

IN BRIEF

Buy a barrel

Westland residents can save green by being green.

The City of Westland in conjunction with the Alliance of Rouge Communities is hosting a Rain Barrel Truckload Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 30, in the parking lot of the Westland Department of Public Services, 37137 Marquette, just east of Newburgh.

The sale is one day only and limited quantities will be available while supplies last. The rain barrels retail for \$150 each, but will be offered for a discounted price of \$60 (taxes included) with \$1.50 of each purchase benefitting the Alliance of Rouge Communities. Cash, Check, Visa, MasterCard and Discover Cards will be accepted.

This sale is one of many efforts by our city to support Westland's Mission: Green initiative," said Mayor William Wild. "The event will go on rain or shine."

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BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The Wayne-Westland school board will not make a recommendation to the Wayne RESA school board related to the appointment of new trustee.

Trustee Thomas Buckalew's hope of getting a motion approved backing former board member Jeffrey Hayton was dashed when school board President Carol Middel ruled his request out of order.

"This brings into question a gray area, it can be construed as a can-

didate for office," said Middel in referencing board policy 5204, which prohibits advertising or supporting the candidacy of any person running for a public office. "The policy book is large and this is one of those gray areas that can be interpreted many different ways. I would rather err on the side of caution."

Residents had until 4 p.m. Friday to submit letters of interest to Lynda Jackson, RESA board secretary. The RESA board will consider the appointment at a special meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, at the Wayne RESA Education Center,

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33500 Van Born Road at Howe in Wayne. The appointee will serve until June 30, 2012.

W-W board won't make recommendation

Hayton was appointed to the Wayne-Westland board in February to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Martha Pitsenbarger, but failed to win election to the board in the May. He also was among residents who submitted letters of interest for the current vacancy created by the resignation of William Gabriel in late May.

Buckalew told the board that he was "totally convinced" that Hayton is "totally committed to the young

people of this district," after watch-

ing him at board meetings. "He questions everything, he doesn't let anything slide by," he said. "I learned from watching him that when people speak, he wants to hear what they have to say. I think we can benefit from having him on the board."

Trustee Shawna Walker, however, questioned the resolution, citing board policy 5203, which states that any political campaigning for a candidate by an employee must be conducted outside school district buildings, off

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Suspect chides woman about unlocked door

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland police are investigating an early morning breakin where a woman reported armed men had entered her home through an unlocked screen door.

Police don't think the incident, which occurred about 2:30 a.m. July 16 in the 27000 block of Mackenzie, was random based on information provided by a witness.

A 55-year-old womar

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New appointments

The Westland City Council has confirmed the reappointments of Robert Yurk



and Ken Sharp to the Westland Planning Commission and Timothy Jackson to the Westland

Sharp



Library Board. Sharp has served on the Planning Commission since 1996. He has been reappointed to serve a three-year

Yurk



Jackson

2002 and was reappointed to serve a three-year term that expires Aug. 5, 2014. Jackson was appointed to the Westland Library Board to fill an unexpired term that expires June 20, 2013.



Robert Wagner comforts wife Tieng after they found the name of Ed Vova on the Moving Wall during its stop in Westland.

Vietnam's dead remembered in Moving Wall's visit to Westland

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tracy Uncaught braved the torrid weather to attend to the opening ceremony for the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall's visit to Westland Thursday evening.

"My son is currently serving in Afghanistan. I'm part of the Michigan Military Moms and the American Legion," said Ancheta, a Trenton resi-

dent. "I wanted to honor their (Vietnam veteran) service. I've never seen the wall. This will be my first time. It's massive and overwhelming."

Asked how she was coping with the extreme heat and humidity, Ancheta said she isn't allowed to complain -- that's according to her son, Travis, a 19-year-old soldier.

"My son says it's nothing (compared to temperatures in Afghanistan). He's home

on leave right now," said Ancheta, who was waiting for the wall to open to the general public - families of those listed on the wall were allowed the first viewing.

Now living in Louisville, Ky., Taylor native James Cooper came to the ceremony with his brother, Charles. It's the third time Cooper has visited the Moving Wall - previously he has seen displays in

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police she was watching television in the living room with the screen door open to get some air. A black male entered the home, she said, telling her how stupid she was for leaving the door unlocked. The man put a handgun to her head and threatened to shoot her, she said, then put a towel over her head when she began to scream.

Before her face was covered, the woman said she saw three other men enter the house. She described a second man as a black male, but was unable to provide descriptions of the other two men.

The woman reported her feet where bound with the cord from a vacuum cleaner which was in the living room, while plastic Zip Ties were used to bind her hands.

The men could be heard going to the second story and in other rooms of the home, the woman said, adding she was fearful for her safety and

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Norwayne's garden freshens up surplus food distribution

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An average 100 people pick up federal surplus food at Westland's Dorsey Center and have been able to get fresh produce, thanks to the Norwayne Community Garden.

"The garden is going very

well. We have already harvested some crops - it's been wonderful," said Henry Johnson of the Norwayne Community Citizens Čouncil.

The early crops included radishes, lettuce, cabbage and kale. This is the first year for the garden, which is on two vacant lots that the city obtained and cleared

using the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

"We've had a great reaction to the produce," Westland **Community Development** Director Joanne Inglis said. "There has been nothing but a positive reaction to the Community Garden and it's

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that of her 61-year-old boyfriend who was asleep in an upstairs bedroom. The boyfriend, who has a hearing problem and removes his hearing aid while sleeping, told police he heard nothing.

The woman told police she complained that the her hands were bound too tightly, and one of the intruders cut off the Zip Tie and used a second Zip Tie to rebind her hands more loosely. As the men left, she said one took her cell phone and told her it would be thrown into the neighbor's yard.

Once the men left, the woman said she was unable to get her feet untied and went upstairs to awaken her sleeping boyfriend, who then cut off the Zip Tie binding her hands.

The couple reported two shotguns, a black powder rifle with a scope, a lap top computer, a Wii game system and a 43-inch flatscreen television had

been stolen. The items were valued at more than \$2,670.

A witness who lives nearby told police that he saw a four black males sitting and smoking in a red Cadillac parked on the street in front of his home just before the time of the home invasion. About 15 minutes later, he said the car pulled into the victim's driveway and the four males walked into the house through the front door. The witness said he thought the men belonged at the home because they had walked right.

Officers recovered several cigarette butts from the area where the Cadillac had been parked on the street.

Later July 16, the woman called police to add to her statement, telling an officer that she had remembered a name that was mentioned and that one of the suspects told her that he was going to have sex with her.

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MOVING WALL

Louisville and Nashville.

"My brother heard it was going to be here and wanted to come see it. He had three good friends who are on the wall, so he likes to visit it," said Cooper.

Along with the Moving Wall, the Michigan Wall listing residents from the state who were killed in Vietnam will also be display through early Monday morning.

"It's great that the Michigan Wall is here, that's really nice. I like that. Michigan was hurt hard with more casualties than other states," said Cooper. "There were 2,654 (troops) from Michigan alone killed. That's about 4 percent of the names on the wall. This will be the first time I've seen the Michigan Wall. I didn't know it existed until today. I'm glad someone did it."

Westland Mayor William Wild recalled the political divisiveness and unpopularity of the war, adding he was pleased that the Moving Wall could make a second visit to the city. "I think about those who

served in Vietnam - they were mostly young men. And I think



Veterans of Foreign Wars District 4 Commander Phil Merrow and District 4 Ladies Auxiliary President Sharon Lewinski place wreath at the Moving Wall.

about their families," said Wild. "I am reminded of the words of Benjamin Franklin: 'There is no such thing as good war or a bad peace."

There are 832 people listed on the Moving Wall who called Wayne County home, said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. He agreed with the comment from the late Gen. William Westmoreland that those who served during Vietnam haven't received the credit due them.

The Westland Veterans Association organized and hosted the visit by the Moving Wall, fundraising over many months to cover the expenses for the visit.

"For me, it was an honor and a privilege to be chosen to have the Moving Wall again in Westland and represent the community," said Ken Mehl, Westland Veterans Association president and Moving Wall Committee chairman. "We are here to honor the men and women who made

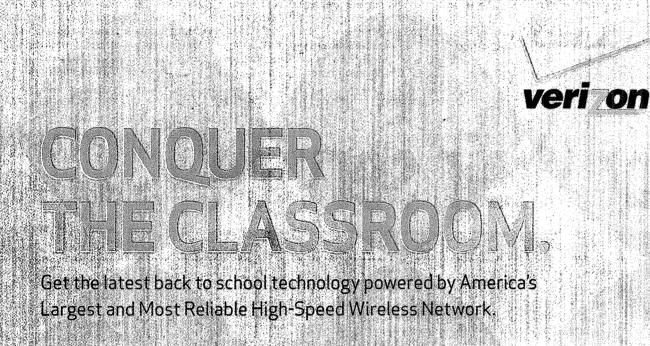
the ultimate sacrifice to allow us to live in the greatest country in the world, the United States of

or to visitors 24 hours a day throughout the weekend, the Moving Will requires volunteers to be on hand for security and to assist visitors in finding an indi-vidual listed a making a rubbing. Mehl noted volunteers for the event are coming from Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, Livingston and Macomb counties.

Recognizing Mehl's efforts, one of the wreaths presented during the opening ceremony came from the Westland Veterans Association. The wreath was placed at panel 35 west line 32 honoring Sgt. Edward J. Boggess from Lewiston, Idaho. Mehl's best friend, Boggess was a member of Company A, First Battalion, 6th Infantry, 198th Brigade, American Division. Boggess was killed in action Dec. 29, 1968.

The official closing ceremony is set for 6 p.m. Sunday although the wall will remain open to visitors through early Monday morning. There will be live music each evening and a beer tent nearby - the proceeds will help raise money for the event.

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so pretty."

The Norwayne Community Garden, located at Dorsey and Newago Court, consists of 20 raised beds and is expected to produce more than 2,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables for residents in Westland's neediest neighborhoods.

We have 70 tomato plants. which have blossomed, have fruit on them and are ripening," Johnson said. "The cucumbers will be ready to go along with the squash, pumpkins, zucchini and red cabbage. We will plant strawberries for a crop next year."

There is a core of about 30

volunteers who help in the garden, Johnson said, with the youth group from nearby Sts. Simon and Jude Church working the garden each Sunday.

'They have kind of adopted the pumpkin patch," Johnson said. "They water and weed the whole garden."

Volunteers from Westland Free Methodist Church have taken on the task of installing a fence around the Community Garden. The Westland Fire Department keeps a container on site filled with water since there is no irrigation system.

Youngsters from the summer program at the nearby Wayne-Westland Salvation Army have also been helping at the garden, Inglis said.

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On Angels' wings

Aviation students get pep talk from Navy fliers

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of Canton-based aviation technology students got a rare first-day-of-school pep talk Friday morning when a U.S. Navy Blue Angels precision-flying team pilot and jet engine mechanic visited their campus.

"I've always loved watching the Blue Angels," said 19-year-old Bernie Israel, an aircraft maintenance student at the Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology, on Haggerty north of Michigan Avenue. "They're amazing."

A crowd of 600 students and other fans jammed a MIAT hangar as Lt. C.J. Simonsen, pilot of the Blue Angels' famed blue-andyellow Super Hornet jet, and elite mechanic Isaac Dominguez touted aviation jobs and the military as a way to serve country, see the world and lock into a fulfilling career.

As some onlookers snapped pictures, Simonsen and Dominguez visited MIAT on the eve of the weekend Thunder Over Michigan Air Show at Willow Run Airport.

Simonsen, a high school football, track and skiing athlete, told students how he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, attended the Naval Academy **Preparatory School and** worked his way to becoming a pilot.

"I got my wings in April 2005" before joining the Blue Angels in September 2009, accumulating more than 1,700 hours and 379 carrier arrested landings. His decorations include two Navy and Marine Corps achievement medals and other personal and unit awards.



Mario Vittorio of Canton guestions Lt. C.J. Simonsen on his first day of class at MIAT.



Students employees and family members listen to Blue Angels pilot Lt. C.J. Simonsen during the demonstration team's appearance at MIAT Friday.

SMALL SPACES

Yet he recalled times early on when he looked from the air to a sea-based aircraft carrier and wondered - did he really have to land on what seemed a small space? Simonsen accomplished that and became a Blue Angels precision pilot who has wowed audiences around the world.

He also has had deployments aboard the USS Kitty Hawk and the USS George Washington, and he has participated in international exercises with Canadian, South Korean, Thai, Singapore,

Japanese and Australian forces.

"It has been an unbelievable ride for me," he said.

Simonsen urged MIAT students to "always have a goal" and to "always strive to be the best you can be."

Dominguez estimated that for every hour a Blue Angels jet flies, he and other mechanics work 25-30 hours to perform maintenance and ensure aircraft safety. It's a huge responsibility that is critical as pilots fly in close formation across skies, impressing audiences on the ground.



Pilot Lt. C.J. Simonsen and mechanic Isaac Dominguez take questions from the audience.



Five-year-old Evan Baum of Westland shakes hands with Blue Angels Lt. C.J. Simonsen. Father Jason Baum in background

"It's a lifelong dream for me," he said, just before he and Simonsen took a stage inside the MIAT hangar. "It's all about team-building and life skills. Without teamwork, you can't accomplish anything."

MOTIVATING FACTOR

Timothy Kissel, MIAT director of training, said he hoped the Blue Angels visit can help motivate the 750-800 students enrolled in the school's three programs: aircraft maintenance; power PHOTOS BY ANN ESPINOZA

technician. including careers ranging from wind farm technology to nuclear power plant operations; and global logistics, including technicians and dispatchers.

Kissel also welcomed Friday's visit because "we are a military-friendly school."

MIAT President Charles Hawes said Friday's visit helped the campus reach out to the community and students in an effort to bring them face-to-face with the famed Blue Angels organization.

"It shows the opportunities in the Navy and Marines and allows us to show support for the Blue Angels," Hawes said.

Hawes commended Simonsen and Dominguez for sharing their personal experiences and fielding questions from students. He said Simonsen, by revealing how he went from high school athlete to becoming an elite pilot, proves that dreams can be achieved.

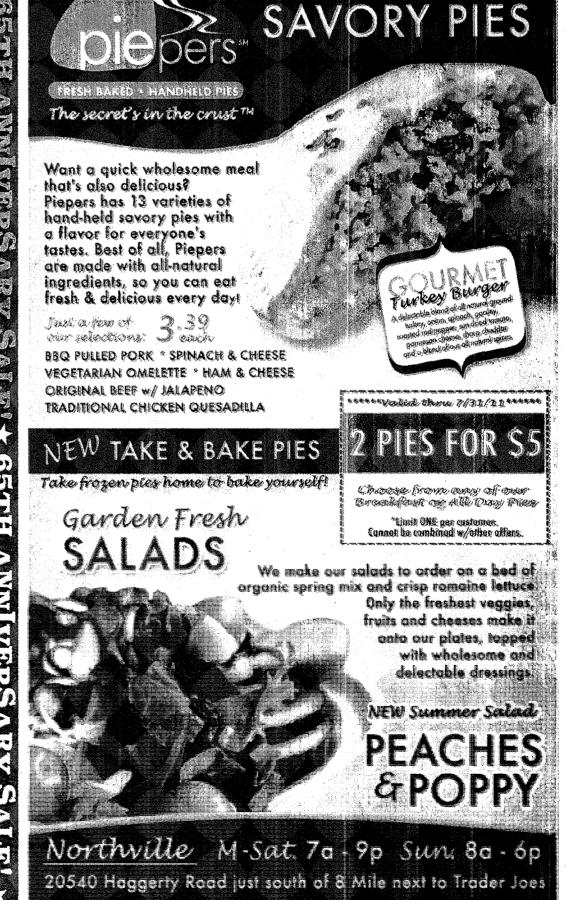
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Wayne High JROTC cadets win state, national honors

Wayne Memorial High School's JROTC Zebra Battalion is continuing to earn honors.

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While most students are on summer vacation. Wayne Memorial's cadets

Even after the school year, your Wayne cadets continue to win recognition at the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge in Alpena and the National Leadership Competition at Washington, D.C.

Cadet Major Brian Browning was named top male cadet in Michigan at the Leadership Challenge in Alpena. Mark Rowland and Zach Woodworth also were named top cadets in their companies, and Rachel Hyams and Ashley Riggle were selected as top first-year cadets.

The 500 cadets from 40 schools participated in the challenge. They were divided up into six companies of at least 80 cadets.

"At JCLC, our cadets are assigned to other companies, every day I received complements about the conduct and character of our students," said Senior Army Instructor and retire U.S. Army 1st Sgt. Steven La Haine. "Every school in Michigan with JROTC knows and respects Wayne."

"Our cadets made up one quarter of the cadets selected to participate in the Alpena Fourth of July Parade," La Haine added.

At the National Leadership competition, Wayne Memorial cadets placed fourth in the nation. The team of Cadet 1st Lt. Mark Rowland, Cadet Command Sgt. Maj. Aimee Papineau, Cadet 1st Sgt. Stephanie Hyams and Cadet Major Brian Browning started the competition online in

Cadet Maj. Brian Browning receives his award for top male cadet in Michigan from Air Force Col. Brian Teff. January against more 1,200 schools. The final 40 went to Washington, and the Wayne Memorial team finished in the top five for the second year in a

"Once again our cadets raised the bar for achievement," said La Haine.

row.

In addition to the leadership challenges' recognition, the battalion honors include:

 2011 Detroit JROTC 5km run - first place male and female.

2011 Michigan Wide Raider Champions.

• 2011 7th Brigade JROTC Leadership Champions.

• 2011 Wayne Raider Competition Champions.

• 2011 7th Brigade JROTC Academic Champions. In 2010, the cadets were

the Michigan Wide Drill Competition Champion, River **Rouge Drill Competition** Champions, Grand Rapids Drill Competition Champions, Raider Competition - fifth Place in the nation, Hobart, Indiana Raider Challenge Champions and Anchor Bay Drill Competition Champions.

"And not to mention that most of our graduates are enrolled in college, and some have joined the military," added La Haine.

Wayne-Westland school Board Secretary Cindy Schofield acknowledged the accomplishments, saying that "I hear from parents that this program saved their children."

"I want too congratulate Sgt. La Haine and the Zebra Battalion for another wonderful summer," she said.

LPS board recalls 29 teachers

BY KAREN SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Livonia school board has recalled 29 teachers, approved a concessionary contract for its food service workers, bus drivers and custodians; and discussed having Plymouth-Canton Community Schools manage its lunch program in an effort to provide students with healthier, tastier meals more expediently.

Eighty-two teachers were pink slipped June 6 because of declining enrollment, the budget process and teachers returning from leave. Dorothy Chomicz, director of human resources, said the recall process will continue with hopes of bringing back as many teachers as possible and returning them to the schools where they were working. She said it will depend on where positions become available, the certifications of the teachers on the recall list and retirements.

"I was hoping this wouldn't be the end of it," Trustee Rob Freeman said.

In addition to those still on lavoff from June 6, 14 remain on layoff from 2010 and two from 2009, Chomicz said.

The board approved a two-year agreement with Local 118 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which represents 295 employees including food service workers, bus

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district premises and outside working hours.

"When the appointment failed, it was sent to the RESA board, and as a school board we shouldn't take sides in this once it's been turned over to the county," Walker said. "It's not fair to micromanage, it's not a good business practice."

Initially, Middel balked at ruling the motion out of order based on Walker's citing of section 5203. She said she had looked at it and found there was "no board policy speaking to this." She also said that at a meeting she attended "RESA opened the door for the school board's advice to help in facilitating a decision."

Board Vice President John Goci argued that the 5203 policy addresses the election cycle and that 5304 addresses yard signs.

"It doesn't address this, it doesn't speak to a board that wants to make a recomdrivers and custodians.

The agreement calls for a 10-percent pay cut, two fewer holidays and a move to a HAP HMO plan, which will save the district 21 percent, Superintendent Randy Liepa said.

"It's a significant sacrifice on behalf of our employees," he said. "I certainly recognize what they have done.'

He added that no positions were eliminated and "our employees are our employees," a reference to the privatization of nonteaching positions by some Michigan districts to save money.

Vickie Markoul, president of Local 118, said members aren't happy with the terms but added that it beats the alternative. She said the group has taken concessions for the past three years.

"We definitely have done our share," she said

AFSCME Local 118 was the last of the district's six bargaining groups to settle. All are two-year concessionary agreements.

Administrators had set a target of \$5 million for costs savings and revenue enhancements in order to balance the 2011-12 budget, and Liepa said previously they are confident they will reach that.

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mendation," he said.

Supt. Greg Baracy cautioned the board that "once it takes action it may have already violated board policy.'

"In an effort to offer guidance, I would suggest that board members may want to consider doing something on their own," he said. "If a board member supports the concept, they can do a letter and send it to RESA. You're free to do it on your own and not violate policy."

Trustee Andrea Clawson said that while she was "confident about sitting on the board, I don't want to violate policy."

"I appreciate the conversation, but I need more research done on this," she said. "I can see many points of view about it."

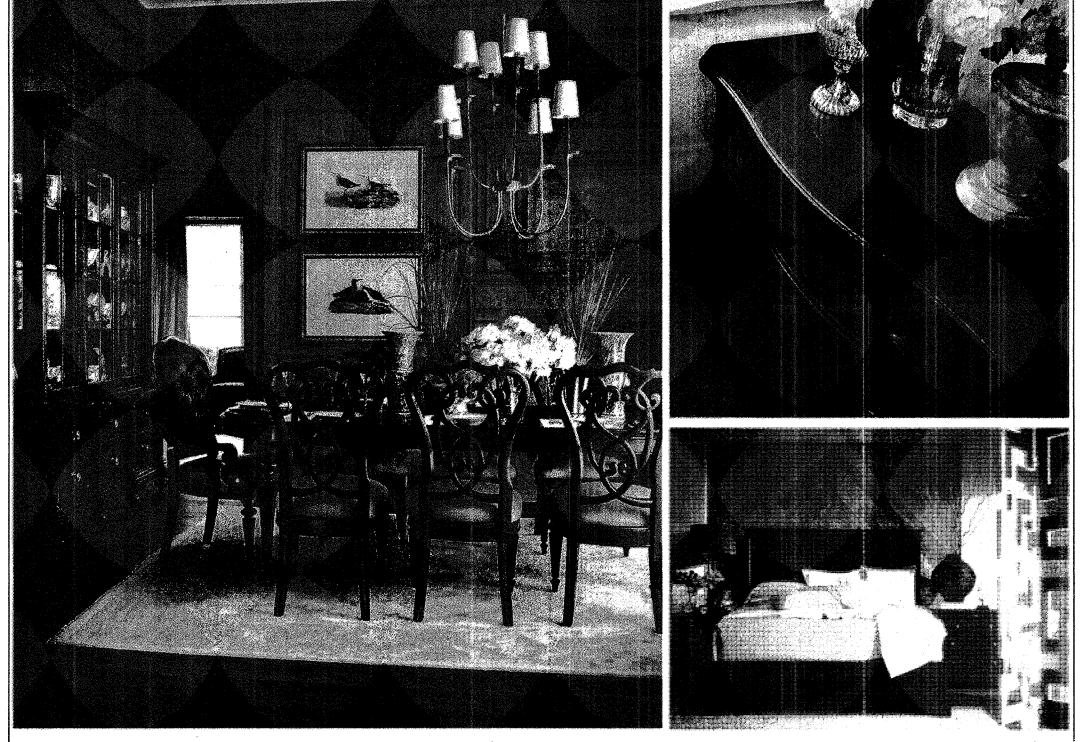
In the end, Middel told her fellow trustees she was going to stick with her decision.

"I would rather not open myself up to criticism of issues related to this," she said.

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'Fighting for the fight'

Ball players brave heat to raise money for ALS

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Leonard "Dutch" Baron knew it was scorching hot on the Heritage Park field Thursday night. He just didn't care.

And neither did the other couple dozen or so players from two teams — the Northville Eclipse and the Detroit Early Risers Base Ball Club — gathered to raise money to benefit research for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, more commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's disease," in a charity baseball game.

The third annual vintage baseball game used rules dating back to the 1860s, right down to the lack of air conditioning. While the searing heat kept the crowd down, it didn't keep the players' spirits down. Baron, who's been playing in these games for "five or six years," said he'd played in worse.

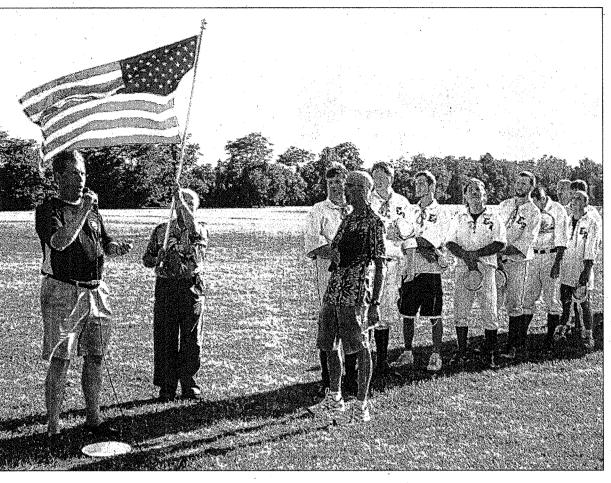
"It's fun," Baron said. "It brings back good memories. It's more of a gentleman's game, played with a great group of guys."

Spectators saw a baseball game using no gloves, foul lines or fences. Players, or "ballists," wear periodreproduced uniforms and recreate the game based on 1862 rules. That means no spitting and no swearing. • Proceeds from the game, and the corresponding silent auction, benefit the ALS-Therapy Development Institute, a Cambridge, Mass., based research center dedicated to developing treatments for the disease, which ALSTDI officials say is diagnosed in between 5,000 to 8,000 people a year.

Amy Whipple, ALSTDI's Midwest regional director based in Rochester Hills, said some 150 events such as the vintage baseball game — along with events such as golf outings, galas and "anything you can do to raise money" — help ALSTDI move therapies from idea to reality.

She said some 50 projects are currently in the works.

"We're focused on developing therapies for this disease," Whipple

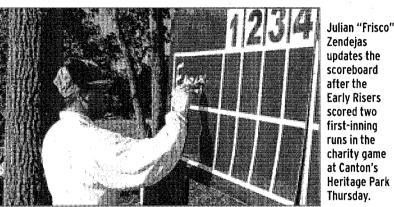


Former state Rep. John Stewart belted out the national anthem to kick off Thursday's charity baseball game.

said. "We're not focused on publishing, profit or acclaim. We're just interested in working in the best interests of the ALS community to move therapies to clinical trial. We're focused on the fight."

Thursday's game raised some \$500, and organizer Bob Mosher of Canton, who has put together all three ALS events, said some \$2,000 was raised in the first two years. Additional donations would be appreciated, Whipple said, and can be made at www. ALS.net.

Mosher has organized the event each year even though he has no connection to the disease. He doesn't have it, no one in his family has it — he doesn't even know anyone who has it.



But he was intrigued by a magazine article he read on a plane a few years ago, and decided he had to help.

"Lou Gehrig is one of my favorites, and this horrible disease is so democratic, it will strike anyone," Mosher said. "We're all potential patients. When I turned 70 (in 2009), it really resonated with me."

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Free workshop helps people facing home foreclosure

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Less than week before a free loan modification and short sale workshop scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, at Westland's Dorsey Center, no one had registered.

That's frustrating for Linda Miller of National Faith HomeBuyers, a MSHDA certified housing counselor, since the high rate of people in trouble with their mortgages continues to grow.

"Some people are scared and put their head in the sand. I've had people come in with a stack of unopened letters (about their home being foreclosed)," said Miller."

Right now, the people having trouble with mortgages are likely to be people who lost their jobs and took a sizable pay cut in new jobs, said Miller. As a result, many have used up savings trying to keep up with mortgage they got when they were making more money.

Some people will qualify for a federal loan modification program that can get their interest lowered or a second option of an adjustment through their bank, Miller said. There are other people who will need to do a short sale of a home they can no longer realistically afford, while some will need to look at bankruptcy.

"You want to get out of it gracefully. Walking away from a mortgage is the worst thing you can do. They can come after you for years," said Miller, noting the drop in property values is another factor in mortgage difficulties.

Recognizing that every situation is different, the hourlong workshop will feature a loan modification counselor, attorney and real estate professionals who will answer all questions regarding loan modifications, foreclosure timelines, short sales and available state and government assistance. Depending on their needs, people attending the workshop will be directed to the appropriate professional for more detailed help.

The workshop is free and not limited to Westland residents. To register, call Miller at (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to lindamiller@nationalfaith.org.

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NEWS

Maxwell's Laura George honored for involvement

The well-known proprietor of Maxwell's Art and Treasures in Garden City, was honored recently by her friends and peers for her work with the arts community.

"She gives us a place where we can be us," said D.J. Hester, president of Teen Art, in recognizing Laura George for the needed support she offers local teens receive at Maxwell's.

George also received more praise from Teen Art Club member Tori Parker.

'She gives us a place to have our meetings and she feeds us," said Tori Parker, one of the young artists featured at Maxwell's.

George has a "good, caring heart" and is involved in a variety of activities. From supporting the 2009 Art Under the Trees festival to the recent addition of the community garden outside Maxwell's, known as Gardenville, George continues to support the local community, according to Darlene Reeser, the Community Service Director for Plymouth-Westland Grange 389.

Reeser was first introduced to Maxwell's and George via the hand-painted signs just off of Ford and Venoy.

"Your eyes can't take it all in." Reeser said. 'This is Garden City's version of Royal Oak and Ann Arbor rolled into one."

Because of her efforts "there was no way we could wait any longer" to give out the award, said Sharon Strebbing, president of Grange 389.

"We're very selective on who we give our awards to," she said.

The Grange collected donations over a period of three months which were then presented to George with her award.

"A variety of people wanted to give money to Laura," Strebbing said.

George's surprise award nearly left her speechless. Plans are in the works to apply some of the donation check towards completing the sound equipment for Maxwell's stage. Maxwell's has been able to continue running it's



D.J. Hester, president of Teen Art, recognizes Laura George for her commitment to the arts at Maxwell's Art and Treasurers.

Open Mic night and other events over the last five months thanks to borrowed equipment. The donations will also help support and

maintain a place for the Teen Art Club.

"I felt honored and thankful," George said. "It's not me, it's a group of people who work so hard to make this all happen. The community is lucky to have so many people who want to make a better place."

Police look for information about theft of baby snakes

BY SUE BUCK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The health and safety of two hatchling snakes, stolen July 15 from House of Pets at 29500 Ford, is unknown.

"They are babies," store employee Melissa Bogedin said.

The snakes, a green tree python and a 😕 Brazilian rainbow boa, were kept in a cage near the register in order not to be bothered by children, according to the police report. They were discovered missing between 3-5 p.m. July 17.

The python is worth \$500 and the boa about \$200.

"Most people probably don't know that

Recipe contest

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to 6 p.m. Wednesdays in down-

town Garden City. They also can

Farmers Market from 11 a.m.

be mailed to the Garden City

entries will be forwarded to

Chamber of Commerce, 30120

Ford Road, Suite D, Garden City,

Entry deadline is Aug. 17. The

Holly Herrick to determine the

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the green tree python drinks water from an eyedropper and not from a bowl of water," Bogedin said.

It's believed that someone picked the locks on the cage. Bogedin added that the owner is reviewing a surveillance tape to see if it can be used to possibly identify the suspect.

According to the police report, a white male had asked about the snakes earlier in the day, but it's unknown if he can be considered a suspect.

Anyone with information about this incident should call the police at (734) 793-1700 or the House of Pets at (734) 421-5500.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

best recipe. The winner will be announced Sept. 7.

The winner will receive an autographed copy of Holly Herrick's Southern Farmers Market Cookbook, a \$50 gift certificate to Garden City Farmers Market and bragging rights to have the best recipe in town.

Golf outing

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

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

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

Past Forward

Learn about Karma along with Past Lives at a program, entitled Past Forward, 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, Garden City,

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

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

Summer hours

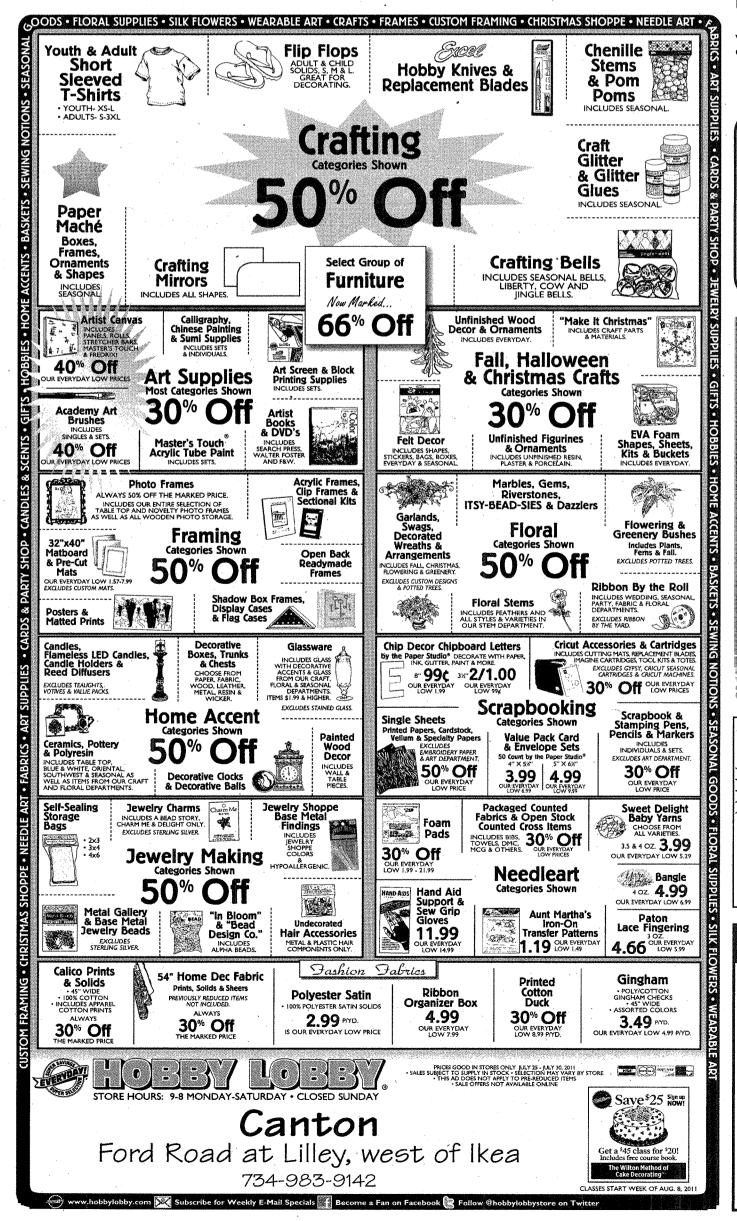
Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb, D-District 9, will be conducting office hours for the summer months by appointment.

In scheduling a one-on-one meeting, constituents in the communities of Garden City, **Redford and Dearborn Heights** will be given an opportunity to discuss key issues and voice concerns in a comfortable setting with Webb.

Residents wishing to make an appointment with Webb can call (313) 224-0930.







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online at hometownlife.com

LOCAL NEWS

Wayne County Museum celebrates Detroit birthday with seven-day event

hosts E-waste collections

Do you have a collection of old electronic devices at home that you want to get rid of but don't want in the trash because of environmental concerns? Wayne County's Department of Public Services can help solve this problem.

The county, in conjunction with Vintage Tech Recyclers Inc. and local communities, has scheduled several electronic waste (E-waste) collections starting next month. Residents can drop off their old electronic waste free of charge.

Items that will be accepted for recycling include computers, TVs, CRT monitors, LCD monitors, keyboards and mice, laptops, printers, fax machines, copiers, VCR's, DVD players, CD players, microwaves, stereos, speakers, computer parts, telephones, cell phones, game consoles, miscellaneous cables, mp3 players, etc. No other household appliances will be accepted.

Collections are scheduled at the following locations:

• Saturday, Aug. 6, at Northville DPW, 650 Doheny, Northville;

• Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011 at Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn;

• Saturday, Oct. 15, at Livonia DPW, 12973 Farmington Road, Livonia; and

• Saturday, Oct. 22, at Wayne County Community College Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty, Belleville.

The E-waste collections run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and are open to Wayne County residents and small businesses (10 or fewer employees). For more information, contact Wayne County's Resource Recovery coordinator at (734) 326-3936. "Seven Days-Seven Stories." That's what the Detroit Historical Society is offering to the public at the Detroit Historical Museum during Detroit Heritage Week Monday-Sunday, July 25-31. Admission is free, and the

nuseum is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day.

The museum is dedicating each day to preview some of the upgrades and new exhibits coming as part of the Past>Forward campaign. Encompassing everything from Detroit's innovators, entertainers and sports stars, to significant stories of the Underground Railroad and the Greatest Generation, the week's events will include a classic car show, costume contest and daily children's activities to connect these cultural themes.

"From speakers, musicians and hands-on, family-centered activities to Detroit-made foods, visitors will find a full and lively experience here each day of Detroit Heritage Week," said Bob Bury, chief executive officer of the Detroit Historical Society. "Because admission is free, we want the community to attend as often as they like to have fun and learn about the exciting changes to come."

During Seven Days-Seven Stories, museum coming attractions will spring to life as visitors experience a sneak preview of new and refreshed exhibits, including:

• Monday, July 25 – Detroit's Greatest Innovators. Author Amy Clarke of *Inventerrific* speaks about some of the region's greatest innovators while looking at nostalgic innovations from the Slinky to Tinker Toy's. The inuseum's Cadillac Café hosts three gaming stations each devoted to innovative problem solving for groups or children. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Imagination Station will allow

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children to use arts and craft supplies to create a solution to a posed problem, build a working windmill out of Tinker Toys or a tower out of drinking straws.

• Tuesday, July 26

- Underground Railroad Stories: Highlighting the upcoming Doorway to Freedom exhibit expansion, presentations will include a storytelling experience from 11 a.m. to noon, followed by an author series and book signings. The authors include Mary Edmonds speaking about The National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom 1-2 p.m.; former Detroit News columnist Betty DeRamus sharing a presentation on Gold Prospectors and Traveling Preachers: The Forgotten Heroes and Heroines of Michigan's Underground Railroad 2-3 p.m., and Allen Barksdale discussing Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit's 160-year-old historic cemetery 3-4 p.m.

Cadillac Café also will host three educational craft stations devoted to the Underground Railroad and the anti-slavery movement from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Wednesday, July 27 - Celebrating the Motor City. Auto enthusiasts won't want to miss a classic car show, featuring 40 vehicles on Kirby Street, showcasing Detroit's rich history of automotive production and design. The show begins at 10 a.m. Voting will take place from 3-3:45 p.m. Winners will be chosen in the Mayor's Choice, Director's Choice and People's Choice categories. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., children's activities in the Cadillac Cafe include a coloring station, design-your-own race car station and an assembly line activity cart.

• Thursday, July 28 - The Streets of Detroit Come Alive. The Streets of Old Detroit will be filled with docents dressed in period clothing and storefronts will open to the public. Beginning at noon, the Dodworth Saxhorn Band will stroll through the Streets performing Americana music, Youngsters will find plenty of things to do during the Detroit Historical Museum's "Seven Days-Seven Stories," a week-long celebration of Detroit's 310th birthday.

and food stations sponsored by Golden Spice Catering will feature delicious offerings inspired by Eastern Market, Greektown, Paradise Valley and Black Bottom, Dearborn, Hamtramck and Mexicantown. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., a history detective activity will keep groups guessing for prizes in the Streets.

• Friday, July 29 - Remembering The Arsenal of Democracy. Another new exhibit, "The Arsenal of Democracy," is featured in an 11:30 a.m. presentation by author Mike Davis and a 1 p.m. screening of Keith Famie's documentary, "Detroit's Greatest Generation" in the auditorium. Children's activities in Cadillac Café run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a ration game, a Victory Garden craft and a coloring activity, including World War II poster art.

Detroit's Unique Culture. Get in the spirit of Detroit with a Detroit Legends Costume **Contest. Registration begins** at 10 a.m., and the contest begins at 1 p.m. Detroit City Councilman James Tate will present awards at 2 p.m. in three age categories: 12 and under, 13-17 and 18 and older. First prize is \$100 and second prize is \$50 in each category. Detroit-made foods like Better Made potato chips, Sanders ice cream, Vernor's and Faygo will be featured. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., visitors will be invited to share their Detroit memories on video for use on the Society YouTube page and are welcome to vote for Detroit legend candidates to be invited to have their handprints cast in cement in the museum's upcoming Legends Plaza.

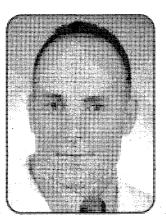
• Saturday, July 30 -

• Sunday, July 31 – Our Maritime Heritage. The Dossin Great Lakes Museum will welcome visitors from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to celebrate its upcoming new exhibit, "Built by the River," with a visit by storyteller and musician Mike Deren. With performances at noon and 2 p.m., he takes the crowd back in time portraying an 1840 Erie Canal boat captain and an 1875 Great Lakes schooner captain. Author Annessa Carlisle will display Bob-Lo boat artifacts. Family activities include a Great Lakes geography map floor activity and a Navigate the Straits maze.

For more information on "Seven Days-Seven Stories," visit the Detroit Historical Society website at www. detroithistorical.org.



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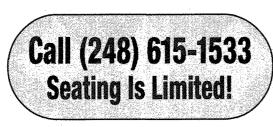
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At 80, library continues to put books in hands of blind, disabled

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

George Illingworth laughs at the fact that he's older "by a little" than the federal law that created the library he likes so much.

Blind since birth, the Livonia resident was among more than 100 people who gathered Tuesday to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Westland.

"I've been using talking books since I was 11 years old," said Illingworth, now 83. "I used to go to listen to books at the library. Now I get my choice, I take what I want because I volunteer here."

Hot weather didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the staff, patrons and volunteers who gathered for a ceremony and picnic on the lawn of the library on Michigan Avenue east of Merriman. The gathering listened to the poetry of Ava Johnson of Detroit and the reading of a proclamation from Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and applauded as volunteers were honored for their work at the library.

"There are millions and millions of books that can be read, there are millions and millions of people in the United States and abroad who can read because of talking books," Johnson told the gathering. "This library enables us, the disabled, to be able to help us read, and for this it deserves a big cheer."

POPULAR PLACE

The Wayne County library was established by the federal Pratt-Smoot Act of 1931 which created a network of regional libraries around the country for the dissemination of recorded books for the blind. The Westland facility has 3,000 patrons while the subregional library at the Frederick Douglas branch of the Detroit Public Library has 300 patrons like Johnson.



George Illingworth of Livonia leads the picnic crowd in prayer before lunch was served at the picnic honoring the 80th anniversary of the Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.



Wayne County Director of Health and Human Services Edith Killins presents a thank-you bag to library volunteer Sharyn Nelsen during Tuesday's picnic.

"Our mission is to provide library service for the physically disabled population equal to services provided to those who are non-disabled," said library director Vanessa Morris. "The federal government funds the talking book program, it provides the free books and players. Wayne County provides the staff." "This library serves as a

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model for other communities and states that want to join the Talking Book Program," she added.

"It's a great day for an 80th birthday celebration," said Edith Killins, director of the Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services, who read a proclamation from Ficano recognizing July 19, 2011, as Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Day in Wayne County. "On behalf of Mr. Ficano, I want to thank you for using the services of this library." The library is managed by Maria McCarville, the executive director, Morris and librarian Sue Steiger who also is the volunteer coordinator. It also employs four student interns and receives

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Jerry Holowka of Garden City says a few words about his own 80th birthday at Tuesday's picnic.



Ava Johnson, the "poet laureate" of the Detroit Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, gets the anniversary party started with a poem

"invaluable help from the community volunteers."

"The volunteers are simple fantastic," said Steiger. "They come from as far away as Plymouth and Belleville and as close as Wayne and Westland. We're very, very grateful for their support. We simply couldn't do the job without them."

GETTING WORD OUT

Among those attending the celebration was Ellen Stross, the adult services librarian who coordinates the low-vision program at the Plymouth District Library. While she brings in experts in the area of low vision for patrons, she also small low-vision center with an Internet terminal with a magnification overlay and lots of informative handouts that explain low vision, but I also promote the services for this library, too."

Art Michalek of Plymouth discovered the regional library after hearing about it at the public library. Blind for 35 years, he said the librarians "have always been very helpful." Michalek had his entire family, including his children Zack, Sofia and Mary Cecilia, at the party, thanks to his wife Cathy having a day off from work.

"It's a very wonderful service, I get books and magawho doesn't have the ability to read on their own."

"I've seen my dad's books, they send books on tape to the house," Zack added.

DUAL BIRTHDAYS

James Holowka of Garden City was there to celebrate two 80th birthdays - his and the library's. He was treated to a rendition of Happy Birthday, led by Killins.

"I've been a patron for a few years," said Holowka. "Alexander Scourby is my favorite reader. His first book was the Bible. He did a lot of the classics, they all were terrific."

Scourby was an American film, television, and voice actor known for his deep and resonant voice and is particularly well-remembered for his landmark recordings of the entire King James Version of the Bible. It's his voice that Holowka appreciates.

"He had a bass voice, it was very clear," said Holowka, a retired postal employee who delivered mail in Livonia, Redford and Detroit during his almost 50-year career. "Nobody I know can red like him. He had a great voice."

"This is a great service they provide," observed Frank Selinsky of Lathrup Village who was there with his 97-year-old father, Frank Selinsky. "It gives people the



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Dr. Cassius Drake

Charles Dunn, Four Seasons owner, is always looking for ways to improve care. He recently brought in Dr. Cassius Drake, ER Medical Director, Henry Ford Center for Health Services, to speak with staff about compassion as the core of service.

Compassion plays a major role in physical healing. "I was terrible at holding hands when I began treating patients," admitted Drake. That all changed when he began thinking about the spiritual side of healing and vowed to start each day by saying, "Today I am here to serve, to listen and care. There's a magic that can happen when you decide to serve." Dunn applauded his staff for listening and acting with a compassionate heart. "Our staff helps people heal every day. Just taking one extra step can make Constant Terra the difference."

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helps get the word out about the Wayne County regional library.

"Sue Steiger comes once a year to explain the library and encourage subscriptions," Stross said. "We have a zines for recreational reading and education," he said. "The Plymouth library has an outreach program with selected books and they can get them to you. That's another resource for me. This is great for anyone

opportunity to read books any way they can. It opens up vistas they can see in a way they never could. It's a great program."

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Grand Re-opening

The public is invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, to celebrate the grand re-opening of Sportway at 38520 Ford Road. There will be free hotdogs, pop, and face painting 3-

7 p.m. There will also be chances to win free go-kart rides and prize packages.

Farmers Market

Westland Farmer's Market is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday in the Westland City Hall parking lot at 36601 Ford Road, through Oct. 25. Stop by and enjoy a wide array of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, jams, flowers, crafts and many other great items.

For more information, call Robert Kosowski at (734)722-7620.

Summer bowling

Westland Youth Assistance Program is hosting a free summer bowling league for Westland youth, between the ages of 10 and 16. The league meets 6-8:30 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 12 at Westland Bowl, at 5940 N.

Wayne Road. Space is limited to the first 80 Westland youth to register.

For more information, call (734) 467-7904.

Identity theft

Worried about Identity Theft? The Westland Friendship Center at 1119 N. Newburgh will have an industrial shredder on site 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 29, for residents to have their documents shredded and disposed of. Drive up bags or boxes of documents - three bag or box maximum - and watch them be shredded for FREE.

For more information, call 773 722-7628.

Ring the bell

It's a sound associated with Christmas, but the ring-a-ling of the Salvation Army bells will be heard around Warren

and Wayne roads Saturday, July 30.

AROUND WESTLAND

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.

Restaurant Rally

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

Tickets cost \$25 each and let rally participants sample food at Ashley's Beer & Grill, Beaver Creek, 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. Only 300 tickets will be sold.

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

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.

Storm chaser

Teens can sign up now for the Mid-Michigan Storm Chasers Teen Program

planned for 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1, at The William P. Faust Public Library on Central City Parkway north of Ford Road.

Teens will have the opportunity to meet a real-life tornado chaser and founder of the Mid-Michigan Storm Chasers. She will talk about her experiences as a storm chaser and show video from her epic chases.

Sign up online at www.west-

landlibrary.org or by calling

the library at (734) 326-6123.

Wrestling camp The Wresting Program will hold its annual "Rocket Camp" 1-4 p.m. July 25-29 in the Wrestling Room of John Glenn High School. The camp is open to high school students. The cost is \$100 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. Monday, July 25.

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

Registration forms are available at www.glennwrestling. com. If you have any questions, contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595.

Free workshop

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

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

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

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

Healing Hearts

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

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

tact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by e-mail at bonnie@hope-4healinghearts.com or visit www.hope4healinghearts.com. for action, which is why I'm in

McCulloch joins U.S. Senate race John McCulloch, Oakland

County Water Resources commissioner and former chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, has officially kicked off his campaign as a

> didate for the U.S. Senate. "I am running for the United States Senate because I can no longer stand by while President

cronies in the Congress continue on the backs of our children and their children's children with a national debt so large it is difficult to comprehend. The time for talk is long past due. It's time

this race. This great country of ours desperately needs a change of direction, one that will lead to prosperity and economic stability, rather than financial ruin," McCulloch said in a prepared statement.

McCulloch spent 10 years on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, including five years as chairman.

Currently, he is the Oakland **County Resource commissioner** and oversees a department with a more than \$200 million budget and 230 employees.

McCulloch earned early support of Oakland County **Executive L. Brooks Patterson** who said, "John McCulloch is a strong leader who is fiscally conservative and believes in the Republican doctrine of smaller government which is closest to the people it is intended to serve."

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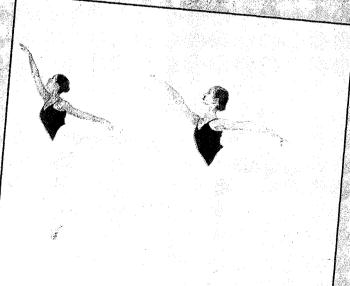
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Contact: For information, contact

Ann Christensen, Compassionate

Coordinator at (888) 983-9050.

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Details: Garden City High School

Class of 1986 is holding a 25-year

reunion. E-mail Trish First (Patty

Buggy) for more information at

pm2b2005@yahoo.com or con-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dinner and Friendship Time/Date: 5 p.m. Friday, July 29 Location: DeLuca's Restaurant, 27424 W. Warren Road, corner of Inkster, Westland Details: Widowed men and women are welcome to meet for dinner, support and meet new friends. Order off menu, separate checks. Sponsored by Widowed Friends, a peer group.To review menu go to www.delucas.us.

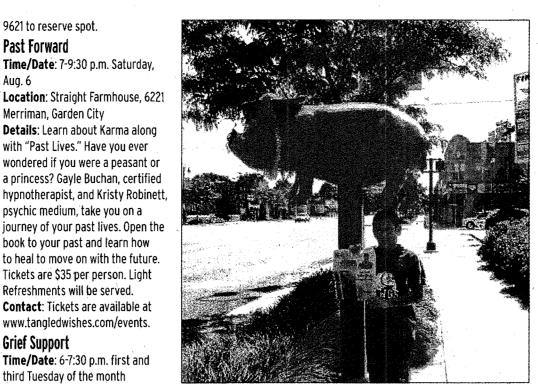
Contact: RSVP by July 26 to Laura at (734) 992-8238.

Rouge River tour Time/Date: 5:45-9 p.m. Tuesday,

Aug. 2

Details: Join the Friends of the Rouge for their third annual dinner cruise and tour of the Rouge River aboard the Diamond Belle. Boarding will be at Stroh's River Place near the intersection of Atwater Street and Joseph Campau Street, Detroit. The dinner and tour is \$45 for Friends of the Rouge members and \$50 for non-members (tickets are non-refundable). There's a membership special of \$75 for a one-year membership and ticket. Parking at the dock is \$4. Checks can be made payable to the Friends of the Rouge. Online payment is also available on our website www.therouge.org. Just click on our "Events" section in the left hand column.

Contact: Space is limited so contact the Friends office at (313) 792-



Wish You Were Here

In town to visit his father Lee, Travis Lubinski of Fairfield, California, couldn't pass up the opportunity to pose at the Red Pig with his Garden City Observer. He enjoyed seeing the new downtown sculptures, according to his dad. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

Sept. 29th

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

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

Fall Craft Show

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 Location: St. Theodore Parish, 8200

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

35700 Hunter, Westland Details: Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that Contact: Chris Goldberg at (734)

if coming for the first time. American Legion the month Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post,

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

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

Fish frv

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

Details: Dinners cost \$8.95 per person.

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

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to nonemergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Contact: For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Earth Angels

Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance nonprofit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in perform-

gy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare. Contact: www.earthangelsontour. org or by e-mail to eangel1986@ comcast.net

Higher Rock Cafe

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

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

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

Contact: www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t. com or call (734) 722-3660

FOR YOUR HEALTH Safe Place

Time/date: 7 p.m. Thursdays Location: Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church. 2055 Merriman, Garden City. Details: A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. Contact: Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

Adult Day Services

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays

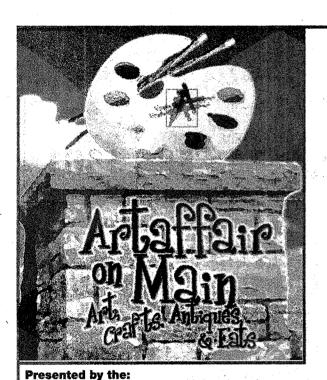
Location: 570 S Main St., Plymouth

Detail: A structured weekday alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals Contact: Laurie Krause at laurie. lifecareads@gmail.com and (734) 956-2600

Metro Fibromyalgia

Time/date: 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City Details: The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is

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Location: American House III,

provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person. 629-5004. Call to confirm meeting,

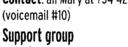
Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Tuesday of

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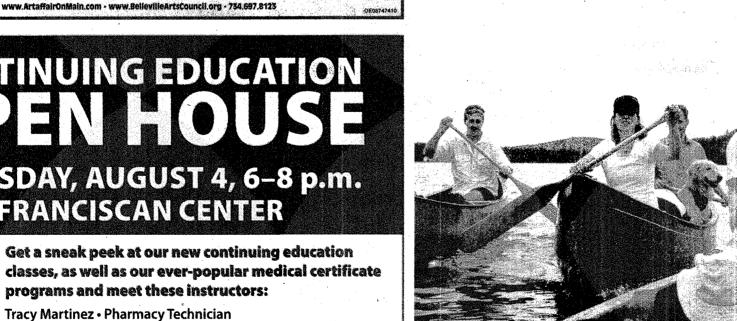
N. Wayne Road, Westland Details: St. Theodore's CCW is looking for vendors for their fall craft show. Table rental is \$25. Contact: all Mary at 734-425-4421 (voicemail #10)





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Hot air balloons: Up, up and away

Summer is the perfect time for a hot air balloon ride. The first tethered hot air balloon flight with humans took place in France on October 15, 1783, while the first flight without a tether occurred the following month on Nov. 21.

Like the Wright brothers built and flew the first airplane, the Montgolfier brothers of Annonay, France, built and rode the first balloon capable of carrying human beings.

Modern day hot air balloons work by heating air within the balloon (or lift envelope) using a propane "burner." The balloons are actually made of synthetic fabrics like nylon or Dacron. The passengers ride in the basket, and a pilot controls the burner. To land, the pilot uses vents in the top of the balloon to release hot air and cause a descent.

If you are interested in taking a hot air balloon ride this summer, several places in Michigan offer the experience. Balloon Quest Inc. in Fenton and Sky Adventures in Oxford are just two of the many hot air balloon businesses in the state. Grand Traverse Balloons also provides balloon rides to those visiting the Traverse City area.

Interested in learning more about the hot air balloons? The Public Library of Westland owns many books on the topic. Try "Ballooning: The Complete Guide to Riding the Winds" by Dick Wirth and Jerry Young.

For more information, please visit the Public Library of Westland or call the Reference Desk at (734) 326-6123. You can also search our online catalog at www.westlandlibrary.org

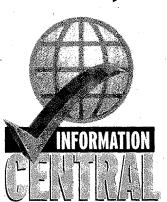
HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Astronomy and Stargazing: One Starry Night, 7 p.m. July 25,

Learn about the night sky from local astronomer and teacher Mark Fairclough through his presentation on the basics of astronomy and stargazing.

Author Signing: "Travelin' Man: On the Road and Behind the Scenes with Bob Seger" 7 p.m. July 26

Join author and photographer Tom Weschler and music journalist Gary Graff for a discussion of their 2010 Michigan Notable Book, "Travelin' Man: On the Road and Behind the Scenes with Bob Seger." A book signing will follow the discus-



Summer Afternoon Movie: "Superman Returns," 3:30 p.m. July 26, Adults and Teens

sion.

Join us for the summer version of Afternoon classics. This month's theme is Marvel/DC Comics, this week: "Superman Returns" starring Brandon Routh, Kevin Spacey and Kate Bosworth. This movie is rated PG-13. No registration needed.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club: 7 p.m. July 27, Adults

Join us for a discussion of Terry Pratchett's "Soul Music." Arriving in the city of Ankh-Morpork, Buddy finds a magical guitar which enables his band - a rock-playing troll, an ax-wielding dwarf and an Orangutan pianist - to drive crowds wild. But the instrument causes conflict between the motley crew and Susan, Death's granddaughter, who is just adjusting to her new post as the Grim Reaper. Copies of the book will be available at the reference desk.

Documentary Movie Night: "Inside Job," 7 p.m. July 27 This Academy Award-winning

documentary explores the rise of the modern banking industry and the global financial meltdown of 2008 that reverberates throughout our economy today. The filmmakers interview politicians, financial insiders and journalists to investigate the policy changes and banking practices led to the subprime mortgage crisis, the collapse large firms that were "too big to fail" and resulted in billions of dollars in government bailouts. No registration required.

Summer Concert Series in the Pavilion: Sheila Landis Trio, 7 p.m. July 28, Adults and Teens

Detroit-area jazz great (and Detroit Music Award winner), Sheila Landis, "has been performing her unique style of jazz, Latin, and blues

since 1973. Sheila's strong sense of melody and rhythm combined with her outstanding skill in the art of jazz 'scat' singing create a live music performance that is one of a kind." Tonight she brings her trio featuring guitarist Rick Matle. Seating is limited so bring a chair, if you have one. Winners of the 50/50 raffle to benefit the Friends of the Westland Library will be announced at intermission. In case of inclement weather, concert will move inside the library.

Teen Book Club: 7 p.m. July 28 We will discuss "Revolver" by Marcus Sedgwick. In an isolated cabin in an Arctic wilderness, 14year-old Sig is alone with his father's frozen corpse. Then, out of the Arctic darkness comes a stranger: a rough giant of a man who claims Sig's father owes him a share of a horde of stolen gold and is threatening terrible violence if Sig doesn't reveal its whereabouts. Pick up your copy from the Reference Desk to read before the meeting.

Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays.

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

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

Chess Group: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays Like to play chess? Want to get

better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No signup required.

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

Information Central was compiled by Young Adult Librarian Liz Waun. 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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open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia. Contact: Lucy at (734) 462-1768, www.MetroFibroGroup. com

Menopause & More

Time/date: 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month Location: Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: A support group for women; no registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Contact: (734) 655-1100

Counterpoint

Details: Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.

Contact: (734) 563-5005

Toughlove

Time/date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays Location: Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia. Details: Support group, newcomers welcome. Contact: (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748

LifeCare

Time/Date: 7- 9:15 p.m. Thursday

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth Details: LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.

Contact: Lillian Easterly-Smith at info.lifecarecc@gmail. com or (734) 956-2109 Location: Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.

EDUCATION

Willow Creek

Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs. Contact: (734) 326-0078

St. Damian

Location: 29891 Joy, Westland

Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. Contact: (734) 427-1680, www.stdamian.com.

YWCA Preschool

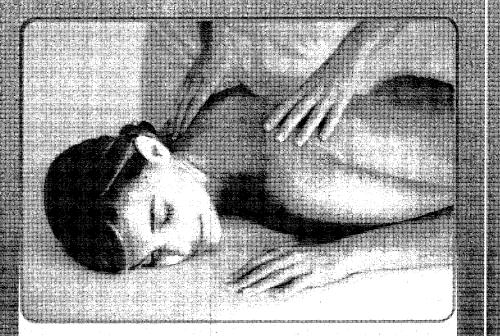
Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers guality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.

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