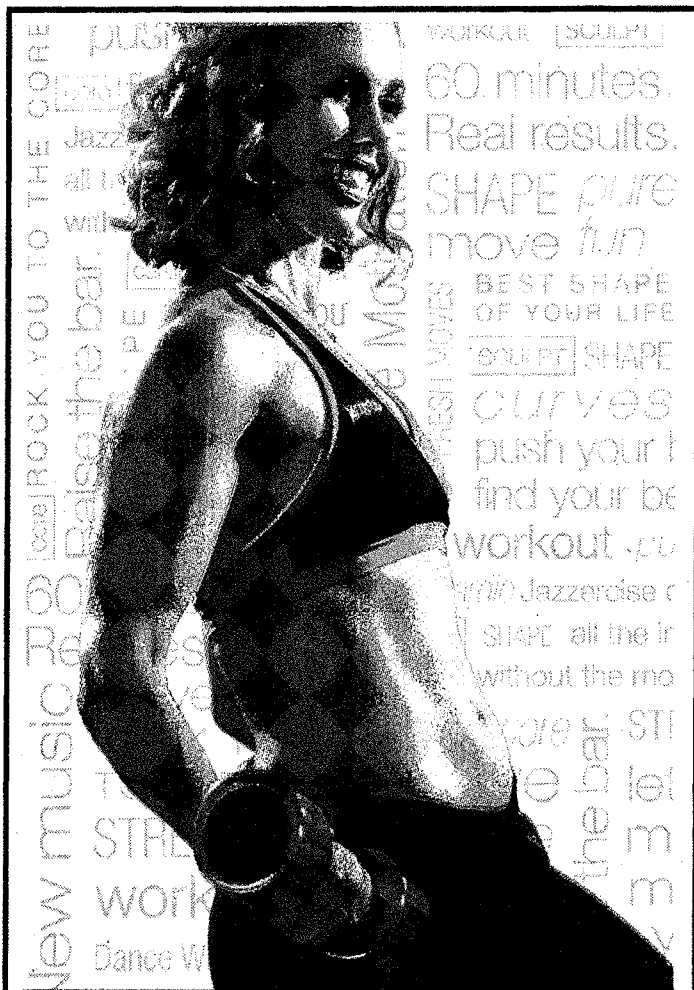
tive outlet for emotions and promotes a diverse perspective on life. Art translates into taking charge, implementing change and taking risks - all skills that will benefit young people throughout their lives." Mattimoe is also a GSHOM program specialist.

Colleen Flynn is an actor and director who teaches at the Camp O' the Hills Fine Arts Camp and the Jackson School of the Arts. She said that arts education, in an environment, such as a Girl Scout camp, allows girls to express themselves in ways which are less inhibited than in classrooms, because they can be free to think and act as themselves without the feeling of being judged or graded on their performance.

"It is extremely important for all artists to become aware of themselves and how they personally and truly react to their feelings in all situations, which is not always condoned in the classroom," she added.

"There is a strong relationship between the arts and cognition which, in turn, promotes a higher level of thinking," said Marty Dwyer Flew, who also teaches at Camp O' the Hills Fine Arts Camp and the Jackson School of the Arts. "Children should continue their summer education by problem solving, facing ambiguity, defending their opinions, yet remaining unique in a creative and safe environment. This will help them grow as individuals and as students."

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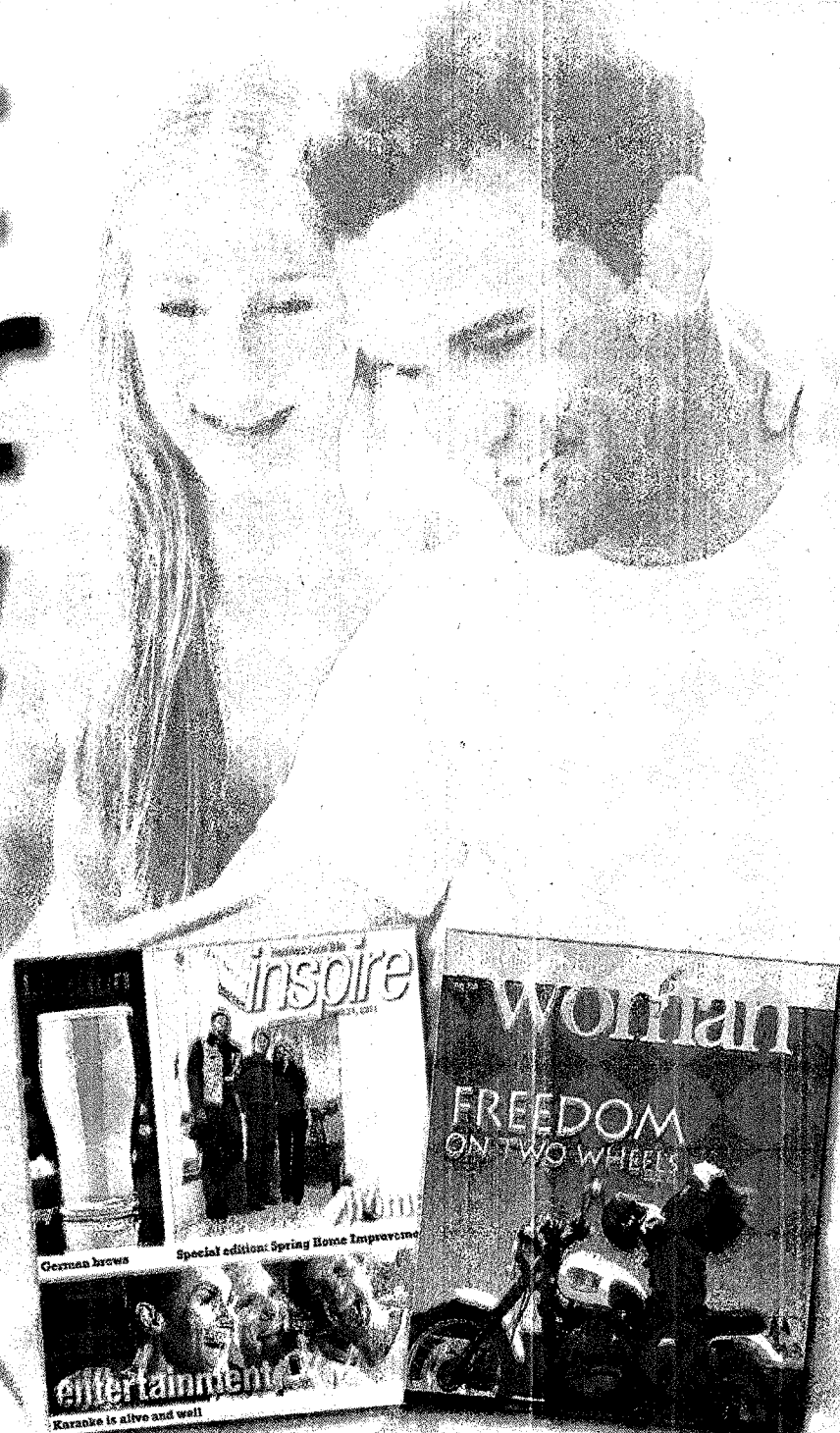
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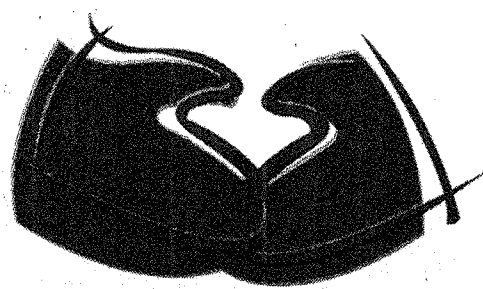
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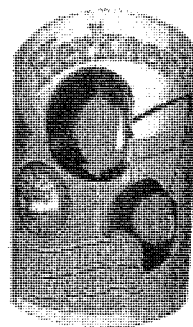
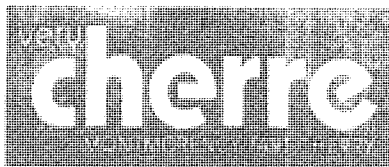
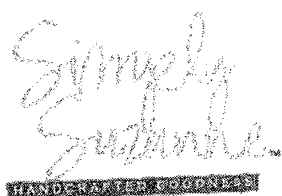
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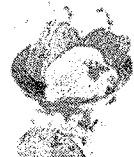
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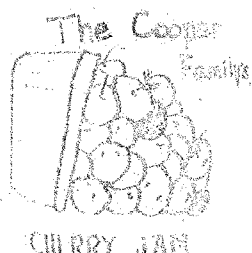
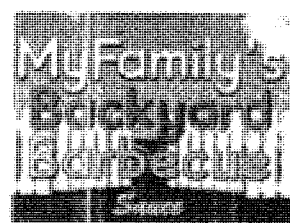
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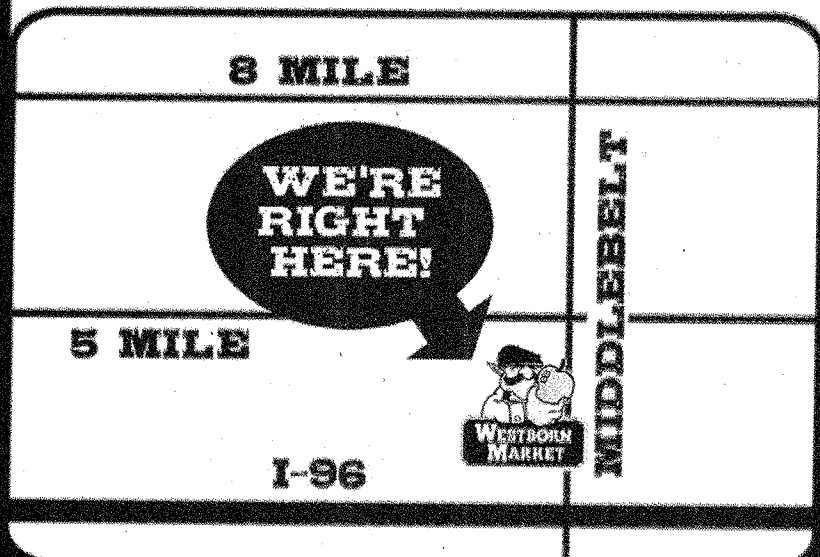
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Powerboat champion Sechler on pace for 7th title

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Jim Sechler is a little anxious about this week's Quake on the Lake powerboat racing event, that's certainly understandable.

Sechler, the Farmington Hills owner of the Fast Eddie II, had one of his worst moments in the sport when his boat blew an engine in last year's race on Pontiac Lake.

He's hoping for a smoother and less stressful weekend at the 2011 event, which takes place Saturday and Sunday in



Sechler

Waterford. "It being our home race and, usually, the race where all our friends and family show up, it's hard to see your

boat coming in pushing a rope (at the end of a tow)," Sechler said.

A repeat is unlikely based on past results and the enormous success Sechler and driver Dan Kanfoush have enjoyed in recent years.

QUAKE ON THE LAKE

They've won six consecutive American Power Boat Association championships in the one-litre modified inboard class, and they're on their way to winning a seventh.

They've already won eight races this year. Each team can run as many as 20 races; the top 15 finishes are used to determine its season points total.

Ten boats have pre-registered in the modified inboard class for the Quake and 75

overall. This year's race also will serve as the Summer National, one of the four major championships. In each class, the racing weekend consists of four heats, two each day.

"It's the biggest race of the year for us inboarders," Sechler said. "It's the first time the Summer National has been hosted in Michigan in 43 years."

One thing Sechler and Kanfoush have not done is win all four majors in the same season. The others are the Western Divisional, World Championships and Eastern

Divisional.

"That's the one thing I sure would like to do," Sechler said. "If things go well, this could be our year. We won three and looked like we were on our way to winning a fourth last year. Then we had the engine failure. We were that close."

Last season was one of the most challenging and frustrating for Sechler, who does most of the mechanical work. A second engine failed at the Eastern Divisional.

"We went five years without

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SIDELINES

They're All Stars

Two recent Canton High School graduates — CarolAnn Sexauer and Kaitlyn Mattson — have been selected by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association to play in the Senior All Star game set for 3:30 p.m. Monday, July 20, at Michigan State University.

"This is a big honor for them," said Jim Arnold, who coached both players throughout their prep careers with the Chiefs.

Holes in one

A pair of linksters recorded holes in one at Glenhurst Golf Course recently.

On June 28, Redford Township resident Suzan Franzen aced the 99-yard No. 4 hole with a 9 wood. The 54-year-old Franzen, who has been playing for 16 years, registered a nine-hole round of 55. It was her second hole in one.

On July 7, Detroit resident Homer McCloud knocked his tee shot in the hole on the 119-yard fourth hole using a sand wedge. It was the 60-year-old golfer's first ace in 27 years of playing the sport. He finished with a nine-hole round of 38.

Salem wrestling camp

The Salem High School Wrestling Camp will run from 5:30-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 18-21.

Sessions will focus on teaching solid fundamental techniques as well as reinforcement of basic athletic skills essential for success at any level. Each session will include live wrestling as well as a mixture of technique demonstration and special training exercises designed to improve basic skill sets critical to wrestling. Camp instructors include several present and past Salem coaches, led by varsity assistant and 2006 State Champion Jeremy Henderson. Other former Salem state qualifiers and current college and high school wrestlers also will be on hand. The camp registration fee is \$80 and includes a T-shirt. For more information, contact coach Henderson at jhendy189@gmail.com or call him at (734) 812-9588.

Plymouth Elks Soccer Shoot

There's still time to sign youngsters up for the Plymouth Elks Soccer Shoot, slated for Saturday, July 23, at Elks Park.

The tournament will include boys and girls divisions for the U8, U10, U12 and U14 age brackets (with ages determined as of August). Games will be five-goal contests.

Hot dogs and drinks will be provided to all participants and family members. For more information, call Ken Hines at (810) 523-0017.

Crusaders lauded for academics

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics announced its 2010-11 Scholar Teams and Seven Madonna University programs were recently honored as National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics "Scholar Teams."

For a team to be considered for the NAIA Scholar Team Award, it must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) as defined by the institution. The team grade point average includes all student-athletes

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For the love of the sport

Longtime Lancer enjoys role as Redford Catholic's new director

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Once a Lancer, always a Lancer.

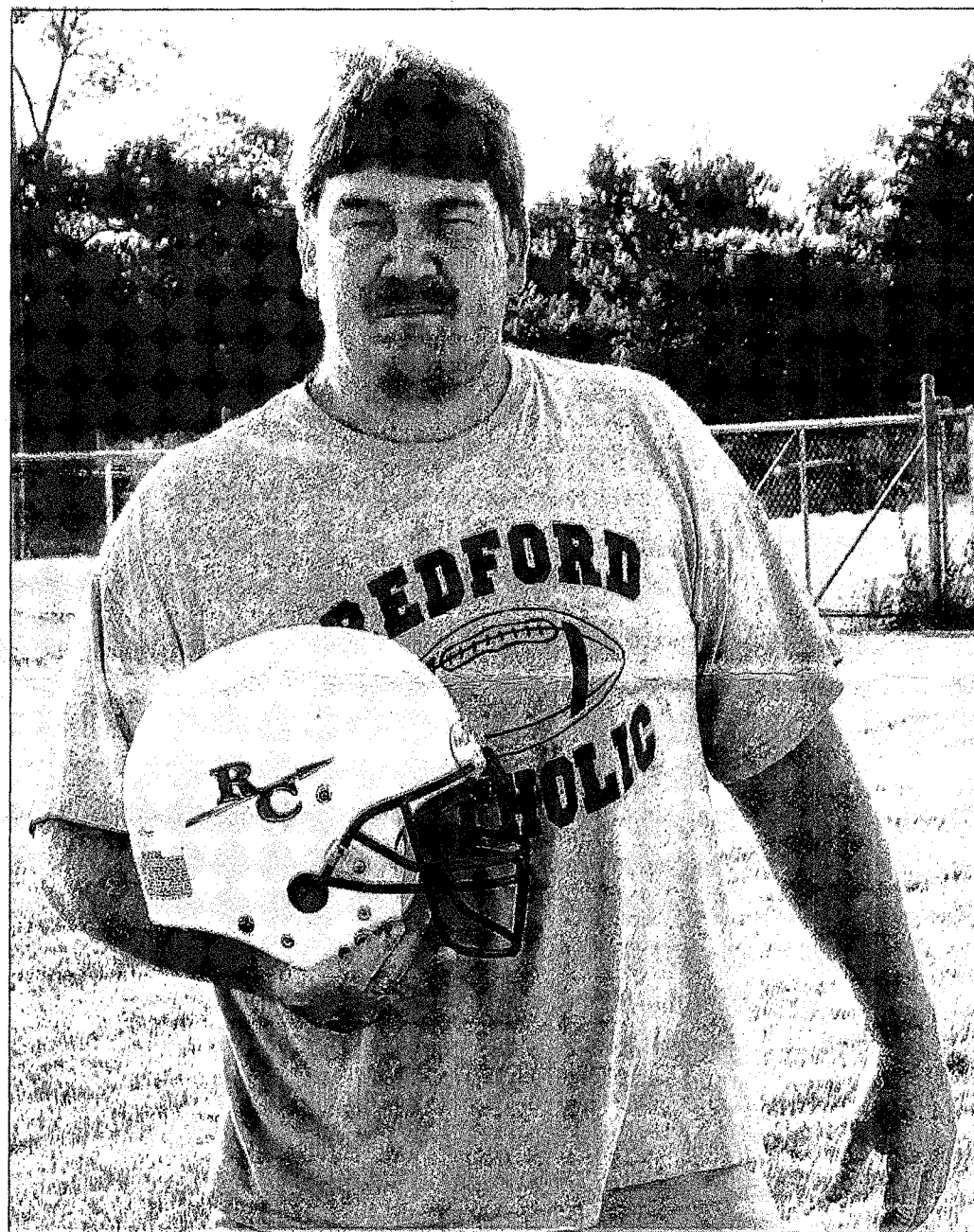
That would be an appropriate credo for lifelong Redford Township resident Pat Wagner, who has come full circle in the Redford Catholic football program.

Wagner was recently named the Lancers' football director — over two decades after pulling on the team's blue-and-white uniform for the first time.

"Being able to do this is an honor because we have such a great group of kids and a great group of parents," Wagner said, talking about his new responsibility. "We don't get a big draw like some of the other CYO programs, but the kids who do play for us get a lot of playing time and a lot of one-on-one coaching."

Wagner said the township's decreasing population has cut into Redford Catholic's roster sizes, but it hasn't diminished the enthusiasm he or the other volunteer leaders share for the sport and the program.

"For some of the kids who play for us, this is their only opportunity to play an organized sport," Wagner said. "It builds character, teaches them about teamwork and sportsmanship. The CYO has been around for close to 80 years, too, so there's a lot of tradi-



First-year Redford Catholic Football director Pat Wagner played for the Lancers as a middle-schooler before taking his gridiron skills to St. Agatha High School. He currently has two sons in the program.

tion."

Wagner oversees a program that includes a freshman team (second grade through fourth grade), a junior-varsity unit (fifth and sixth grades) and a

varsity squad, which is made up of seventh- and eighth-graders.

"We'd love to have at least 20 kids at each level," Wagner said. "The interest hasn't been

there the past few years; there just aren't as many kids in the area any more because a lot of people are moving out. Last

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Spartans' coach Mitchell returns

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After a one-year hiatus, David Mitchell is back behind the bench as varsity hockey coach at Livonia Stevenson.

Mitchell was forced to step down following the 2009-10 season after taking an assistant principal position at Livonia's Holmes Middle School.

Livonia Public School policy prohibits administrators to remain as head coaches. Mitchell, however, served as a volunteer assistant last season under Gerry Vento.

But 37-year-old Mitchell resigned his position at Holmes after one year to return to the classroom where he teaches computer technology and social studies.

Formerly an assistant at Churchill, Mitchell finished 56-14-8 in three varsity seasons with the Spartans, capturing one Kensington Lakes Activities Association title (2010) and reaching two regional finals (2008 and 2010).

"David left administration to come back to teaching because he missed it," Stevenson athletic director

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Mitchell

'Summer Blast' offers some fun, cost-effective soccer training

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Youth soccer enthusiasts who are looking for a blast this summer should look no further than the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.

That will be the site of the annual Garden City Soccer Club's "Summer Blast", a cost-effective five-day camp that has added an appealing new twist this summer.

The camp, which will run from Aug. 1-5 (6-8 p.m. each day) will be organized for the first time by Garden City High School boys and girls soccer coach Jason Dean, who will be assisted by members of his highly-successful teams.

"The No. 1 thing we want to do is offer kids an opportunity to receive a good level of training at a good price," said Dean, whose girls squad recently

completed a one-loss season. "For a lot of five-day camps like ours, you're going to be paying around \$150. Our camp is \$30 per player. We really wanted to make this camp affordable to everyone who wants to participate."

Dean said he is excited about getting his high school players involved in training the young campers.

"It's a great opportunity for these players to learn about community service," he said. "As they teach the game to younger players, they become ambassadors for the sport, which soccer needs if it is ever going to grow."

Dean has been affiliated with the camp since 2007.

"We had about 100 participants that year and it has grown every year since," Dean said. "Last year, we had 135 kids."

One of the many appeals of

the camp is that there will often be a 4-to-1 camper-to-trainer ratio.

"We will split the kids up into groups depending on their age and skill level," Dean said. "We don't want 12-year-olds with 7-year-olds because you can't do the same kind of activities."

Each day of the camp will focus on a different aspect of the game.

"For instance, one day will be shooting, another day dribbling, another day offensive strategies, and so on," Dean explained. "By the time the week is over, we will have covered all of the components of the sport."

The camp will serve as a fundraiser for the Garden City High School girls and boys soccer programs.

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Few teams, no 'Hope'

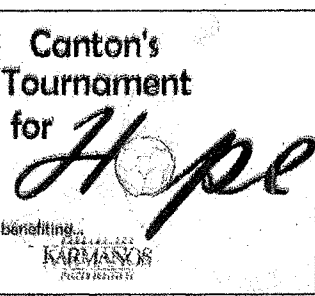
BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whether due to the economy or competition from summer activities, organizers for a benefit indoor soccer tournament decided to pull the plug — for now, at least — and try again in 2012.

When Kim Riley and Colleen Van Auken of Canton and Tina McIntyre of Plymouth last month announced their intentions to launch Canton's Tournament for Hope, they were upbeat about helping raise money and awareness to fight breast cancer.

The tourney would have taken place July 29-31 at High Velocity Sports in Canton, on board for the venture to the tune of donating the use of its fields and referees.

But this week, Riley said there just weren't enough six-player teams lining up to pay a \$400 entry fee for the



tournament to proceed as planned.

"Unfortunately we did not have any luck securing enough teams to have the tourney," said Riley, in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "We are hoping to try again in the spring. It may be a better time of year for everyone."

All proceeds from the tournament were to have been donated to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Games would have been played in competitive and recreational divisions, for

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Youth baseball tryouts

The Motor City Giants Baseball Club will be staging 10-and-under tryouts for the 2012 season from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 and Aug. 3 at Castle Gardens Park, 14503 Hix Street, Livonia.

The tryouts are open to any player who will be 10 or younger on April 30, 2012. (Age group is intended for players with birthdates between May 1, 2001 and April 30, 2002).

The Plymouth-Canton based team will compete in tournaments and non-league games against select KVBSA, NOBF and MABF teams with 30-to-40 travel games.

For registration information, e-mail Tim Sweet at sweetbaseball@sbcgloabl.net.

Tryouts for the 2012 11-and-under Canton Cardinals baseball team will be Sunday, Aug. 7 and 21.

For more information, visit www.gcybas.com; or e-mail coach Patrick McAuliffe cantoncards2011@gmail.com.

Golf & Margaritas

Instructors Tami Bealert and Gary McKetrick will off a golf night out with Margaritas on the Range

for women 21-and-older from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, July 18 at Hickory Creek Golf Course's driving range, located at 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

Included in the \$25 cost is personal golf tips, one medium range of balls, margaritas, salsa and chips. Space is limited to the first 20.

The reserve a spot, e-mail TrainwithTami@yahoo.com; or call (734) 731-0238. For more information, visit www.trainwithtami.com.

Whalers to 'Connect'

Plymouth Whalers forward RJ Mahalak and other members of the Ontario Hockey League team will read to students at Canton Public Library as part of the library's "Connect Your Summer" program.

The Whalers will be on hand 11 a.m. Thursday, July 14, and 2 p.m. Friday, July 29.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

CYO volleyball signup

St. John Neumann parish in Canton is currently holding registration for the upcoming fall CYO girls volleyball season.

Any girls grades 5-8 in

2011-12 are eligible to register from St. Thomas A. Becket, Resurrection and St. John Neumann.

Practices begin the second week of August with league games starting the first week of September.

To register, call St. John Neumann athletic director Walt Marek at (734) 455-5910, Ext. 31.

Golf outings

The Harrison High School Football Boosters will have their annual golf outing 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at The Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon.

The cost is \$100 per player or \$400 per foursome. The format is Texas Scramble. A steak dinner follows the golf.

A registration form is available at www.gohawks.org or by calling Dave Race at 248-376-1535.

The fifth annual Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours family golf outing will be Saturday, Aug. 20, at Livonia's Fox Creek Golf Course.

The \$75 golf package includes 18 holes (with cart), meals and refreshments. Sponsors are also needed. For more information, call Paul Beaubien at (586) 419-8955.

MITCHELL

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Lori Hyman said. "He applied, was interviewed and received the position. I recommended he be our hockey coach and I received approval from our Director of Secondary Education Steve Archibald (formerly the Stevenson principal)."

Hyman said Mitchell was one of two candidates who interviewed for the job. He is the fifth different varsity hockey hire under Hyman's watch since she became athletic director at Stevenson in 2000-01.

"He's one of the most respected teachers and coaches in our district," the Stevenson A.D. said. "He's a hard worker, well respected and has a great relationship with the athletes and parents. We're fortunate to have him back."

The 42-year-old Vento left in early June to take the Plymouth High job.

In his only season at Stevenson, Vento compiled a respectable 16-7-3 record, including a 1-0-1 record against Division 1 state champion Novi and a 1-1

mark against state runner-up Orchard Lake St. Mary's, along with a win over top-ranked and 2010 Division 1 state champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

He served previously as a three-year assistant under Mitchell at Stevenson.

Vento received a positive evaluation from Hyman in April, but said he was told in late May that he could return only as an assistant coach with the Spartans for 2011-12 season. (All coaching positions with the Livonia Public Schools are under one-year renewable contracts.)

On June 5, Vento told the Observer, "I couldn't accept that scenario," and "resigned for personal reasons," according to Hyman, leaving the door open for Mitchell to return.

"It was a career decision first, and when the opportunity first presented itself, I had to look at it including hockey," Mitchell said. "There were a lot of reasons, but it was a better fit for me and my family. I was thankful for the opportunity, but the best fit was being in the classroom. I weighed all the options. I have two younger kids and raising a family of my own, and my wife is a teacher. But it was my decision

to take this step. I love teaching and working with the kids. It was a family career decision. It's something I had to do."

Summer hockey started this week at Stevenson and Mitchell is looking to fill the assistant coach position. No one from Vento's 2010-11 staff will return to coach under Mitchell. The assistant varsity hockey position posting period ended July 5.

When asked whether his current relationship with Vento or any of their assistant coaches or support staff had been strained due to the coaching change, Mitchell simply said:

"He (Vento) found an opportunity that opened up and the opportunity opened up here (at Stevenson) — that was it. He'll always be a good part of the Stevenson family, and now he has a good opportunity at Plymouth."

Looking toward the future, Mitchell may be in the midst of a rebuilding process.

"We lost a lot — 15 seniors, so there's plenty of opportunity to come in, contribute and play right away," he said. "We want to continue to compete at the highest level and put a solid effort in every night."

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Pitch, Hit, Run champ

Jake Giacobbi (left, pictured next to his father Paul, captured the 12-year-old division state title in the Aquafina Major League Baseball Pitch Hit and Run competition held recently at Comerica Park. Giacobbi, who plays for the Livonia Junior Athletic League Blue Jays, a Bronco Major team, won local and regional competitions and fell short by just one place of earning a spot in the national finals at the MLB All-Star Game this week in Phoenix, Ariz. Blue Jay teammate Keegan Flaherty also participated in the state finals and placed second.

Whalers sign quartet of promising prospects

The Plymouth Whalers recently signed four players who impressed team management at the rookie orientation weekend.

At the top of the list of talented newcomers inked by Whalers' general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci is 16-year-old left wing Mitchell Dempsey, who was selected by the Whalers in the first round (11th overall) of the 2011 Ontario Hockey League Draft.

Ontario native Dempsey scored 38 goals with 34 assists for 72 points and 76 PIM's in 55 games for the Cambridge Hawks last season. He lit the lamp twice during the rookie orientation scrimmages at Compuware Arena.

"We've had success in developing power forwards — guys who play with skill and strength," Vellucci said. "It may take a little time, but Dempsey has the chance to be a player in the mold of James Neal (now with the Pittsburgh Penguins) or Jared Boll (Columbus Blue Jackets)."

After seeing Plymouth during Rookie Orientation, Dempsey is ready to get going during training camp, which begins with players reporting back to the area in late August.

"It was great coming in and meeting everyone at Rookie Camp," Dempsey said today in a telephone interview. "It was a little nerve-racking at first, but we were able to see everything and get settled. I can't wait to get started."

Besides Dempsey, the Whalers have signed three other new players for the upcoming season — 2011 second round pick and left Matthew Mistelet; 2011 eighth round pick and left wing Danny Vanderwiel; and goaltender Jake Patterson, who was taken in the seventh round of the 2010 OHL Draft.

Vanderwiel — 5-foot-11 and 199 pounds from Island Lake, IL (northwest of Chicago) — scored 10 goals with 11 assists for 21 points and 87 PIM's in 33 games for the Team Illinois U-



Mitchell Dempsey, the Plymouth Whalers first-round draft choice this year, proudly sports his new team's colors. He recently signed a contract with the OHL team.



Danny Vanderwiel, shown during the Whalers' rookie orientation camp in late May, is one of four 2011 draft picks to sign with the team this summer.

16's last season.

Vanderwiel also attended USA Hockey's National Team Development Program Evaluation Camp last March, a camp featuring the top 1995-born players in the United States.

"Our scouts have a history of finding good players later in the draft, and we really like what we've seen from Danny so far," said Vellucci. "He's strong on

his skates and competes hard."

Plymouth finished last season with a record of 36-26-2-4 and made the playoffs for the 20th consecutive season — a current OHL record.

The Whalers bring back a full roster in 2011-12 (including Dempsey, Mistelet, Vanderwiel and Patterson) and are expected to be in the thick of the Western Conference playoff race again.

WAGNER

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year our freshman team only had 14 players, but they all got a lot of experience and will be better for it this season.

"Our kids work hard and they have fun."

A good percentage of the Lancers' coaching staff are former players at St. Agatha High School, Wagner included.

"I think we have six guys altogether who played at one time or another at St. Agatha," Wagner said. "Most of us played at different times, so we didn't know each other. It just kind of coincidental that we came together here."

Todd Reamer will serve as the freshman head coach while

Preston Billingsley will handle the head-coaching responsibilities for the junior-varsity team. Mark Pelton is the head coach of the varsity squad.

The inaugural Redford Catholic Football skills camp will be held July 26-28 at Our Lady of Loretto, located at Six Mile and Beech Daly in Redford.

Wagner said the camp is open to all kids who are entering second through eighth grades.

"We know times are tough now, so we've made it cost-effective for everybody," said Wagner. "Along with teaching some of the finer techniques of the game, we'll be getting the kids' mindset on the upcoming season. You don't have to be a football player to participate in the camp. It's

also for kids who just want to get a taste for what the sport is about.

To register for the camp, contact Wagner at lancerreg@gmail.com or (313) 690-0117.

Registration is also ongoing for the 2011 Redford Catholic Football season. Practices start in early August and run weekly from Monday through Friday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Once school starts, practices will be shortened to 6-7:30 p.m.

Games are played each week on Saturday or Sunday, beginning the weekend before Labor Day Weekend and running through mid-October. Player fees are \$135 for the first player in each family and \$110 for each additional sibling.

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Rams, Knights go extras, tie 4-4

The Michigan Rams settled for a 4-4 draw with the 22-and-under Knights Monday night in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game that was called after 10 innings due to the two-and-a-half-hour time limit.

Trailing 3-2 heading into the top of the seventh, the Rams (13-12-1) pushed across a pair of runs to seize a short-lived lead as the Knights countered with a single run in the bottom of the frame, forcing the extra innings.

The Rams' seven-hit attack was sparked by Caleb Wick's 3-for-4 effort. Also shining for the Rams were John DiLaura (1-for-2, two RBI), Mark Weist (2-for-5), Jeff Sorenson (RBI, run) and Mike Carson, who knocked in a run.

Brett Mazmanian paced the Knights' 12-hit attack by going 3-for-5 with an RBI and a run scored. Coley Crank (2-for-5, RBI, run) and Eric Wrozek (2-for-4, RBI), also made solid contributions for the Knights.

Mike Schypinski hurled the first six innings for the Rams, yielding three runs while scattering nine hits and two walks. Schypinski whiffed five Knights.

Zach Wedesky turned in a stellar four-inning relief stint for coach Rick Berryman's diamond men, giving up just one run on three hits and a walk.

Zack Robbins pitched the first five innings for the Knights, giving up two runs on three hits and four bases on balls. Robbins struck out

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three. Kyle Clark pitched the final five frames for the Knights.

Rams split with Pride

On Saturday, the Rams halved a LCBL twinbill with the Pride at Ford Field.

The Rams used some solid bat work from John DiLaura (2-for-2, two RBI, run) and Brett Brindley (2-for-3, RBI, two runs) to win game one, 7-4. Weist (1-for-3, RBI, run) and Pat Lancaster (triple, run) also chipped in at the plate for the winners. Logan Curtis, Garrett Green, Kevin Zak and Mike VanAlst accounted for the Pride's offense with one hit a piece.

Alex Pierce earned the mound win for the Rams, yielding two earned runs over four innings. Wedesky picked up a hold with two exemplary innings of middle relief while Schypinski notched a save with a perfect seventh inning.

Adam Paulk suffered the loss after giving up five runs and six hits in four innings.

The Pride rebounded to win the nightcap, 9-4, behind the three-hit effort of Matt Schaeffer. Zak and VanAlst both carded two RBI for the victors who bolted to a 5-0 lead in the first two innings and never looked back.

Wick and Carson both laced a pair of hits for the Rams. Starting pitcher Tyler Owings took the loss after yielding

five runs and six hits in 1.2 innings.

Rams thump Dodgers

Colin Gerish was in complete command Friday night at Ford Field.

The 6-foot-6 right-hander from Hillsdale College tossed a three-hitter and struck out 10 as the Michigan Rams rolled to a 7-1 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League victory over the Michigan Dodgers.

Gerish, who went all seven innings, faced just 24 batters and did not allow a walk as the 20-and-under Rams improved to 12-11 in league play.

Offensively, Caleb Wick paced manager Rick Berryman's squad going 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Livonia Stevenson grad Jeff Sorenson (Wayne State) went 2-for-2 with an RBI and Mark Weist delivered a three-run triple in the bottom of the third inning as the Rams jumped out to a 5-0 advantage.

Jake Moore also knocked in a run for the Rams, while Anthony Sergi had the lone RBI in the top of the seventh to spoil Gerish's shutout bid.

Losing pitcher Blaine Paden, a Canton High grad, started and took the loss for the 22-and-under Dodgers, who slipped to 2-19 in the LCBL.

Paden allowed seven runs on five hits, walked five and hit two batters before giving way to Chris Belkovic, who pitched two scoreless innings of relief.



Y Hoop champions

Home Court recently captured the Livonia YMCA Adult Basketball Recreational League championship with a victory over the Bad Boyz. Members of Home Court include (from left): Aaron Scott, Trevor Deriso, Ed Brock, Akeem Pack, Adam Wheeler and Robert Gaines.

SUMMER CAMPS & CLINICS

Passing Academy

Champions Passing Academy will have summer football camps the next two weeks for youths in grades 3-8.

The camps will take place 9-11:30 a.m. July 18-22 and July 25-29 at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

The camp instructors on Joe Pesci, former Harrison and Albion College quarterback, and Mario Vassallo, former Catholic Central and University of Idaho wide receiver.

For more information about the camps and registration, see the website at www.champions-passingacademy.com.

Schoolcraft soccer

Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, will offer four sessions of its Victory Soccer camps including (ages 6-17) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 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 by 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.

Hoop Skills Academy

Coach Paul Tripp will stage his eighth annual Basketball Academy Skills camp for girls, Monday through Thursday, July 18-21 at St. Mel's in Dearborn Heights.

The registration fee is \$95. For more information, call (248) 563-0858. You can obtain a registration form via e-mail at basketballacademy@hotmail.com.

Plymouth baseball

Aspiring young baseball players are invited to learn about the game at the Wildcats Baseball Summer Clinic, July 19-20, at the Plymouth High School baseball complex.

Boys and girls entering grades two-nine this fall can participate. Sessions are 12:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, for players entering grades two-five and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, for those entering grades six-nine.

The cost is \$20 for those who pre-register or \$25 the day of the camp and the fee includes a snack. Event T-shirts are available for \$8-\$10.

Sessions will focus on age-appropriate skill development in a positive, fun, learning environment.

Clinic attendees will receive instruction from the Wildcats baseball staff and 2011 players.

The program is limited to 100 campers. Please register as soon as possible. Go to www.baseball.plymouthwildcats.com for registration forms and contact information.

Madonna boys hoops

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

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch. Registration forms are available online at www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

Churchill football skills

The Livonia Churchill High

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

The cost is \$60. For more information, e-mail coach John Filiatraut at jiliatraut2@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (313) 680-8915.

Football youth skills

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

The cost is \$40. For more information, e-mail coach John Filiatraut at jiliatraut2@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (313) 680-8915.

Churchill gymnastics

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

The fee is \$79. For more information, e-mail camp director and Churchill coach Kelly Grodzicki at kgrozdic@gmail.com; or Sara Wilchowski at sarahwilchowski@gmail.com.

Madonna girls softball

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

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

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

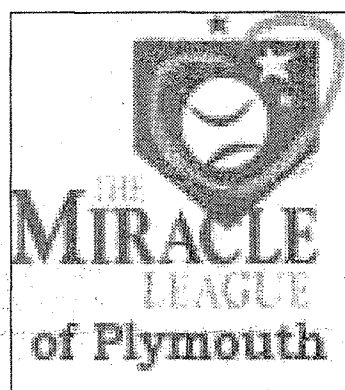
Miracle League needs players for fall season

The Miracle League of Plymouth's sparkling baseball field is open for business, but players are being sought to make sure the games keep getting played this autumn.

Fall registration for children in four divisions is set to take place through Aug. 9, both on-line (24/7) and at the City of Plymouth Recreation Office (525 Farmer) from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Divisions are for children ages 5-8, 9-12, 13-17 and 18-over.

Games (all on Saturdays) begin the week of Aug. 27 and run through Oct. 1 with no games played on Saturday, Sept. 3 due to the Labor Day weekend. (Note: There will be



a special opening day event on Aug. 20, said commissioner Debra Madonna.)

Registration costs \$50 for Plymouth residents and non-residents alike.

The Miracle League of Plymouth is a non-profit

organization dedicated to providing children with physical and mental disabilities an opportunity to play organized baseball. The league is non-competitive with all players getting the chance to bat and circle the bases each inning.

Games are played at the Miracle League of Plymouth/Bilkie Family Field, 357 Theodore St. in downtown Plymouth.

For all questions and inquiries, contact Laura Cionca at info@miracleleagueplymouth.org or visit www.miracleleagueplymouth.org.

Registration questions also can be directed to the City of Plymouth Recreation Office, (734) 455-6620 or recreation@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

SECHLER

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blowing a motor up, and we blew up two in three weekends of racing," Sechler said. "It was a little disappointing, but that's the way it is."

"After that we regained our composure and rebuilt another. We got it figured out. We had a couple bad crank shafts."

The troubles weren't over for the Fast Eddie II crew, however. Sechler and his team were in Washington state for a late-season race when the boat flipped over.

"All we had to do was finish third or higher and we lock up the title," Sechler said. "Darn if we didn't blow the boat up

completely. It shot off a wave and landed upside down. The driver was unhurt, other than his pride."

"It was a little scary in that we were so far from home and had no idea what the boat was going to look like. We got her put back together (using duct tape), but it was a lot of work. We had a lot of help from local racers."

"By Saturday night, we fired up the motor and it ran just fine. It was a matter of letting all the fiberglass dry."

The Fast Eddie II did finish third Sunday and clinched the season points championship.

The boat was rebuilt in the off-season. Sechler had it shipped to Kanfoush's house in Buffalo, N.Y., and ordered new panels.

"We cut out the bad pieces

and glassed in the new pieces," Sechler said. "I picked it up in February, and it looked like a brand new boat, so I proceeded to scratch it putting it into the garage."

Sechler also did a lot of work on the engine between seasons.

"We log a lot of data when we run our heats," he said. "We decided to make some changes. So far it looks like they've all been really good decisions."

Sechler isn't thinking about a seventh straight APBA title just yet. With a minimum seven races to go, that's too far into the future.

"What Dan and I try to do is to run as well as we can and as often as we can," he said. "By the end of August, we're hoping we're still in the points chase."

Sechler said he might skip the Eastern Nationals, slated for early October in Morgan City, La., and pass on a chance to win the four majors.

"Because I feel so snake-bitten about that, I don't even like to think about it," he said. "If we don't need to do it from a points perspective, we might decide it's not worth making the trip with the economy the way it is."

"It's something I would have liked to have done in my racing career. If it doesn't happen, I'm not going to lose any sleep over it. There are so many fast boats out there now, even trying to win one of those races is getting pretty difficult."

For more information about this weekend's race, go online to www.quakeonthelake.org.

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women over 18 and over 30.

"We are really disappointed," Riley continued. "Honestly, we don't know why teams didn't sign up."

"I'm thinking some of it may be the economy but maybe also just that it's summer and people are busy."

Both reasons probably have plenty to do with the poor level of interest.

Riley, Van Auken and

McIntyre are players on the Hot Wings indoor soccer team, which has been together for several years.

In addition to the Hope tournament, the team registered as always for the summer season for over-30 women's indoor soccer at High Velocity.

"But we were the only team that signed up to play so it was canceled," Riley said. "Usually there are four to six teams that play (the) summer season."

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SIDELINES

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certified as eligible.

"We are very pleased with the continued success of our student-athletes in the classroom," said Madonna athletics director Bryan Rizzo. "Our coaches' emphasis on academics is clearly showing up in the great achievements our student-athletes continue to post."

The Crusader teams honored were: baseball (3.01), women's basketball (3.65), women's cross country (3.45), men's cross country (3.02), women's soccer (3.35), softball (3.23) and volleyball (3.60).

The Madonna women's basketball team posted the 26th highest GPA nationally among all sports and was second among its fellow women's basketball programs. Volleyball

ranked 44th overall nationally and was the eighth highest rated volleyball program.

The 2010-11 school year brought a host of academic accolades to Madonna University student-athletes. In addition to the seven teams honored by the NAIA, 16 Crusaders were named as NAIA Scholar-Athletes (a 3.5 GPA or higher and junior or senior academic status) while 24 were named to their respective Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference All-Academic teams (a 3.25 GPA and junior or senior academic status). Junior volleyball student-athlete Karie Altman (Taylor, Mich./St. Francis Cabrini/biology) became just the third CoSIDA/ESPN Academic All-American in school history this fall, being named to the AAA Third Team.

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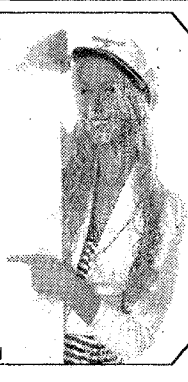
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BROOKS, SCOTT PAUL

Age 49, of Redford, passed away July 8th, 2011 at home. Beloved husband of Catalina; precious father of Angela and Liam. Survived also by brother Grant and many more loving family and friends. Memorial service will be held Friday, July 15th at the Redford Moose Lodge, 5 Mile (W. of Telegraph), Redford.

DES AUTELS, DAVID B.

Age 71, passed away July 5, 2011. Preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Aileen and brother Jack. Survived by his beloved Barbara, three sons, Terry, David and Scott and daughter Tracey. Proud grandfather of seven grandchildren. Also survived by one brother Larry, four sisters, Jean, Ruth, Alice and Anne and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Dave will be remembered Friday, July 15th, 2011 from 3-5pm with a memorial service at 5pm at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Dale Road, Redford Township, MI 48240.

FIGUEIREDO, RICHARD STANTON

Age 80 of Northville, passed away Saturday, July 9, 2011. Born December 28, 1930 in Boston, MA, he was the son of Edward J. and Hilda G. (Hebert) Figueiredo. Beloved husband of Barbara A. (Lower) whom he married in Colorado on November 5, 1952. Loving father of Brian (Pamela) Figueiredo of Wayne, Mark Figueiredo of Brooklyn, MI and Kim (Ken) Stratford of Hartland. Also survived by six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Lucy Figueiredo of West Port, MA; one nephew and three nieces. Dick and his wife are former members of the Salem Bible Church. They were avid roller skaters, for years they skated regularly at the Riverside Arena in Livonia. Another passion they had was for traveling and camping. Visitation Wednesday, 1-4 and 6-8pm with funeral services Thursday, 11:00 a.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Diabetes Association. Please visit the family's on line guest book at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

HUBER, JOHN W.

Suddenly, July 3, 2011 age 67 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Catherine. Loving father of Lisa Huber, Stefanie (Aris) Argy, and Lori (Patrick) Anderson. Proud grandfather of 7 grandchildren. Dear son of Hazel and the late James Huber. Survived by two brothers, Richard (Pam) and Roger (Tina). Memorial contributions may be made to The Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4507. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



KORBY (Nee HALL) IRENE M.

Passed away on July 8, 2011. She was born in Mohawk, MI on September 8, 1935. She was predeceased by her first husband, James Markovich and son Scott. She is survived by her beloved and caring husband Leland; son Brian Markovich (Kim); grandson Brian Jr. (Amy); great-granddaughter Kaylee; brothers Gary Hall (Janet); Robert Hall (Susan); two step-children Dancan (Roland), Greg (Nancy); five step-grandchildren; one step-great-granddaughter Abby; numerous nieces and nephews. She also considered herself as great-grandma to Justin, Chase, Cheyenne, Lily, Dakota and Brooklyn. At her request there will be no visitation or memorial service.



LONGSTAFF, MURIEL GRACE

Jan. 24, 1919-July 11, 2011
 Muriel Grace Longstaff passed away peacefully on Monday, July 11, 2011 at the age of 92 years. She was predeceased by her husband Cyril; step-daughter Delphine Eagle; parents Edward and Grace; stepmother Jessie; and siblings Glenys Payne and Helen Terrett. She will be lovingly remembered by her stepdaughter Barbara Story and the Story family; the Eagle family; sister Marjorie Richards and the Richards family; the Terrett family; as well as other family and friends. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held at Regina Pioneer Village, 430 Pioneer Drive, Regina, SK on Friday, July 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. with interment to follow at Regina Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Muriel may be made to the Sisters of St. John the Divine, 233 Cummer Avenue, Toronto, ON M2M 2E8. Family and friends are invited to sign the online obituary and tributes page at: www.regina-memorial.ca. Arrangements entrusted to Regina Funeral Home (306) 789-8850.



MILLER, ETHEL V.

Age 86, of Farmington, died July 10, 2011. Ethel, a radar inspector and active in the USO during WWII, was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Church choir, Farmington Vivians, and the Farmington Players in the 1980's. Beloved wife of the late Floyd (d.1999); loving mother of Michael (Karen) Miller and Deborah (Robert) Harrison; sister of William (the late Lois) Cornwell and Lee (Connie) Cornwell; cherished grandmother of David, Jennifer (Benjamin) Reigle and Michael (fiance' Lauren); and great grandmother of Ava and Clara. Ethel was also preceded in death by sisters, Prudence McPeck, Flora Hovatter and Susan McPeck. Visitation Thursday, July 14th, 2-9 PM, with 4 PM prayers, at the Heeny-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass Friday, July 15th, 10:00 AM (in state 9:30 AM) Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Interment Farmington Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial tributes suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital, stjude.org. heeny-sundquist.com

SCHULZ, RUTH

Formerly of Livonia, passed on July 9, in Monroe MI. She was 89 years old. Ruth taught in Westland for several years. www.rupfuneralhomeinc.com.



STACHOW, KAREN R.

Age 64, died peacefully on June 15, 2011 at Angela Hospice with her husband Dan and her brother Floyd at her side. She is survived by her half-brother Paul Kinder her loving step-daughters Stephanie (Christopher) Soehnlén and Stacey (Scott) Perrault and one step-grandson Christopher (C.J.) Soehnlén, sister-in-law Joan Stachow and several cousins, nieces and nephews. Memorial service will be held on July 16, 2011 at 10:30am with a Mass at 11:00am at St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Rd., Westland MI 48185. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Angela Hospice of Livonia or to St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church.

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JULY 14-20

Concert
Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, July 16
Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, between Inkster and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Outdoor concert with Reggie Williams, Nails of Grace, Third Edition, Gospelypso, Kindred Nation, Force of One, Sanders Family Gospel Singers, Jennifer Nasto, and Krymsyn Grayce. Arts and crafts fair, games and food concessions
Contact: (313) 937-2424

Guest speaker
Time/Date: 10 a.m., Sunday, July 17
Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield
Details: Peg Collins takes over the pulpit for a sermon entitled "A Shamanic Life" during Sunday service
Contact: (248) 354-4488

Lecture
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, July 16
Location: Metropolitan Adventist Church, 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth
Details: The third part of a 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

Lecture
Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, July 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." It started two weeks ago, but each lecture is self-contained and can be attended independently. Tuition is \$15 per lecture. Advance registration is requested to help plan seating and photocopied handout materials, but walk-ins will be accommodated. Remaining topics are "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

Movie Night
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 20
Location: In Bixman Hall at St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Free screening of "The King's Speech" includes refreshments and a brief Q&A after the film. RSVP requested
Contact: (734) 425-5950

Widowed Friends
Time/Date: Arrive by 2:15 p.m., Mass starts at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, July 17
Location: St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, Canton
Details: Widowed Friends is a "peer" support group. Stay for refreshments and social time after Mass
Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

JULY 21-27

Clothing bank
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 23
Location: 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank will be open to give free clothing and shoes to anyone in need
Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

Guest speaker
Time/Date: 10 a.m., Sunday, July 24
Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield
Details: Morris Goodman takes over the pulpit for a sermon entitled "Why I go to Northwest Church" during Sunday service
Contact: (248) 354-4488

Lecture
Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, July 27
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Howard N. Lupovitch wraps up his summer series called "Esther's Children: Persian Jews Under Emperor, Caliph, Sultan, and Shah" with a session called "Israel, Iran and the Persian Jews." Cost is \$15. Advance registration is requested to help plan seating and photocopied handout materials, but walk-ins will be accommodated. 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
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Jazz it up at annual festival in Livonia

BY LINDA CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

You'll hear everything from New Orleans to Latin styles of jazz this weekend at the 18th annual Michigan Jazz Festival in Livonia.

Six stages will spotlight 180-plus musicians, including five big bands, noon-9:15 p.m. Sunday, July 17 on the Schoolcraft College campus, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, in Livonia. The nine hours of continuous music by more than 147 performers is free, in keeping with the Michigan Jazz Festival's mission to "promote and encourage public interest, appreciation and support for jazz as a musical art form and a cultural resource."

The event also will include six piano workshops with a different pianist leading each session. Ellen Rowe, jazz pianist, composer and associate professor and chair of the Department of Jazz and Contemporary Improvisation at the University of Michigan, is among the musicians taking turns at the keyboard in the Steinway Gallery. She is a graduate of Eastman School of Music.

"The Steinway is a solo piano room, very intimate, one of the smallest rooms where musicians can talk while playing and tell you what they're doing," said Midge Ellis, Michigan Jazz Festival director. "People love it, from boogie woogie to straight ahead."



Judie Cochill will perform at the Michigan Jazz Festival, Sunday, July 17.

YOUNG MUSICIANS

In addition to professional musicians, the committee presents the Future of Jazz Stage for high school and college groups that include the Jacob Schwandt Quartet and Jake Shadik Quartet from Wayne State University, Pangea from Stevenson High School in Livonia, Demetrius Nabos Quartet from University of Michigan, and Jefferson High School Combo from Monroe. These young musicians play in Henry's Cafeteria from noon to 7 p.m.

"Our audiences are getting older and we need to encourage young musicians," said Ellis. "Students have very few opportunities to play jazz. It's the only music that allows musicians to be creative and play something from their heart."

Playing with the Pros allows students to perform with a

professional trio from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the Inmart Stage.

"We want them to understand what jazz is and it's America's music and we're losing it," said Ellis.

ON TOUR

Riccardo Selva is doing everything possible to expose his students to the American art form. The Schoolcraft College Jazz Band plays noon to 1:15 p.m. in the DiPonio Room in the VisTaTech Center.

The musicians, a combination of students and community members, just returned from a weekend tour in Chicago where they performed at Navy Pier, The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii in Little Italy, and The Jazz Showcase, a venue for legendary musicians and newcomers since 1947. They'll be playing themes of the big bands including *Take the A Train* by Duke Ellington.

"The festival is an incredibly opportunity for students," said Selva. "The City of Detroit has some of the greatest jazz musicians around, incredible musicians. Every time someone performs or sees someone perform that's the greatest learning experience and some of the stages have sessions where people talk about performing jazz and discuss the music."

For a schedule listing times and performers for the Michigan Jazz Festival visit www.michiganjazzfestival.homestead.com.



Pete Siers Quartet is among the dozens of bands scheduled to perform at the Michigan Jazz Festival in Livonia.



John Trudell is a regular at the Michigan Jazz Festival in Livonia.

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The Blue Angels will push their F/A-18 Hornets to the limit, displaying speed, precision and daring maneuvers. "Fat Albert," the Blue Angels' support aircraft, also will be part of the show.

The United States Air Force F-16 Viper East Demo Team will return to this year's show, led by demo pilot Capt. Ryan "Rider" Corrigan. The F-16CJ is a single-seat, multi-mission fighter with the ability to switch from an air-to-ground to air-to-air role at the touch of a button. With its lightweight airframe and powerful General Electric engine generating 31,000 pounds of thrust, the F-16CJ can fly at speeds in excess of Mach 2.

In celebration of the Navy's Centennial of Aviation, Thunder Over Michigan will showcase more than two dozen F/A-18 Hornets from across the country. The Boeing F/A-18 is a twin-engine carrier-based fighter aircraft that is currently flown by our U.S. Navy.

Also featured this year is a realistic air and ground reenactment of a WWII Pacific-theatre battle featuring a live flamethrower. Spectators

will see three LVT's transporting U.S. Marines to the front lines of battle in order to maneuver a ground assault on the Japanese emplacements. Simultaneously, two Japanese Zeros will fly cover for the Japanese troops while six U.S. Navy Corsairs enter the theatre and engage the two enemy aircraft in multiple aerial dog-fights.

Other show highlights include: a thrilling aerial dog fight between two legendary Vietnam War military aircrafts, the A-4 Skyhawk and a MIG-17; plus, crowds will be able to tour a MV-22 Osprey, part airplane and part helicopter, this aircraft has revolutionized military air transport capabilities. The MV-22 Osprey is an American multi-mission aircraft that combines the vertical flight capabilities and functionality of a helicopter with the speed and range of an airplane. No other aircraft can do what the MV-22 does, which is why it is considered to be the weapon of choice for the full spectrum of combat.

Tickets are \$25 per adult through noon July 24. Children 15 years and younger are free. Parking is \$5 per vehicle.

Tickets at the gate are \$30 for adults, \$10 for parking. Buy tickets at www.yankeeamuseum.org/airshow or charge by phone at (888) 695-0888. Show proceeds benefit the Yankee Air Museum.

Get free popcorn at the movies

MJR Digital Cinemas is offering theater patrons free popcorn every Tuesday through Sept. 6.

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Nearby MJR Digital Cinemas include the Southgate Digital Cinema 20 at 15651 Trenton Road, Southgate and Waterford Digital Cinema 16, 7501 Highland Road,

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Theaters also are located in Brighton, Sterling Heights, Clinton Township, Chesterfield and Adrian.

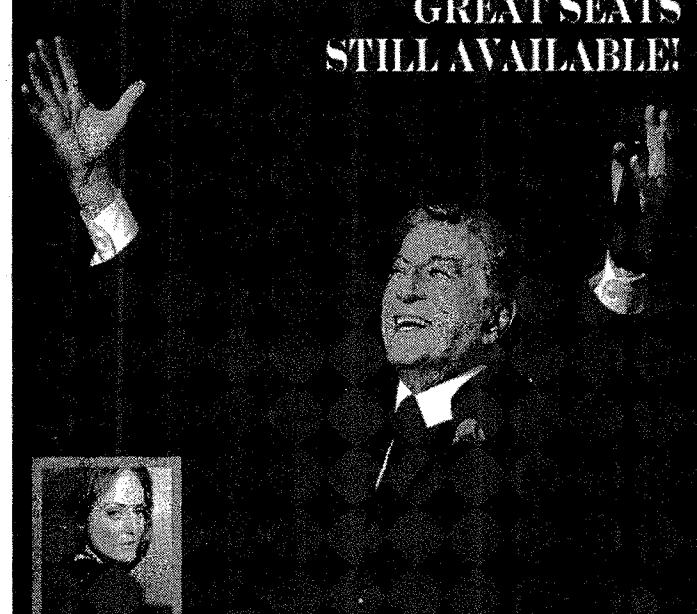
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Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows

Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Bill Bushart with Trevor Smith and Lee Smith, July 13-16; Steve Sabo with Kris Peters and Brett Kline, July 20-23; Bryan Mcree with Kate Brindle and Nate Armbruster, July 27

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Steve Lott, July 14-16; J. Chris Newberg, July 21-23; Cy Amundson, July 28-30;

Eric Hunter, Aug. 4-6

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

Contact: (734) 455-1453

The Ark

Time/Date: The Tartan Terrors, July 14; Chris Bathgate & Abigail Stauffer, July 15; Steve Forbert, July 16; Sierra Maestra, July 17; Junior Brown, July 24; Danny Britt & Marvin Dykhuis, July 25; Michael on Fire, July 26; Marc Cohn, July 27

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

GET OUT!



Shari Kane and Dave Steele perform July 16 at Trinity House Theater in Livonia.

Heritage Park

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 21

Location: 24915 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills

Details: Free summer concert series, Stars in the Park, features Farmington Community Big Band

Coming up: Metro Jazz Voices, July 28; Five Guys Named Moe, Aug. 4; Stewart Francke and band, Aug. 11; Arizona Son with Devin Scillian, Aug. 18; and Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 25

Contact: (248) 473-1848

Jazz @ The Elks

Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Jazz musicians perform and complimentary hors d'oeuvres are served; donation \$5.

Contact: (734) 453-1780 www.PlymouthElks1780.com

Kellogg Park

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 15

Location: Downtown Plymouth

Details: Steve King and the Dittlies

Coming up: Gia Warner Band, July 22; The Bluescasters, July 29; Those Delta Rhythm

Kings, Aug. 5; Michael King & Friends, Aug. 12; Mass Transit Band, Aug. 19; Randy Brock Group, Aug. 26; Lady Sunshine and the X Band, Sept. 2

Family series: Noon, Wednesday concert series features Gemini, July 20; Biakuye Percussion Group, July 27; Mr. Seley, Aug. 3; Barbara Bailey Hutchinson, Aug. 10; Guy Louis, Aug. 17; and Beverly Meyer, "The Music Lady," Aug. 24

Contact: www.downtownplymouth.org for evening concerts; www.plymoutharts.com for noon concerts

Town Square

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday through August

Location: In the pavilion at Town Square in downtown Northville

Details: Free concert series includes Shawn Riley Band, top 40 hits, July 15; Steve King and the Dittlies, Detroit rock and roll, July 22; Zap Toro with Latin music, July 29; Michael May and the Messarounds with jazzy blues, Aug. 4; The Crutches with top rock and dance hits, Aug. 12; Gia Warner with rock classics, Aug. 19; and Justine Blazer, rock/country, Aug. 26

Tunes on Tuesday: The family series of free concerts runs 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and features Rick Kelley, July 19; Palamazo, July 26; Mr. Seley, Aug. 2; Saline Fiddlers, Aug. 9; Zippity 2Dads, Aug. 16; Imagination Theater, Aug. 23.

Contact: (248) 349-0203

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Shari Kane and Dave Steele, July 16; Michael Fracasso with The Potter's Field, July 29; Jennie DeVoe, Aug. 12

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

DANCE

Moon Dusters

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples dance to music of the 30s, 40s and 50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

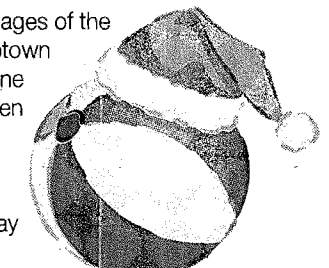
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You could win cash just by locating this holiday logo on the pages of July's Hometown Life INSPIRE.

Look for this holiday icon on the pages of the Thursday, July 21 edition of Hometown Life INSPIRE either in print or online and, follow the entry directions. Then you could win \$250, \$125 or \$75 to celebrate Christmas in July. Just fill out the form and tell us on what pages you spotted the holiday logo.



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.

Three lucky winners will be drawn from all entries that correctly identify the pages on which the holiday icon appears.

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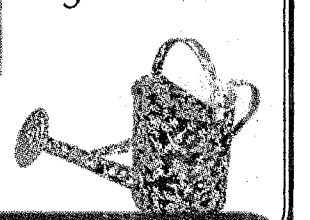
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Benihana employee William Garcia joins Devin Richardson of Westland in showing off his winning drawing.

Westland youngster wins art contest at Benihana

A Westland youngster got to take his family to dinner after being selected as the winner of an art contest at the Benihana Restaurant in Dearborn. Westland local winner Devin Richardson was chosen from hundreds of entries and was judged as the best by Benihana's restaurant staff. As the winner, his artwork was on display in the restaurant for the month of June and he received a complimentary Benihana dinner for eight. The theme for this year's contest was "Children Helping Children." Local children were

asked to draw their interpretation of what children helping children looks like to them. The art contest is part of the famed teppanyaki restaurant company's 2009 "Children Helping Children" program. In addition, Benihana donated 100 percent of proceeds of all children's meals served on Japanese Children's Day, May 5, to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, one of the world's premier pediatric cancer research centers. Benihana also donated \$1 to St. Jude for each work of art submitted. "Children and families

are an important part of our business, so partnering with a children's hospital is a natural fit," said Richard C. Stockinger, president and chief executive officer of Benihana. "Benihana is committed to supporting St. Jude to help further the hospital's research and lifesaving care of children battling cancer and other catastrophic illnesses through the 'Children Helping Children' program." The Benihana's Children's Day art contest was open to students in kindergarten through sixth-grade.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

New medical officers

The results are in. The staff at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne recently held departmental elections to assign leadership positions for the next three years. The new chief of staff is Dr. Ashok B. Jain, while the vice-chief of staff is Dr. Sasi Boppana. Dr. Scott Yaekle, takes over the role of secretary/treasurer. Also elected were Dr. Nusrat Rahman as chief of the Department of Medicine, Dr. Samyuktha Madishetty as vice-chief of the Department of Medicine. Dr. Indrani Nimmagadda and Dr. Satya Chilukuri were elected as MEC representatives. Dr. Miguel Granados was elected as chief of the Department of Family Medicine and Dr. Michelle Diebold was elected vice-chief of the Department of Family Medicine.

All terms are through March 31, 2014.

Kroger Float Days

Chilled root beer poured over tasty vanilla ice cream is what Kroger shoppers can expect when they show their support for Easter Seals Michigan during Kroger's Annual A & W Root Beer Float Days fundraiser July 17 through Aug. 13. Kroger stores throughout the state will be selling famous A & W Root Beer floats on the weekends during those dates. The floats will cost \$1 with 96 cents from each float sale applied directly to Easter Seals' programs and therapies for people with disabilities, mental illness and other special needs. "Kroger's famous Float Days is an easy and fun way for Michigan families to show their support for people with disabilities," said Easter Seals Michigan President and CEO

Brent Wirth. "The end result of this meaningful campaign is that the lives of people who turn to Easter Seals for support are changing for the better."

This year Kroger has decided to extend the program for an additional week with a goal to raise \$100,000 for Easter Seals, nearly doubling the amount raised in 2010. Easter Seals Michigan is the leading nonprofit provider of services for individuals with disabilities, mental illnesses, emotional impairments, autism and other special needs. Spanning the entire state of Michigan, Easter Seals has been offering help and hope to children and adults living with disabilities, and to the family members who love them, since 1920.

For more information about Easter Seals Michigan and Kroger Float Days, visit www.essmichigan.org.

Something to learn from Little Engine

BY CLARITY PATTON NEWHOUSE
GUEST COLUMNIST

It's a beautiful sunny one to look forward to here in Michigan. Looking back, when I was a child one of my favorite books was *The Little Engine That Could* by Watty Piper. What a great story to inspire young children about the power of positive thinking, with The Little Engine encouraging himself... "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can..." all the way up the hill. Whether we learned positive



Clarity Patton Newhouse

thinking skills as children or need to develop them now, being able to encourage ourselves is essential to success. We can't rely on others to cheer "you can do it." Each of us most say: I know I can. Yes, you really can! Just because it hasn't been done before, doesn't mean you can't do it. Even if your objective sounds impossible and other people say it can't be done, you still can do it. In fact, much of what human beings have accomplished was once called impossible. Achieving the "impossible" just takes a little longer... and usually a little more effort. Whatever your goal, start by thinking like The Little Engine that "could" who soon became

The Little Engine that "did." Have a sunny day!

Clarity

P.S. "A man is but the product of his thoughts. What he thinks, he becomes." Mahatma Gandhi

P.P.S. Sunny Notes have a new social media home at www.facebook.com/sunnynotes. I hope you'll please "like" me and help spread the sunshine!

Clarity Patton Newhouse is co-president of Sunny Media Group Inc., located at 39209 Six Mile, Suite 165, Livonia. She writes "A Sunny Note" to brighten the day with encouraging insights for business and life. "A Sunny Note" also is published online at ASunnyNote.com for readers across America and beyond. To reach her call (734) 855-4728.

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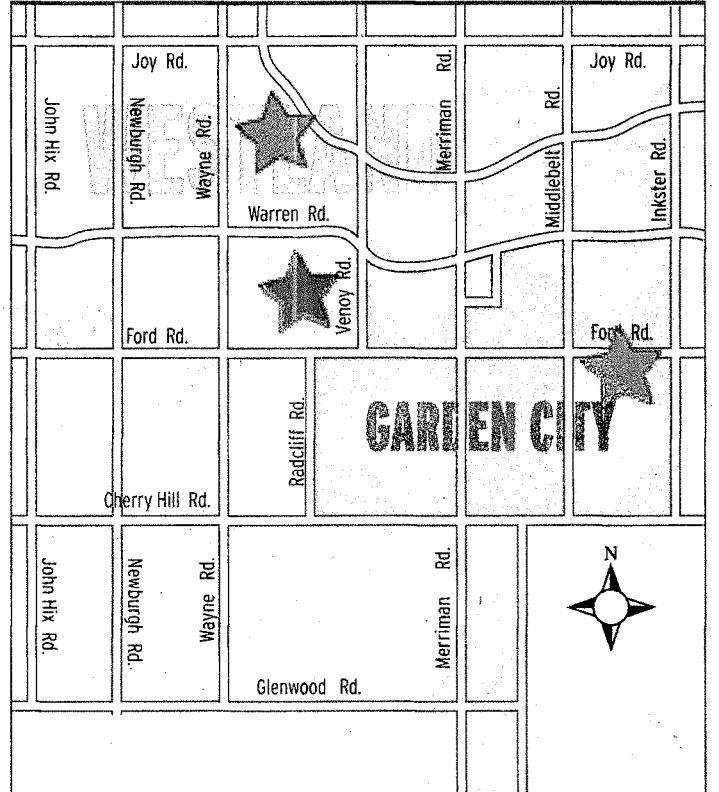
Backpack project

Time/Date: Now through Aug. 12
Location: Co-op Services Credit Union, 35050 Ford Road, Westland
Details: Co-op Services Credit Union is accepting new backpacks, folders, notebooks, pens, scissors, pencils and other supplies at donation boxes located in the lobby as part of its third annual backpack drive. The credit union is also partnering with 96.3 WVDV Radio and FOX 2 Detroit to receive school supply donations at a "Stuff-A-Bus" event Aug. 5-7 at Direct Optical in Canton, located next door to IKEA. Co-op Services staff and the credit union's Rock Star mascot will be on hand at the Canton location to help accept donations. The donations will be distributed through Volunteers of America and its Operation Backpack initiative.

Contact: For more information about the Co-op Services backpack drive and collection locations, visit the credit union's website at www.cscu.org or call Jeremy Cybulski at (800) 321-8570, Ext. 133.

Christmas in July

Time/Date: Now through Sunday, July 17
Location: Art Van Furniture, 8300 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Help make the holidays brighter for the patients and families of Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan by supporting the Christmas in July Holiday Toys Drive. To make the December holidays brighter, the foundation distributes thousands of toys to young patients and their siblings, as well as to the children of adult patients every year. Stop by Art Van to donate a toy or gift card.



Donated toys must be new and not gift-wrapped. Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan cannot accept used or open toys. Children 18 years old and younger are eligible to receive toys through the Holiday Toys Program.

Contact: For more information, call the store at (734) 425-9600.

Chocolate lover's delight

Location: Dairy Queen of Garden City, Ford
Details: What's better than chocolate? Three times the chocolate. More specifically: truffles, choco chunks and dark, decadent cocoa fudge. Blend them together with creamy vanilla soft serve and you've got yourself the new Triple Chocoholic Blizzard Treat - the July Blizzard of the Month. Stop by DQ and give it a try.
Contact: For more information, call (734) 427-7850.

Restaurant Rally

Time/Date: 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 26
Details: Sample the food of nine Westland restaurants - Ashley's Beer & Grill, Beaver Creek, Biggby Coffee, Malarkey's Irish Pub, Marvaso's Italian Grille, Texas Roadhouse, Famous Dave's, Panera Bread and Indian Flavors LLC - at the Westland Chamber of Commerce's annual Restaurant Rally. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Westland Chamber of Commerce, 36900 Ford, Westland. New this year is a contest open to participants who purchase alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages at the participating restaurants. Each purchase is worth a raffle ticket good for prizes like six months of massages and gift certificates.
Contact: For more information, call the Chamber at 734-326-7222 or send an e-mail to westland-chamber@yahoo.com.

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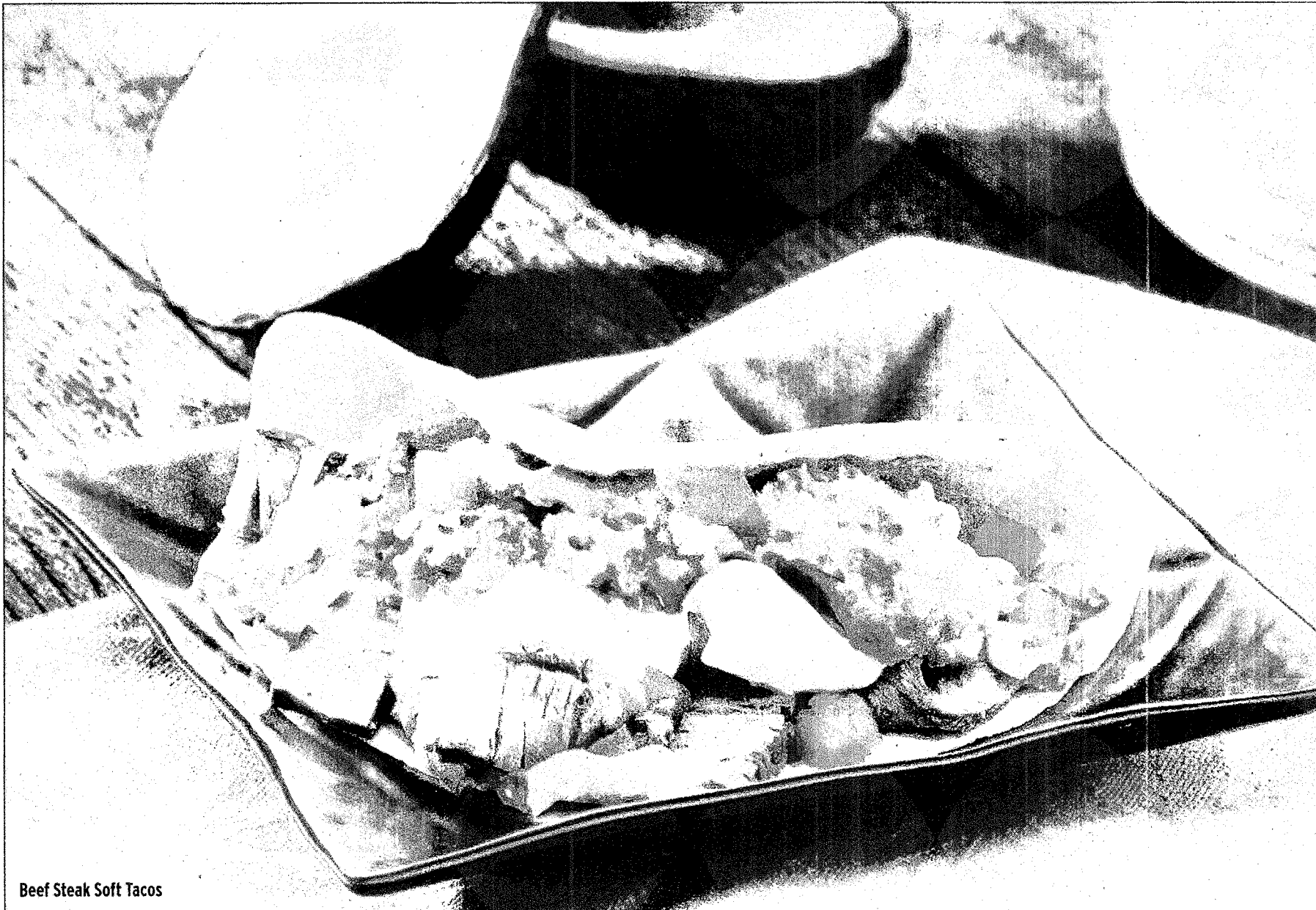
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Beef Steak Soft Tacos

All FIRED UP for flavor

Grilling is a great way to get a whole lot of flavor that goes way beyond plain burgers and basic barbecue. Lean meats, juicy marinades and zesty toppings add up to terrific flame-kissed dishes that will make guests want to kiss the cook.

Here are some easy ways to take big flavor from the grate to the plate:

GRILL UP THE UNEXPECTED

A lot of fruits and veggies are easy to cook over the coals. Try:

- Zucchini
- Eggplant
- Portobello mushrooms
- Corn
- Romaine hearts
- Pineapple
- Onion (sliced thick)
- Stone fruits like peaches, plums and mangoes

MARINATE MEATS

When grilling lean meat, use a flavorful marinade with some acidic ingredients (like citrus juices) to help break down tough meat fibers. Make sure the marinade covers the meat entirely, and let it do its magic for several hours or overnight. Some bold ingredients to experiment with:

- Chili sauce
- Olive oil
- Lemon or lime juice
- Soy sauce
- Worcestershire sauce
- Molasses
- Garlic
- Red pepper flakes

TOP IT OFF

In addition to the good old grilling standbys like ketchup or barbecue sauce, set out some tasty toppers that can work on just about anything:

- Roasted red peppers
- Caramelized onions
- Spicy Wholly Guacamole
- Pickled jalapeño peppers
- Chipotle or basil mayo
- Wholly Salsa
- Smoked cheese slices

When you're ready to fire up some flavor, try these recipes from Wholly Guacamole. For more recipes, visit www.eat-wholly.com.

BEEF STEAK SOFT TACOS

Serves: 6

Marinade:
 ¾ cup prepared Italian dressing
 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
 1 tablespoon chili powder

Beef Tacos:

2 boneless beef chuck shoulder steaks, cut ¾ inch thick (about 1½ pounds)
 12 small flour tortillas, warmed

Toppings:

Thinly sliced lettuce, chopped tomato, dairy sour cream, guacamole (optional)

Combine marinade ingredients in small bowl. Place beef steaks and marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or as long as overnight, turning occasionally.

Remove steaks; discard marinade. Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 14 to 17 minutes for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning occasionally.

Carve into thin slices; season with salt. Serve in tortillas with toppings.

WHOLLY LIME CHEESEBURGERS

Serves: 6

2 pounds lean ground beef
 ½ lime, juiced
 1 teaspoon garlic
 ½ cup diced onion
 ½ cup diced tomatoes
 6 slices Monterey Jack cheese
 6 hamburger buns
 Guacamole

In a large bowl mix together ground beef, lime juice, garlic, onion and tomatoes. Form meat into 6 patties.

Cook burgers to desired doneness on a preheated grill. Add a slice of cheese to each burger during the last minute of cooking.

Serve on toasted buns with a healthy dollop of guacamole.

This recipe also makes great sliders. For a leaner version, use ground turkey instead of ground beef.

AVOCADO STUFFED SALMON

Serves: 4

2 packages lemon butter grilled salmon, defrosted
 1 cup spicy guacamole
 1 egg yolk
 ¼ cup bread crumbs
 1 teaspoon lemon zest
 Sea salt and freshly cracked pepper to taste

Preheat your oven to 350°F. Using a sharp serrated knife, cut a pocket into the side of each piece of salmon.

In a bowl, combine guacamole, egg yolk, bread crumbs and lemon zest to make stuffing.

Stuff fish with avocado mixture; season each fillet with salt and pepper. Bake for 8 minutes and serve immediately.



Wholly Lime Cheeseburgers



Avocado Stuffed Salmon

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Deal with reputable firms for flood repairs

The Better Business Bureau urges residents to use caution as they hire contractors to repair damages to their homes and businesses following recent flooding in the region. While seeking a contractor in the wake of damaging flooding is an urgent affair, BBB urges people to take the time to make sure a contractor is reputable and qualified to perform the work PRIOR to hiring them to help protect from unsatisfactory work and rip-offs.

BBB offers the following advice when hiring a contractor:

- Beware of "fly-by-night" contractors or "storm chasers" who swarm the area after a storm. They may not be properly licensed or insured and may be hard to locate in the future.

- Beware of price gouging. Some unethical businesses may be marking up their products or services by as much as 500 percent.

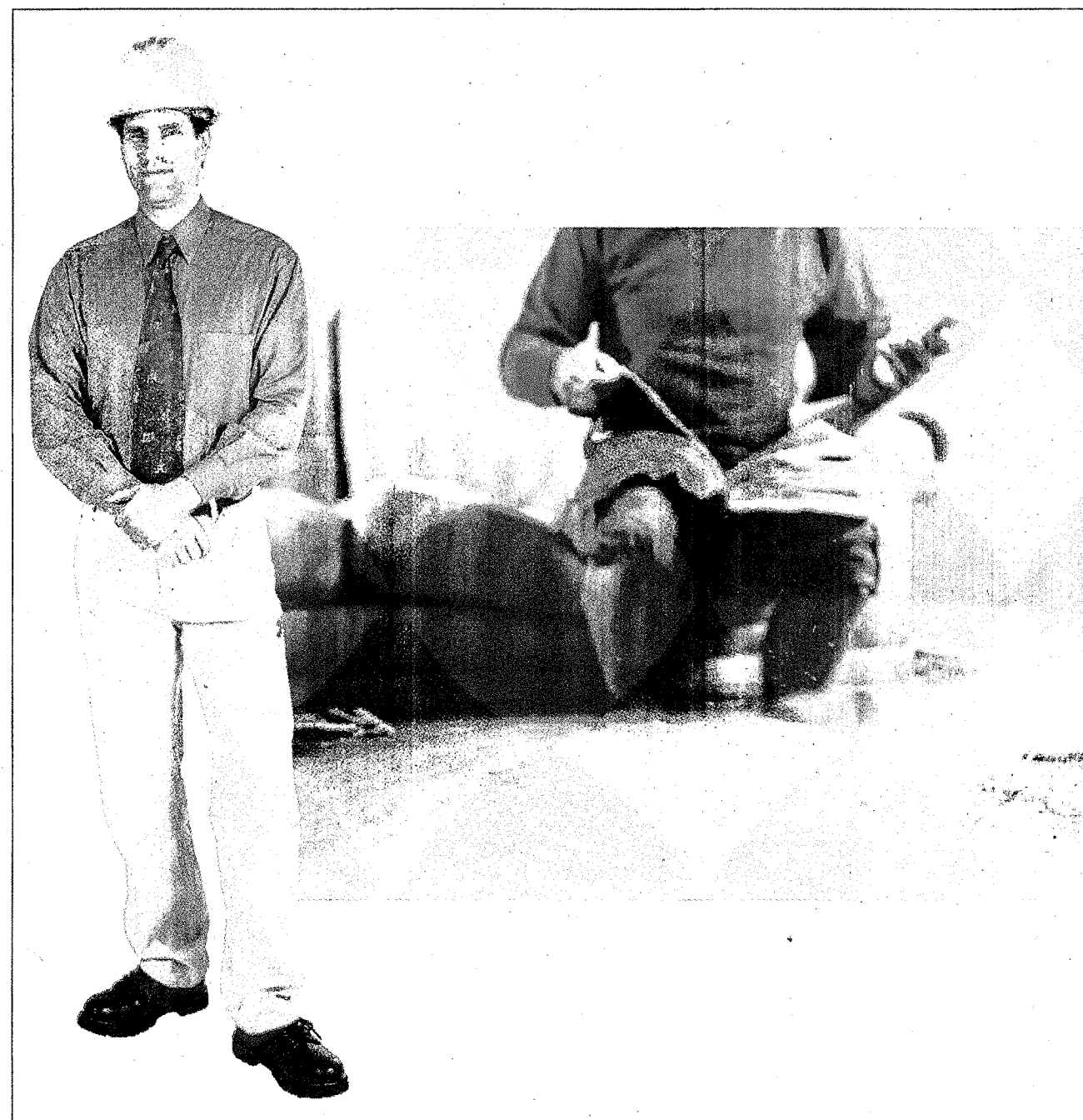
- Make certain that you check with your own insurance provider FIRST before hiring a contractor to do repairs from flood damage to see what exactly is covered and what is not, whether there is specific paperwork you must fill out to file a claim, etc. Your insurance provider will give you tips on how to properly proceed.

- Get recommendations from friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, insurance agents or claims adjusters. Also ask contractors for names of previous customers and check with Better Business Bureau website, www.easternmichiganbbb.org, for information on area contractors.

- Get a written estimate. Make sure the estimate includes labor and material costs, as well as, project start and completion dates. Compare services and prices before making a final selection.

- Research proof of current and up-to-date contractor licensing and registration with state regulators PRIOR to hiring. Don't just go with a verbal, "Yes, we have those things." Contact the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs <https://www2.dleg.state.mi.us/colaLicVerify/> and/or <http://www7.dleg.state.mi.us/bcclicense/>

- Make sure the contractor carries general liability insurance and workers' compensation. If the contractor is not insured, your home or business may be liable for accidents that occur on the property. The above regulatory



agencies give guidelines on how to verify this.

- Insist on a written contract.

A contract should clearly state all tasks to be performed, all costs and the payment schedule. Never sign a blank contract or one with blank spaces. Make sure the contract states who will apply for the necessary permits or licenses. Keep a copy for your files.

- Get any guarantees in writing. Any guarantees made by the contractor should be written into the contract. The guarantee should clearly state what is guaranteed, who

is responsible for the guarantee and how long the guarantee is valid.

- Make final payment only when the work is completed. Do not sign completion papers or make the final payment until the work is completed to your satisfaction. A reputable contractor will not threaten or pressure you to sign if the job is not finished properly.

- Resist dealing with any contractor who asks you to pay for the entire job up-front. A deposit of one-third of the total price is standard procedure. Pay only by check or credit card — and pay the final amount

only after the work is completed to your satisfaction. Don't pay cash.

- Canceling a contract. This should be done within three business days of signing. Be sure to follow the procedures for cancellation that are set out in the contract. Send the notification by registered mail with a return receipt to be signed by the contractor.

- Consumer complaints. May be filed with the BBB at: www.bbb.org as well as with the state regulators mentioned above. A dual complaint can be filed with your state Attorney General's office, as well.

Check on rights when land reverts

BY ROBERT MEISNER
 GUEST COLUMNIST

Q: Our condominium developer has bailed from the project and has left land which was undeveloped. I understand that after a certain period of time we may be having that property reverting to the association as a Common Element. Am I correct?



Robert Meisner

A: Yes, you are correct that the association may have an opportunity to receive undeveloped land as part of the condominium. Indeed, some developers

have contacted this writer to discuss the possibility of assisting the association in developing that land and it may end up being a financial windfall for the association. In any event, you are best advised to determine what your rights are with respect to the reversion of land to the association and what can be done for the benefit of the association under those circumstances.

Q: Our developer has walked away from the project and the bank owns the land at this time which has not been built on. Some of the members of the board have asked whether we can do anything with the bank. What are your comments?

A: The bank may be willing to sell those lots, which are units in the condominium, for 20 to 30 cents on the dollar giving the association an opportunity to develop those units on its own or utilize it for other purposes. You should discuss this matter with a competent real estate attorney knowing condominium law who can then perhaps enter into negotiations with the bank on behalf of the association to purchase the land and, perhaps, get a new developer to come in to enhance the condominium development as a whole as I am familiar with developers who are interested in doing so.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 4-8, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

1736 Morrison Blvd 8400 N Lilley Rd 1176 W Lemont Ct 8723 Westchester Ln	\$179,000 \$350,000 \$168,000 \$135,000	32494 Wisconsin St 16942 Yorkshire St	\$135,000 \$183,000	11412 Marion 9364 Salem	\$53,000 \$35,000
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Canton		8918 Frederick St 20301 Gillman St 9185 Lathers St 35512 W Chicago St	\$101,000 \$35,000 \$104,000 \$89,000	8829 Dixie	\$74,000
7096 Copper Creek Cir 1293 Dundee Dr	\$133,000 \$195,000				

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 28 to April 1, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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Bloomfield Hills		7350 Jackson Park Dr 6160 Lantern Ln 6445 Thurber Rd	\$206,000 \$417,000 \$180,000	Franklin	
Bloomfield Township		2960 Bloomfield Crossing 1941 Cragin Dr 748 E Valley Chase Rd 5430 Forest Way 1203 Hillpointe Cir 6844 Vachon Dr	\$430,000 \$91,000 \$299,000 \$275,000 \$250,000 \$320,000	South Lyon	
Beverly Hills		15660 Amherst Ave 18585 Hillcrest St 30275 Vernon Dr 18397 Warwick St	\$168,000 \$320,000 \$145,000 \$233,000	1248 Coach House Ln 23940 Prescott Ct 826 Timber Trail Ct 446 Whipple St	\$50,000 \$61,000 \$345,000 \$15,000
Birmingham		243 Arlington St 708 Bennaville Ave 1230 Chapin Ave 151 E Lincoln St 275 Greenwood St 2494 Manchester Rd 1777 Sheffield Rd 1355 Sulfield Ave	\$590,000 \$430,000 \$257,000 \$245,000 \$725,000 \$152,000 \$255,000 \$363,000	Novi	
Commerce Township		8700 Commerce Rd 2750 Ivy Hill Dr 1441 Woodview Ln	\$63,000 \$225,000 \$297,000	Millford	
Farmington Hills		33513 Cadillac St 27654 E Echo Vly 37527 Eagle Trce 29266 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$153,000 \$30,000 \$450,000 \$51,000	3500 Cooley Lake Rd 1625 Hunters Lake Dr 2550 North St	\$230,000 \$460,000 \$180,000
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Bwn. 7 Mile W. & 8 Mile W. Take Evergreen to Plainview Ct. then to Plainview. Go to: estatesales.net for more info. SEE YOU THERE!!!

DEARBORN HUGE ESTATE SALE: 3375 Hollywood. Antique dining set, leather couch & chair, Bernhardt oversized chairs, many things still new in boxes. Thurs., Fri. & Sat. July 14, 15 & 16, 9-5.

ESTATE ANTIQUE SALE July 13-16th, 30200 Fink Ave., Farmington Hills 48336. 10-6pm only. See craigslist ad. CASH ONLY

ESTATE SALE - Friday July 15th, 10-6pm. Farmington Hills, 34499 Lytle Rd, btwn Gill & Drake off of 9 Mile. Furniture incl down couch & antiques, & dishes.

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BELLEVILLE: The Cape Condominium Yard Sale. Sat. & Sun. July 16 & 17, 9am-4pm. 194 to Rawsonville Rd. S. to Huron River Dr. E. to left on Lakepoint Blvd.

FERDALE
Garage Sale - Tools, construction materials, Tikki bar, camping, etc. 2169 Mangate, Ferndale, Thurs-Sat., 7/14-16, 8am-3pm

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LIVONIA GARAGE SALE: July 14-15, 9-5pm. Household items, jewelry, knick-knacks, clothing & more. 35439 Northgate, 6 Mile & Wayne Rd.

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LIVONIA-HUGE YARD SALE!
14417 ARDEN, 1 blk West of Merriman, just South of Lyndon. Thursday, July 14 to Sunday, July 17th, 8:30am-6pm daily!

LIVONIA: 18411 Stamford. Lots of sports items, clothes, misc. 10-5 Fri. 9-4 Sat. 9-noon Sun.

LIVONIA: July 14-16, 9-4pm. 31516 Bennett, 6 Mile & Merriman. Misc items, exercise equipment, etc. Proceeds going to homeless population.

LIVONIA: Oak desk, household items, furniture, fax machine, baby, kids & adult clothes, toys & misc. 7/15 & 7/16, 9-4. 34190 Bretton Dr. 48152

NEW HUDSON: July 15 & 16, 9-4pm. 55598 Katie Lane, Milford Rd. to 12 Mile, to Sharrard Hill to end of St. Kid's clothes, household, misc

NORTHVILLE Moving/Garage Sale. Northville Commons, 42153 Westmeath Ct. Thurs. & Fri. July 14 & 15, 9-3. Sat. July 16, 9-1. Tons of household items, clothes, tools, books & furniture.

NORTHVILLE Antiques, tools, collectibles, housewares, furniture. Friday & Saturday, July 15 & 16th, 9am-noon. 131 N. Rogers St., Northville.

NORTHVILLE Huge Garage Sale - Furniture, household items, clothing, Fri., 7-15, 10am-4pm. 17071 Algoquin Dr., 6 Mile & Ridge area.

NORTHVILLE - 3 family. Clothing, kitchenware, X-box games, controllers, misc. 7/14-7/15 8-5pm; 7/16 8-4pm. 48120 8 Mile, 1/4 mi W of Beck

NORTHVILLE: Whipple Estates Sub Sale Thurs-Sat. July 14-16, 8am-5pm. E. of Beck, N. of Main St. W. of Center, S. of 8 Mile. Many homes.

NOVI - Bunk beds, housewares, sport equip., & misc. Teen's, men's, women's like new clothing. All great cond. Churchill Crossing Sub, 24287 Thatcher Ct, 7/14 & 7/15, 8-3pm.

NOVI: Clothing, furniture, household & kitchen items. Sun. 7/16 only! 8-4pm. Greenwood Oaks Sub, 47601 Wellesley Ct, 10 Mile & Beck.

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PLYMOUTH 12321 Howland Park Dr., W. of Ridge, S. of N. Territorial Remodeling Sale - Furniture, household, sport equip. Thurs & Fri., 9-4pm

PLYMOUTH Multi-Family Sale Thurs-Sat. July 14-16, 8AM. 49278 Plum Tree Dr., (off Powell btwn Beck & Ridge) Furniture, Bikes, TV, Kids.

REDFORD STREET SALE! Lennane 4 blocks E of Beech Day, starting at 7 Mile going down 4 blocks. July 15-17th, 10-5pm.

REDFORD - 3 family! Tools, office supplies, appli, more! 7/15 6-9pm, 7/16-7/17 9-6pm. 9000 Hemingway, S. of Joy, btwn Insaker & Beech Daly.

REDFORD: Yard Sale. 3 households. Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 9-5. 27020 Bennet. Tupperware, household items, tools & some antiques.

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SALEM: July 14-17, Thur-Sat. 9-5. Sun. 10-4. Household goods, furniture, golf clubs, power tools & baby items. 8230 Five Mile Rd.

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Garage Sale - Come & Get It! Fri. & Sat. 9:00-4:00
1024 Oxford Ave. South Lyon.

SOUTH LYON YARD SALE: 907 Norchester, 10 Mile to Wellington, right on Norchester, Thurs-Sat, July 14-16, 9-3pm.

SOUTH LYON: July 15-17th, Fri-Sun: 9-5pm. Books, chairs, bicycle, tools, jewelry & misc. South Lyon Woods, 229 Longfellow Dr

SOUTH LYON: Thurs-Fri, July 14-15, 9-4pm. 26181 Great Plains, N of 11, W of Millford Rd. Baby gear/toys, household, TV's, furniture & more!

SOUTHFIELD Huge Garage Sale: July 14, 15 & 16, 8am-4pm. Tools, dishes, furniture and more. 23558 Russell.

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WESTLAND: Huge Yard Sale! Baby/kid's clothes, gear, furniture, toys, home decor, more! Thurs-Sat. 8:14-6:16, 8-4pm. 8203 Creekside Dr, Joy & Hix.

WESTLAND: Tools, tires (new), Shopsmith, Fri. Sat. & Sun. July 15-17, 10-6. 7546 Harrison St.

Moving Sales 7130

FARMINGTON HILLS - 7/15-7/16, 10-4pm. large variety of items. All must go! Country Oaks Sub, 29184 Leesburg Ct, Drake, S. of 13.

GARDEN CITY: Home decor & furniture (bdrm & dining rm set, upholstered bench & more), Fri-Sun: 9-5pm. Rain or shine. 7070 Burton, btwn Middlebelt & Merriman off Warren, enter garage.

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SOUTH LYON: Moving Sale. July 15 & 16, 9-5. 9549 Sunnywood Tr, 48178. Btwn Dixboro & Rushton Rd. off of 10 Mile in Westrend Sub.

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Pretty SWF, 40, NS, 5'3", 140lbs, very attractive, has own place, seeks a handsome, respectful, honest man, 38-50, NS, to enjoy dancing, bowling, shoot pool, jazz concerts, boat cruises, gospel plays, fine foods, action movies and more. Please no games or drama. Please be educated, employed and emotionally stable. #2339629

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I am a SWF, 52", in my 60s, brown eyes, brunetta, who loves movies, casinos, arts, etc. ISO tall, 60-75, gentleman, for a possible relationship. Call and leave a message. #2982305

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FRIENDSHIP FIRST
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A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, and honest SWWF, wiseacre of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. #229646

SEEKS A FUN LADY
SWM, 38, 6'7", very honest, kind, clean, independent, NS, seeks BF, 23-45, to enjoy sports, movies, concerts, outdoor activities and more. #2339552

MOVED TO THE WEST SIDE
SBM, 41, 5'9", slim build, smoker, likes movies, and enjoying good food, seeks a beautiful BF, 21-36, for friendship, hanging out and maybe! #2339183

FRIENDS FIRST OK?
SWM, 47, 6', average build, business owner, liberal-minded, NS, likes traveling, the beach, staying active, seeks a kind, honest woman, 25-39, for friendship first. #2339200

SEEKING A LATINA WOMAN
SWM, 40, 6'1", very handsome, blue eyes, easygoing, down-to-earth, likes traveling, dining out, sports, movies, concerts, seeks HF, 18+, for dating, possible LTR. #2338915

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SWPM, 40s, 6'1", 200lbs, dark blond/blue, laid-back, logical, easygoing, would like to meet a woman, loving, affectionate, professional lady, 35-45, who likes romance. #2331259

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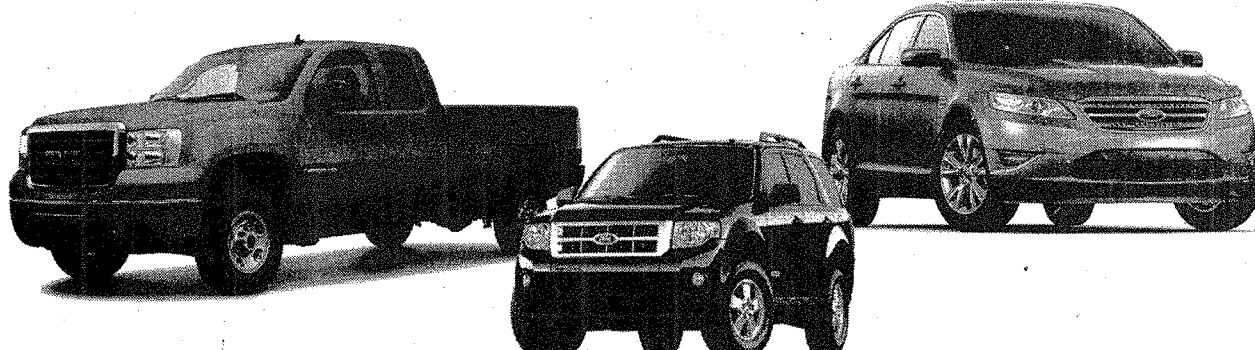
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