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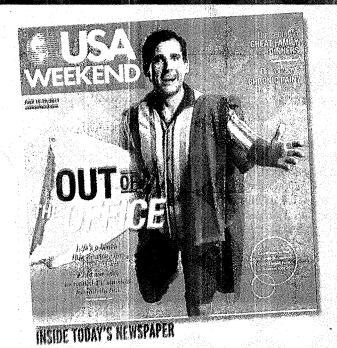
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IN BRIEF



The Big Top

The circus is coming! The Kelly Miller Circus will be coming to Westland on Tuesday, Aug. 16, courtesy of the Westland Jaycees.

Public is invited to come and watch the animals being unloaded and the elephants pull the big top into the air to the very moment when the king pole races to the ground at the end of the day and be a part of the magic of "Circus Day" as it has been experienced for more than 200 years.

Activities will begin at 7:30 a.m. on the grounds of the Westland City Hall on Ford west of Wayne Road. Guides will be furnished for school groups and anyone attending.

The show travels on a fleet of 25 vehicles and has a circus big top with a seating capacity of 1,500 people. The tent is 120 feet by 130 feet and 40 feet high and is supported by more than a quarter of a mile of heavy gauge aluminum tubing as well as several miles of rope, steel cable and chain.

The traditional " old style' circus will present two performances at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy a day at the circus. Tickets are available in advance for \$6 children up to age 11 and \$10 for those age 12 and older. Call Harold Christian at (734) 502-8847, or e-mail him at International_ pm06@yahoo.com.

Under the lights

It's about football, but not quite football as the John Glenn High School football team takes to the field for a strong man competition Friday, July 22.

Football players will display "incredible feats of strength" in the competition, being billed as "Friday Night Lights," and Rocket football fans to watch as they challenge each other. Who will come out the winners?

The competition starts at 9 p.m. on the high school football field. Admission is \$5 Food will be available in the concession stand and Rocket merchandise will be for sale.

The high school is on Marquette, west of Wayne Road.

Comets honored

The Westland Youth Athletic Association is putting out a call for members of the 2001 Comets varsity football cham-

pionship team. WYAA plans to honor the team during halftime of the 2011 Comets varsity Homecoming game Saturday, Sept. 24, at John Glenn High School on Marguette west of Wayne Road in Westland.

Former players can contact Keith Demolay at 734-516-9269 for more information.

Council mulls refinancing senior high-rise

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BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland could receive about \$8 million through a proposed refinancing of city-owned senior citizen housing, with proceeds to go into the capital improve-

The council is expected to consider moving ahead with the refinancing of Thomas Taylor Towers, a 266-unit lowincome senior citizen building, at its meeting Monday.

"It's just like a home loan, except it is for 35 years. There is a fixed interest rate," said Mark Wiedelman, president of St. James Capital, which is handling the refinancing.

The debt service on the loan would be about \$43,000 monthly, paid from income generated by rents paid at the federally subsidized Taylor Towers. Mortgage insurance would be provided by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The previous mortgage on the building was paid off

"These guys (the Elderly Housing Corp. board) do a good job keeping the building full. There will be no problem meeting the debt service," Wiedelman

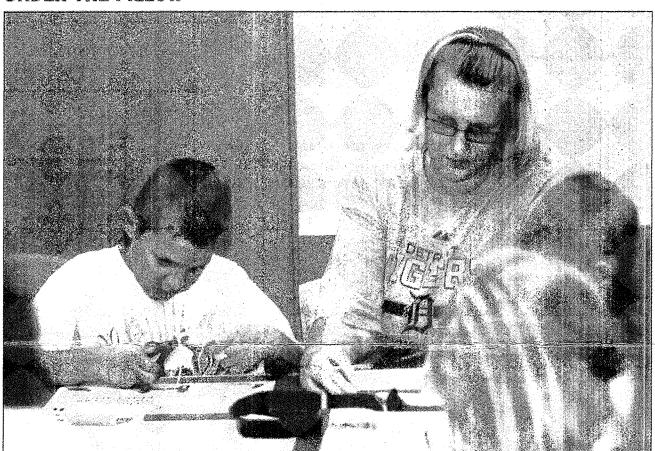
A number of renovations are being done at Taylor Towers, including improvements to the elevators and installation of ground fault interrupters in kitchens and bathrooms in advance of the refinancing. Other upgrades are planned for individual units and com-

mon areas, including new windows and other energy efficiencies once the refinancing is completed.

'They have approximately \$1 million in funds available. For more than two years, they have been without debt so the money is available (for upgrades),' Wiedelman said. "We felt it was smart to do work before closing (on the mortgage). It shows HUD that we're taking care of issues. It gives HUD a very

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UNDER THE PILLOW



With the help of his mother, Robin, Tim Holmes works on covering an Altoids Mint tin with paper to make a box for his worry dolls.

Youngsters make dolls to handle their worries

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Victoria Huguley admits that sometimes she has a worry, like the first day

"I worry my teacher might be mean," said Victoria who worked with her mother Verlena to turn common cotton swabs into small dolls meant to chase away worries.

The Huguleys were among parents and children trying their hand at making Guatemalan worry dolls as part of the William P. Faust Library's summer reading program.

"When I heard about it, I thought it might be interesting," said Victoria, 7 1/2. "I asked my mom if I could come and she read about it and liked it." Across the meeting room at the

Embroidery floss and bits of fabric were used to dress the worry dolls and create their hair. William P. Faust Public Library, Gary Kellner was helping his grandchildren,

make their own set of dolls. "I knew it came with the description of grandpa, I have four daughters," said Kellner. He was filling for his daughter who was "double booked and asked if I

Kurt and Lucee Wilson, ages 5 and 7,

could help. out."

The activity dovetails with the library's summer reading program, "One World, Many Stories," which is introducing youngsters to cultures from around the world.

"They've made travel totes, played games from around the world, it's a different continent every Wednesday," said Dorothy Grace, who brought daughters Emma, 12, Jackie, 9, and April, 7, to the Thursday afternoon program. "We've done summer reading for several years, it's just great, there's always fun things to do."

Barbara Gibbon, Children's Associate, walked the group through making the dolls, using materials she had gathered up at recycling stores and

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Library board loses third member with resignation

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The turnover among board members at the Westland Faust Library continued Wednesday as Leslie Bell, who had served as board president for three years, resigned.

The resignation wasn't entirely unexpected in the wake of recent changes in board members and contentious relations with City Hall.

Taking verbal swipes at her fellow board members and Mayor William Wild, Bell became emotional during her comments, which followed her being replaced Mayor voices as board presi-

concerns about dent by Mark library, Page A2. Neal. Bell is the third member of the five-member board to

leave within a month. Rebecca Kelly wasn't reappointed by Wild and Duane Moody resigned.

"I don't want to do this to the library staff. I'm not a quitter, but I think this will be my last meeting," Bell said. "I agree with Mr. Moody. It's clear what the mayor is looking for with the people he has appointed."

A retired Westland fire chief, Neal was appointed to the board in February, joining Antoinette Martin, who was appointed in September 2010. The newest board member, Sheri Robinson, was attending her first board meeting. Wild is expected to seek council con-

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Fire department replaces troublesome vehicle

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The purchase of a new rescue ambulance for the Westland Fire Department has been approved by council.

The 2010 Chevy Heavy Rescue Ambulance was purchased from Michigan First Response for \$165,382, with funding provided through the 2011-12 Motorpool Budget. The vehicle is equipped with a new tablet for electronic patient care reporting and advanced rescue tools for

extrication, the latter equipment providing the heavy ambulance designation.

The new vehicle is housed at Fire Station 2 on Merriman at Ann Arbor Trail and replaces a 2006 Ford Normal Duty Rescue that has approximately 170,000 miles. The new vehicle was already built and

immediately delivered. "We aren't necessarily replacing the oldest vehicle - it's the vehicle that has been giving us the most trouble. That vehicle hasn't be reliable," Deputy Fire Chief Martin

Reddy said. "These are complicated vehicles. Sometimes there are problems with the chassis or other things."

The department had been spending a lot of money to repair the 2006 Ford, he said.

These vehicles don't hold up like a car -60,000 to 80,000miles is a lot on a rescue vehicle. It's really stretching it, transporting patients," Reddy said. "You need a comfortable safe environment to transport patients."

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firmation Monday to appoint Tim Jackson to the board to replace Moody.

"I don't feel you guys possess the love for the library and staff that I do. I've been physically ill and had sleepless nights over the library," Bell said. "I did it because I cared about the people and the library. With your vote (electing Neal board president), you don't show confidence in me and I'm OK with that. I can't fight this battle alone. I'm very sorry. I can't be part of the bad decisions that will be made."

Wild had been present earlier in the meeting to talk with the board regarding concerns about the long-term library finances, operations and hiring a new library director - a position vacant since November. Despite many phone calls, Bell said she had been unable to get a response from city staff seeking a more detailed explanation on \$195,000 in overhead charges paid annually to the

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"I feel very frustrated, the mayor heard nothing I said. We're supposed to be an advocate of the staff and the library, not city employees," Bell said. "I hope you prove me wrong."

During his comments, Neal said that he disagreed with Bell's views about the lack of care and commitment of the other library board members.

"No one can match your energy, your commitment and connection to the library." Neal said. "I think you'll see we will continue that. We're not here to detract from the library."

"I feel Leslie did a great job. I know you spent sleepless nights," Martin said.

Noting he wasn't present when Bell made her remarks and resigned, Wild said he didn't want to make any comment on her resignation or criticism.

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Mayor: Library facing revenue issues like city

BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Long-term finances, the ramifications of a potentially expensive labor lawsuit and hiring a new director were among the topics discussed as Westland Mayor William Wild addressed the Library Board of the William P. Faust Public Library Wednesday.

Wild spoke at an unusually well-attended board meeting to elaborate on concerns he had mentioned earlier and had prompted an angry response from Board President Leslie Bell at a recent council meeting.

"We are all part of the city. It doesn't make sense for the city or residents for the library to be an island," said Wild, which prompted Bell to tell him it would be better to schedule a private conversation.

Like the city, Wild said the library will be dealing with declining revenues, both rely on property taxes as their major funding source. He noted the number of city employees had decreased from 401 to 285. The five-year plan prepared by auditors Plante and Moran show that changes need to be made in the library operation, he said.

"I know the library has cut expenses but without structural changes, I fear you will burn through your entire budget surplus (of \$1.5 million) over five years regardless of the outcome of the lawsuit," said Wild.

Plante and Moran could be asked to update the plan, then if the reserve is exhausted and a millage proposal needs to be made, help determine the amount, he said.

"You could consider a district library. In the past, you could disregard that - we have a great library and had lots of money," Wild said. "Those days are over. We need to explore everything, not just ask for millage. If Westland and Garden City combined (for a library district), the millage would be spread over two communities. The time to study it is now. We should be having those types of conversa-

'TIGHTENED BELTS'

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, the library had only spent 94 percent of its approved budget, Interim Library Director Marilyn Kwik said. That amount was more like 88 percent less, she said, because a requested \$100,000 transfer from fund balance for litigation costs wasn't made resulting in those costs coming from other library revenues.

"We did without a lot this year - personnel and funding, everyone really stepped up. We tightened our belts," said Kwik.

Bell made similar comments about books not being ordered and other money not being spent because the requested \$100,000 wasn't transferred.

There seemed to be a misunderstanding about the \$100,000 from fund balance which was included in the budget approved by the council. City officials expected the fund balance to be drawn down once other revenues had been expended.

"You only spent 88 percent of the budget, you could have spent 100 percent," said Wild. "The good news is you got through the year."

The Library Board is in the process of interviewing three finalists for the library director position which has been open since November. One candidate has been interviewed with two applicants set to be interviewed July 22.

"I would probably like to see different skills in the library director, more of an administrator," said Wild. "We're managing the downsizing of the city and the library will be in the same position."

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Wild said he hoped the board would be open to have additional interviews, such as city Human Resources Director Cindy King, former Van Buren Township supervisor.

Wild also commented that he hoped the board was being open with the director candidates about the library's finances and the potential impact of pending litigation over the efforts of the library staff to unionize.

"At some point, the council needs to be brought more into the loop with a more open line of communication," said Wild. "Because of the lawsuit being a labor case, it concerns me. The library spent close to \$250,000 defending another lawsuit, between the defense and judgment, not that long ago."

The council and board should meet in closed session to discuss the lawsuit, Wild said, adding it wouldn't be good for that update to be at a meeting to discuss a settlement or judgement in the case, which is pending before the Michigan Employment Relations Commission.

"You could theoretically burn through the majority of the library fund balance settling the lawsuit and not doing capital improvements or making the library nicer," said. "Both lawsuits, I feel, were due to having hired the wrong type of direc-

The board is available to meet with the council, Bell said, but she thought it was a meeting that should be requested by the council not initiated by the



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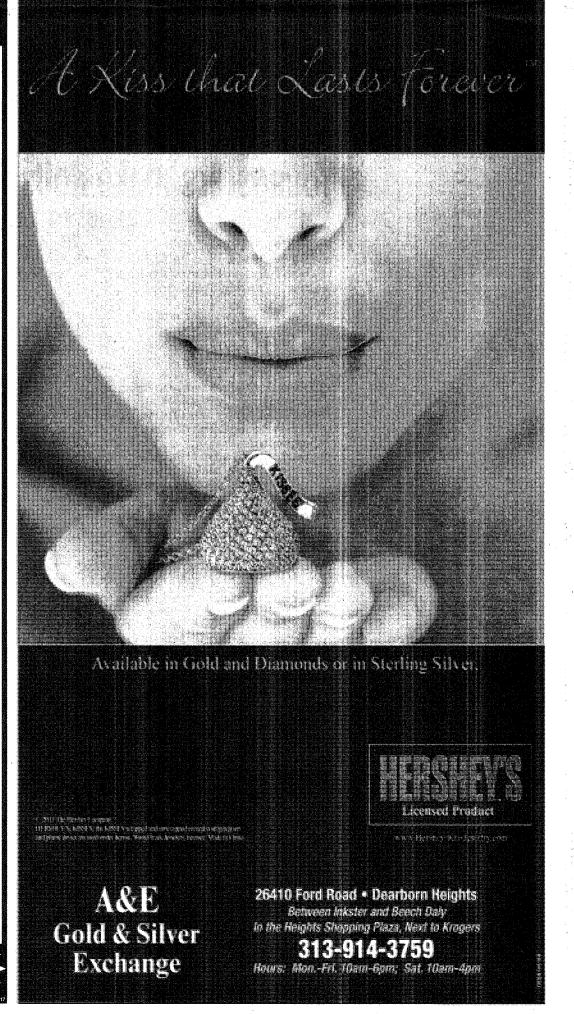
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Veterans prepare to welcome Moving Wall to Westland

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Beginning with on opening ceremony at 6 p.m. Thursday, the Vietnam Moving Wall will be on display around the clock for four days on the east lawn at Westland City Hall.

Westland City Hall.

It's the second visit to
Westland by the moving wall
- the first came in 2006. The
Westland Veterans Association
is sponsoring the display.

"Probably 50,000 people came out that time (in 2006). What we found last time was that at times, there was a continual flow of people," said Ken Mehl, Westland Veterans Association president. "It's just a unique thing. You'll be surprised at how many people come through at night - their time is a private thing."

The Moving Wall is the halfsize replica of the Washington, D.C., Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for more than 20 years. The names of those who gave their lives or who remain missing in action from the Vietnam War are inscribed in the order they died.

"I think the importance of

the wall is the history of it. It allows people to see something that they wouldn't be able to see unless they go to Washington, D.C.," said Mehl. "It gives families a place where children can see it. It's part of history. For me personally, I know a lot of people on the wall."

Along with fund-raising efforts to pay for the visit, the Westland Veterans Association also has to make sure there are people on site 24 hours a day during the visit keeping on eye on the memorial, helping visitors find names and keeping the memorial clean. Following a recent volunteers meeting, Mehl said the response was good and most slots were filled.

About 25 wreaths from various veterans organizations are expected to be placed at the Moving Wall during the opening ceremony. Families of military personnel listed on the wall are invited to be seated in a special area at the opening ceremony and will be allowed to visit the wall before it opens to the public. Any interested families can contact Mehl at (734)

The official closing ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. Sunday,

July 24, although the Moving Wall will remain open until approximately 9 a.m. Monday, July 25

In addition, the Michigan Moving Wall will be on display Thursday and Friday. The Michigan Wall lists all the Michigan men and women who were casualties in the Vietnam War. This is the first time the Michigan Wall will be displayed in Westland.

In addition to the wall, there will be military displays, a beer tent, food, games and live entertainment will be offered daily.

Visitors can help support U.S. troops overseas by making a donation of items such as heavy duty shower shoes, long and short sleeve cotton T-shirts, toiletries, writing materials, individual snack packets and books or a money to help cover shipping. There will be a special area set up for donations. To purchase commemorative shirts, donate funds, become a sponsor or volunteer call (734) 335-7944.

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Autopsy delayed on body pulled from river

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Due to a state of advanced decomposition, an autopsy on a body found in the Rouge River has been delayed.

The autopsy is scheduled for this week when an anthropologist is available.

"Our best bet (for identifying the remains) is going to be dental records," said Westland police Lt. Michael Matich. "Until the autopsy is done, we have no idea what the cause of death was. As soon as the autopsy is completed, we'll know a lot more."

Once the autopsy is completed, Matich said comparisons can be made with dental records of known missing persons. "My guess is that he was homeless and not reported missing," he said.

Fishermen discovered the body July 9 near the Oakgrove Recreation Area in Hines Park near Ann Arbor Trail.

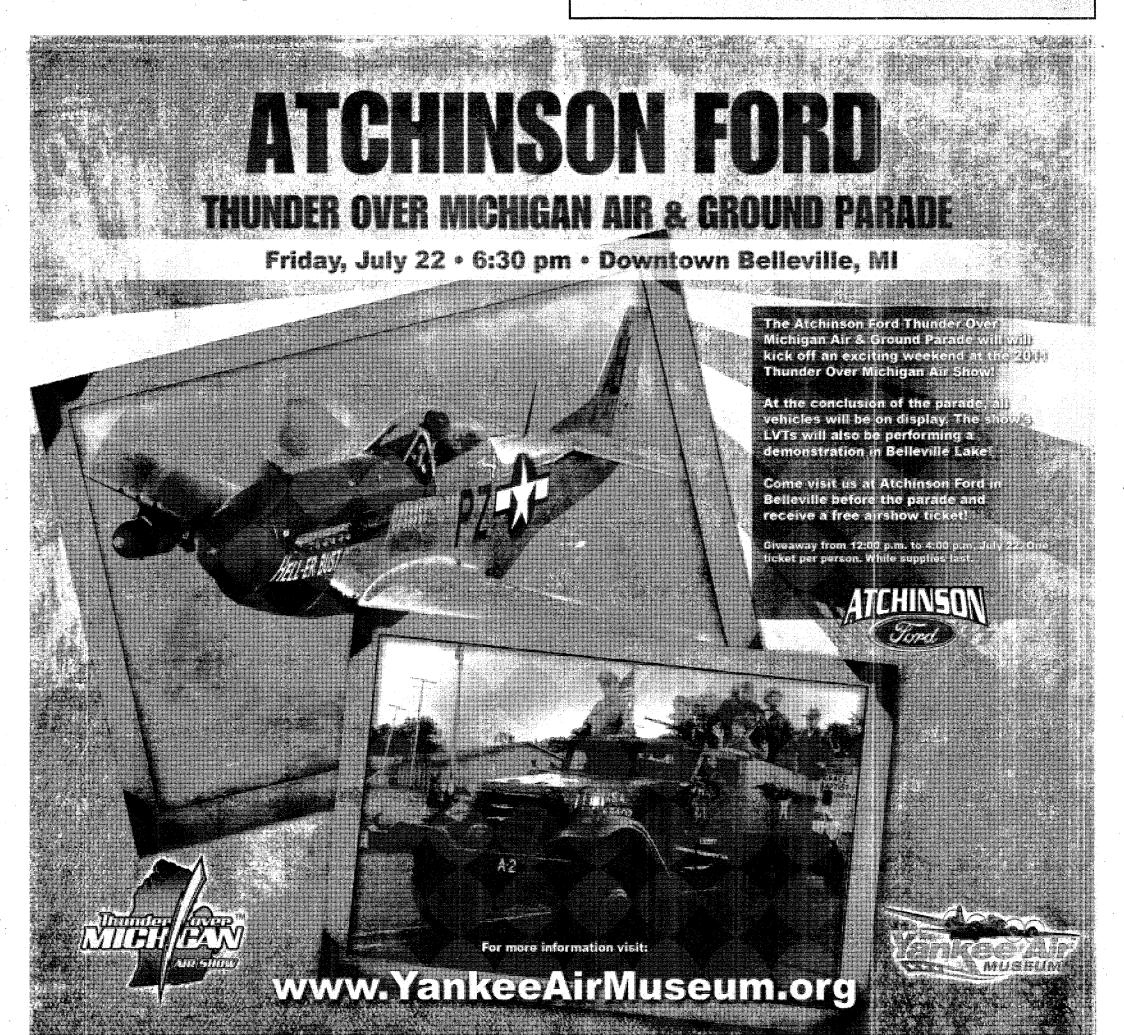
The witnesses were wading in the river — an area considered part of Newburgh Lake — when they first noticed the smell of something dead. When they noticed clothing and a boot, they realized it was a body and called police.

described as being partially submerged and entangled 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.

The remains of a human body,

The initial investigation revealed that the body had been in the water for a long period of time. The responding officer reported the body appeared to have been a white male.

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resale shops.

"I'm big on recycling, almost everything we're using was donated by someone or salvaged," she said.

Scraps of colorful paper were glued to mint tins she got from her brother to hold the dolls, which are much larger than the colorful oneinch high dolls that are made in Guatemala.

"Some people worry about things and don't go to sleep," she said. "You're supposed to tell the dolls your worries and tuck them under your pillow. The worry doll will worry for you."

Called muñecas quitapenas - dolls that remove worries - they are a tradition in Guatemala. According to folklore, the doll is thought to worry in the person's place, thereby permitting the person to sleep peacefully. The person will wake up without their worries, which have been taken away by the dolls during the night.

Emma Grace was familiar with the story.

"I was on Mackinac Island and saw a package with worry dolls and a box and a story about it," she said. "I read the

She added that she'll know when to use the dolls "when I start worrying."

Gibbon saw the dolls in a magazine and the task of making them "evolved. She used small sticky black felt rectangles to cover the swabs to create arms and legs and a body. A small wad of cotton and a muslin circle placed over the top of two swabs created the heads.

"I tried using embroidery floss, but I couldn't get a smooth finish," she told the group as she demonstrated the head making process. "You may need someone's finger to tie it."

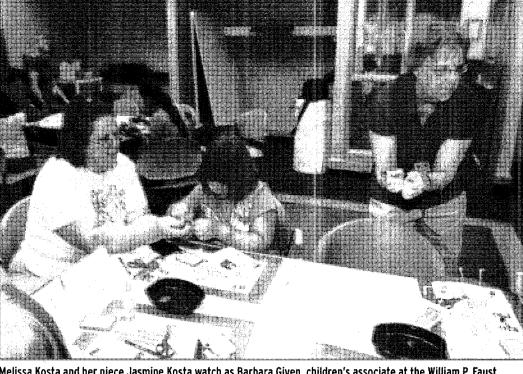
Her versions were larger than the traditionally Guatemalan dolls for a good



Iniya Mudaliyar wasn't sure if what she should use the scissors on the sheet covered with felt squares.

"These are really small, the ones we're doing are larger so you don't have to worry about the vounger children getting ahold of them," she said.

Simple pieces of colorful cloth provided the shirt for the



Melissa Kosta and her niece Jasmine Kosta watch as Barbara Given, children's associate at the William P. Faust Public Library, demonstrates covering the cotton swabs with pieces of felt.

boy dolls and skirts for girls. Embroidery floss held them in place and was wrapped around the bottom of the legs to create shoes and around

the tips of the arms to create hands.

Kurt Wilson had just the perfect worry for his dolls.

"I lost my Beyblade," he said.

"We tried to find it this morning, but we couldn't," said

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Westland Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof chairs both the EHC and the Elderly Housing Services Commission, which serves as the management

company for Taylor Towers. "Residents will notice no

change (due to the refinancing). We have two apartments vacant and 75 people waiting (for a unit)" DeHart Schoof said. "We have full pay (non-subsidized) people who choose to live in the building. They could live anywhere. That shows you the caliber of the units. You'll really be impressed by the units. The building doesn't look 33 years old. It's a beautiful building."

Once the refinancing has been completed, Mayor William Wild said serious

upgrades to each unit in Taylor Towers will be completed, costing \$20,000-\$30,000.

The council had allocated \$50,000 to the capital improvement fund. Part of the resolutions before council Monday would have proceeds from the refinancing placed in the capital improvement fund, not the city general fund.

The proposed timeline has the application to HUD by the end of August and the loan closing in December.

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NEWS BRIEF

Summer concert

The sound of music performed will fill the air when the Novi Concert Band visits the William P. Faust Library 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, for the latest installment of the summer concert series.

The concert will be at the

pavilion at the rear of the library on Central City Parkway north of Ford Road. The band is a symphonic wind ensemble that "performs music ranging from standard band literature (Sousa and Karl King marches), to movie music arrangements, big

band jazz, and seasonal favor-

Limited seating available, so bring a chair. A 50/50 raffle benefiting the Friends of the Westland Library will be drawn at the intermission. In case of inclement weather, concert will move inside the library.

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Brothers Jeff and Brendan Guziak and Kyle Frye, all from Garden City, are the Hyper Lytics, a Green Day cover band. They performed at the Westland Faust Library Battle of the Bands.

Hyper Lytics top Battle of the Bands

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Garden City trio that covers Green Days songs are winners of the Battle of the Bands hosted by Westland's Faust Library Thursday.

The Hyper Lytics - brothers Jeff and Brendan Guziak and Kyle Frye - picked a prize of recording studio time after topping the popular vote at the Battle of the Bands. Second place went to hip hop singer Nique Love Rhodes, whose prize is Pro Tools software.

"Eight bands had signed up and five showed up, so the number of bands was lower than expected," said Andy Schuck, a reference librarian



Nique Love Rhodes performed hip hop music at the Battle of the Bands.

who organized the event. "I think we will do it on a different day next year. It's probably a difficult day - it would be better on a weekend. I think there were scheduling conflicts."

Based on the number of ballots cast, Schuck said about

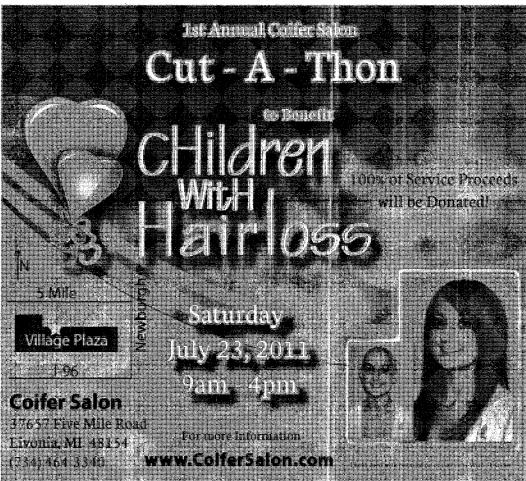
200 people attended the event. "The Hyper Lytics had a lot of friends, family and fans," said Schuck, as did Rhodes. "Later in the day, bands didn't show. They (the winners) happened to catch the most people at the right time."

Held in the pavilion behind the library, the Battle of the Bands was a rather a spontaneous event, Schuck said. "Toarmina's Pizza was serving food. One of their employees got up and played music while they were waiting for a band," he said. "I think it turned out as good as could be expected. The weather was awesome. You couldn't ask for anything better."

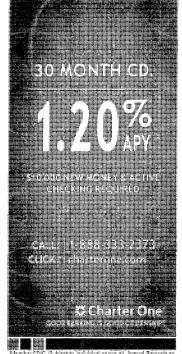
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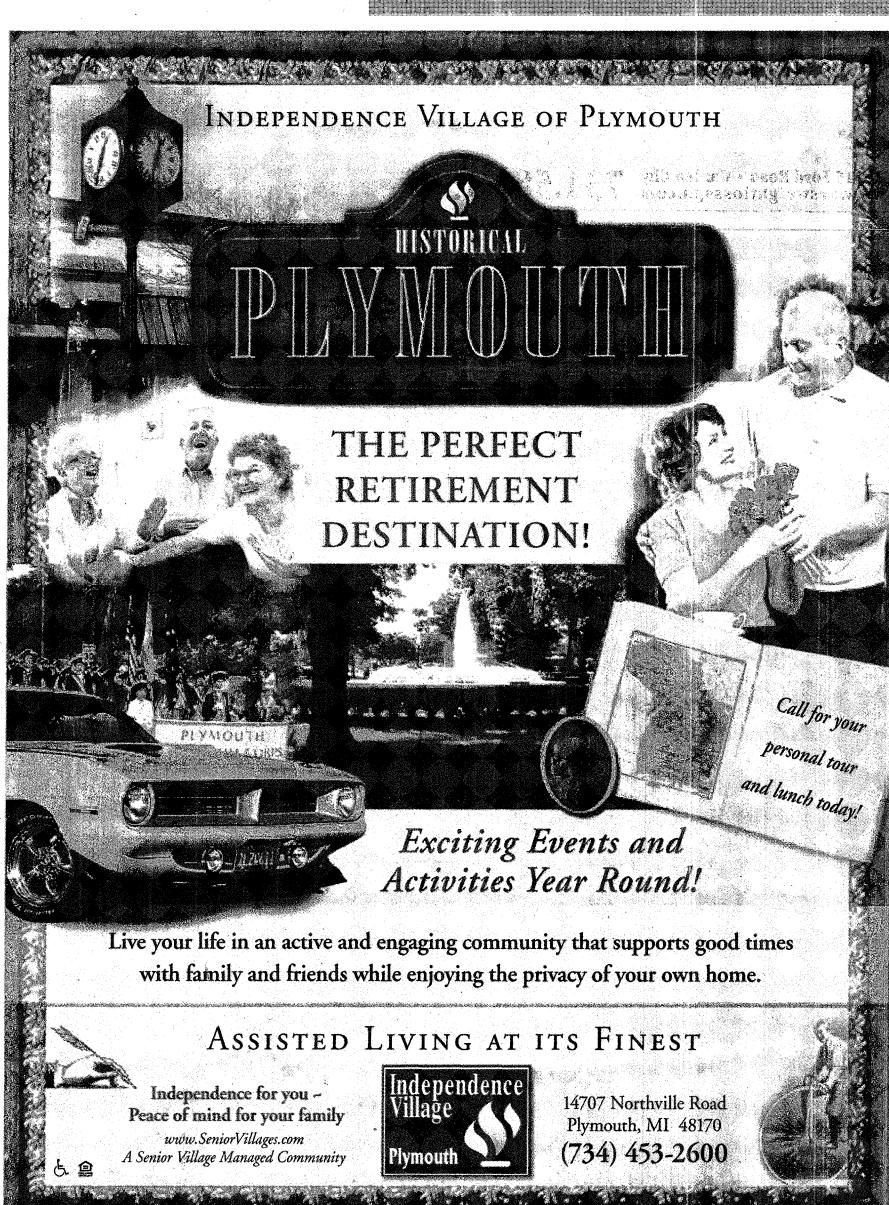
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Man escorted from meeting sues school board

BY KAREN SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man who was escorted out of a Livonia school board meeting June 6 while addressing the board has sued for \$3,000 in damages, alleging his rights under the Open Meeting Act were violated and he was caused "great emotional pain that persists to this day."

Walter Stroyan filed the lawsuit July 7 in the small claims division of 16th District Court, Livonia.

Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Randy Liepa said Thursday the claim is "completely baseless."

Liepa said Stroyan was raising his voice, being abrasive and refusing to stop talking, even though he was told more than once his three minutes were up.

Liepa said people are entitled to their opinions, and some are upset when they

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address the board. But, "this guy was just overboard, and we couldn't get him to sit down and let us continue the meeting."

Rod Hosman, director of secondary programs and facilities, helped escort him out of the building, Liepa

Stroyan could not be reached for comment.

His hand-written claim, filed without the assistance of an attorney, alleges Hosman "literally forced me out of the meeting in a threatening police-state manner and told me he would call the police as if I was a criminal, all without stating a proper cause."

The suit, filed against the board and Hosman, says

Hosman could have told him to sit down and be quiet in a "civil and polite manner."

Liepa said the case has been referred to the district's attorney, adding it's "not anywhere" on the district's priority list.

Stroyan spoke during the public comments portion of the June 6 Committee of the Whole meeting.

He said the district should compare its students' achievement against those of students at Ladywood and Catholic Central high schools and suggested the board hire the Catholic educational system to run the district. "To me, the Catholic schools are run professionally," he said, addressing the board. "This group is a hodgepodge of housewives and ex-teachers. None of you are profession-

Board president Lynda Scheel responded that school board members are elected by the citizens of the district, which includes Livonia and part of Westland. She said Liepa, whom the board hired to oversee the day-to-day operations of the district. has a doctorate degree.

Stroyan also said there was no need for so many school districts, and they all could be consolidated into two districts from west of Detroit and downriver to Northville. Scheel said that was an issue that he needed to address with the state legislature.

A video of Stroyan addressing the board can be viewed at http://www.livoniapublicschools.org/videos. cfm?channelID=1&category ID=12

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Social media: A changing landscape

Google+ has recently been all over the news. While it still has not had an official launch date for the masses,

more than 10 million people have signed up for accounts during its trial stage. If you are

one of those millions who have managed to land a Google+ invite, then you've started experimenting with the new features. Many social networking websites have made stabs at being a "Facebook Killer," but now there's a lot of buzz amongst the geeks that Google finally got it right

The social media landscape is constantly in flux. Just weeks ago, Myspace, which at one time was the most popular social networking site, was sold at a loss of millions and the new second place site is LinkedIn, trailing still No. 1, Facebook. While these sites, along with Twitter, Flick, and YouTube continue to be the most well known, they are actually on a fraction of what is out there.

The world of social media can be broken down in many ways. First, you got your communication sites. There are sites for blogging (Blogger, WordPress), for microblogging (Twitter, Tumblr), for location-based networking (Foursquare, Gowalla), for social networking (Facebook, LinkedIn, MySpace) and for fundraising (Kickstarter). Some examples of social collaboration are wikis (Wikipedia) and bookmarking (Digg, StumbleUpon, reddit, delicious).

Multimedia is another category that covers pictures (Flickr, Picasa, Photobucket), video (YouTube, Vimeo) and music (Pandora, Last.fm, Groove Shark, Bandcamp, Turntable.fm). There are even virtual worlds (Second Life, World of Warcraft) and places for reviews (Yelp, epinions). This is just the tip of the social media iceberg.

All of this is so vast and can become confusing very easily. It takes a lot of juggling to maintain a presence in all sectors. Here at the Westland Public Library, we have some books to help you navigate your way around the Internet. Some of our newer books that give a general understanding are "Mining the Social Web" by Matthew A. Russell and "Social Networking," edited by Kenneth Partridge.

We also have books to help with. job searching such as "How to rina a Job on Linkeain, racebook, MySpace, Twitter, and Other Social Networks" by Brad Schepp and "Social Networking for Career Success" by Miriam Salpeter. If you're looking for something a bit more exciting, there's always the book that last year's hit movie, "The Social Network" was based off of, "The Accidental Billionaires" by Ben Mezrich.

In addition, we have a "Blogging for Beginners" class at the library at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 23 (call to reserve

To help you sort out any social media confusion you may have, come by the Westland Library. Stop by at the reference desk, call us at (734) 326-6123, or you can remotely search our catalog 24 hours a day at www. westlandlibrary.org.

Highlighted Activities

Writers Club: 7 p.m. July 18, Adults and Teens

Have you written stories or poems that you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Join us as Cheryl Vatcher-Martin leads the Westland Library Writer's Club.

Summer Afternoon Movie: "Spider-Man," 3:30 p.m. July 19, Adults and Teens

Join us for the summer version of Afternoon classics. This month's theme is Marvel/DC Comics, this week: "Spider-Man," starring Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, Willem Dafoe. This movie is rated PG-13. No registration required.

Fighting Foreclosure One-on-One Counseling: 4-7 p.m. July 19, New Day - New Time!

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

Writers Workshop: 7 p.m. July 19, Adults and Teens age 14 and up

Do you have a piece of writing that you need help with? The Writers Workshop critiques individual's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.). We will tell you what is what is working with your piece, as well as what needs improvement. You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, visit the Reference Desk or contact andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org

Adult Book Discussion Group: 7 p.m. July 19

Join us as we read the harrowing story of life during the Khmer Rouge, "First they Killed My Father: a Daughter of Cambodia Remembers," by Loung Ung. Until the age of five, Loung Ung lived in Phnom Penh, daughter of a highranking government official. When Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge army stormed into Phnom Penh in April 1975, Ung's family fled, moving from village to village to hide their identity, their education, their former privileged life. Eventually, the family dispersed in order to survive. Loung was trained as a child soldier in a work camp for orphans while her siblings were sent to labor camps. As the Vietnamese penetrated Cambodia, destroying the Khmer Rouge, Loung and her surviving siblings slowly reunited. Copies can be found at the Reference

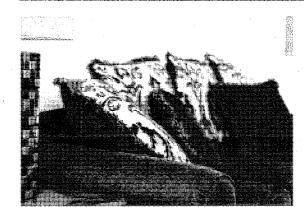
Acoustic Jam Session: 7 p.m. July 21, Adults and Teens age 16 and up

Join our Open Mic musicians for a loose and fun round of songs and a chance to learn some new material. Show off some of your new work to people who enjoy music. Open to all. Bring an instrument (guitar or other), if you have one.

Information Central was compiled by Andrea Perez, homebound delivery coordinator and Twitter/Facebook manage. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.



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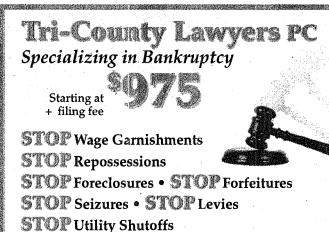
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Retirement options should include Social Security

GUEST COLUMNIST

Q: Dear Rick: I will be retiring in another month or so. I guesstimate it will cost my wife and I approximately \$4,000 a month to live. At the present time, I have approximately \$400,000 in non-retirement accounts and another \$250,000 in IRAs and my 401(k). I don't owe anyone any money and my house is paid off. My wife and I are both in our mid-60s. Between the two of us, if we take Social Security now (I'm 66, she's 65), we will get about \$3,000 a month. If we delay Social Security, we will get a little more. Does it make sense for us to take Social Security now or should we wait. Do we have enough to retire?

A: Congratulations on achieving the American dream — you can afford to retire and money won't be an issue. In your situation, the great thing



Social Security for a few years **Money Matters** or you can take it now. In Rick Bloom reviewing your situation and considering the

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type of investor you are. mv recommendation is take Social Security now. This will allow you to use your portfolio to supplement your income needs and at the same time also have a growth portion. I considered several factors in reaching my conclusion, including that sometime over the next couple of years, I believe we will experience higher interest rates and potentially higher inflation.

Another factor is if you delay equation that I use is to take Social Security, you will use more of your resources over the next few years to cover living expenses. All things being equal, I'd rather have those resources remain under your control. I believe it gives you greater flexibility in the future.

Because you and your wife are still young, it is important to make sure that you have a growth element in your portfolio. My recommendation is that at least 50 percent be dedicated to long-term growth. This will assure you of a rising income throughout your life-

When determining whether you can afford to retire, you must first look at your income needs. In your situation, that's \$4,000 a month. From that number, you subtract pensions and Social Security. Therefore, in your particular case, there's a \$1,000-a-month shortfall. To cover that shortfall, a simple

your yearly shortfall and multiply it by 25. Therefore in your case, to produce the \$12,000 a year in income, you'll need approximately \$300,000 of assets. I recognize that it sounds like a lot of money and it is, however, what it factors into the equation is that \$1,000 today will not be \$1,000 10 years from now.

Everyone should know how

much money they will need in order to retire. Two key elements in this equation are pensions and Social Security. In that regard, one question I am frequently asked is whether you and I can count on Social Security? I have no idea what the future of Social Security will bring. I do know there will be adjustments down the road. What I generally recommend to people is that if you're in your mid-50s or older, you generally can count on receiving Social

Security. If you are under 50, it's probably best to assume that you will not receive Social Security. I recognize this may not be fair, however, it is what

As I've mentioned many times, retirement is a new concept in the history of mankind. This is not something that past generations had to worry about. After all, 100 years ago when life expectancy was in the mid-50s, saving for 20 and 30 years of retirement wasn't a necessity. In today's world where people will be retired for more years than they work, the very first day you begin working is when retirement should be a main concern. Good luck!

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

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

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.



CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING July 25, 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on July 25, 2011 at 6:53 p.m. regarding the Planning Commission

ORDINANCE TO AMEND §33.001, PLANNING COMMISSION OF CHAPTER 33 OF TITLE III OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 33.001 PLANNING COMMISSION.

An ordinance to confirm the establishment under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, P.A. 33 of 2008, as amended of the Garden City Planning Commission.

- The Mayor shall appoint seven members and may appoint up to nine members to the Planning Commission, subject to the approval of the City Council or as otherwise provided by state law. The members' terms of office shall be three years, or until their successors take office, except that the respective terms of two of the members shall be for one year, and one for
- Members of the Planning Commission may, after public hearing, be removed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the City Council or as otherwise provided by state law, for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office.
- Vacancies in the Planning Commission shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

§ 33.002 STATUTORY AUTHORITY.

The Planning Commission is hereby established with the owers, duties, and limitations provided by the State Acts, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, P.A. 33 of 2008, as amended and the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended.

§ 33.003 POWERS AND DUTIES.

- The Planning Commission shall make careful and comprehensive surveys and studies of present conditions and future growth of the city with due regard to its relation to neighboring territory, designed for the construction of a master plan for physical development of the city. The plan shall be made with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the city and its environs which will, in accordance with present and future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and the general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development, including, among other things, adequate provision for traffic, the promotion of safety from fire and other dangers, adequate provision for light and air, the promotion of healthful and convenient distribution of population, the promotion of good civic design and arrangement, wise and efficient expenditure of public funds, and the adequate provision of public utilities and other public requirements.
- The Planning Commission shall make an annual written report to City Council concerning its operations and the status of planning activities, including recommendations regarding actions related to planning and development.
- The Planning Commission shall further review and make recommendations as assigned by the Zoning Ordinance and the State Planning and Zoning Enabling Acts, P.A. 33 of 2008, as amended and P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended.

§ 33.004 PROCEDURES.

- The Planning Commission shall elect its Chairperson from among its membership and shall create and fill such other of its offices as it may determine. The term of Chairperson shall be one year, with eligibility for reelection.
- The Planning Commission shall hold at least four regular meetings each year as required by P.A. 33 of 2008, as
- The Planning Commission shall adopt rules (by-laws) in compliance with the state act for transaction of business and shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, findings, and determinations, which shall be public records.
- (D) The City Clerk shall be the recording secretary of the Commission. The Clerk may designate a deputy clerk from his office to act in his behalf.

All Ordinances or parts of other ordinances in conflict herewith and the same are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY:

This Ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or in part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Allyson M. Bettis, Clerk

Randy Walker, Mayor

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GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Garden City hold its regular meetings on the first and third Monday of each month in the Administrative Service Center Board Room, 1333 Radcliff, beginning at 7:00 p.m.; further, when feasible, the Board endeavors to designate the second regular board meeting of each month as a meeting to be held at a school building also starting at 7:00 p.m. It should be noted that all student expulsion, disciplinary or appeal hearings will be conducted at the Administrative Service Center.



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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.

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.

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Restaurant Rally

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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, Biggby 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 nonalcoholic 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

CITY OF GARDEN CITY

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July 25, 2011

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 92.15 OF CHAPTER 92

OF TITLE IX - GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF

SECTION 1: AMENDMENT OF SECTION 92.15 OF CITY CODE.

Section 92.15 of the Code of the City of Garden City is hereby

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THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

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 23 and 30.

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 Venov.

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

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

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

Grant supports second vets' educational summit

For the second consecutive year, the Canton Community Foundation has received a grant to sponsor a September educational forum for veterans and legal advocates.

Awarded by the Holbrook Charitable Trust, the grant enables the foundation to again host the popular twoday workshop Sept. 14-15 at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia. The forum targets veteran advocates who work with veterans to obtain benefits, as well as veterans and their families to learn about the VA's pro-

The 2010 summit narrowed the gap in Michigan's lack of continuing legal education required of veteran advocates to maintain accreditation to work with the VA. The event drew more than 30 veteran and legal advocates and more than 150 veterans and family

"The grant recognizes the valuable resource this CCF program is to the veterans' community in Wayne County and the surrounding communities," said CCF board member and Westland city attorney Jim Fausone, a partner with Fausone Bohn LLP and Legal Help for Veterans PLLC in

Northville.

The grant receipt is timely as awareness grows about Michigan's lower ranking among all states for the number of veterans receiving benefits, said Michael Harris, executive director of Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America. The Senior Alliance of Wayne County has also recently discussed the state's lower ranking. "We are trying to make veterans aware of the benefits," said Harris, a Senior Alliance board member.

CCF's upcoming program will target the approximately 350,000 veterans who live in metropolitan Detroit and the close to 150 attorneys and Veterans Service Officers who work with veterans. As with the 2010 seminar, the first day of the event will be devoted to the professionals. The second day will focus on the benefits for which veterans and their families may be eligible.

"We are excited to again sponsor this event," said Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks. "We've had a number of veterans asking if we would put on a similar workshop this year. We are urging veterans to save the date and attend this very useful and informational

educational forum."

In 2010, veterans from as far away as Lansing and Port Huron attended the program. This year, it will again be open to all veterans whether or not they live in Wayne County, Noricks added.

"It is significant for veterans to be able to hear from multiple expert sources on veteran benefits and the VA resources that are available," Fausone said. "These are resources and entitlements that have been earned by service to their country."

Harris, who spoke at CCF's 2010 educational forum, agreed with Fausone and added, "This is an opportunity to just let people know what's out there and what is available to veterans.

While many veterans who attended in 2010 already were aware and using some VA benefits, many were equally unaware of the medical, housing, loans and other programs the VA provides. Following the summit, a number of veterans expressed surprise that they might be eligible for help.

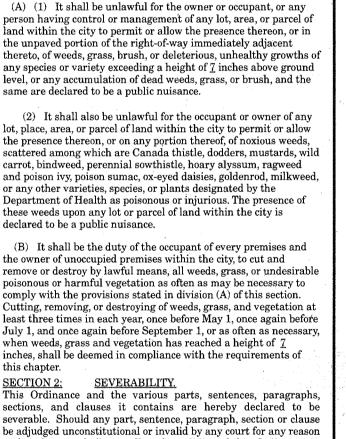
"I had no idea," a Westland veteran told the Canton Community Foundation in 2010. "This information will help me determine if I can finally retire or if I have to wait for 65 and Medicare. I don't think I was ever told before about benefits."

Equally important is the need to keep attorneys, Veteran Service Officers, County Service Officers and independent advocates updated on VA programs and benefits. "There is no other such program in the metro area," Fausone said. "This conference is an opportunity for everybody who is a stakeholder in veteran affairs. It is also unique that the speakers are VA employees, Veteran Services Officers and Veteran County Counselors and attor-

For more information, contact CCF at 734-495-1200 or info@cantonfoundation.org







severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or in part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid. SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE.

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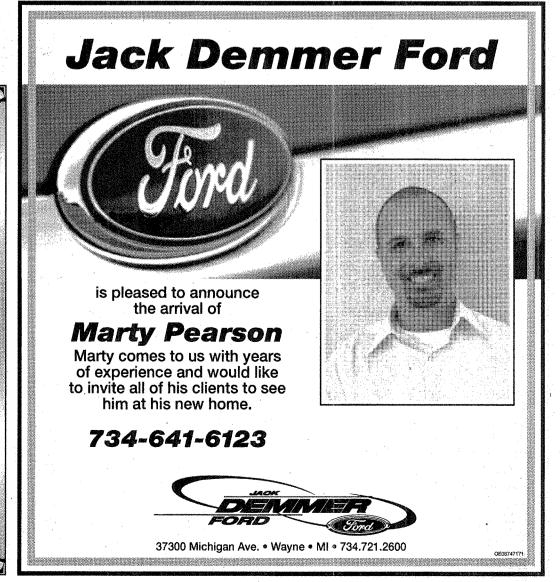
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ALLYSON M. BETTIS, Clerk







(WGc)

County holds hazardous waste collection

Don't mix hazardous waste cling from residents. with your weekly refuse collection. Instead take it to the ed include household paints, Wayne County Department of Environment's Household Hazardous Waste Collection 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Southland Mall, 23000 Eureka, Taylor.

The collections are designed to accept unwanted household chemicals for proper disposal and electronics (i.e. computer monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, cell phones, fax machines, and TVs) for recy-

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Items that will be acceptstains, floor care items, furniture polish, bathroom

cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, antifreeze, fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs, old computers and TVs. Pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only) and medical sharps will also be accepted. All waste must be from residential sources.

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SPORTS

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THREE PRIDE TEAMS WIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN FASTPITCH SOFTBALL PAGE B2

Rams drop cliff-hanger to Bulls, 7-6

The Michigan Rams dropped a 7-6 cliff-hanger to the 22and-under Bulls in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game played Wednesday night at Ford Field in Livonia.

The one-run setback dropped coach Rick Berryman's squad to 13-13-1 while the Bulls improved to a league-best 23-4.

The game started with plenty of early fireworks as the Bulls exploded for four first-inning runs against Rams starting pitcher Jay Perry. Undaunted, the Rams countered with a pair of markers in the bottom of the frame to cut their deficit to 4-2.

After the Bulls padded their lead to 5-2 with a single run in the second, the Rams snatched a 6-5 lead with a four-spot in the bottom of the third.

The contest stayed that way until the top of the sixth when the Bulls pushed across a pair of runs on just one hit.

The Bulls outhit the Rams, 10-8. C.J. Maszac paced the winners at the plate, going 3-for-4 with two RBI and a run scored. Jake Rhodes also had a productive night at the dish, adding two ribbies and a run.

Other contributors for the Bulls were Pat MacKenzie (1-for-3, two runs), Jason Hockemeyer (1-for-2, run, RBI), Dave Frederick (1-for-3), Jim Pickens (2-for-3) Korey Hall (1-for-4, RBI) and Theo

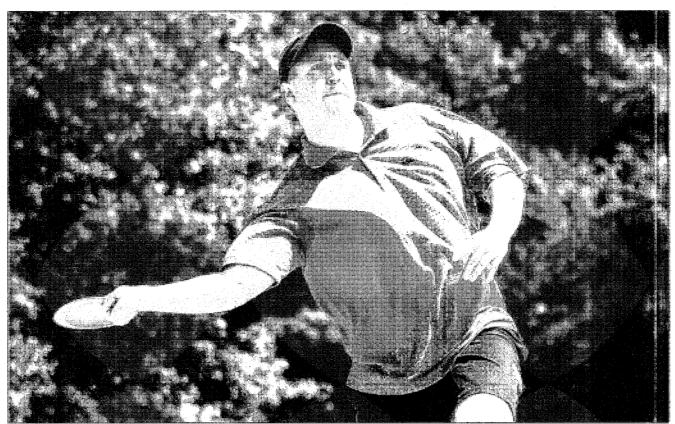
Piccinilli, who scored two runs.

The Rams' offensive onslaught was led by Mark Weist, who clouted an inside-the-park grand slam

in the third inning.
Other clutch hitters for the
Rams were Miles Sorise (2-for-2,
RBI), Jonny McCann (2-for-4,
two runs),, Jeff Sorenson (1-for-3,
RBI, run), John DiLaura (1-for-4,
two runs) and Nick Lagerstrom,
who went 1-for-2.

Novi graduate Mark Heard tossed a complete game for the Bulls, scattering eight hits and a walk while striking out 10.

Sorenson suffered the mound setback in relief after yielding one run on one hit in two innings of work. Sorenson struck out three and walked two.



Canton resident Geoff Bennett unleashes a drive on the tee pad of the No. 3 hole at Benton Hills Disc Golf Course in Northville. Bennett plays the sport up to four or five times a week.

Grip it and zip it

Disc golfers enjoy free and easy fun

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

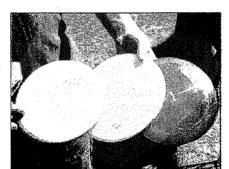
A 740-foot patch of disc golf heaven was laid out in front of Canton resident Geoff Bennett early Thursday afternoon as he stepped onto the elevated concrete tee pad on the No. 3 hole of Northville's Benton Hills Disc Golf Course.

With a cloudless blue sky as a backdrop and a sun-parched fairway as a target, Bennett secured the rim of a bright-orange disc between the thumb and index finger of his right hand and unleashed a high, bending shot that came to rest more than a football field

"That will work," said Canton's Kevin Tomasaitis, one of Bennett's three playing partners, as the foursome carefully descended a 20-foot-high hill to line up their approach shots on the 740-footlong fairway.

"This is a great sport for exercise and getting outside with your buddies," said Farmington Hills resident Dave Milewski, the administrator of the Benton Hills Monday night doubles league.

ague. "And, unlike ball golf, it doesn't put



Discs are designed for various shot distances. The disc on the left is for driving, the middle disc is for approach shots and the disc at right is for putting.

a dent in your wallet," added Chris Brown, who also resides in Farmington

"I played regular golf a lot when I was in high school," Tomasaitis said.
"But then I went to college and I was broke (smile), so I started playing this. I love it."

POPULAR PAST TIME

Bennett, Tomasaitis, Milewski and Brown are four of an estimated 40,000 people world-wide who consider themselves avid disc golfers. For a nominal fee, serious players can register their tournament scores on the website www.pdga.com so that they can develop a skill rating and compare their talents with people around the globe.

There is a world championship tournament every year and, just like in professional ball golf, there are major tournaments.

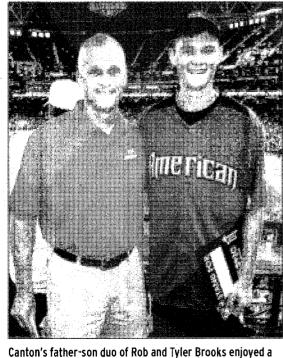
"The Jack Nicklaus of our sport is Ken Climo," said Bennett. "He's won like 12 world championships and you'll find his name on a lot of discs. He makes his living off playing disc golf."

A PROFITABLE SPIN

Many of the sport's upper-echelon players — Bennett and Tomasaitis included — have earned deals with equipment manufacturer Discraft that result in free discs and other bonuses that are based on performance in recognized tourneys.

"Within a 30-mile radius of this course," Milewski said, "there are probably 12 disc golf courses. And within an hour's drive, there are probably 60 courses. Michigan is actually in the top

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memorable experience at this week's Major League Baseball All-Star Game festivities.

Brookses' All-Star Game experience 'amazing'

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Robinson and Jose Cano weren't the only father-son duo who enjoyed an unforgettable experience at Monday night's Major League Baseball Home Run Derby at Chase Field in Phoenix, Ariz. While the Canos were hooking

up to win the derby — Robinson was hitting, Jose was pitching — Canton's father-and-son team of Rob and Tyler Brooks were carving out an experience that will be stored in their memory banks forever.

The Brookses were treated to an all-expenses-paid four-day trip to the All-Star extravaganza when Tyler qualified as one of three national finalists in the 13- to 14-year-old age group in the Aquafina

Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run.

And while the PH&R phase of the trip was exciting — Brooks finished second, along with earning the Sportsmanship Award — the actual competition took a back seat to many of the incredible perks.

"The whole trip was amazing," said Tyler Brooks, who is a freshman-to-be at Salem High School. "I didn't expect to get to do all the stuff I did and I didn't expect to get all the nice things I was given."

The fun started Sunday, when

the Brookses boarded a Phoenixbound plane at Metro Airport.

"The temperature was only about 103, so it wasn't too bad,"
Tyler Brooks said. "It was almost as hot — and a lot more humid — here when we left."

On Monday morning, the Brookses were transported to Chase Field for the PH&R finals.

"Following the actual competition, they let us sit in the National League's dugout for a couple of hours while the players took batting and fielding practice," Tyler Brooks said. "The players were really nice and I got a couple of autographs (from NL All-Stars Scott Rolen and Troy Tulowitzki)."

More thrills followed Monday evening, when Brooks helped shag balls during the MLB Home Run Derby, which was witnessed by millions of people around the world.

"Being on the field for the Home Run Derby was crazy," he said, smiling. "You'd look around

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SIDELINES

Hole in one

Livonia resident Martin Matuszak aced the 126yard second hole July 13 at Glenhurst Golf Course. It was the 41-year-old's second hole in one in his 21-year golfing career. Matuszak used a 9iron and finished with a ninehole round of 37.

GC youth gridiron camp

The Garden City Little League Football Camp will be held on the Garden City High School football practice fields 6-8:30 p.m. July 25-28.

Using drills and demonstrations, participants will be taught the basic fundamentals of the sport along with the proper techniques for throwing, blocking, receiving and tackling.

All campers will receive a camp T-shirt.

The cost is \$60 and walkins are welcomed.

For more information, visit www.gccougarcountry.com.

Martin on Lombardi list

University of Michigan football senior defensive lineman Mike Martin (Redford/Catholic Central) has been named to the 2011 Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List. It marks the 42nd season the award has named the nation's college lineman of the year.

Martin is one of 125 players named to the list, which includes 16 Big Ten candidates. The winner will be named Dec. 6-7 at Reliant Center in Houston, Texas.

A second-team All-Big Ten choice by the league's coaches as a junior, Martin had 37 tackles and 2.5 sacks in 12 starts at defensive tackle in

Eligibility for the Rotary Lombardi Award is limited to down linemen, end-to-end, either on offense of defense, who set up no farther than 10 yards to the left or right of the ball, and linebackers who set up no farther than five yards deep from the line of scrimmage.

The candidates earned a place on the Official Watch List by earning All-America honors last season, by being named to their respective all-conference first team last season as selected by the conference's head coaches, by being projected to be an All-America or first team all-conference player for the coming season, or by nomination approved by the nominations committee.

Martin previously was named to the Bednarik Award Watch List.

Elks Soccer Shoot

There's still time to sign up youngsters 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.

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Trio of PC Pride teams wins state fastpitch titles

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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Look out Disney World, buses of Plymouth-Canton Pride softball players are coming your way for the USSSA Fastpitch World Series.

That's because the PC Pride travel softball organization's 10U, 12U and 14U squads each won their age bracket championship at last weekend's USSSA state tournament - hosted by Canton Softball Center.

All three teams will compete July 23-24 in Orlando, Fla., in the World Series to take place at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex.

It is the first time three PC Pride teams won state titles in their age bracket at the same time, and is a testament to the dedication of coaches.

"The coaches of these groups really put in a lot of time and effort teaching the game's fundamentals to the kids," said parent Rob Heitmeyer, whose daughter Alaina is on the 10U squad. "And the parents are really a close-knit group, too."

Those parents have a lot to cheer about these days.

TEAM EFFORT

• The 14U Pride, sporting a 21-0 record in USSSA play, went 8-0 at the state tourney and Sunday, July 10, won the final 9-1 over the Oakland Athletics.

Earning the victory was pitcher Paige Aresco, with big offensive contributions from shortstop Megan Keller (three hits, three RBI), outfielder Christina Meyer (two hits, two RBI) and catcher Brooke Senkbeil (two hits, two RBI).

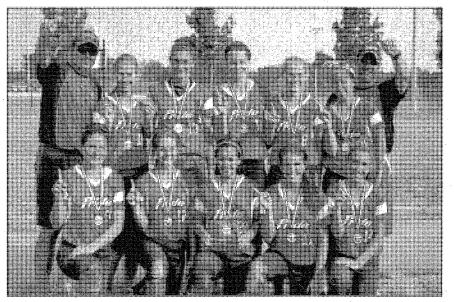
In the semifinal, the Pride led all the way in a 9-6 triumph over Finesse.

"I'm extremely proud," 14U Pride coach Dave Senkbeil said. "All the way through it was a team effort. Everybody contributed one way or another.'

Making the team's results more impressive is the fact there only are 10 players on the roster.

"They did everything they needed to do to win it," Senkbeil said.

 Heating up at the plate during a scorching-hot weekend was the 12U Pride team, scoring 52 runs on the way to sweeping six contests. In the



Members of the Plymouth-Canton Pride's 14U softball team are (bottom row from left) Kristi Zink, Kendyl Richter, Maria Donovan, Emily Marcero, Tori Kiers, (top row from left) coach Jeff Marcero, Christina Meyer, Megan Keller, Paige Aresco, Sarah Gallagher, Brooke Senkbeil and coach Dave Senkbeil.



Pictured is the Plymouth-Canton Pride's 12U softball team.



PC Pride 14U shortstop Megan Keller turns an unassisted double play in the finals at Canton Softball Center, while second baseman Emily Marcero looks on.

championship game, the Pride earned a 5-1 win.

Meanwhile, coach Tim Hutchison said his team shut the door on defense, not allowing more than three runs in any game.

Peyton Philbeck tossed four complete games for the Pride. Jenna Olszewski rocked a first-pitch home run in the final and, as the catcher, threw a runner out at third for the championship game's final out

Jamie Squires laced three triples during the weekend.

Heading to Disney World for rout of the Hartland Eagles in the World Series will be coaches Hutchison, Dan Hiltz, Jon Olszewski and Gary Zerona and players Sydney Dawson, Olivia Grant, Kara Hutchison, Katie Hiltz, Jamie Klotz, Olszewski, Philbeck, Becky Sarver, Sabrina Shingleton, Squires, Emily Stewart and Rachel Zerona.

• The 10U Pride made it two state titles in two weeks (the team won the NSA State Championship June 26 in East Lansing) with Sunday's 15-4

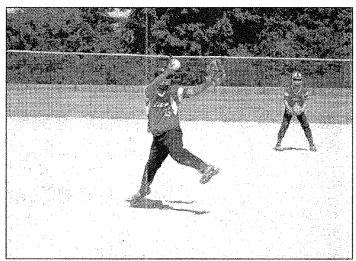
the USSSA state championship tilt.

Winning the final was Morgan Overaitis, who homered to help her own cause.

HOT AT THE PLATE

Also making it happen on offense was Jennifer Bressler, who hit two homers and a single while driving in five runs.

Chipping in with three singles was Justice Ruggles Other contributions were turned in by Isabelle Dawson



Morgan Overaitis of the PC Pride 10U fastpitch softball team delivers a fastball during the team's victory in Sunday's USSSA state championship game.



(triple, single) and Alaina Heitmeyer (two singles).

"When you score 15 runs in a final game, everybody hit and did well," 10U coach Dan Bressler said. "It's been like that all season. They played well beyond their age.

In the semifinal, also Sunday, Jennifer Bressler pitched the Pride to an 8-2 win

over the Michigan Bat-Busters. The team (51-1 in 10U play; 17-4 in 12U competition) won all seven games at Canton

Softball Center, with a pitching rotation of Overaitis, Bressler, Knight and Madison Rosiewicz leading the way.

Earlier in the tournament, Nicole Dawson, Jessica Tucci and Knight all hit home runs. The 10U squad also won

the USSSA state title in 2010 and finished fourth out of 39 teams in the World Series.

"We don't know what new competition is going to be down there," Bressler said. "But I expect us to do just as

He tipped his cap to his coaching colleagues, including Tony Gould and Craig Overaitis. Gould has coached with Bressler for a number of

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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@sbcglobabl.

• Tryouts for the 2012 11and-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 McKettrick 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 2 p.m. Friday, July 29 at Canton Public Library. 1200 S. Canton Center Road, as part of the library's "Connect Your Summer" program.

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

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-

• 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.

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an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

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

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

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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Canton residents Kevin Tomasaitis (left) and Geoff Bennett walk down the fairway of the 740-foot No. 3 hole at Benton Hills Disc Golf Course.

DISC GOLF

three in states with the number of courses."

In addition to the cost differential — an 18-hole round of "regular" golf generally costs around \$40 to \$60 while a round of disc golf is free on most courses — disc golf is attractive to casual athletes because it doesn't require lessons or countless hours on the driving range to become competent.

"You can bring an entire family out here, play for free and each person can play with one disc if they want," said Milewski.

A CUT ABOVE

You can spot the sport's advanced players from three fairways away. They haul their discs around in back-pack-like carrying cases, which also include everything from drink holders to ash trays, and they're often wearing their game face.

"We have a lot of fun,"
Tomasaitis said, smiling, "but
we're also as competitive as
(heck). We've all been playing
a minimum of 10 years and
we're probably out here four or
five times a week."

If you pay the \$5 entry fee to participate in the Benton Hills Monday night doubles league, you'd better bring your "A" game if you expect to rake in half the pot at the end of the day (half the pot carries over to the following week).

"If you don't shoot at least 14-under (par), you probably won't stand a chance of winning," said Brown. "It's deuces (twos on each hole) or die."

Advancements in the sport's equipment has mirrored its growth. Certain discs are designed to handle particular distances, much like the clubs in a golf bag.

"The disc you use on the tee pad has a flatter edge," Milewski said. "The disc you use for a mid-range shot — kind of like a wedge in regular golf — has a thicker rim while the one we use for putts has a much more rounded rim. The bigger the rim, the slower the disc will fly.

"The technology has really improved, just in the past 10 years. The discs have gotten faster and they travel farther."

Pole position

The vast majority of disc golf holes are considered par 3's, Milewski said. The ultimate target is a Pole Hole, which is a five-foot-high metal pole with a chain basket attached at its mid point. A player's score isn't official for each hole until the discs lands in the basket.

"A 20-foot shot for us is comparable to a five-foot putt in hall golf" Brown estimated

ball golf," Brown estimated.
While the third hole on the
Benton Hills track is long
and wide, many holes require
finesse more than power.

"There are a few really short holes on this course," said Milewski, "but you have to shoot through a million trees, so they're not necessarily a lot easier than the long ones."

Weather-related elements also come into play.

"I played in a tournament once in Las Vegas when the wind was blowing about 40



Canton resident Kevin Tomasaitis back-hands a drive down the middle of the fairway Thursday afternoon at Benton Hills Disc Golf Course in Northville.



Farmington Hills resident Chris Brown attempts an approach shot from a hazard.



Farmington Hills resident Dave Milewski nailed this 15-foot shot during a Thursday afternoon round of disc golf at Benton Hills Disc Golf Course in Northville.



In addition to being lighter than ball golf bags, disc golf bags serve many purposes.

miles an hour," Bennett said.
"I missed a 10-foot putt and the wind blew it about 60

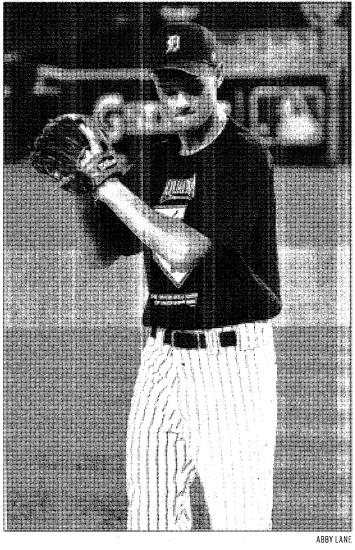
feet away."

Unlike their ball golf counterparts, disc golfers don't pack their equipment away once the snow starts falling.

once the snow starts falling.
"We play right through the
winter," Milewski said. "There
are tournaments, leagues
— everything we have in the
summer."

For more information on disc golf, visit www.pdga.com. If you're interested in joining a league in the area, contact Brown at Kristafer@gmail.com.

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Fourteen-year-old Canton resident Tyler Brooks is pictured pitching during the national final round of the Aquafina Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run competition at Chase Field in Phoenix, Ariz.

ALL-STAR GAME

and thousands of people were looking at you. It was hard to judge the flyballs because they were hit so high, plus there were a ton of kids chasing every ball, but it was a lot of fun. It was hard to believe how hard those guys were hitting the ball."

The younger Brooks' luggage was packed a little tighter on the return trip.

"They gave me four hats, 10 shirts and a VIP duffel bag that was filled with cool stuff," he said.

The most notable gift Brooks earned was a replica American League Home Run Derby jersey that was presented to the competitor who exhibited the most sportsmanship.

He also garnered autographs from Detroit Tigers Justin Verlander and Alex Avila, who he bumped into while waiting for an elevator at a hotel.

"I still get goose bumps thinking about the whole trip," Rob Brooks said. "I can't even begin to describe how exciting it was to look down on the field during the Home Run Derby and seeing your son down there. I was very proud.

"One of the things I'll remember the most was the unbelievable generosity everyone affiliated with the event showed us. Everyone went above and beyond to make sure it was an unforgettable experience for us, and it was."

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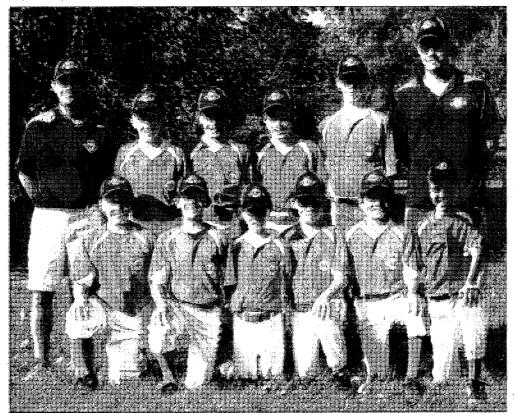
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Giant feat

The Motor City Giants, a 10and-under travel baseball team made up of Canton and Plymouth residents, recently captured first place in the Kensington Valley Baseball & Softball Association's Austin Jackson Division. The Giants outscored their divisional opponents 217-78 on the way to compiling an 18-2 record. The team consists of (top photo, front row from left) Jack Savage, Lucas Binguit, Thomas Dono, Ben Wright, Jacob Kash, Liam Radomski, (back row from left) coach Fred Binguit, Garrett Colasinski, Ben Spencer, Justin Kuhn, Joshua Metz, coach Ryan Smith, (right photo from left) coach/general manager Tom Dono and Dave Colasinski.



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Hills' Boeker bolsters Midwest tennis rating

BY DAN O'MEARA OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If he'd had more time to devote to the game of tennis, Roberto Boeker wonders just how good he might have been.

Though the Farmington Hills resident plays "just for fun," he's a very good player as it is.

Boeker's performance in the recent Midwest Super Senior Clay Court Championships helped to strengthen his USTA standing.

He's ranked No. 8 in the Midwest this month, following a runner-up finish in the men's 45 singles tournament at the Detroit Tennis & Squash Club in Farmington Hills.

"Overall, I played well, but I didn't win the tournament!" Boeker said. "I think I have some talent. If it would have been fostered in the early stages, I don't know who you would be talking to

Boeker, who works as an automotive consultant and travels a lot, also plays racquetball at Detroit Tennis & Squash, but that and tennis are his means for recreation and fitness.

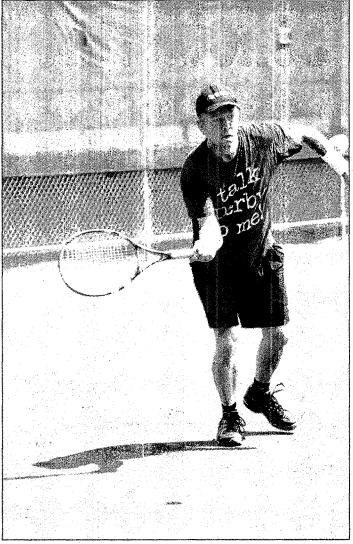
In the Super Senior tournament in late June, Boeker defeated Bill Spencer of Brighton in straight sets, 6-0,

Spencer was the top seed in the tournament and is ranked sixth in the USTA Midwest. He's the only Michigan player ranked ahead of Boeker; Spencer has 445 points, Boeker 410.

"Bill and I are very good friends," Boeker said. "This time, when we played, I got the best of him, and I'm sure there's going to be a different day when he'll have the better day, the better game."

Boeker lost a three-setter to Kevin Collins of Troy in the final match, 6-1, 6-7(5), 6-2. Collins is the next ranked Michigan player at No. 12 in the USTA Midwest.

"He's very, very good," Boeker said, adding he and Collins are different types of tennis players, "He played his game the first set; I played my



Roberto Boeker of Farmington Hills is now No. 8 in the USTA Midwest men's 45-and-over tennis rankings.

game the second set. In the third set, he had better conditioning and played his game

"I give credit to him. He has a great stroke. I'm more a finesse, strike, drop-shot player, and he's more of an aggressive, fast-paced, deepcourt player.

"I like to move the pace, change the pace from whatever the opponent is doing, and I play every game differently."

Boeker, 48, said he plays four or five tournaments a year and has won some of them. He plans to enter a couple more in the metro area and one in Cincinnati.

"The last 10 years I have been playing pretty consistent," he said, "If I would have more time, I would play more outside the Detroit area. The time will come, and I will do

With that perspective, tennis is truly a lifetime sport in Boeker's opinion.

"There are people who pick up weights and have to give it up, because they're too heavy," he said. "But, tennis, you can play all your life."

Boeker also praised the Tennis & Squash Club facilities and the tournament run by director and general manager Dean Snyder.

The main program done by Dean and his team make this a great event," he said. "It's one of the best tournaments in the area. It's just a great event for tennis. The whole surrounding is just absolutely phenomenal."

SPORTS CAMPS

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.. Monday through Friday, 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.championspassingacademy.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

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 email 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 twofive 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 environ-

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.

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

Churchill football skills

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

The cost is \$60.

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

Football youth skills

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

The cost is \$40. For more information, e-mail coach John Filiatraut at jiliatr2@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (313) 680-8915.

Churchill gymnastics

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

The fee is \$79.

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

Madonna girls softball

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer girls softball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 15-19 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond

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

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

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Schoolcraft's Kids on Gampus

Academic camps make learning fun

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN CORRESPONDENT

Kids do more than dream about becoming a doctor or video game designer at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Every summer, they learn about the skills required for success.

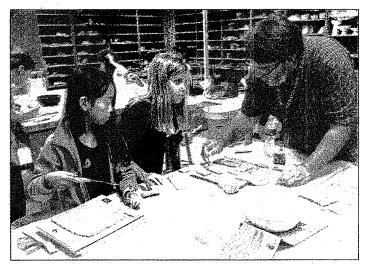
Although mainly academic, the weeklong camps provided plenty of fun for the first- to 12th-grade students who filled the classrooms on the first day of class July 11. This is the 32nd year children from Canton, Plymouth, Farmington Hills, Westland, Livonia and Novi have been drawn to Kids on Campus. For three weeks, they'll have the opportunity to learn about future careers and

"A lot of people work out this way. The camps get the kids out of the house instead of doing the same old, same old," said Lauren Murphy, promotion coordinator for Continuing Education & Professional Development.

"Enriching Minds, Transforming Lives"—the writing on the wall of the CEPD office says it all.

"It's different than being in class during the regular year," Murphy said. "It's been 31 years of exploration, adventure, creativity."

As of last week, 1,666 kids



Instructor Michael Kuhn works with Rina Kishida, of Farmington and Taylor Vitori of South Lyon, on their wind chime projects.

had registered for the camps focused on culinary training, business and health care careers, Web and video game design, aerospace and rockets, robotics, writing, the visual arts, foreign cultures and high-tech manufacturing. Schoolcraft College adjunct instructors and teachers from area school districts develop the exciting curriculum. New is Crime Scene Investigator for high school students.

EXPLORING

On Monday, Doris Denison was winding up the first day's lesson on the digestive system

in Camp Scrubs for fourth- and fifth-graders. Urvi Bhargava of Canton, an 11-year-old student at Central Middle School, "wanted to learn about the human body" and explore careers in the medical field. So did Kayla Blaise of Farmington Hills and Diego Sanabria, 10, of Westland. Last year, Blaise had fun solving mysteries in the CSI camp for fifth- and sixth-graders. Sanabria liked the robotics

"I want to be biochemist and thought it was a good way to start," said Blaise, a 10-year-old Power Upper Elementary student. "It's very interesting and



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In The Potter's Studio class, Erin Boyle-Levy and Sam Garrett add textures and cut out strips of clay that will become wind chimes. They are both from Plymouth.

I learned a lot. I really want to help people and like science and

Blaise decided to take the class with friend Natalie Hong, 10. Like Blaise, the Farmington Hills girl found Scrubs Camp informative.

"I've learned about a lot of subjects, but not health care and wanted to take something very close to it," Hong said.

Denison created the curriculum as an introduction to health care careers. The Garden City woman is a retired nurse practitioner and assistant professor at Wayne State University.

"I'm going to get the next generation hooked so there are people to take care of me," Denison said.

Tuesday was all about nutrition, including choosing healthy snacks over not so healthy. Denison went to a garage sale to

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pick up dice and a deck of cards to illustrate portions.

"We'll do some math," Denison said. "You have to know math in health care."

Math is an important subject when it comes to hightech manufacturing as well. Instructor Gene Keyes has owned a machine shop for more than 30 years and teaches from an employer's perspective.

On Monday, his seventh-through ninth-grade students were programming and machining metal name tags. Once a week, Keyes hears from employers looking for workers trained in computerized numerical control machining and manufacturing processes. The college offers an associate's degree and certificates in advanced manufacturing.

"I want them to know what manufacturing is all about,

encourage them," Keves said. "It's common sense, not that hard to do."

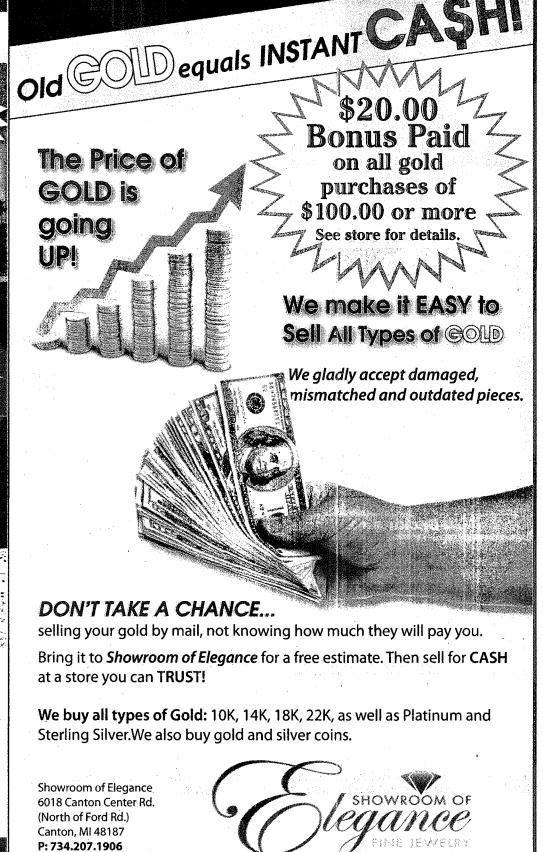
Half of the students were still seated at computers programming while the other half were watching the machine carve name tags. Caleigh Lin wants to be an engineer and thought the camp would expand her knowledge. The 12-year-old Plymouth girl is in the TAG program at East Middle School. She studied rocket science and video games the last four years. Her 9-yearold brother Jared is in Scrubs Camp.

"I found Machine Adventures interesting," Lin said. "I like making things, like the machines and all the math involved with engineering."

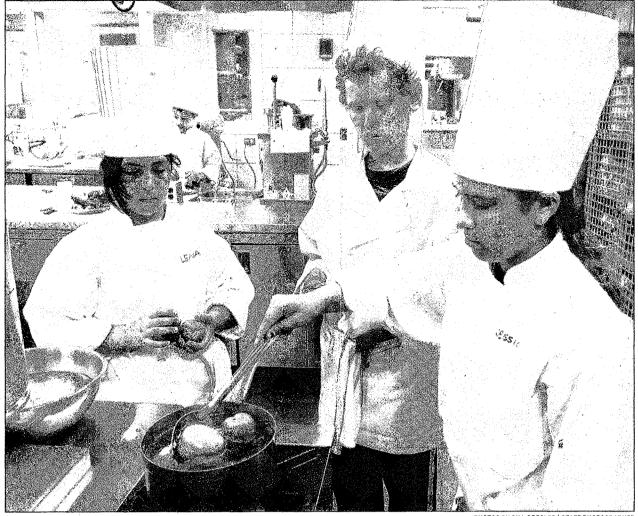
Keves' assistant, David Valencia of Northville, was

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Jessica Moore of Allen Park dips tomatoes in boiling water to loosen the skins for peeling. Lena Niseanian of Northville and Dagan McCarthy of Canton will do the same with their tomatoes.

helping students in the final process of machining their name tag.

"We're using a CNC mill used in industry," Valencia said. "It's the same program using basic geometry."

"They told us codes and we figured it out," Lin said as she watched the cutting arm go down and start carving her name in metal.

Cindy Shi of Novi was making a metal plate that reads "I Love My Family." She was in the Tween Writers camp last summer.

"It's fun to watch," said Shi, 12. "I thought it would be interesting to make stuff."

Sindhuja Borra was having fun spraying away the scrap metal after the machine finished carving. She wants to become a doctor, but was exploring the engineering-related career. The 12year-old Canton girl is a student at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth.

"It was really fun," Borra said. "I'm good at math and really into computers. Next week I'm taking Web Design."

Andy Chen, 12, was waiting anxjously to carve his online user name, Dralcax. The Canton boy is an East Middle School student. He's already taken Web design, video games and

robotics.

"You can do interesting things," Chen said. "I made a robot and website, learned the process of creating video games. Designing isn't much of a problem. The problem is getting the message to the computer."

CHALLENGING BUT FUN

Sarah Wang experienced similar problems. She worked on the program with Cindy Shi.

"It's hard," said Wang, 11, of Novi. "I like writing out the program. My mom and dad write programs for computers. I thought it would be nice to do something they do. I want to be an engineer and think it's quite fascinating."

In the Forum building, kids were enjoying getting their hands dirty as they turned clay into bowls and wind chimes in The Potter's Studio with Michael Kuhn. Aaron Best, 10, of Southfield, had nearly finished a vase for his mom. His father works in Livonia. Gitika Kumar, 11, of Novi, was making wind chimes; Jocelyn Chu, 9, of Livonia, a dolphin.

Blake Rosevear of Livonia had already made a bowl. This was the Johnson Elementary student's first

vear in Kids on Campus. "It's really fun and I like that everybody has creative stuff," Rosevear said.

ing a sculpture of strange mustaches.

to become a cook, including the

Vibha Shivakumar of Novi was mak-

ing last year. She's been dancing since age 2 and is a student at the Bunny Sanford studio in Livonia.

This is the 10-year-old girl's third year.

Ellen Christinsen of Livonia was

working on a cup. She took lyric writ-

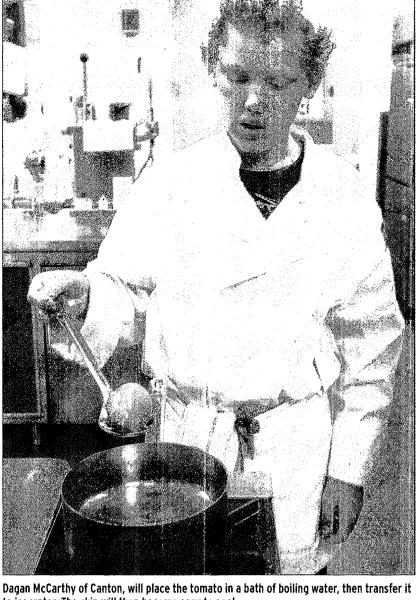
"I like art," said Christinsen, a 9-year-old student at Johnson Elementary.

It was apparent by a show of hands that everyone in the Culinary Arts Boot Camp likes to cook. Certified Master Chef Jeff Gabriel received the overwhelming response at the end of Monday's session. The camps run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Monday, the seventh- to ninth-grade students learned knife skills as they busily chopped vegetables. They also learned the importance of sanitation and working organized. On Tuesday, they would cook Italian. The menu included lasagna with roasted tomato sauce.

"The first ingredient a good cook has to possess is to love to cook," Gabriel said. "One reason to cook is to be healthy. When you cook from scratch, you're in control. You're going to get more nutrients than a fast food restaurant. When you eat from scratch, it's

Gabriel gave several reasons \$200,000 salary made by executive

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to ice water. The skin will then become easy to peel.

job in Germany at hotels, restaurants. You can go all over the world. It's one industry that has jobs all the time," Gabriel said.

This was Barbara Smith's second year in the culinary arts camp. The 13year-old Northville girl is a student at Hillside Middle School.

The food was so good last year and I was able to learn things I can still use in the kitchen, how to mince things," Smith said.

Arthur Aigeltinger usually uses a cookbook to stir up his dishes. The 12year-old is a student at Adams Upper Elementary in the Wayne-Westland School District and lives on the border of Canton.

"I want to take it further as a chef," said Aigeltinger, who's been cooking for three years.

Lena Nishanian of Northville first learned to cook at Steppingstone School in Farmington Hills, where she made gumbo at age 9. She frequently cooks her favorite dish of grilled chicken with diced peppers, onions, carrots and celery with tomato sauce and rice.

"My mom thought it would be good to learn more," Nishanian said.

Jessica Moore's mother found the culinary camp online. This is the Allen

Park girl's first year in the state-of-theart kitchens at Schoolcraft College. She especially likes to cook pasta for her family.

"I loved it," Moore said about her first day.

Dagan McCarthy likes cooking so much he takes classes all year round at Schoolcraft. The Canton boy has participated in the Iron Chef Junior competition and last year was on the winning team. He wants to be a chef.

"Cooking is fun and makes other people happy," said McCarthy, who attends the Creative Montessori Academy in Southgate. "I like baking a lot, cakes and sweets."

McCarthy plans to continue taking classes through Schoolcraft's Continuing Education department in fall. A variety of subjects are offered for children and adults. Two of the classes allow parents and kids to cook together. Gabriel teaches the Iron Chef for ages 12-17. Kids on Campus offers video game creation, radical robots and successful student seminars for middle and high school students.

For information, visit www.schoolcraft.edu, call (734) 462-4448 or email CEPD@schoolcraft.edu.



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In most instances, when a bleed occurs, the person feels immediate pain in the affected joint. Their first thought is that the joint is fractured or that an attack of gout has occurred. If the doctor knows the patient is taking Coumadin, then the cause of the sudden pain is evident. The best treatment is to put a needle into the joint and evacuate the blood. That stops the pain and ends the problem.



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

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

All entries must be received by midnight, July 31.

Polish Mission hosts grandparents, grandchild workshops

The Polish Mission has begun hosting "The Grandparents Project," made possible by a major grant from the Michigan Humanities Council. The project unites grandparents and grandchildren of Polish, Jewish and German backgrounds who share a common Polish heritage.

The Polish Mission at Orchard Lake Schools will host free two-day and four-day workshops throughout July and August with a goal of reaching 96 families. Workshops are held at 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake.

Two-day workshops are scheduled 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (hour lunch break at 11:30 a.m.) July 25-26, July 27-28, Aug. 8-9, Aug. 25-26, Aug. 29-30 and Aug. 31 to Sept. 1.

Four-day workshops offer morning or afternoon sessions, from 10-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-2 p.m., respectively. Workshop dates are July 18-21, Aug. 1-4 and Aug. 15-18.

'The Michigan Humanities Council' is very excited about this project and how it brings together different generations to share their cultural heritage," said Katie Wolf, executive director for the Michigan Humanities Council.

Each session can stand alone; attendees can mix and match sessions as needed. If grandparents are unable to bring their grandchildren, they may still attend and share their

discoveries with grandchildren at a later date. Each family will take home an archival booklet including a pedigree chart, U.S. Census records, ship manifests, maps of ancestral villages, photos, family stories and recipes. At the project's end, families are invited to bring an ethnic dish to pass and participate in a public exhibit.

"Most researchers lament that they did not ask questions of their grandparents when they had the opportunity," said Hal Learman, genealogist and assistant director of the Polonia Americana Research Institute.

"PARI Director Cecile Wendt Jensen did interview her Przytulski grandparents, but didn't know what

to do with the information until she found some vintage maps and a 'how to' book. Her quest to find her roots lead to writing the book, Sto Lat: A Modern Guide to Polish Geneaology. Attendees will receive a complimentary copy of Sto Lat."

The Polish Mission is part of the Orchard Lake Schools which was founded in 1885 by Polish Immigrants. Its mission is to preserve and promote Polish and Polish-American culture, tradition and history for present and future generations. The Polish Mission organizes programs, courses and events that highlight Polish and Polish-American culture and accomplishments, and

ensures a repository for artifacts, archival materials, works of art and publications.

Project sponsors include The Polish Mission, Polonia Americana Research Institute, with outreach via the West Bloomfield Public Library, Jewish Genealogical Society of Michigan, Oakland County Genealogical Society, and the Holocaust Memorial Center.

Sessions may be reserved online at http://grandparents.eventbrite.com or by calling (248) 683-0323.

The Michigan Humanities Council is a private, nonprofit organization. For more information, visit www. michiganhumanities.org or call (517) 372-7770.

A chance to learn: Host families needed for exchange program

Youth For Understanding, a nonprofit, international education organization, celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, invites local families to participate in a high school exchange student program.

The group seeks host families who can provide a typical family living experience — not a tourist or travel opportunity. Families provide encouragement, guidance, love, a place to live, and meals for their new exchange son/daughter.

Families come in all shapes and sizes, with and without children of all ages. They select a student who shares some family interests. YFU encourages families to "live their normal life, including their exchange child in it."

The boys and girls (ages 15-18) come with their own spending money, health insurance, and the commitment to live according to the rules and values of your family and Youth for Understanding. They can

share a room with a host sibling. They attend the local high school.

"YFU provides life-changing opportunities for students to become informed, global citizens," said Michael Finnell, president of Youth For Understanding USA. "Youth exchange is just as, if not more,

important today than when YFU was founded in 1951."

YFU has been a leader in international student exchange facilitating 250,000 exchanges among 60 nations over the past six decades.

To learn more about hosting a high school exchange student or becoming a volun-

teer, contact the Youth For Understanding District office at (866) 493-8872, founders@ yfu.org or visit www.yfu-usa. org (where you can fill out an online host family application). You can request to see descriptions of the boys and girls who are still available to families in this community.

Holocaust Memorial Center will host seminar for teachers

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus and Eastern Michigan University announced that they will co-host a Summer Educational Institute seminar to benefit current and prospective teachers and their students from Aug. 15-19.

The weeklong seminar, "Reading the Holocaust: A Seminar for Teachers," takes place at the Holocaust Memorial Center located at 28123 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

Using the latest academic scholarship and best instructional practices to make lessons

about the Holocaust understandable and meaningful for students, the seminar is designed to build an instructor's content

Attendees will hear presentations from scholars and survivors examining the Holocaust from the rise of Nazism to the Holocaust deniers of today. Presenters include:

· Sidney M. Bolkosky, Ph.D., William E. Stirton professor in the Social Sciences and director of the honors program, University of Michigan-Dearborn

· Robert Franciosi, Ph.D.,

professor of English and honors, Grand Valley State University

· Henry Greenspan, Ph.D., psychologist and playwright, University of Michigan

· Jack Kay, Ph.D., provost and vice president, Eastern Michigan

· Martin Schichtman, Ph.D., English department professor, director of Jewish Studies at Eastern Michigan University

· John Staunton, Ph.D., associate professor in the department of English Language and Literature at Eastern Michigan University

· Guy Stern, Ph.D., distin-

guished professor emeritus of German at Wayne State University

 Annette Wannamaker, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of English and Literature at Eastern Michigan University

Participating teachers will be provided access to the vast primary resources from the museum library and archive to aid them in the development of their own classroom lessons.

To register for the seminar, go to http://ep.emich.edu and click on the link for "Reading the Holocaust: A Seminar for

Teachers." Cost for the event is \$100. Nine SB-CEUs or three undergraduate or graduate credit hours are available for an additional fee. All applications are due by Monday, Aug. 1.

For further information, contact either Julie Knutson at (734) 487-3152 or Rebecca Swindler at education@holocaustcenter.org.

It is the mission of the Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus to remember those who perished and those who survived the Holocaust and, in a world increasingly faced with sectarian strife and intolerance, to set

forth the lessons of Holocaust as a model for teaching ethical conduct and responsible decisionmaking. By highlighting those individuals who, in the midst of evil, stood for the best, rather than the worst of human nature, the Holocaust Memorial Center seeks to contribute to maintaining an open and free society.

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Exploring a Pond: Sunday, July 24, 2-4 p.m. The pond is home to many wonderful and unique animals. Join us and meet some of these pond personalities. This

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Saturday, July 30,1 p.m. Discover how to plan an allyou-can-eat restaurant to attract these interesting animals to your backyard. This program is for ages 10 and up. Fee: \$3 per person and preregistration is

Firefly Frenzy: Sunday, July 31, 9 p.m. Summer is a great time to spend the evening outdoors. You will hunt for fireflies and other creatures of the night. This program is for all ages. Preregistration required. Beasts on the Beach: Sunday, Aug. 7, 2-4 p.m., Martindale Beach. Snakes and turtles are among the most fascinating of all animals. There's a lot of misinformation about them. Join an interpreter and sort out what is true and what isn't, during

this ongoing program. Free. Colonial Kensington: Saturday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 14, 9 a.m.-4 p.m, Martindale Beach. Watch battles, visit camps and discover the past as more than 200 Colonial, British and French

Spiders & Friends: Sunday, Aug. 21, 2 p.m. Learn about some of nature's most misunderstood creatures and sort out fact from fiction. For ages 6 and older. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

Fossil Finding: Saturday, Aug. 27, 1 p.m. Using slides and specimens, examine life on Earth through time, and then search for prehistoric fossils at Kensington's gravel pit. For ages 6 and older. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration

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Farm Center

Fun on the Farm - Pigs: Thursday, July 21, 10 a.m. This program for the little ones consists of story time, a craft and an activity. Children will get to see a pigpen, visit with the piglets and maybe get a little dirty. Fee: \$3 per person. Farmer for a Day: Tuesday July 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This program is offered to children interested in working on a farm. Kids will work alongside farmers cleaning stalls, feeding animals and working on other daily or seasonal chores. This

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REUNION CALENDAR

Belleville High School Class of 1971

> Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

Dearborn Fordson Class of 1954

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

Class of 1971

The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale now for \$52 per person for dinner and open bar. Send a check payable to Fordson '71 Reunion to 16124 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154. For more information go to Facebook, Classmates.com or the Web page at Fordson71Reunion.com.

Dearborn Heights Robichaud Class of 1961

50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@ msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at

wolonl@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

Detroit Cody Class of 1961

50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

50s and 60s

Free picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at Nankin Mills Pavilion, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@ sbcglobalnet or Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to pvarilone@wow-

Detroit Henry Ford Class of 1971

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The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are \$50. Call Barb Blum. Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn Ogilvy Twa at (616) 802-0305, or e-mail to hfhs1971reunion@yahoo.com.

Detroit Mackenzie June Class of 1961

50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail Ivanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543. Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012, Seeking

classmates and contact information. Email the committee at mackenzie1962@ gmail.com

Detroit Northwestern Class of 1971

Celebration Weekend is Friday-Sunday, Aug. 19-21 and will include a meet and greet, class legacy dinner dance and a picnic. A fundraiser, "Bringing Back to the 70s" will be held 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, June 25 at Bert's, located in the Eastern Market in Detroit. A portion of the proceeds from the events will be donated to Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc., Michigan Chapter. For more information, call (734) 326-1488 or e-mail to

dnshs40th71@yahoo.com Farmington High School Class of 1961

A 50-year reunion of the Farmington High School Class of 1961 is set for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel at 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi. The party dinner buffet is \$48.75 per person. There will be a 9-hole golf outing at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile Road in Livonia at 10:30 a.m. the day of the reunion. Contact Phil "Jim" Newberg via e-mail at pruddyducki@sbcglobal. net or call (830) 620-5734; local contact is Louise Giles (248) 224-3369.

Ferndale High School Class of 1961

4:10-4:25 p.m., Friday, Sept. 9, gathering time at the high school, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. at Rosie O'Grady's, 279 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. The reunion continues at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver, Troy, with a social hour, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Weekend concludes with a final farewell and snack 12:30-1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11, at Dugan's 31501 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. Bill Stenbak at (231) 544-6522.

Garden City East & West

Classes of 1966-67 A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W.at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Domanski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402, or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net.

Garden City High School Class of 1986

25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 15. Email Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on facebook.

Garden City West Class of 1981

30-year reunion, 6:30 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 22, at the Hellenic Cultural Center. Livonia. \$45 per person; \$90 per couple. Payment must be received by Sept. 1. No tickets will be sold at the door. Send a check or money order made payable to GC West Class of 1981, 32511 Windsor, Garden City, MI 48135. Questions? Call Erin (734) 751-2424.

Inkster Cherry Hill All classes

> The Cherry Hill High School Alumni Association presents a reunion for all classes, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 30, in the fields behind the school, 28500 Avondale, Inkster. Admission is \$15 per person if received by July 4 and \$25 per person after that date. For complete information, including registration, deadlines and events, go to chhsinkster.com.

Ladywood High School Class of 1961

Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacg@aol. com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.

Class of 1961 Holding a 50th class reunion Sept.

Livonia Bentley

16-17. To register, call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@ twmi.rr.com. Class of 1981

30th reunion planned for Aug. 6, at One Under Banquet Facility 35789 Five Mile, Livonia. Visit http://www.freewebs. com/bentlev81 for more details. Livonia Franklin

Class of 1966

45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and contact info. E-mail contact info to Larry Ruzsas at Lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3509.

Plymouth High School

Classes of 1951-52 Planned for Aug. 19-21. Just show up for gatherings at 6 p.m. Aug. 19 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth and 6 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Box Bar. Restaurant in downtown Plymouth. Bring a dish to pass and a large bottle of pop for the picnic at noon, Aug. 21 at the #1 pavilion in Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail. For more information call Ron Beaver at (734) 397-9357, Bea Gray at (734) 453-6613 or Dick Nelson at (734) 453-0798.

Class of 1953

A reunion is planned for July 22-24 at the home of Lewis Beaver, 1111 Manistee, in Lake City. Just show up for the gathering at 1 p.m. on July 22, with snacks and your beverage of choice. A pig roast will held at the Beavers at a cost of \$20 at noon on July 23. Bring a dish to pass. Gathering on July 24 is optional. The North Crest Motel is located across from the Beavers, telephone (231) 839-2074. Lake City is located on Highway 55, west of Highway 127 and Houghton Lake. For more information call John Mathe at (734) 729-0551, Lewis Beaver at (775) 727-1327 or Charlotte Tate at (734) 697-2799.

Classes of 1965-66 6 p.m., Satuday, Sept. 24, at the

Plymouth Cultural Center, behind the "old" high school. Attire is "whatever makes you feel good." Cost is \$35 per person and includes dinner, live music, cash bar and hors d' oeuvres. Tour of old high school will run 10-11 a.m. Saturday. Make checks payable to PHS Class Reunion '65 & '66 and sent to Doug Jaskirny, 47237 Hunters Park Drive, Plymouth, Mi 48170 for the class of 1965. Class of 1966 members send to Donna (Cook) Marshall 1337 S Harvey, Plymouth, Mi. 48170. **Redford Union**

Class of 1971

6:30-11:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, at Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Look for Redford Union Class of 1971 on Facebook or email to RUHS71@yahoo.com

Class of 1962

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FBROOKS, SCOTT PAUL JOLDERSMA, ALFRED T.

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 Mile (W. of Moose Lodge, Telegraph), Redford.

DES AUTELS, DAVID B.

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



EBERSOLE, ELVA M.

June 16, 2011, age 97. Loving wife of the late A. Edgar "Eby." Dear Mother of Brenda Shufelt and Bob (Colleen). Beloved Nana of Cara, Lani and the late Erin. Best friend of her late Maltese, (Dandy Boy). Lovingly cared for one of Birmingham's oldest homes for 58 years. A memorial service will be celebrated on Friday, July 22, 2011 at 11:00a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009. In her memory the family welcomes flowers at church or donations to the Birmingham Musicale Philanthropic Fund, c/o Mary Irvine, 3142 Brandon Ct., Rochester Hills, MI 48309. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



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 was held Wednesday 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

Age 92 of Sarasota, FL, formerly of

Holland, MI passed away Monday, June 27, 2011. He was born on October 17, 1918 to Alfred and Antoinette Joldersma, graduated from Holland High School, Hope College and the University of Michigan where he received an MBA. Alfred was employed at Arthur Anderson, Detroit Harvester both in Detroit, Kawneer Company in Niles, MI and Hubbell Inc. in Connecticut, from which he retired in 1981. Since his retirement Alfred lived in Sarasota, FL and summered in Holland and Traverse City. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Millie in 1982 and his second wife, Grace in 2002. Alfred is survived by his wife, Sande Galate of Sarasota. FL; Children, Diane and Bob Portenga of Traverse City, Tom and Anna Joldersma of Oak Ridge, TN and Jane and Luke Sandborn of Sunfield, MI. Six grandchildren and eight greatgrandchildren, Sister-in-law, Eunice Coffman of Bloomfield Hills, MI and several step-children and step-grand-children. Funeral services will be held 11 am Saturday, July 30, 2011 at Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 277 College Ave., Holland. The Reverend Mark Nieuwsma will officiate. A time of fellowship and refreshments with the family will take place after the funeral service in the atrium of the A. Paul Schaap Science Center. The burial will be in Restlawn Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be given to the Millie Joldersma Scholarship at Hope College. An online registry is available at www.langelandsterenberg.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 Daneen (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.

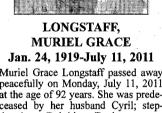
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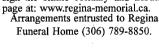
WALKER, WILLIAM GLEN

Age 86, June 26, 2011.
Beloved husband of Betty
Jane, survived by his daughter Susan; sons Scott (Pam,)
David (Susan,) and Thomas (Jane);
grandsons James (Cuchest) grandsons James (Cuchnat,) Eric, Paul, Donald, Andrew, Glen, Timothy, and the late Jennifer. Great-granddaughter Arianna. Military service in WWII and Korea. Civil engineer, Wayne County Road Commission (Bridges). Memorial Service Saturday, July 23, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia. Remembrances to the American Cancer Society. Share a memory at:

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eacefully on Monday, July 11, 2011 at the age of 92 years. She was predeceased by her husband Cyril; stepdaughter Delphine Eagle; parents Edward and Grace; stepmother Jessie; and siblings Glenys Payne and Helen Terrett. She will be lovingly remem-bered 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. 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





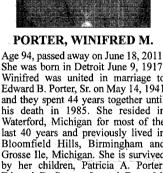
MILLER, ETHEL V.,

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) ornwell; 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 McPeek, Flora Hovatter and Susan McPeek. Visitation Thursday, July 14th, 2-9 PM, with 4 PM prayers, at the Heeney-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 heeney-sundquist.com

RITCHEY, DAVID A.

Suddenly, July 13, 2011, age 65. Beloved husband of Kathy. Dear father of Michael (Marion), Kimberly, Karyn, Karol (John), Jason (Jessie), Carl (Shelly) and Barbie (Shane). Also leaves 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Brother of Carol and Marilyn. Services were private. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



Winifred was united in marriage to dward B. Porter, Sr. on May 14, 1941 and they spent 44 years together until his death in 1985. She resided in Waterford, Michigan for most of the last 40 years and previously lived in Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham and Grosse Ile, Michigan. She is survived her children, Patricia A. Porter dward B. Porter, Jr. and Dona M. Porter and her brother Edgar W. Heinrich II; nephews, Gar (Rita) Heinrich and Todd (Susan) Heinrich, Peter (Michelle) Heinrich and niece, Heidi Heinrich. Winifred was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Porter, Sr., her parents Evelyn M. Schmitz Heinrich and Edgar William Heinrich I. A memorial mass will be held on Friday, July 22, 2011 at 10:00

SCHULZ, RUTH

Michigan.

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

a.m. at the chapel of Holy Name

Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham,

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WESTON, PATRICIA J.

Age 65 July 8, 2011. Beloved wife of James for 42 years, loving mother of Matthew (Angie) Weston and Amanda Weston. Cherished grandmother of Josh, dear sister of Earleen (Danial) Van Etten, Sharon (Patrick) Mullins, Earl (Patricia) Keith, and Sheila (Dennis) Skelton. Open house family and friends visiting Tuesday, July 26th from 5-8 PM at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Avenue, Northville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Farmington Educational (F.E.A.) Scholarship Fund, 39300 West 12 Mile, Suite 140 Farmington Hills, MI 48331. Arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

6, 2011. He was born September 2, 1960 in Coburg, Germany. He is the beloved son of Monika and the late William James Wiggins, III of Birmingham and the dear brother of Suzanne (Fred) Hinebaugh. Also survived by his nephews. Nicholas and Christopher Hinebaugh and stepfather, Pete Gallucci. The family will have a private ceremony at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Duck's Unlimited and/or Michigan Animal Rescue League. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, (248) 398-6500. Share your memories at: www.sawyerfuller.com

WIGGINS, FRANK R. Age 50, of Fowlerville, passed away

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Avoid illness, shower before getting in pool

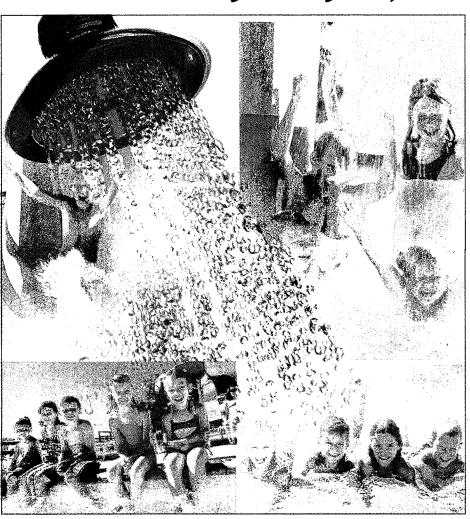
Water parks offer families a chance to have fun and be physically active, but that fun may come with the risk of getting sick. Infections and illnesses from the water affect more than 10,000 Americans each year. One of the best ways to reduce the risk of infection is to make sure that parents and kids shower before playing at water parks.

The University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health asked parents of elementary school kids about their perceptions of water park risks and their opinions about basic water park rules. The sample included families who have taken their children to water parks within the

"While 64 percent of parents feel it is very important for children to not swallow the water at a water park, only 26 percent of parents think it is very important to shower before getting in the water," said Dr. Matthew Davis, director of the poll and associate professor in the Child Health Evaluation and Research Unit at the U-M Medical School. "Parents seem to understand the risk of contaminated water for their kids but few have their kids take the necessary preventive steps to keep everyone healthy."

Most parents also may not appreciate their role in preventing recreational water infections, Davis says. While 65 percent of parents feel that preventing recreational water illnesses is a shared responsibility between parents and water park staff, 28 percent of parents feel that water park staff alone is responsible.

"This poll shows that relatively few parents fully understand their role in preventing infections at water parks," said Davis, who is also associate professor of public policy at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy. "The 'shower before entering' rule posted at water parks nationwide isn't meant to be optional. Showering is a simple and effective way to reduce the spread of germs, including some germs like Cryptosporidium that are not killed with conventional levels of chlorine. When



parents let their kids play at a water park without showering, they may be raising the risk of infection for everyone.'

Parents perceive the risk of infections from water parks as lower than the risk of drowning, Davis added. In fact, national data indicate that infections are more common than drowning each year.

Water park staff and parents can work together to prevent infections. Staff can follow state-of-the-art steps to managing risks of cryptosporidiosis, which include treating with high levels of chlorine intermittently and using ozone or ultra-violet treatment technologies. Parents can follow these easy steps:

•Wash thoroughly with soap and water (especially for young children in the diaper area) before swimming.

•Take children on bathroom breaks or check diapers often.

•Remind children not to swallow the water and to avoid getting water in the

•Do not swim when sick with diarrhea. For more information on recreational water illnesses from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, visit www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/ rwi/rwi-basics.html

Research: Faith benefits traumatic brain injury victims

Two researchers at Wayne State University have found that individuals with traumatic brain injury can improve rehabilitation if they feel close to a higher power.

Traumatic brain injury — the disruption of normal brain function after a head injury - affects 1.7 million Americans annually, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Those struggling with the longterm effects are at a heightened risk for mental and physical problems that can inhibit rehabilitation outcomes. When the injury leaves people feeling stressed, less satisfied with life and functionally dependent on others, rehabilitation is the only option.

"Among healthy adults, religion and spirituality have shown strong association with improved life satisfaction and physical and mental health outcomes," said Brigid Waldron-Perrine, a recent Ph.D. graduate who conducted the research with her mentor, Lisa J. Rapport, a professor of psychology at Wayne State's College of Liberal Arts and

But research about religion's effect on TBI rehabilitation in particular is lacking. To fill this void, Waldron-Perrine interviewed and completed neuropsychological tests on 88 individuals diagnosed with TBI. Most of them were male, African American Christians. Participants also completed a neuropsychological measure of their cognitive abilities. Each TBI victim's "significant other" also participated and reported on their loved one's functional status.

Waldron-Perrine found that most participants who reported higher levels of religious well-being had better emotional and physical rehabilitation outcomes. But public religious activities and existential well-being — a sense that life has a purpose apart from any religious reference - did not have such an effect influence on rehabilitation

This "intriguing" finding, she said, may be due to the fact that TBI victims lack full control of their ability to participate in public religious practice. "They often must rely on others for scheduling and transportation to social events, so their public religious participation does not wholly reflect their true use of religious resources," she said.

Social support was related to positive physical and mental rehabilitation results. Waldron-Perrine said that's consistent with other research studies linking religious social support to positive health outcomes in other populations. But even when Waldron-Perrine adjusted for social support, religious well-being still stood as a unique and strong predictor of positive health outcomes in TBI patients.

Waldron-Perrine's doctoral dissertation, completed in Rapport's lab, was the foundation of this study. Waldron-Perrine is now a post-doctoral fellow at the Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Health Care System and University of Michigan's Department of Psychiatry.

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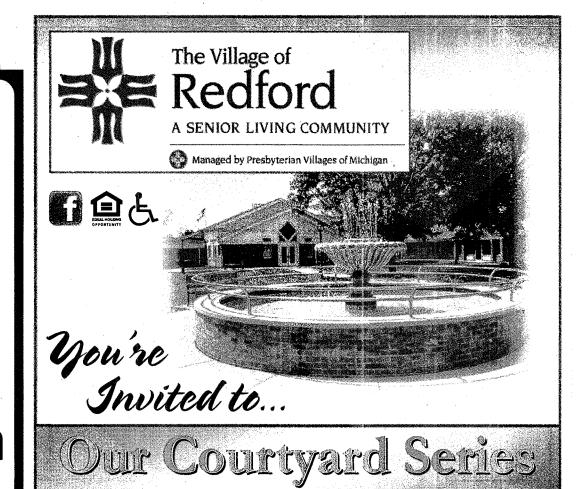
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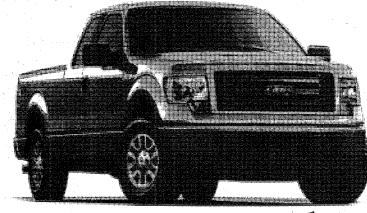


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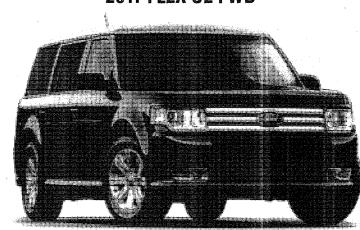


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How to keep networking during summer vacation

Anthony Balderrama, **CareerBuilder Writer**

For many people, regardless of age, summer is a time when work is low on your list of priorities. Perhaps all those years of three-month summer vacations as young students conditioned us to think of June, July, and August as reprieves from using our brain. Even many offices let their workers leave early on Fridays during the summer.

For job seekers, the summer months can be particularly troublesome due to several factors. Aside from wishing they were outside sunning at the pool rather than inside typing up a résumé, many job seekers have children at home for three months and need to entertain them. Not to mention scheduling conflicts of the employers who are off at some resort enjoying the sun and don't have time for interviews. Despite these problems, however, summer isn't a lost cause for job seeking.

Why summer is a good time to job hunt

"Conducting a job search during the summer can be tricky, and it is important to avoid the biggest hazards for job seekers during the summertime -- timing and schedules," says Patty Coffey, a partner in the information technology division of staffing firm Winter, Wyman. "Candidates shouldn't feel discouraged if the interview process takes extra time, and those who can withstand a longer process may just find that perfect job."

In fact, Coffey offers these five tips for job seekers to keep in mind during the summer: Some industries slow down in summer

"Employees of many companies may actually have more time to interview candidates in the summer, when they aren't on vacation, because it isn't a busy time for their organization," she explains. Don't assume no one's hiring

"Companies still need to hire even when it is 95 degrees outside," Coffey reminds. "If you stop your job search, you could miss out on some great opportunities. And you may face less competition if other job seekers are buying into the summer slowdown myth." Be prepared to act quickly

"While summer vacation schedules can

prolong the interview process, they can also expedite it," she cautions. "If the schedules of all involved align, companies will speed up interviews -- to even just one day -- to avoid the complexity of scheduling multiple meetings."

Starting in the summer gives you more breathing room

"Summertime is typically a less hectic time to transition to a new job. Prospects can get acquainted with the company when fewer people are in the office and things are slower. It can also be less traumatic for families if a move is involved, since children

picnics and sports games in order to advance your career. Here's what they think you should be doing:

"At the summer barbecue or pool party, networkers should listen as well as talk. Listening establishes rapport and people are more likely to help you when they feel listened to. Job seekers should never say, 'I'm unemployed.' It sounds passive and negative. If you are networking and not employed, the best thing to say is 'I'm in [a] career transition.' It puts you in the driver's seat. If you were caught in a downsizing, never say 'I lost my job' or 'I was laid off.'

since these are usually social or recreational, do not come across as too pushy. Keep it low key!" - Larry Chiagouris, professor of marketing at Pace University

"The best thing about networking [at picnics, softball leagues or tennis matches] is people get to know the real you, the person behind the suit, the face and the personality. Be yourself! And connect with them on LinkedIn.

"Considering most conversations either begin or end up focusing on what you do for a living, have that elevator speech planned but don't sound too canned. Bring business cards or connect with new contacts on LinkedIn but know going into it what you're looking for. Identify what you want such as a company you want to work for and/or specific jobs and put yourself in the position to ask new contacts for help." - Vicki Salemi, author of "Big Career in the Big City"

"At times, professionals forget the conversation starters and ways to look for making connections to build their networking. Ask probing questions to find out more about the other person. Don't talk all business but ask them about their personal interests outside of work, their family, their occupation and what made them select that industry, where they like to vacation and what are their dreams and aspirations. When you find a common connection that is when the real magic begins to happen.

"I challenge people to keep asking questions on various topics until they find a common interest. I've personally done this and found people who attended the same university, from the same home town or like to vacation in the same type of relaxing vacations. This is how to build a professional network that can lead to longterm rapport." - Sarah Hathorn, CEO of Illustra Consulting, a corporate and individual professional consulting firm.

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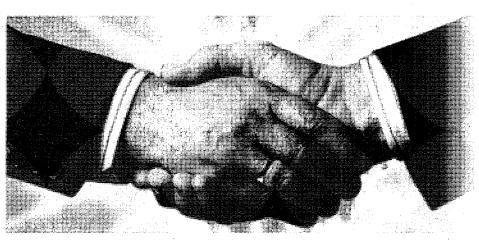
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Now that you know summer is the perfect time to job hunt, and maybe even the secret to landing a job while everyone else has given up, you need to know how to do it. We asked some career experts to give their best advice for making the most of summer

Instead say, 'My position was downsized' or 'my department was eliminated.' Then, it sound less like the layoff was about you and more like it was about the financial operations of the company." - Marky Stein, career coach and author of "Fearless Resumes: The Proven Method to Get a Great Job Fast"

"The challenge of summer networking is that so many of the venues and places are outside. Most of us are not walking around with our briefcases and resumes in hand. We forget that these summer places offer real opportunities.

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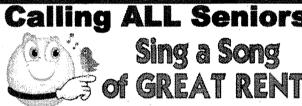
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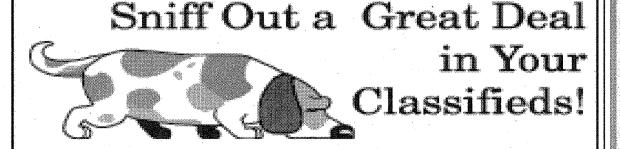
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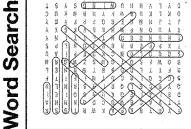
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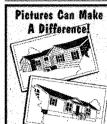
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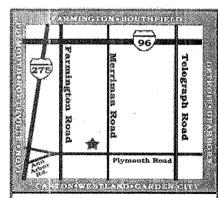
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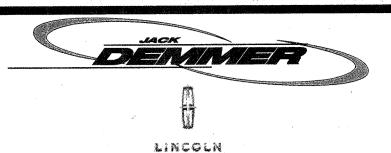
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