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Winners

Heidi Bushey is the top prize winner in the Hometown Life INSPIRE "Christmas in July" contest. The Canton resident won \$250 and says she may spend it on school clothes for her teens, or possibly a late-summer trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park. Other prize winners are Teresa Long of Westland (\$125) and Maria Cameon of South Lyon (\$75). Nearly 800 entries were submitted. The winners were selected in a random drawing of all entries that correctly identified pages on which the holiday beachball appeared.

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Our website, hometownlife.com, just started a new contest for Tony Bennett tickets at the Fox Theatre. Two lucky winners will get a pair of tickets to the Aug. 24 show. Our Facebook followers can enter once a day and invite their friends to enter the contest for extra entries. Every time a person you invite enters, you get another chance to win! Just go to hometownlife.com and click on the photo of Tony Bennett in our Don't Miss module to enter (it is located on the right side of our homepage.) The deadline to enter is midnight Thursday, Aug. 18. Good luck!

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Meetings to update creek plan

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff writer

Public information meetings to present updates on a flood risk management study for the North Branch Ecorse Creek Drain are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Wayne County

Drain Commissioner's Office are holding the informational meetings on the plans for the creek, which runs through a small part of southern Westland. Both meetings will be 7-9 p.m., with the Tuesday session to be held at the Allen Park City Hall Municipal Auditorium, 16850 Southfield Road. On Wednesday, the meeting will be held at War-

ren Valley Golf and Banquet Center, 26116 W. Warren Road, Dearborn Heights. "It's a good size creek, but it only runs through a small part of our city. We've not had flooding in Westland. The creek runs down through Allen Park," Westland Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford said. "We haven't had issues with

it. It does affect homes, but not in the city of Westland." Locally, the creek runs through the Van Born and Henry Ruff area, Buford said, with a major part going under Inkster Road and Van Born. The corps and Wayne County are in the process of developing

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Music is big winner of Lots2Give video contest

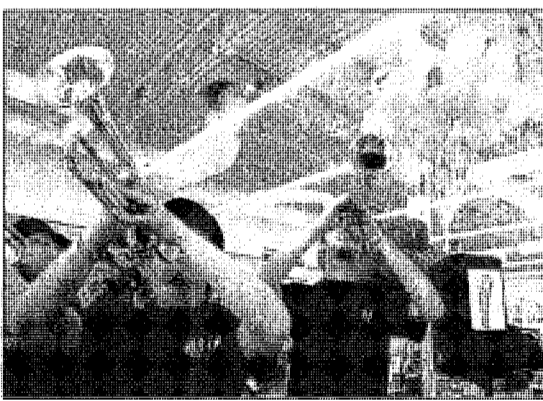


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Big Lots! Chairman and CEO Steve Fishman presents the grand prize check to Wayne Memorial High School Principal Valerie Orr.

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

It was the kind of camp sendoff no one would have thought of for the Wayne Memorial High School marching band. Two days before leaving for Camp Mowana in Mansfield, Ohio, the band was in the Big Lots! store on Plymouth Road in Livonia, playing the school's fight song and watching as Principal Valerie Orr accepted a check for \$21,147.33 that will be used for the high school's music program. "A thank you to Big Lots! for what they have done for our kids," Orr said. "You couldn't have given the money to a better group of individuals." Wayne Memorial made Big Lots! history Friday by being the first high school to win the grand prize in its Lots2Give video contest.



The marching band, including trumpeters Elliot Arnold and Ryan Wright, strike up the Wayne Memorial fight song to celebrate winning The Big Lots! contest.

It was also the first grand-prize winner to receive \$20,000. In the four years since the contest started, the top prize has been \$10,000. And the prize got even bigger with the more than \$1,147 in donations made by customers at Big Lots! in the metropolitan area. "We all learned through the video that the Zebra music family is

the pride of Wayne Memorial High School," Big Lots! Chairman and CEO Steve Fishman said. "You should be very proud to have the people of the community do something like this for the students." The Wayne-Westland high school competed against 125 high

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City looks to seed without weeds at park

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff writer

Weed control — that's the reason for the large mounds of top soil sitting in Central City Park. "I'd rather they keep the dirt stockpiled so we don't need weed control, which we would, if they spread it out," Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said. "I'd rather have pristine soil. They're not going to do the final grade until they are ready to seed." It's expected that the final grade will be done next month to allow the grass seed to be placed in cooler weather. Sod was being laid last week in right-of-way areas outside the fenced off area of the park. "We're starting to see some green. The parking lot is open on weekends, but we still have to get the proper signage up," Kosowski said. "It should alleviate our parking problems (for Tattan Park). It still needs a top layer and striping." The 12 inches of top soil and grass are being placed on top of a geotextile membrane installed throughout the park. Those are the steps being taken to remediate lead and other contamination of the park, closed to the public since January 2007. The remediation effort is focusing on the 12 acres in the eastern part of the park. Once that portion of the project is completed, soccer fields and a walking path will be installed, with pavilions, restrooms and a concession stand to follow. Contractor ABC Paving of Trenton is handling the remediation project that includes a 12-inch layer of top soil and the installation of the methane gas trench, including methane posts to address concerns stemming from a former landfill on the site.

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W-W's Walker-Winter to receive Muth Award

Wayne-Westland's Walker Winter Elementary School in Canton will be on the receiving end of the 2011 Robert and Patricia Muth Excellence in Leadership Award when the Wayne-Westland school board meets Monday evening. The annual award, sponsored by the Middle Cities Education Association, honors K-12 schools

in Michigan's urban school systems that demonstrate leadership in school improvement, specifically improvements that reflect gains in student achievement. Middle Cities Education Association is a coalition of 33 urban school districts in Michigan. "The Wayne-Westland community is a leader in education in Michigan," said Ray Telman,

executive director of Middle Cities. "The educators, students and parents are committed to high-quality practices and always strive to improve. Their dedication to student success is exemplified by their work at Walker-Winter Elementary School. We are proud to highlight their achievements." Schools applying for the award

were required to provide information on how teachers, administrators and staff worked together to address such school improvement issues as professional development, student achievement goals, and community involvement among other areas. Walker-Winter was selected for

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Heavy spring rains had delayed work on the project, which was to have been effectively completed in June.

"I think the contractor has done a great job. They had extra crews and got the job done," Kosowski said.

No sprinkler system could be installed in the park due to the approved environmental remediation that includes installation of a geotextile membrane covered by top soil. The geotextile membrane installation also forced the removal of a number of trees in the park over

concerns that they would disrupt the membrane or be slowly killed by it.

Last year, Westland accepted ownership of the 33-acre park from Wayne County after having leased it since the mid-1970s. Wayne County is funding the \$2.5 million project for the 12 acres, but remediation for the other approximately 21 acres was cost-prohibitive. As a result, that area will be restricted for the foreseeable future.

The city has applied for a \$500,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment to fund construction of the proposed park pavilion. The Westland Farmers Market moved to the City Hall parking lot in anticipation of eventually relocating to Central City Park after a pavilion is constructed.

The park will also be the site of the planned new Veterans Memorial Garden.

For updates, visit cityofwestland.com or the Westland Parks and Recreation Department Facebook page.

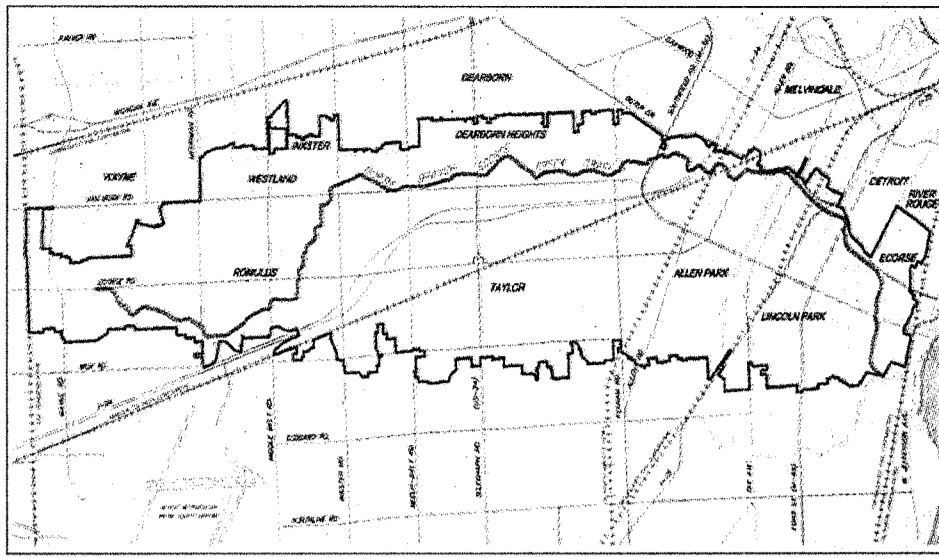
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a General Reevaluation Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the NBEC. This report will determine whether there is sufficient justification for a federal project implementing flood risk management measures along the NBEC.

Many viable structural and non-structural flood risk management measures are being considered. The team is at a stage where it will be presenting residents and businesses with an update that will include plan alternatives and the identified most preferred plan. The public will have an opportunity at each meeting to comment and



The Corcoran Creek flows through a small portion of southern Westland.

ask questions about the plans.

Additional information is available on the NBEC website at www.nbecorsecreek.com/Updated information

will be added there as it becomes available.

For additional information regarding these meetings, call Greg Tupancy, project manager Wayne County, at (313) 224-7558 or John Niemiec, project manager U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (313) 226-7885.

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the award based on its school improvement efforts and provided the evidence and data necessary to prove their

efforts were successful in helping improve student achievement. It's the second Wayne-Westland school to receive the award. In 2010, Middle Cities selected Hoover Elementary to receive the Muth Award.

"This award is not only an honor for Walker-Winter, but it is also an honor for our whole district," said Wayne-Westland Supt. Dr. Greg

Baracy. "It is a testament to our educators' passion and hard work on behalf of our students."

The Muth Award is named in honor of Robert Muth and his wife Patricia, who instituted the award endowment in 1989 upon Robert Muth's retirement as executive director of Middle Cities Education Association.

This isn't the first

state honor Walker-Winter has received. In 2007, it was chosen by the state Board of Education as a Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School. The award recognized the school for demonstrating a strong commitment to educational excellence and significant academic improvement over five years.

The Wayne-Westland school board meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, at the district's administrative offices, 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland.

By Sue Mason

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Winging it: Fairies flock to library

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Barbara Given learned one thing about wearing hoops under the skirt of her fairy costume — you really can't sit in a chair.

Luckily, someone found her a stool and she was able to sit down to read *The Fairy Who Could Not Fly* to a group of youngsters gathered at the William P. Faust Library for a very special program about fairies.

"I've always liked fairies," said Given, a children's associate at the library. "I made my own outfit — I made the costume, a fairy godmother — for the library's 10th anniversary. The kids loved it."

Youngsters were encouraged to come dress for the program and that they did. In addition to a story, they made baby bud fairy babies and larger flower fairies. Given had found the pattern for the fairy baby and decided to give it a try.

"They turned out really cute, all the moms and kids were going 'aww' when they saw them," Given said.

In addition to the crafts, youngsters also learned about flower fairies and their behaviors — being honest and friendly and "just being a good person."

When people heard she was doing a fairy program, Given was showered by fairies of all shapes and sizes, enough that she filled two tables for youngsters to see. They also got a chance to get up close to a "fairy," a three-foot tall doll she dressed in a fairy costume, complete with wings and long hair.

"All the girls got to hold the big doll. I think they got a kick out of doing that," she said.

They left with their creations as well as a small



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Brayden Sutherland works on her baby fairy project as part of a special program at the William P. Faust Library in Westland.



It's time for musical toadstools, and Margaret Reyes makes an adjustment to granddaughter Sophia Torres-Reyes's fairy wings.

bag of fairy dust, a bookmark Given had made them as well as a book she'd put together that

included a bibliography of fairy books. "They won't get the full thing, but they'll get to

do the craft," she said. "I might as well use up the stuff." This isn't the first time

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Hearing to assess state's health needs

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), in partnership with the Michigan Health and Hospital Association and MPRO, will hold a meeting in Wayne on Thursday, Aug. 18, to assess the priority health needs of citizens.

MDCH received a \$400,000 National Public Health Improvement Initiative grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which supports the assessment of state health needs and development of a state-wide health improvement plan. The meeting, one of eight that are being conducted around the state, is the first phase of the initiative.

"A thorough assessment of our state's priority health needs will lay the foundation for the work that we do in the weeks, months and years to come," said Olga Dazzo, director of the MDCH. "I encourage Michigan residents to take part in this assessment process as we work to create a healthier Michigan."

The meetings are being hosted by local health departments. Residents planning to attend a meeting are asked to register in advance. The last half hour of each meeting will be used for receiving input from anyone interested in participating in the process who is unable to attend the entire meeting.

The Wayne meeting will be noon-3:30 p.m. at the Wayne Tree Manor on Van Buren, east of Wayne Road. For more information, contact Loretta Davis at (734) 727-7006.

Meetings also are scheduled for Kalamazoo on Aug. 25, Troy on Aug. 26 and Gaylord on Aug. 30.




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The Wayne Memorial High School Marching Band, parents and supporters, Big Lots! officials and employees gathered at the Livonia Big Lots! store Friday to watch the school receive a check for \$21,147.33 as the grand prize winner of the company's Lots2Give video contest.

WINNERS

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schools, including cross-town rival John Glenn in Westland, in the contest, making a pitch for money to help its "music family." The videos were posted on the Lots2Give website, where people could view them and vote for them.

According to Fishman, more than 230,000 votes were cast to determine the grand-prize winner; four first-place winners, who received \$5,000 each; and 30 second-place winners, who each received \$2,000.

"You won by a very wide margin," Fishman said. "Far be it for me to know if the ballot box was stuffed."

Band Director Matthew Diroff and vocal music Director Brandon Tomblin were on hand for the presentation. According to Orr, they will determine how the money will be spent.

"They know more than I do the needs of the program," she said. "This is phenomenal. I'm so very proud of our directors and our kids."

Diroff said a list has already been created and that it will be a matter of prioritizing and figuring the line item cost. The video pointed out that the

music program has grown during the past year and the school is having a hard time serving all of the students who want to be part of it. The prize money will be used to buy such things as new band uniforms, storage space, risers for the choir and new music folders.

"It's means a lot because the community had a voice in it," Diroff said. "It's become a point of pride because the community had a part in it. This is really something else."

Orr credited the efforts of Tomblin and Diroff as well as Assistant Principal Jessica Schultz and Drew Conner and Jenny Johnson in the district's media department in creating the video.

"The district brought this to our attention, the district supported us and gave us access to the things we need to make sure we won," she said.

The Lots2Give money comes on the heels of a \$2,000 Grammy Foundation/Best Buy Mobile Donation that the music program received in June.

"I'm a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and I couldn't be prouder of the parents and students who showed great creativity," Wayne-Westland Supt. Greg Baracy said. "(Big Lots!) recogniz-



The littlest Wayne Memorial Zebra mascot Faithanne Melow shows her stripes at the celebration. The two-year-old has been the band mascot since before she was born.

es the importance of education and the importance of a well-trained workforce and I couldn't agree with you more. Thank you for your contribution to Wayne Memorial and in partnering with Wayne Memorial High School."

Drum major Jamie Southard also saw the importance of the prize money.

"A lot of people are dedicated to the program, they don't want to see it closed, they want to see it get better," said Southard, a senior

who has been a part of the music program since her freshman year. "This means a lot."

The marching band will be back from band camp Saturday, Aug. 20, and will present a camp performance at 5 p.m. at Wayne

Memorial on Glenwood at Fourth Street in Wayne. The performance is open to the public.

"It's like a show and tell kind of thing," Diroff said.

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Farm market battles road work, economy

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A few customers mill around Mary's Farm Market, bagging up sweet corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, peaches, onions and other produce, as owner Mary Hauk thumps a watermelon to teach a patron it should sound firm, not hollow.

Hauk's market, an 18-year fixture on the southwest corner of Ford and Beck roads, sells produce grown on a 2,000-acre family farm off Ridge Road, where Hauk and her brother Richard teach some of their children to become fourth-generation farmers.

"I grew up doing this," she said. "I love it."

It's August, and a gentle breeze blows across the market's outdoor area, a welcome reprieve from a severe July heat that, along with a second Ford Road project in as many years, tested Hauk's patience.

She blames road-construction projects, especially last year's widening of the Ford-Beck



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Mary Hauk said people become "creatures of habit" when they start avoiding her market because of road construction.

intersection, for hurting her business amid already-tough economic times. Just weeks ago, a shorter-term road microsurfacing project caused other snags.

"When they shut these roads down, people choose alternate routes and become creatures

of habit," Hauk said. "A lot of people don't know I'm still in business. It's been one thing after another."

Township officials have said the state of Michigan road projects have been necessary. They said the Ford-

Beck intersection needed widening to accommodate an increase in traffic — fueled by Canton's 18-percent population growth during the past decade.

Moreover, they have said the microsurfacing project was done along Ford Road throughout the township to try to maintain the bustling east-west thoroughfare.

Hauk said many customers drifted away amid last summer's road project. She said she closed down in late September, abandoning her autumn sales of pumpkins, squash, straw and seasonal decorations — never mind the Christmas trees, hand-made wreaths, grave blankets and other items that didn't get sold into December.

"People thought I had closed for good," Hauk said.

Yet her family contin-

ues to grow and sell produce. What they don't grow — cherries from Up North, fruit from Detroit wholesalers — they bring in.

On a postcard-worthy Thursday afternoon, Jan Hunter of Westland stopped by Mary's Farm Market after her husband told her he had driven by the place.

"I heard the corn is really good here," Hunter said, picking out ears and stuffing them in bags. "I'm here for the sweet, bi-color corn. That's the kind we like. The smaller the ears, the better the corn."

As summer winds down, Hauk hopes others, like Hunter, will realize she's in business.

"The season is almost over," Hauk said, "and some people still don't know I'm open."

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Circus to bring its big top to Westland Tuesday

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff writer

The circus — complete with a big top tent, an aerialist, jugglers, clowns and exotic animals — is coming to Westland Tuesday.

Hosted by the Westland Jaycees, the Kelly Miller Circus will take over the parking lot between the Bailey Recreation Center and 18th District Court for performances at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

“The biggest reason we’re doing this is as a fund-raiser — 100 percent of the profits will go back into the city. We’ve waived our management fee,” said Harold Christian, Westland Jaycees Community Development vice president.

Among the intended recipients of Westland Jaycees’ fund-raising are scholarships for a male and female Wayne Westland Schools student, donations to the Michigan

Humane Society, St. Jude Children’s Hospital and cancer awareness programs.

It’s been about 20 years since Westland has had this type of event, said Christian, who as Redford Jaycees president ran the circus fund-raiser for that group for seven years.

As it happens, the Kelly Miller Circus will be in Redford for two performances Monday before moving on to Westland for the Tuesday shows. Based in Hugo, Okla., the Kelly Miller Circus has been performing since 1938.

The new 2011 Wild West edition of the circus features a blend of new acts and some returning performers, according to the circus website.

Among those returning are juggling sensation Raul Olivares, Australian aerialist Nikita, fire eater Brian La Palme, Casey McCoy’s Tigers and the



Performing camels are only one of the many acts featured by the Kelly Miller Circus which will be giving two performances in Westland Tuesday. The Westland Jaycees are hosting the circus which will be set up in the parking lot between the Bailey Community Center and 18th District Court.

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New this year are rope spinner Joel Falk, Fridman Torales’ Loop Walk, The Bollywood Dancers, Lyra Aerial Ballet by the North Starlets, clowns Steve and Ryan, Caroline

Rice’s all new Dog and Pony Review and Brian La Palme’s protégé Jeremiah Cook.

The Kelly Miller Performing Elephants are a favorite act. The circus finale is a Wild West

Patriotic Salute to the U.S.A.

“All the acts are inside the tent. Outside, there will be concessions, face painting, a petting zoo and a reptile exhibit,” said Christian.

There will be pony and elephant rides available at the circus with camels and llamas exhibited.

Each circus performance has seating for 1,500 guests. Prior to Tuesday, tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids 11 and younger. Children under two years old are admitted free.

Advance tickets are available at the Bailey Recreation Center, the Westland Chamber of Commerce and from Jaycees’ board members. Jaycees planned to be at the William P. Faust Library and other locations over the weekend to sell tickets.

On Tuesday, tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. The Wayne Ford Civic League has purchased 400 tickets for distribution to local needy children.

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Three years after the dream became a vision and the vision became a plan, and three months after the shovels hit the ground, the Miracle League of Plymouth is ready to welcome players and their families to the field.

The league has registered more than 60 players and raised more than \$1 million, leaving the league less than \$50,000 short of its \$1.1 million fundraising goal.

The success continues Saturday, Aug. 20, when the Miracle League of Plymouth celebrates opening day of the special needs ballpark, located at 357 Theodore in Plymouth.

"From day one, we looked to the 'Field of Dreams' for inspiration," development co-chair Bob Bilkie said. "Our special needs community needed a place to play, and we have accomplished that with the opening of the Bilkie Family Field at the Miracle League of Plymouth."

Opening day will allow the players and their families an opportunity to visit the field and take a lap around



Maggie Hermann celebrates at home plate on the brand new "Field of Dreams" built by the Miracle League of Plymouth, which celebrates its opening day Aug. 20.

the bases. The Detroit Tigers Foundation's concession stand will be open, serving the baseball staples, along with Miracle League of Plymouth flags.

"This is a dream come true, and we could

not have done it without the support of our local communities," League Commissioner Deb Madonna said. "The Miracle League of Plymouth represents the best qualities of this community — the



Special guest Jesse Lindbauer joined the hitters at the second annual Dale Rumberger home run derby to benefit the Miracle League of Plymouth. The event raised \$4,000.

hard work, dedication and loyalty. This is a celebration three years in the making."

The Miracle League of Plymouth will support at least two teams for the inaugural season, with the first game to be held Aug. 27.

Kelly Hermann, whose daughter, Maggie, will be one of the players, said she's "very excited" for opening day.

"Children like Maggie do not get the opportunity to play regu-

lar sports, and this field will give her that chance," Hermann said. "As a parent I could not ask for a greater gift than to see the beaming smile on her face when she gets to do this. She is so incredibly excited to 'run' the bases, just like her brother."

The Miracle League organization was founded in 1998 in Rockdale, Ga. There are now more than 250 leagues throughout the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico, servicing more

than one million special needs children.

Madonna said The Miracle League of Plymouth will service families of western Wayne County, providing an opportunity for special needs children to engage in athletic activities. The Miracle League of Plymouth will support a fall season and a spring season. The Miracle League of Plymouth was established by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.



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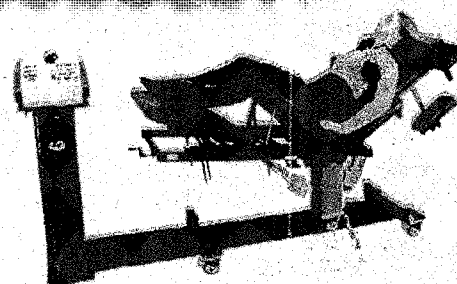
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Don't make investment that's not right for you

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I am like a lot of people who are frightened about the economy. I sold all my investments a while ago and I've just been leaving the money in the bank. At the present time, I have about \$400,000 in my bank account. I have a pension and Social Security and I only pull out \$3,000-\$4,000 a year from my account. I know it's not the smartest thing to leave money in the bank, but it makes me feel comfortable. I don't want to invest in the stock market and I don't like annuities. I'm not happy with the interest the bank is paying me, but it's better than nothing. Is there anything I can do that's better than just leaving my money in my checking account?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

P.S. I am 72.

A: My philosophy has always been never invest in anything that keeps you up at night. The fact that you are not comfortable with stock market investments or annuities means that you should avoid these. It doesn't matter whether I think they'd be a good for you or not — the key is what makes you feel comfortable.

Investors need to avoid investments that they either don't understand or ones that they don't feel comfortable with.

In your situation, since the type of investment that you feel comfortable with is one that is guaranteed and has no principal fluctuation, CDs are the most appropriate. Even though CDs are not paying high rates of return, that is only one factor to consider before deciding on an investment.

As opposed to leaving the money in your checking account, my advice is to ladder CDs. Laddering CDs means you're buying CDs with different maturities, thus, you're diversifying within the CD area.

In laddering CDs, I recommend that you purchase CDs that mature in six months, one year, 18 months and two years. I don't recommend that you go

over two years based upon the fact that you are not getting a sufficient premium to lock your money up for longer periods of time. In addition, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke made it clear that they have no intention of raising interest rates until at least the first half of 2013.

In laddering your CDs, you do not have to use the same bank. It will probably make sense to use two different banks so that your money is totally federally insured. At the present time you will be insured up to \$250,000 per institution. Therefore, by using multiple institutions, 100 percent of your money will be federally insured.

Remember, receiving the highest rates of return on a CD requires an investor to shop around. In today's world, using out-of-state banks, Internet banks and credit unions are ways to receive higher rates of return. Not all banks pay the same rates of return. In fact, what you find is that one bank may be competitive on its one-year CDs, but not on its six-month CDs. Therefore, it does make sense to shop around. After all, if you could increase your return on a CD from 1 percent to 1 1/2 percent, while that may not sound like a lot, it's a 50-percent increase in return and that is substantial.

One Internet site I recommend with regards to CDs is www.bankrate.com. It is easy to shop rates and to purchase CDs from federally insured institutions around the country.

There is no question that the last few weeks have spooked investors. The volatility over the last few weeks has been incredible.

I tell investors the only way to be successful is to have a game plan that takes into account volatile times. However, as an investor you have to be honest with yourself. Never invest in anything that you do not understand or that you do not feel comfortable with. In the long run, it will make you a better investor and, most importantly, allow you to sleep at night.

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 website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Former foster child wins Sparky Anderson Award for clothing drive

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Shirley Brown, a Livonia sixth-grader and former foster child who collected a classroom of clothing for other foster children, has won the Sparky Anderson Award for Youth in Philanthropy.

Shirley will receive the award Nov. 17 from the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals at its National Philanthropy Day banquet and awards event at the Detroit Renaissance Marriott.

"I'm just so proud of her," said her adoptive father, Tim Brown. "She worked so hard and gave up all that free time."

Shirley, 11, a student at Johnson Upper Elementary School, came up with the idea for the clothing drive after her teachers urged her and her classmates to think of a project for the Youth Making a Difference program.

When the Wyandotte police took her and her younger brother from their parents almost nine years ago, they were naked, sick and lying in the own vomit. The officers had to put adult-sized T-shirts on the then toddlers just to remove them from their home because they couldn't find any children's clothing to dress them in.

"I knew how it was when I was little," she said, explaining why she held the clothing drive. "I didn't have any clothes."

Shirley, a Westland resident, got her entire school involved, sending a letter home to every one of the 600-plus students.

She and four classmates spent their recesses and



FILE PHOTO

Shirley Brown is being honored for organizing a clothing drive to benefit foster children. 'I knew how it was when I was little,' she said. 'I didn't have any clothes.'

lunch periods for several weeks sorting the clothing by sex, size and season — with help from two teachers.

The clothing was donated to Orchards Children's Services, the agency through which Shirley was adopted. Her father had to use a trailer to haul all the clothing to Orchards.

Shirley said although the award is nice, she wasn't expecting one. "I just wanted to put some clothes on children," she said.

She also wants to credit her parents and friends for their assistance. "It was my idea, but I had a lot of help," she said.

'Amazing spirit'

Shirley was nominated for the award by Gilda Hauser, campaign director for Orchards Children's Services, based in Southfield.

"I couldn't think of anyone better," said Hauser, who included with the nomination form a copy of an article the *Livonia Observer* published April 24 about Shirley's cloth-

ing drive. "She's just an outstanding example of giving back; it can't not touch your heart."

Shirley has also participated in fundraising for the Kids Helping Kids Walk, part of the Children's Charity Coalition, and speaks to potential donors at Orchards Children's Services about her experiences and desire to help other kids.

Shirley plans to become part of Orchards Youth Board, a children's philanthropy and volunteer group that organizes fundraising and community events for foster children and families in need. She is just waiting to turn 13, the minimum age to be on the Youth Board.

Hauser said Shirley is an inspiration and example for others to follow, not just for children but for adults, too. Her "amazing spirit and kindness in wanting to help others" is evident to all those who come in contact with her, she said.

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The Learning Assistance Center at Schoolcraft College is offering three math preparation/refresher workshops this month. The workshops are free and open to anyone planning to take a college-level math course at Schoolcraft College or any college or university.

Jump Start 1000, which will be held 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, and Tuesday, Aug. 23, is created for those entering Math 045, a Schoolcraft course, or similar proficiency level college course. Participants will benefit from a math study skills inventory and a review of the four fundamental operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) of whole numbers.

Jump Start 2000, which will be held 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22, and Thursday, Aug. 25, is created for those entering Schoolcraft's Math 047, 101 or 111 or a similar proficiency level college course. Participants will benefit from a math study skills inventory and a review of fractions, decimals, percents, and order of operations.

Jump Start 3000, which will be held 1-3:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22, and Thursday, Aug. 25, is created for those entering Schoolcraft's Math 053 or 105 or similar proficiency level college course. Participants will benefit from

a math study skills inventory and a review of basic integer operations, order of operations, expressions, and equation solving.

"We want to give math students all of the tools they need to be successful in their college courses," said Terri Lamb, mathematics learning specialist at Schoolcraft College. "For some students these workshops can serve as a timely refresher for the skills and knowledge they need just before the start of the fall semester. For other students, the Jump Start sessions will provide an extra boost of confidence walking into their next math class."

The Jump Start sessions are free and open to anyone; however, registration is necessary. For more information or to register, call (734) 462-4436. Space is limited. The workshops will be held on the college's main campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia. Jump Start is made possible through a grant from the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

Descriptions of the content for Schoolcraft's courses can be found in the Schoolcraft College 2011-12 Catalog (<http://www.schoolcraft.edu/publications/catalogs.asp>) for comparison to other college or university math courses and content.

Open house
The Garden City Co-op Preschool is holding an open house for parents 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City. The preschool offers classes for youngsters 18 months to four years of age. Parents can visit the classroom and enroll their children for the 2011-2012 school year. More information is available at www.gardencitypreschool@gmail.com.

Rummage Sale
Garden City Presbyterian Church Women's Group will be holding its annual Rummage Sale on Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 18-20. Hours for the sale are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The church is at 1841 Middlebelt, just one block south of Ford Road. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-7620.

Recipe contest
Garden City residents are invited to submit a recipe that has been used and passed down from generation to generation, related to specific holiday or just plain old good cooking family favorites to an Heirloom Recipe Contest. All recipe entries must use some sort of market fresh products — anything from fruits, vege-

tables, wheat, herbs and spices. They must be typed and include specific measurements and ingredients. Entries must be dropped off at the Garden City Farmers Market from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays in downtown Garden City. They also can be mailed to the Garden City Chamber of Commerce, 30120 Ford Road, Suite D, Garden City, 48135. Entry deadline is Aug. 17. The entries will be forwarded to Holly Herrick to determine the 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.

Double donation
The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum has received financial commitments from several individuals who will match up to \$10,000 in donations to the Friends to help boost the general operating fund for the Straight Farmhouse, home of the Historical Museum, Lathers General Store and Grande Parlour. The deadline to submit pledges for the dollar-for-dollar matching grant is Aug. 31. If a per-

son donates \$10, the total donation to the Friends is \$20. The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and does not receive financial support from the city of Garden City for its operation and maintenance. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. According to Mark Hammar, president of the Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum, despite recent cuts in arts and culture programs in schools and, with the future of the Garden City Library in question, the Garden City Historical Museum is a valuable community resource providing the public the opportunity to learn about the city's history at no charge. Donations can be made payable to FGCHM and sent to the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriam, Garden City, MI 48135. Visit www.sfhome.org for more information.

Community Chat
Join Kerry Partin every Thursday night at 9 p.m. for GC Community Chat at <http://talkshoe.com/tc/82757>, a talk show dedicated to the residents and businesses of Garden City and the surrounding area. Partin also is sending an open invitation to all eight city council candi-

dates to join him on his show to discuss why they feel they are the right person for the job. If you are interested in coming on the show, contact Partin at [gcommunitychat@gmail.com](mailto:gccommunitychat@gmail.com). Also visit his website at www.communitychat.weebly.com.

Dine and Dash
Tickets are now on sale for the eighth annual Dine and Dash. Dashers may order their tickets simply by calling the Garden City Chamber of Commerce at (734) 422-4448 or by stopping at the Garden City Farmers Market on Wednesdays during the month of August to order tickets there. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$17 for seniors and \$70 for party of four. The event will be held 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13. Tickets include: A souvenir Dine and Dash T-shirt, complimentary appetizers from the participating eateries, transportation (Big Yellow School Buses), and an evening of fun for family and friends. Limited seating available, so contact the chamber office or visit its website at www.gardencity.org and click on upcoming events. Dine and Dash is hosted by the Garden City Chamber of Commerce, the Garden City Public Schools and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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Game Night

Stop by the Dyer Senior Center, 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, Westland, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, for Game Night. There's card games like Uno, pinochle and euchre, as well as board games, or bring your own. The cost is \$5 and includes prizes and refreshments. Tickets are available at the door.

Children's challenge

Summer reading fun at the William P. Faust Public Library continues in August with the Children's Nonfiction Challenge.

Children will read books at their own reading level from different subject areas. Each category completed will earn an entry for a chance to win a jar of treats, a gift card or another cool prize. Youngsters also earn weekly coupons and other prizes along the way. Finishers can choose a free book to keep.

The Nonfiction Challenge runs through Sept. 2. Pick up a challenge sheet at the Children's Desk.

The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford. For more information, call the Children's Department at (734) 326-6123.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner returns to the Dyer Senior Center in Westland Friday, Sept. 23. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6. Dinner is served 4-7 p.m.

The center also has pinochle and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

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.

Garden event

Brenda Dziedzic, president of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, is holding an open garden event 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27-28, at her home at 1263 Springer St., Westland.

There will be butterflies as well as a display of eggs, caterpillars, and chrysalises of various butterflies. The Learn About Butterflies in the Garden book will be available for \$21.

For more information, call Dziedzic at (734) 326-0578 or go online to www.ButterfliesInTheGarden.com.

Outdoor movie

The Westland Downtown Development Authority is sponsoring a Park It movie night Wednesday, Aug. 24 in the parking lot of the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford.

Yogi Bear will be shown on the big screen at 8:30 p.m., but the fun starts at 7 p.m. There will be live music, inflatable bouncers, kid's activities and free giveaways. There also will be concessions with food available for purchase.

The movie night is free

of charge.

Blues and barbecues

Make sure your calendar is clear of engagements, except for one, Saturday, Sept. 24.

That's when the city of Westland and the Westland Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a new event sure to please those who love good music, food and drinks.

Blues Brews & BBQ will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the grounds of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford, west of Wayne Road.

The event will feature some of the best BBQ around, great blues bands — Front Street Blues Band from noon to 1:40 p.m., The Boa Constrictors 2-3:40 p.m. and The Alligators 4-6 p.m. — a wide variety of Michigan-brewed craft beers, a car show and a kid zone.

Bring the whole family to enjoy the day. For updates, check the city's website and Facebook page.

Progressive raffle

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

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



HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tiffany and Matthew Stewart are creating a new book series for kids, and each story will have a positive message. Oakley's Quest for Gold is the first in the series.

Couple hopes to teach morals with new kids' books

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

The Golden Rule is considered by many to be the most basic and simplest of ethical standards.

Unfortunately, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" can be a challenging notion to get across, according to former Livonia residents Tiffany and Matthew Stewart.

So the husband-wife team decided to put their talents together to create *Oakley's Quest for Gold*, the first in a planned series of storybooks for kids, each with "a good life message," Matthew explained.

Oakley's Quest for Gold tells the tale of Oakley the oak leaf and his search for gold to enter into a fund-raising contest. Along the way, he faces a moral dilemma and must decide whether to practice The Golden Rule — or not.

Matthew, a curriculum coordinator at a charter school, said he often sees "holes and deficiencies

as far as morality goes" among youngsters. He's hoping the couple's books can help relay the importance of putting oneself in another's position.

"(Tiffany and I) were both raised with The Golden Rule," he said. "And we believe if everyone followed The Golden Rule, it would have a domino effect. There wouldn't be war or all these other crimes against humanity."

Tiffany agreed. "This is really about what makes the world a better place, if we are willing to do it," she said. "And it's a fun way to have a learning moment in the household — kick it off and get the discussion going."

It can also encourage reading in preschool and early elementary-age children, she said, adding that the book is geared to kids ages 4-7.

The couple, now living in Milford, is hoping to start visiting schools and libraries with their book — not only to share the message, but also to "plant the seeds early on and pass along the

spark that you can be creative if you want to," Tiffany said.

Tiffany, a marketing executive and photographer, is the book's illustrator. She created the artwork with photographs she took in the Milford area and Golden, Colo., and then manipulated with "layering," a computer-aided technique. Matthew authored the rhymed story.

"Once we decided on The Golden Rule, it fell into place beautifully," he said.

The title character, Oakley, was named for the street the Stewarts lived on in Livonia, prior to moving to Milford. Oakley's image is from a leaf Tiffany photographed from one of their large oak trees in Milford.

Oakley's Quest for Gold is a soft-cover offering available for \$9.99 through www.amazon.com or www.oakleysadventures.com, which also has activities for kids on the website.

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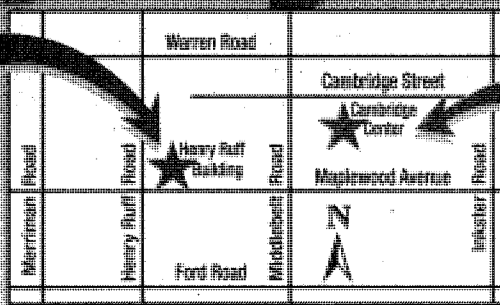
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Senior troupe presents murder-mystery Accreditation team seeks input on police at airport

Murder mystery lovers should mark their calendars for "Murder Can Be Habit Forming," a Still Got It Players production being presented this week at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Still Got It officials said audience members will love "Murder Can Be Habit Forming" by Billy St. John, a clever and well-crafted spoof presented by the all-senior-citizen acting ensemble.

"I especially like when grandchildren come to see their grandparents perform," director Debbie Lannen said. "They are such an example for them as well as other seniors. It is as if they are telling the audience, 'Never stop. You can continue to be vibrant as long as you keep active.'"

In the play, when a busload of passengers is stranded by a blizzard in upstate New York, they find their way to an old mansion in the woods, now St. Mary's Convent, where the Reverend Mother Mary Cecilia provides them lodging for the night.

Unfortunately, she soon realizes that among her guests is likely to be a serial killer known as "the Mary Murderer" whose victims are all named Mary. Though most of the sisters have been stranded in Buffalo, the four nuns remaining with her all have the first name Mary, as do two of the women on the bus.

To add to the list of potential victims, one passenger is a flamboyant actress whose TV character is named Mary and another is a retired school teacher who was formerly a nun named Mary.



Sr. Mary Cecelia (Carol Lipinski, from left), Sr. Mary Justus (Joanna McKay) and Sr. Mary Ignatius (Karen Curtsinger) in a scene from the Still Got It Players' production of "Murder Can Be Habit-Forming."

Before the night is over, the killer strikes.

Which person from the bus could be the Mary Murderer? The college professor? The newspaper columnist? The bus driver? Luckily, police detective Patrick McDougal was also on the bus and takes charge of solving the case. Providing as many laughs as chills, "Murder Can Be Habit-Forming" is a light-hearted mystery comedy that reveals the very human side of the nuns as they attempt to stay one step ahead of the killer.

Performance dates and times are Wednesday-Thursday at 1 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults 19-59; \$13 for seniors 60 and older and students under 19.

Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater box office at (734) 394-5460 or (734) 394-5300 or online at www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater or www.spotlightplayersmi.org. Tickets can also be

purchased at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Box office opens an hour prior to show-time. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

For more information call (734) 480-4945 or Visit: www.spotlightplayersmi.org,

Wayne County Airport Authority is providing two opportunities for the public to submit comments regarding law enforcement at Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run Airports as part of the authority's maintenance of its international law enforcement accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Attaining CALEA accreditation, a process WCAA first completed in 2008, requires that airport law enforcement be in compliance with over 390 professional standards. CALEA accreditation signifies that a law enforcement agency is among the top-performing such organizations in the world.

As part of the ongoing review process to

maintain this prestigious accreditation, a team of CALEA assessors will examine every aspect of WCAA public safety operations. Assessors will observe WCAA public safety personnel, equipment and operating procedures; interview public safety officers; and tour airport facilities and other Authority properties.

From 1-3 p.m. on Aug. 15, assessors will make themselves available to members of the public by phone. Callers will have the opportunity to speak with one of the CALEA assessors regarding the accreditation process and to provide input on WCAA law enforcement. Members of the public who wish to participate can call (734) 247-7214.

Beginning at 4 p.m., WCAA will also host a public information ses-

sion at Detroit Metro Airport where CALEA assessors will be available to address comments and questions from the public. The session will take place in "The Meeting Place" conference room on the ticket lobby level of the former Smith Terminal.

Parking is available in Big Blue Deck (across from the North Terminal), which is connected to the former Smith Terminal via a pedestrian bridge on Level 3 of the parking deck.

For more information regarding the CALEA accreditation process, visit www.calea.org. For more information regarding the WCAA's public information programs on Aug. 15, contact WCAA Accreditation Coordinator Barclay F. Stewart at (734) 247-3648.

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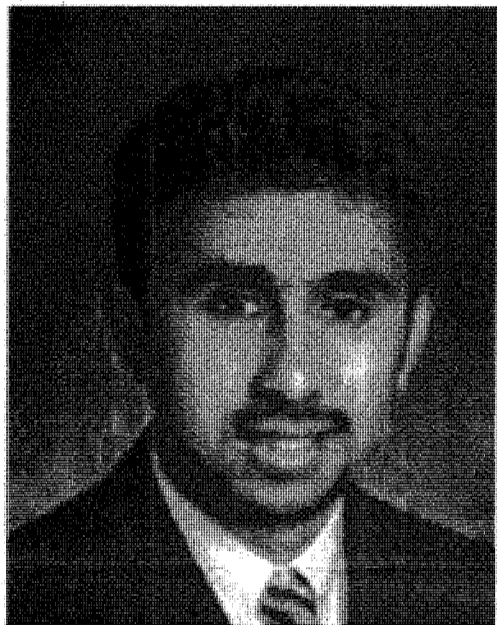
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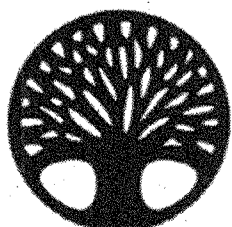
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SPORTS

Sluggers swing for fences and a good cause

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Prep baseball players from the region gathered Aug. 6 to rip round-trippers for the Miracle League of Plymouth — and they didn't disappoint anyone in their quest.

The second annual Home Run Derby for the Miracle League was bigger and better than the debut attempt in 2010, with 18 players from Kensington Lakes Activities Association high schools taking part at Salem's varsity baseball field.

Recent Plymouth graduate Mike Nadratowski and Hartland's Jake Lowery got past the first three rounds to make it to the finals. When they finished taking their cuts, Lowery was crowned the der-

by champion after clubbing a total of 20 dingers.

"It was a great event that not only our community was involved in, but surrounding communities that will utilize the Miracle League of Plymouth," said derby chairman Ted Barker, also a member of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. (which established MLP in 2010).

Barker said approximately \$4,000 was raised by the event, with that money to benefit the ongoing maintenance of The Bilkie Family Field at 357 Theodore Street in Plymouth. That field is slated to open later this month to accommodate the first MLP games played by children with special needs.

Unlike the debut derby in 2010, Barker said all partic-

ipants were allowed to complete the first two rounds.

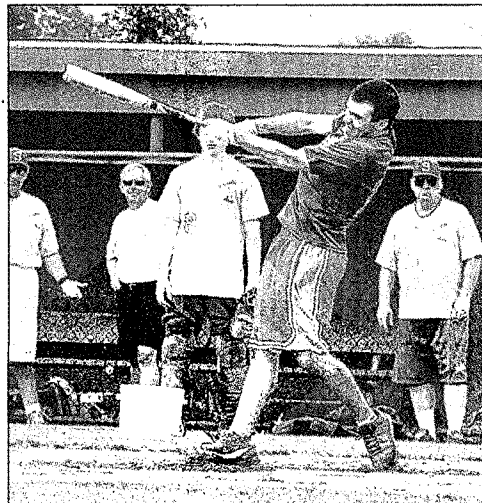
All 18 batters had their two rounds totaled, with the top six moving on to the third round.

Lowery, Nadratowski, Canton's Ryan Bazner and Chris Perkovich (a 2011 graduate), Salem's Brett Ramirez and Livonia Stevenson's Brendon Hayes made the cut.

All six were given 10 outs to hit as many home runs as possible. An out was recorded for any swing that did not culminate in a home run.

Also participating in the derby were: recent Canton grad Braden Price; Livonia Churchill's Dan Cameron and Ben Matigian; Livonia Franklin's Joe Barczuk and Travis

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JOHN KEMSKI

Mike Nadratowski, a recent graduate of Plymouth High School, takes a healthy cut during the Aug. 6 Home Run Derby for the Miracle League of Plymouth. Nadratowski reached the finals before getting edged out by Hartland's Jake Lowery.

MU lands Flaim

Madonna University women's basketball head coach Carl Graves announced Thursday that Taihlor Flaim (New Boston/Airport High School) has signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic careers at MU beginning this fall.

Flaim earned letters in basketball, softball and volleyball for the Jets during her career. She was named to the All-Huron League first team in addition to the all-region and all-west teams. Flaim also picked up the Jets' most improved player award.

Last season against Carlson, Flaim posted 30 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks to go along with a 21-point, 12-rebound and five block performance against Huron.

The Crusaders open the 2011-12 season Oct. 29 with an exhibition game at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Whalers return to WSDP-FM

The Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers will return to WSDP-FM (88.1) as their radio home for the 2011-12 season.

"The Escape" — an award-winning radio station located at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — will begin its broadcasting schedule during Plymouth's season-opener Sept. 21 in Owen Sound and will carry the bulk of the team's games this season.

Pete Krupsky remains the team's play-by-play voice with Sean Baligian providing analysis of home broadcasts.

Acing it

Fox Hills continues to bring out the best in area golfers, with two more holes-in-one last week.

On Thursday, 48-year-old Chris Greco of Livonia used a 6-iron to ace the 165-yard No. 3 hole at the Fox Hills Golden Fox course.

Greco used a Titleist Pro-VI for his feat.

On Wednesday, Ypsilanti's Drew Fanelli, 27, sank a hole-in-one on the 185-yard No. 3 hole at the Hills course, using a 7-iron and Titleist NXT.

Local coverage

Beginning Thursday, Aug. 18, individual sports sections will return for readers of the Canton, Farmington, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland Observers. Sports editors are Brad Emons (Livonia/Westland), Dan O'Meara (Farmington), Tim Smith (Canton/Plymouth) and Ed Wright (Garden City/Redford).

Coach makes comeback from cancer

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

As a longtime football coach, Todd Schultz has experienced many times the optimism and excitement that comes with the start of a new season.

Those emotions and his appreciation for a fresh opportunity run even deeper this year. In a real sense, he has a new outlook on life, not just football.

A year ago at this time, North Farmington's varsity head coach was diagnosed with cancer. Following chemotherapy treatment, Schultz is well again and still coaching the Raiders.

"Last year, football kept me grounded," he said. "It's the game I love; it's North Farmington. Going to that every day helped me get through this."

"This year, I'm really looking forward to it, because I know I'm not battling cancer at the same time. That was my balance. I had school and football, and I had cancer. Now, it's just school and football."

Schultz, 46, was on his way to a two-day practice last year when his doctor called with a biopsy result and diagnosis.

He focused his mind on football to get through that afternoon session, waiting until he got home to tell his wife, Chris, the news in person.

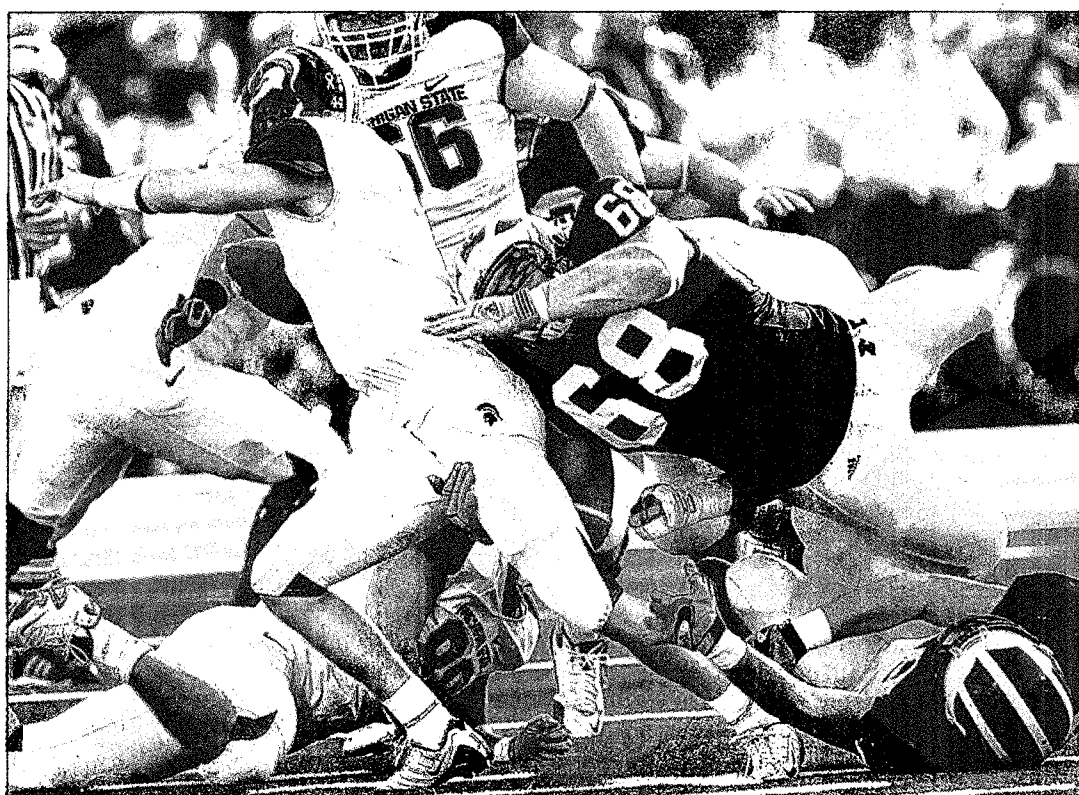
Schultz had non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. There were four tumors, includ-

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A former fullback at North Farmington, coach Todd Schultz takes an active role in a practice demonstration.



Redford native and Detroit Catholic Central High grad Mike Martin (68), a senior at Michigan, is an Outland Trophy candidate for the 2011 season.

Be like Mike

Redford's Martin is role model on the field and off

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

One pancake was enough for Mike Martin, thank you.

On Sept. 13, 2008, the Redford Township native and highly rated freshman defensive lineman from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central was sent to the turf by a Notre Dame blocker in just his third collegiate football game.

Using gridiron terminology, Martin was "pancaked."

"Defensive linemen are never supposed to cross their feet, but I crossed mine on that play," Martin said. "I got folded up. The next day at practice when we were watching film, the coaches replayed it over and over. I got the message."

Martin hasn't been pancaked since.

Three years, 36 games, 108 tackles and 6.5 sacks later, Martin is a run-stuffing, quarterback-terrorizing force on the Michigan defensive line.

In July, his name was placed on the 65-player "Watch List" for the Lombardi Trophy, an award that is presented annually to the country's top inte-

rior lineman.

And when conversations regarding the 2012 NFL Draft heat up, Martin's name usually surfaces like cream in coffee.

"My time here has really flown by," Martin said. "I can't tell you how excited I am about this season. This team is really coming together and the seniors are determined to make sure we have no regrets once it's over."

New direction

Martin is savoring the re-energized atmosphere created by the January hiring of new U-M head coach Brady Hoke.

"Coach Hoke has a huge understanding about what it means to play football for the University of Michigan," Martin said. "He's created a lot of excitement and the guys are anxious to play for him. Every practice is upbeat with a quick tempo. It's been a lot of hard work, but it's been fun, too."

"The biggest thing coach Hoke harps on is team, team, team. We've learned a lot about Bo Schembechler and

why Michigan was successful when he was here."

Not long after he was tabbed to lead the U-M football program, Hoke hired former Baltimore Ravens defensive coordinator Greg Mattison to join his rebuilding project.

Armed with a Hall of Fame-caliber resume that also includes successful coaching stints at Florida and Notre Dame, Mattison didn't waste any time enhancing his new players' minds with sage advice.

"Coach Mattison's most important message is that if you're not fundamentally sound, you're not going to be successful," Martin said. "He's already taught us a lot of new techniques that will help us become better football players. I'm standing up more (on the line) and moving around — whatever it takes to be in the best position to make plays."

Well-rounded man

Martin's extraordinary pursuit skills aren't limited to the

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O'Quinn builds Dynamic's 1-2 punch

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Talk about a one-two punch. Talented brothers Robert and Rico O'Quinn are two of the big reasons why Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club is back on the map.

The O'Quinns, who live in Detroit and attend University High in Ferndale, have enjoyed a productive year with 16-year-old Rico coming away recently with a U.S. Junior Olympic title in the 114-pound class for Boys 15-16 after going 4-0 during the tournament held Aug. 1-5 in Mobile Ala.

Robert, 17, was the 2010 Michigan Junior Olympic champion at 132 pounds and now competes in the 17-34 open division. In early July, Robert went 1-1 in a last chance qualifier for the U.S. Olympic Trials in Cincinnati. His amateur record is 26-13 overall.

And if anybody knows talent and the fight game, it's Livonia's Paul Soucy, who has coached area talent for over five decades. Soucy, along with Canton's Chad Jaquillard, serve as coaches at Dynamic for the O'Quinns.

"He's very, very adept," Paul Soucy said of Robert O'Quinn. "He picks things up fast. We've had people come in this gym and compare him to Tommy Hearn when Tommy Hearn was younger. I mean this kid is awesome. He's going to be a world champ some day. I'm making that prediction."

"He's here every morning. We run at 6:30 as a group. I got four or five fighters out of a gym full of fighters. We go through all our routine, do our exercises, boxing and the whole works."

"He's a got a good jab, a good stand-up boxer. He's also a good defensive fighter. He doesn't get hit as much as some of the fighters that you see. He's got it all together for his age."

Rico O'Quinn survived a close 29-27 decision in his U.S. Junior Olympics opening round victory over Kenneth Davis of Reno, Nev. before scoring decisions over Luis Santiago (Mass.), three-time J.O. champion Hector Valdez (Calif.) and Donovan Esterall (Colo.) to run his overall record to 36-6.

"He whipped everybody that was in there," Soucy said. "He never took a step back. He went forward, very aggressive and covered up nice if he missed his shots. He was just outstanding. He was very, very good."

So what separates the O'Quinns from the rest of the amateur boxers?

"He and his brother Robert are great listeners, and that makes Paul and my job so much easier," Jaquillard said. "What we coach and tell these guys what to do, they get in the ring and do it and that's why they've become so successful, I think... also their hard work and dedication they put in the gym every day. They work harder than anybody in the gym."

Robert O'Quinn remembers his initial encounter to the fight game.

"Paul (Soucy) came up to the recreation center by our house - we got to throw a couple of punches at him," Robert O'Quinn recalled. "We put on the gloves and got a little feel for boxing. He showed us the stance a little bit. That was the summer of '07. We didn't really get into it until '09, but we always wanted to get into it and we wanted to get into it. I was playing football, then stopped playing, and started boxing. I really caught onto it, caught onto it quick. I started loving it and stayed in the sport and been in it ever since."

And along for the ride every step of the way has been Rico.

"We push each other hard," Robert said. "When one of us see us running hard, the other is running right next to him. When one fight hard, and we see the other one fight hard. We go in there and encourage each other. We get in the ring, nobody works harder. We're the



Junior competitors (from left) Robert O'Quinn, David Fecteau and Rico O'Quinn have put Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club in the national limelight.

O'Quinn boys."

Rico qualified for the Junior Olympic Nationals by winning bouts at the regional held May 28-20 and at the state tournament, May 6-8, in Ann Arbor.

His first-round match the J.O. Nationals against Davis proved to be the stiffest test.

"In my side of the bracket I had all national champions and people who had been to nationals," Rico said. "One dude last year won nationals... he won the Silver Gloves. The other dude also won nationals this year and in the finals I beat him. I was beating up on those other boys, I was doubling and tripling their scores, giving them 'A' counts. My first fight I was kind of rusty. I was down the first round by a point, then I was down the second round by two points, so I changed my game plan up and went to Plan B, and it started working. At the end of the fight, I came up and was up by two points. It was the toughest because I was rusty."

Rico's style in the ring is unique.

"I don't get hit much, but sometimes I have to take a punch to give a punch because I fight a lot of taller guys," he said. "I'm like 5-6 (Robert is 5-9). I start out with my game plan to feel a person out sometimes, but sometimes I don't. I can bang and I can also box. A lot of people like to see my banging side of me because it excites the crowds. That's what I give them, but that's when I start boxing and I know I've got them."

Dynamic, located off the corner of Inkster and Warren roads, will be sending a contingent of six to the Ringside World Championships, which starts Sunday in Kansas City, Mo.

The O'Quinn brothers will be joined by another up-and-comer, 12-year-old David Fecteau of Garden City who sports a 23-7 record.

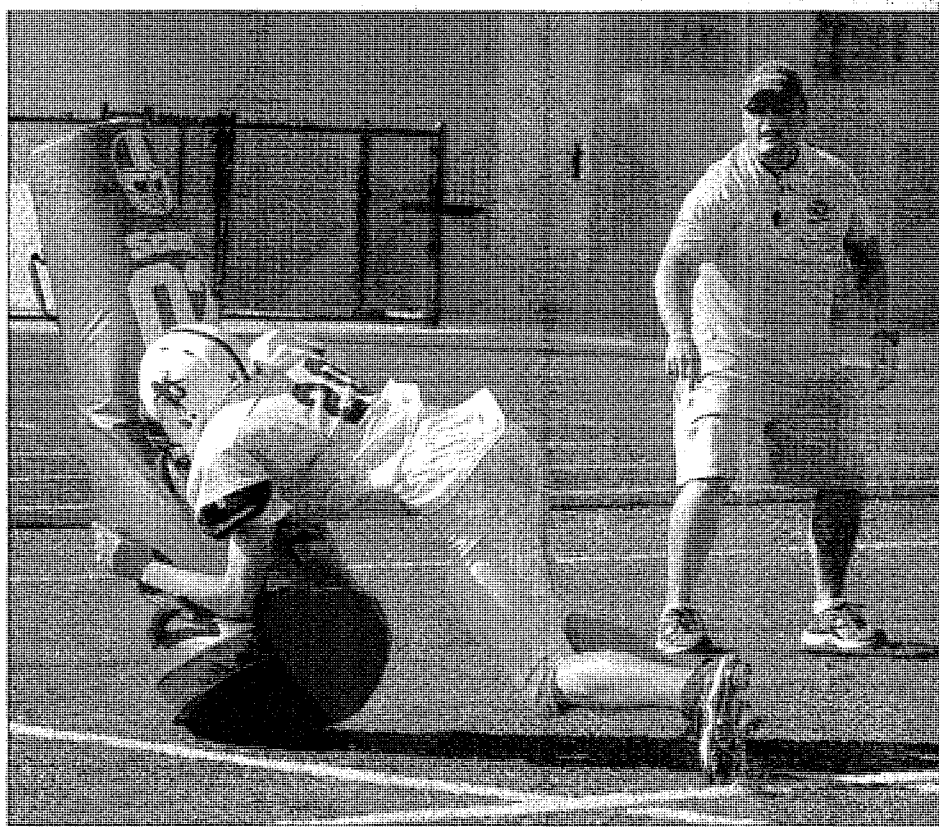
Fecteau is a two-time junior state champion at 75 pounds and placed third earlier this year in the Silver Gloves Nationals in Kansas City. He will compete in the 80-pound class.

A pair of 18-year-olds also will get their feet wet with Garden City's Justin Street (1-0) competing in the 141-pound class and Inkster's Greg Dowdell (1-1) vying in the 160-pound division.

And not to be outdone in the ring is the 165-pound Soucy, who at age 72 bills himself as the "world's oldest amateur boxer." He is one of seven competitors slated to compete in the Masters division.

"After seven years of hard work, it's so exciting to see the kids excel like they have," said Plymouth's Chuck Phillips, Dynamic Boxing Club owner. "State championships, regional titles and now again another national championship. I believe the future looks very bright for the Dynamic Boxing Club team."

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Having recovered from cancer, coach Todd Schultz relishes the opportunity to be on the practice field.

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ing one that had wrapped itself around his spinal cord.

Fighting back

Though the cancer was considered advanced, Beaumont Hospital oncologist Dr. Ishmael Jaiyesimi was confident it would respond to chemotherapy — "the big guns," as he told Schultz.

His optimism was borne out with a favorable test result in October that showed considerable reduction. Schultz underwent six six-hour chemo treatments and was given a clean bill of health when a January scan showed he was cancer-free.

"They took a biopsy of the tumor on the duodenum and it was clean," Schultz said. "There was a little bit of a benign cyst. The tumor near the spine had shrunk, the ones near the kidney and sternum were gone. (The chemo) did its magic; it was very exciting."

Schultz will receive a special drug with a track record for maintaining remission every two months for the next two years.

"With lymphoma, they say there's a higher percentage it will come back, but don't live your life that way, like you're always looking over your shoulder," Schultz said.

"Doctor Jay does a great job of telling you the way it is. He just says, 'You're doing great; everything looks great. I'm not counting on it to relapse any time soon. Just keep doing what you're doing.'"

Despite the cancer and chemo, Schultz continued to coach last fall and teach a half day. His treatments were administered on Fridays, and

Chris would drive him to the football games that evening.

Other issues

Schultz missed only one game when he developed meningitis and had to be hospitalized for a week. He had another health scare in January, resulting in an emergency appendectomy.

He thought the discomfort he had might be the flu, anxiety about test results or the by-product of his treatment. A follow-up test showed the appendix had ruptured, however.

"Dr. Jay said: 'Oh, brother, there's no cancer, but I don't know what this is!'" Schultz said. "I was really fortunate to have that scan at that time. I might have said, 'I'll just have to get through this,' and something really serious could have happened."

He added: "You can deal with an appendicitis if you have the clean bill of health of cancer-free."

Schultz received the results of his latest scan last week, showing he is still free of cancer. The news came just in time for the start of football practice.

"That has been very uplifting and quite a relief," he said. "I know that's not going to be a part of football season this year, and let's get back to good old Raider football."

"The perspective on life has changed dramatically — what to worry about, what not to worry about and what to enjoy. It's just a new perspective on things."

Family, football

After his experience of the last year, Schultz said he appreciates family and everything about football even more.

"I've always loved

this, but you don't realize it could go that quickly," he said. "I'm enjoying this season; I'm enjoying being out on the practice field. I always have but you step back and soak it in a little more than you have in the past."

Schultz' son Jack, 12, is the team's ballboy, and 8-year-old twins Allison and Sydney are apt to be future cheerleaders.

"I really enjoy having the kids around for football season again," Schultz said. "The girls went to a cheer camp last year, and their group did a little cheer at one of the games. That's when you look around on the sideline and say, 'This is what it's all about.' I get to enjoy all these things now without worrying about anything."

After he was released from the hospital last fall, Schultz toted an intravenous pump with antibiotics to combat the meningitis for four weeks.

"I had this bag that plugged into my port, carrying that all around practice," he said. "Now, I get to carry my clipboard with the practice plans."

"This year, I look forward to just coaching. I don't need to worry about anything but football and the latest things."

In talking about his experience, Schultz wants his story to be a positive message for others facing the same challenge.

"Hopefully, other people who get it can know they can fight it and live a normal life again," he said. "It's something we go through, but it's not going to change us; it's not going to define us. You can come back from it."

"I hope others can see there's hope and we can do it. We can take that attitude, beat it and enjoy life again."



TONYA BARKER

Participants of the recent Home Run Derby for the Miracle League of Plymouth pose with Canton High School student Jesse Lindlbauer (wheelchair) who the event was dedicated to.

SLUGGERS

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Barnes; Plymouth's Tyler Gobel and Rich Guglielmi; Northville's Matt Stojkov; Salem's Drew Thompson, Scott Devine and Tommy Rodriguez; and Novi's Jim Eloff.

To make it an even more special day, the proceedings were dedicated to Canton High School

student Jesse Lindlbauer, who continues to recover from a brain abscess suffered last winter.

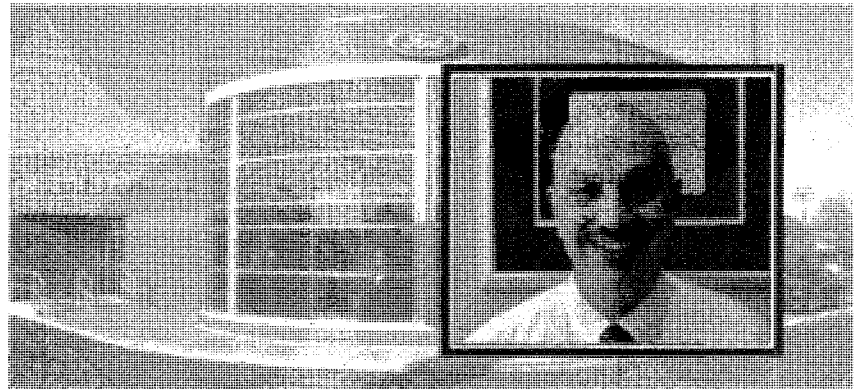
According to Barker, a big hit for everybody who showed up was Toledo Mud Hens announcer Kevin Mullan. He provided color commentary, while Miracle League co-chair Bob Bilkie chimed in with player interviews, scoring updates, music and general announcements.

Barker added that the 2012 derby again will be open to all teams in the KLAA, with alumni players also to be invited.

"We hope to expand to two fields at PCEP (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) and raise monies for the ongoing maintenance for Miracle League of Plymouth," Barker said.

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ANNA-MARIE GATT | MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Sophomore forward Amanda Ferrick returns as the Crusaders' top scorer from a year ago.

MU women's soccer coach more confident

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer



Brda

Madonna University women's soccer coach Jeff Hodgson doesn't have as many concerns going into this season as he did a year ago.

It took nine matches before Hodgson notched his first victory in his inaugural season. And the second-year coach doesn't anticipate going without a win until Oct. 6 despite a demanding schedule that includes NCAA Division I opponents Butler University (Aug. 19) and the University of Detroit Mercy (Sept. 8).

"Last year we were so far behind," said Hodgson, whose team finished 3-6-7 overall and 2-1-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. "You can already see it in the scrimmage matches. From where we were at last year, and where we are this year, we're just more advanced, and I think we'll have a pretty good year."

The Crusaders lost only four seniors to graduation and have added three talented newcomers.

The biggest loss was starting goalkeeper Britany Warner (Plymouth), who posted a 2-2-6 record, but carried a respectable 8.67 save percentage and 0.93 goals-against average.

Senior Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville), who played in six games last season, assumes the goalkeeper duties. She

went 1-4-1 and must improve upon her .641 save percentage and 2.45 goals-against. Mean-

while, no other player is listed as a keeper on the Crusaders' 15-woman roster, but senior Chelsea Shrewsbury will become the emergency back-up.

"There was just not another one out there to recruit, but she (Shrewsbury) is an ODP (Olympic Development Program) player who was a goalie," Hodgson said. "Last year we were about 10 deep, but this year we're 12-to-14 deep. If someone goes down with an injury, we'll not be quite as burdened."

The Crusaders scored only 15 goals last year (while giving up 25), but that should change with the addition of freshman forwards Kaitlyn Krysiak (Madison Heights Lamphere) and Ashley Parent (Amherstburg, Ontario). Also in the fold is freshman midfielder Mo DeGrandis (LaSalle, Ontario).

First-team All-WHAC midfielder Amanda Ferrick, who led MU with three goals and two assists as a freshman, could be the catalyst.

"Ferrick had a good year," Hodgson said. "If she can duplicate that and do a little more this year, we'll have a good year. And with the new players

we should be a lot more dangerous."

Other returning forwards include senior Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin), who scored two goals and contributed three assists; junior Jackie Vaquera and sophomore Lilliana Serratos.

Returning as midfielders are senior Nicole Rodriguez, sophomore Amanda Jenaway (Livonia Stevenson), senior Trisha Bender, sophomore Kristin Black and senior Andrea Mareel. Junior Lauren Dostillio and Shrewsbury, a pair of third-team All-WHAC picks, will anchor the defense along with junior Chelsey Budlong (coming off ACL surgery).

"Chelsea (Shrewsbury) is a central defender who had a very good year," Hodgson said. "And if she has a good senior year, we should contend in our conference."

And by loading up early with two NCAA Division foes, along with non-conference matchups against St. Xavier (Ill.), the University of Windsor and Ferris State (all before the WHAC schedule starts on Oct. 1), Hodgson should be able to get a pretty good read on his team.

"We'll be challenged and we'll face adversity, but it's good to play teams better than you to see what's out there," the MU coach said.

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Still crazy about baseball

Even though high schools have begun practicing for fall sports, isn't it still baseball season?

Well, I guess I'm showing my age when I easily recall when seemingly every patch of green grass provided opportunity to lace line drives over the pitcher's head or — better still — over the makeshift wooden fence onto a bumpy neighborhood street.

OK, I confess. I didn't slam too many round-trippers. But getting together with other kids to play baseball from morning until evening was a way of life, along with buying packs of baseball cards by the fistful and also trying to stuff as much gum into the mouth as possible.

It's no wonder my dentist loves me.

What about 2011, you ask? Not much baseball can be spotted on makeshift diamonds, unless it is of the organized variety. Travel teams and Little Leagues still abound, as evidenced by the stream of requests from coaches to publish in the *Observer* photos of their teams after enjoying tournament success.

Sadly, more kids might be playing baseball on their gaming consoles than in the open air.

It's too bad, because to those boomers such as myself, baseball brought endless memories. That is, if I could remember them.

Can't make this up
Here comes the *Twilight Zone* part of this column.



Tim Smith

A stranger called out my name as we were traveling on an Amtrak train headed

to Chicago. It just so happens that we were teammates on a 1969 North Redford National Little League team.

By the way, baseball has never left my heart, even as I hit my mid-50s. With that in mind, it must be noted that the purpose of my July trek was to watch the Cubs play at Wrigley Field.

But all the aches and pains of middle age vanished into thin air as soon as I heard that stranger blurt out somewhere near Kalamazoo, "Is your name Tim?"

I took a look and we instantly recognized each other. Unfortunately, I didn't remember his name until he told me. Our faces haven't changed much, although just about everything else has. And his memory is far sharper than mine, or so it seems.

Instantly, Bob and I were 12-year-old kids again, talking about that great season of '69 when he was a pitcher and I was his catcher.

Each of us hit home runs over the fence at Volney Smith's No. 1 field (located near Lexington and Vassar in Redford) and were treated along with the entire team to ice cream cones afterward at the soft serve joint not too far

from there on Seven Mile Road.

I wish I could remember our coach's name, let alone the nickname of my team. (Braves? Pirates?) But give me a break. The Beatles were still together that summer. That's how long ago it was, OK?

I'm sure just about everybody who played baseball back in the day could recite chapter and verse about a favorite homer. Or about getting the always-cherished game ball as a result of said power display — rare though it was.

I told Bob that the ball I was awarded after my biggest game ever wound up getting muddied and ruined playing catch out on Indian Street around 1973. Forever washed away from the game ball (but not my memory, for once) were details of going 4-for-4 and hitting a grand slam that precious Saturday afternoon four summers earlier.

But that's what you did in those days. Baseball came first, everything else (including memorabilia) came second. And as that out-of-the-blue reunion with Bob helped me realize, I still am a baseball crazy kid at heart.

Too bad I can't show that side of me too often. After all, as far as today's kids are concerned, that's just flat-out nuts.

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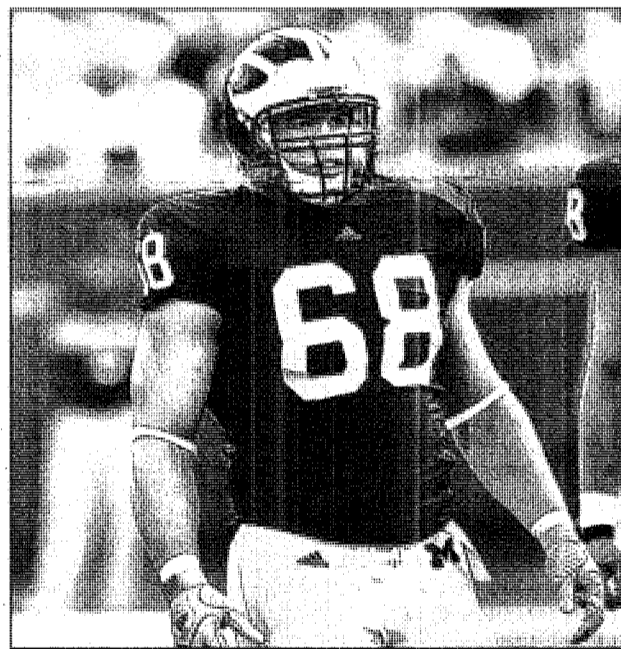
playing field.

In December, he's set to tackle a degree in communications in just 3½ years — a remarkable accomplishment considering the added demands of playing Division I college football.

"I eventually want to run my own business and be an entrepreneur," he said, looking ahead. "I've focused a lot on marketing at Michigan. I feel comfortable speaking in front of large groups of people and I'm pretty organized."

Although he won't turn 21 until Sept. 1, Martin is already making a remarkable impact in the giving-back-to-the-community department.

He offered his assistance at several youth football camps this summer — including Detroit Lion Ndamukong Suh's clinic in Walled Lake — and he's an active volunteer for Live2Give, a non-profit foundation whose primary purpose is to help revitalize Detroit. An example of Martin's



Redford native Mike Martin hopes to lead a revamped Michigan defense for the 2011 season.

L2G mission work included speaking to members of Young Builders, a group of 18- to 24-year-old Detroiters who are working toward earning their GEDs.

"Mike is very passionate about giving back to the community, so it was a no-brainer to get him involved in what we're doing," said L2G co-founder and inspiration director Ryan Doyle,

who met Martin at U-M. "Mike doesn't do it for the publicity. He likes to get away from the cameras and get involved in the nitty-gritty stuff."

"His message to the young people he speaks to is, 'I'm from the neighborhood, too. I've shared your struggles and I want to help.' He's a great guy."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Girls golf tryouts

There will be informational meetings/tryouts for the Farmington Public Schools girls golf teams 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, at Farmington Hills Golf Club.

Coaches for both teams — Bruce Sutton (North Farmington-Harrison) and Dennis Zaleski (Farmington) — will be present at that time.

High school girls (grades 9-12) of all ability levels are welcome. The club is located at 11 Mile and Halstead roads.

RU soccer tryouts

Tryouts for the Redford Union boys varsity and junior varsity soccer teams will be held Aug. 17-19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bell Creek Park, which is located on the northeast corner of 5 Mile and Inkster roads.

Players should bring shin guards and plenty of water. They also must have a completed physical form and an emergency form.

For more information, contact head coach Jim Gibbs at (13) 995-4234.

Churchill Team Night

Livonia Churchill High athletes and parents from all sports seasons are urged to attend Meet the Team Night beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at the Carli Auditorium.

For more information, call (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

Need CYO players

The Livonia St. Edith Catholic Youth Organization program has immediate openings for those interested in playing football this fall (grades 3-8).

For more information, call Steve Cooper at (248) 921-3772; or Jeff Sugg at (248) 921-3772.

Openings for grades 4-8 also remain for volleyball (girls) and soccer (boys and girls) and cheer (girls).

For more information, call John Michniak at (734) 732-5933.

Baseball tryouts

• Tryouts for the 2012 13U Canton Storm will be held Sunday, Aug. 21, from 12-2 p.m., and on Sunday, Aug. 28, from 1-3 p.m. at Griffon Park field No. 1. The Storm, an independent travel team, will be playing in the KVBSA as well as five spring/summer tournaments. The team will consist of kids from Plymouth and Canton who are entering the seventh grade in the fall.

Players can pre-register by sending an e-mail to robbr@mpc-inc.com. For more information, contact Rob Brooks at (313) 770-5666.

• Tryouts for the LBSA and Livonia Travel Baseball at for the 2012 season are for the following age groups at Bicentennial Field No. 8:

Under-8: Sunday, Aug. 14 (4-6 p.m.) — manager Bill Schaffer, mattfourmier22@sbcglobal.net;

Under-9: Sunday, Aug. 14 (noon-2 p.m.) — manager, TBD, ccrumberger@yahoo.com;

Under-10: Sunday, Aug. 14 (2-4 p.m.) — manager Aaron Rumberger, Livonia Lakers, ccrumberger@yahoo.com;

Under-11: Sunday, Aug. 14 (6-8 p.m.) — manager Matt Fournier, Livonia Longhorns, mattfourmier22@sbcglobal.net;

Under-13: Saturday, Aug. 20 (10 a.m. to 12 noon), Sunday, Aug. 21 (12 noon to 2 p.m.) — manager Brian Dewhirst, Livonia Titans, wd219@aol.com.

Please contact the team managers directly with any questions or if you are unable to make the listed date to schedule an individual evaluation.


• Tryouts for the 11-and-under 2012 Canton Cobras will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14 and 21, at Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads, in Plymouth.

The Cobras will play in the KVBSA along with two fall tournaments and eight spring and summer tournaments.

For more information, call Jack Murray at (734) 968-5808; or e-mail murray6@woway.com.

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Local charity aims to buy shoes, wheelbarrows for African village

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E staff writer

Sidney Bonvallet and her Helping Hands Touching Hearts charity clothed an entire African village this year.

Next year, the Farmington Hills woman will buy shoes for the 1,400 Shangaan tribe members who live in a remote village, Massingir Velho, in Mozambique.

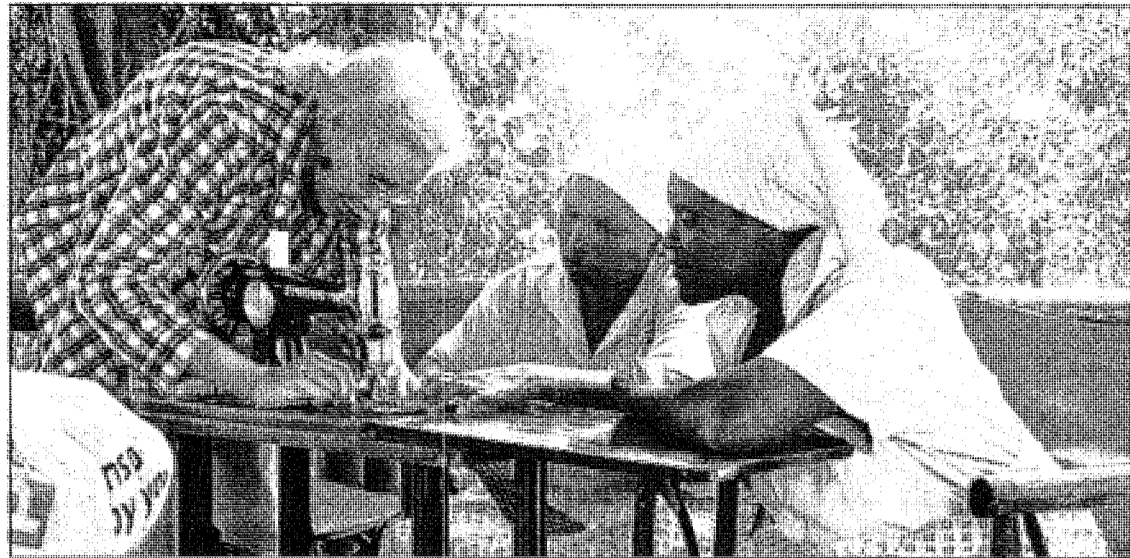
"Less than a third of them have shoes and the ground is hard, hot and has sharp rocks," said Bonvallet, who became aware of the village and its needs when she and her husband, Wayne, visited the area two years ago.

Working in conjunction with their daughter, C.J. Christopher of Clarkston, their church, Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia, and an increasing number of supporters, the Bonvallets collected enough gently-used and new clothing to give every villager at least one outfit. They distributed 70 pairs of shoes, 250 school tote bags filled with supplies, 300 mosquito nets, 289 homemade nguvas — a traditional tribal garment — and basic medical items during their 2 1/2-month stay in Africa earlier this year.

Supporters Linda Linder of Plymouth and Mike and Cathy McCarthy of Commerce Township accompanied them on the trip.

Helping hands

"It has been an amazing journey. We achieved all the goals we set last year," Bonvallet said. "But it wouldn't have been possible without all the people (supporters). The generosity of the human soul has been a journey in itself."



Two women of the Shangaan tribe watch as Sidney Bonvallet shows how to use a sewing machine. Bonvallet and her daughter, C.J. Christopher, have sewn hundreds of traditional garments, called nguvas, for villagers.

"We made over 200 totes and Kenwood Church filled them with supplies for us. We get mosquito nets for \$10 a piece and Mike and Cathy (McCarthy) bought 300 of them. That's a \$3,000 contribution."

Linder donated several valuable prints for the charity's garage sale. A neighbor gave four boxes of new shirts and jackets. Ratna Pasricha of Perfect Impressions in Farmington Hills, donated clothing and pens. A fabric store in North Carolina kicked in a commercial sewing machine and 250 new school uniforms.

By October 2010, Bonvallet had collected 92 boxes worth of goods. She spent \$7,000 shipping them to Mozambique, figuring they'd arrive in January when she, Wayne, C.J., the McCarthys and Linder planned to distribute the items.

The boxes were delayed in transit. But each team member had taken along addition-



Youngsters play on a crude piece of playground equipment.

al suitcases filled with goods and some items also had been mailed to the country.

"We had enough with what had been sent by mail and that we took personally for an initial distribution," Bonvallet said. Fearing the shipped boxes

would arrive too late, Bonvallet bought a sewing machine, fabric and started stitching. She and the others stayed in rental properties in Hazyville before taking the two-day trip to the remote village.

"It was our sweatshop," she

recalled, laughing. "It was a team effort."

The boxes arrived two weeks before the team planned to leave Mozambique, but it gave them enough time to distribute all contents.

Above and beyond

The Rev. Todd Lackie, pastor at Kenwood Church of Christ, says his congregation actively reaches out to help others.

"We've had many people get involved in a lot of things locally. But I wouldn't say that Wayne, Sidney and C.J. are typical," he said. "We don't have many people undertaking to clothe a village in Africa. They felt called to help these people. They've gone well above the commitment of anyone I've known."

Bonvallet hopes to reduce shipping fees by collecting more cash than goods this year. She wants to buy sandals — about \$3 a pair — in Mozambique when she returns to Africa.

"Our big thrust this year is shoes and wheelbarrows. Back and neck problems in the area are rampant. The women carry such heavy loads on their heads. They put water jugs on their heads that weigh 30 pounds. We want to get wheelbarrows and 20-liter jugs with lids."

Her husband and grandson plan to show the village men how to assemble the wheelbarrows, which also can be used to haul wood, produce and heavy objects. Meanwhile, she and her daughter will continue to give sewing lessons, with added beading instruction, to the Shangaan women.

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A physician who is willing to conduct a four-day medical clinic in the village would complete Bonvallet's wish list. "We're hoping to persuade a doctor to go with us. A lot of the challenges they have in the village are the result of poor hygiene."

Upcoming events

Bonvallet is offering several ways supporters can help raise funds for the Shangaan tribe.

A garage sale is set for 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 18-21 at her daughter's home, 5431 Fernwood Drive in Flint Township. Bonvallet will offer collectible and garage sale items 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 1-4 at her home, 27565 Spring Valley Drive in Farmington Hills.

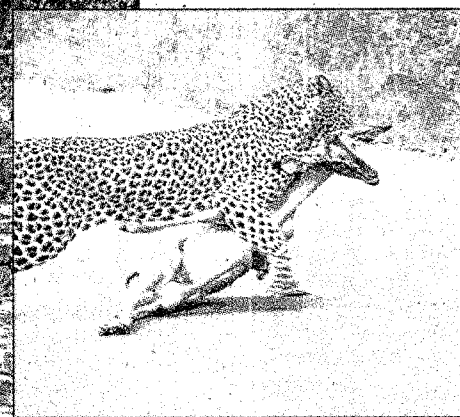
Michael McCarthy of Golden Lotus Massage Therapy will offer massages Sept. 10-11 at Bonvallet's home. All but three appointments have been filled.

A food and wine tasting is planned Oct. 12 at Uptown Grille in Walled Lake. Tickets are \$40 and include a five-course meal, five wines, and gratuity. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. and include a silent auction.

Call Bonvallet for tickets at (248) 514-3022.

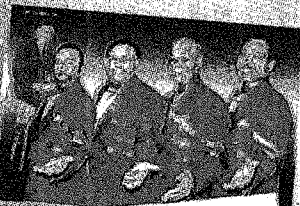


Cathy McCarthy (left) of Commerce Township and Linda Linder of Plymouth distribute tote bags to children of the Massingir Velho village in Mozambique.



A leopard heads to the bush with its prey. The Helping Hands Touching Hearts team saw leopards, lions, water buffalo and other wildlife while visiting with the Shangaan tribe.

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Workshop teaches women about deer hunt

The Department of Natural Resources will offer a class in deer hunting for women, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Detroit Archers Club.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) Deer Hunting Workshop will cover both archery and firearms deer seasons, including:

- Deer hunting regulations, rules and deer health
- Deer hunting equipment and scent control
- Scouting and habitat — where to find deer and places to hunt
- Safety and hunting etiquette in the field
- Caring for and processing game after the harvest

The workshop costs \$20 per person, including lunch and all materials.

The Detroit Archers Club is located at 5795 Drake, in West Bloomfield. For driving directions and more information about the club, visit www.detroitarchers.com.

For registration forms and information on this and other BOW events, visit www.michigan.gov/bow, e-mail dnr-outdoors-woman@michigan.gov or call (517) 241-2225.

BOW is a noncompetitive program for women, in which each individual is encouraged to learn at her own pace. The emphasis is on the enjoyment, fun and camaraderie of outdoor activities, and sharing in the success of one another.

Walk/run benefits nursing care

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) second-annual "Run for the Health of It!" will offer runners and walkers the opportunity to raise funds for its pediatric program. The 5k run/walk is

planned for 8:30-11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. Registration fees are \$25 for adults if registered before Aug. 16 and \$30 after Aug. 16; \$10 for

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Couple marks milestone event on a cruise

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Dick and Ann McDowell celebrated their 50th anniversary with surf, sand and sun last month.

But most importantly for the Livonia couple, they shared their five-day Caribbean cruise with daughters, Susan, Kathy Grisa and Karen Marcott, their sons-in-law, Kelly Marcott and Dale Grisa, and grandchildren, Emily, Chloe and Eric Grisa.

"It was a great family experience," Ann said. "Dick and I suggested it. We decided in lieu of the party we wanted to do something with family."

The former Schoolcraft College president and his wife have cruised in Germany, the Mediterranean, Alaska, and other locations, but it was a first for their grandchildren, who swam with dolphins during a stop in Nassau, Bahamas.

The family also spent time at the beach on Half Moon Cay and dined together every evening on the ship.

"They enjoyed it so much they said they wanted to do it again. I said, yeah, in another 50 years," Dick said, with a laugh.

The couple initially met in a college history class and, with Ann studying chemistry and Dick majoring in biology, saw each other frequently around campus.

"She needed a ride home on the weekends. I had a car," he said, explaining that both of them lived in suburban Pittsburgh, Pa.

They married May 27, 1961. Both were teaching high school science at the time. Dick recalled his wages were docked when he took a day off in conjunction with the wedding.

The couple spent sum-



The McDowell clan shows off a copy of the "Livonia Observer" during a cruise of the Caribbean last month. They are Emily Grisa, (left front), 17; Chloe Grisa, 12; and their dad, Dale Grisa. In the second row are Karen Marcott, (left) her mom, Ann McDowell, and Kathy Grisa. Standing in back are Kelly Marcott (left), Eric Grisa, 14, Sue McDowell and Dick McDowell. Ann and Dick were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, along with their daughters, their husbands and children.



Dick and Ann McDowell of Livonia on their wedding day.



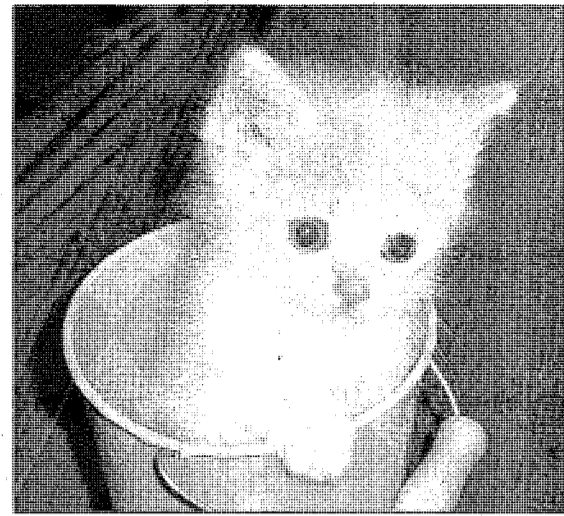
Dick and Ann McDowell of Livonia on a previous cruise. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last month.

mers living in graduate housing at Purdue while Dick pursued a second master's degree. He earned a doctorate degree and worked as a division chair, dean and eventually a vice president at Community College of Allegheny County. The family moved to Livonia in 1981

when he became president of Schoolcraft College. Although he is retired, Dick remains active at Schoolcraft College with its foundation and fundraisers. He's also a member of the Rotary Club and chaired the St. Mary Mercy Hospital board for two years.

"The only thing that's different now is I don't have to get up and go to work in the morning. My wife and I also play golf. It is all the fun stuff we're doing now," he said. "We're positive people. After 50 years we still love each other and we're in it for the long haul."

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See vintage wedding gowns in Canton

History will come alive on the fashion runway at the Canton Historical Society's "A Century of Wedding Gowns," Sunday, Aug. 21, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton.

Exhibits of wedding memorabilia from past eras will be on display starting at 2 p.m., with a fashion show of wedding dresses following at 2:30 p.m. Desserts and punch will be served after the

fashion show. Visitors also will get a chance to bid on items donated by local businesses in a silent auction.

Tickets are \$15 and are available online at www.cantonvillageattheater.org; by phone at (734) 394-5300; at The Village Theater; and at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

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COLD HANDS

The reader may think it odd that this column would discuss cold hands when we are in the midst of summer, and a hot summer at that. But the topic is proper for a person experiencing Raynaud's disease.

The features of this condition are fingers that turn white, become numb and stay that way for minutes to a half hour, turning blue during that time, and then, as the numbness wears off, becoming red, with the fingers eventually returning to their usual color and feeling.

What sets off these events is cold. The summer presents many opportunities for cold. For a person with Raynaud's coming from outdoors with its temperature of 91F into an air conditioned room of 73F represents a sufficient drop in temperature to set off an episode of white and numb fingers.

Sitting near an efficient fan will accomplish the same effect. Having a hand in the refrigerator's freezer compartment or repeatedly handling ice cubes as a bartender would, can bring on an attack of Raynaud's.

Treatment of Raynaud's in the summer is the same as in the winter: get the hands out of the cold and into a warm environment. It is best to put the hands under warm but not hot water. The reason to avoid hot water is that numbness of the fingers resolves slowly. It is possible to place the fingers in water that is too hot; not feeling the heat places the fingers at risk for a burn.

A person who experiences Raynaud's should see a doctor. In most instances the problem is just a phenomenon particular to the person. But in some instances, Raynaud's is associated with other medical conditions that doctors are trained to ferret out.

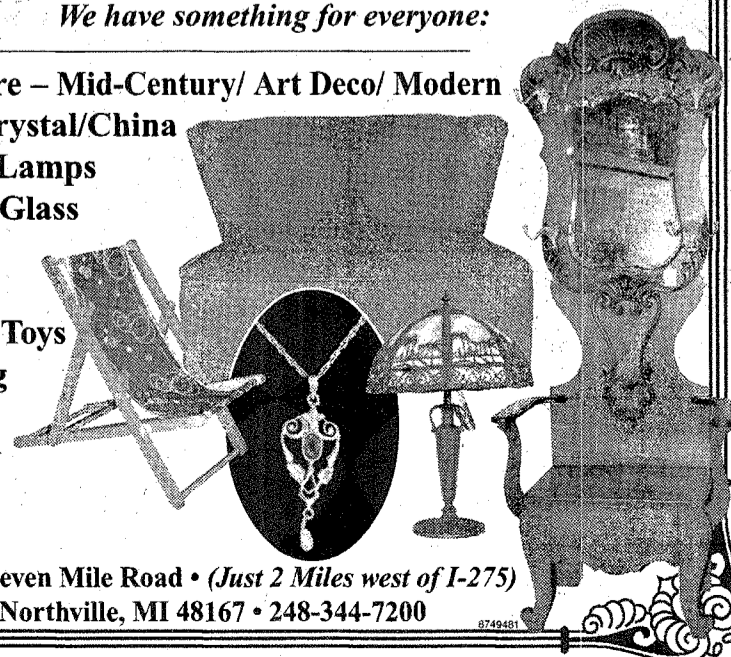
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DEARBORN FORDSON

CLASS OF 1954

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

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD

CLASS OF 1961

50th class reunion Sept. 24 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billmustangs@msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at woloni@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS CRESTWOOD

CLASS OF 1981

30-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Sept. 17 at Crystal Gardens, 5768 Grand River, Howell. Space is limited. Contact Cathy (Mamo) Dedakis at dedakis@chartmi.net, (810) 923-6446 or Sue (Toundaian) Turner at turnercrew@comcast.net, (734) 812-2937.

DETROIT CODY

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50th reunion Aug. 27 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@wowway.com

DETROIT HENRY FORD

CLASS OF 1971

The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are \$50. Call Barb Blum Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn Ogilvy Twa at (616) 802-0305, or e-mail to hffs1971reunion@yahoo.com.

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JUNE CLASS OF 1961

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

CLASS OF 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

DETROIT NORTHWEST-ERN

CLASS OF 1971

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

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1961

A 50-year reunion of the Farmington High School Class of 1961 is set for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel at 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi. The party dinner buffet is \$48.75 per person. There will be a 9-hole golf outing at Fox Creek Golf Course,

36000 Seven Mile Road in Livonia at 10:30 a.m. the day of the reunion. Contact Phil "Jim" Newberg via e-mail at pruddyduck1@sbcglobal.net or call (830) 620-5734; local contact is Louise Giles (248) 224-3369.

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)

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GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1986

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

GARDEN CITY WEST

CLASS OF 1981

30-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, 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.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools, William D. Ford Career - Technical Center

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Each year, Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center offer career-technical programs to the high school districts of Wayne-Westland, Melvindale, South Redford, Redford Union, Crestwood, Dearborn Heights #7, Van Buren, and Plymouth-Canton and area private schools. These programs are designed to prepare high school students for a broad range of employment and training services and are offered under the guidance of certified teachers, counselors, and cooperative education coordinators. For further information on course offerings and admissions, please call (734) 419-2100 or visit our website: wwcsd.net/ford.

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All career-technical programs comply with Federal Laws and Regulations of the U.S. Department of Education. It is the policy of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education to prohibit any acts of unlawful discrimination in all matters dealing with students, employees or applicants for employment. The Wayne-Westland Schools reaffirms its policy of equal educational and employment opportunities for all persons without regard to race, color, gender, religion, age, height, weight, marital status or disability which is unrelated to an individual's qualifications for employment or promotion, or which is unrelated to an individual's ability to utilize and benefit from the School District's services, activities, benefits, privileges, or programs. Inquiries concerning the application of Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, and Title II legislation should be directed to the Executive Director of Student and Legal Affairs, Wayne-Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 (734-419-2083).

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Wayne-Westland Community Schools, William D. Ford Career - Technical Center

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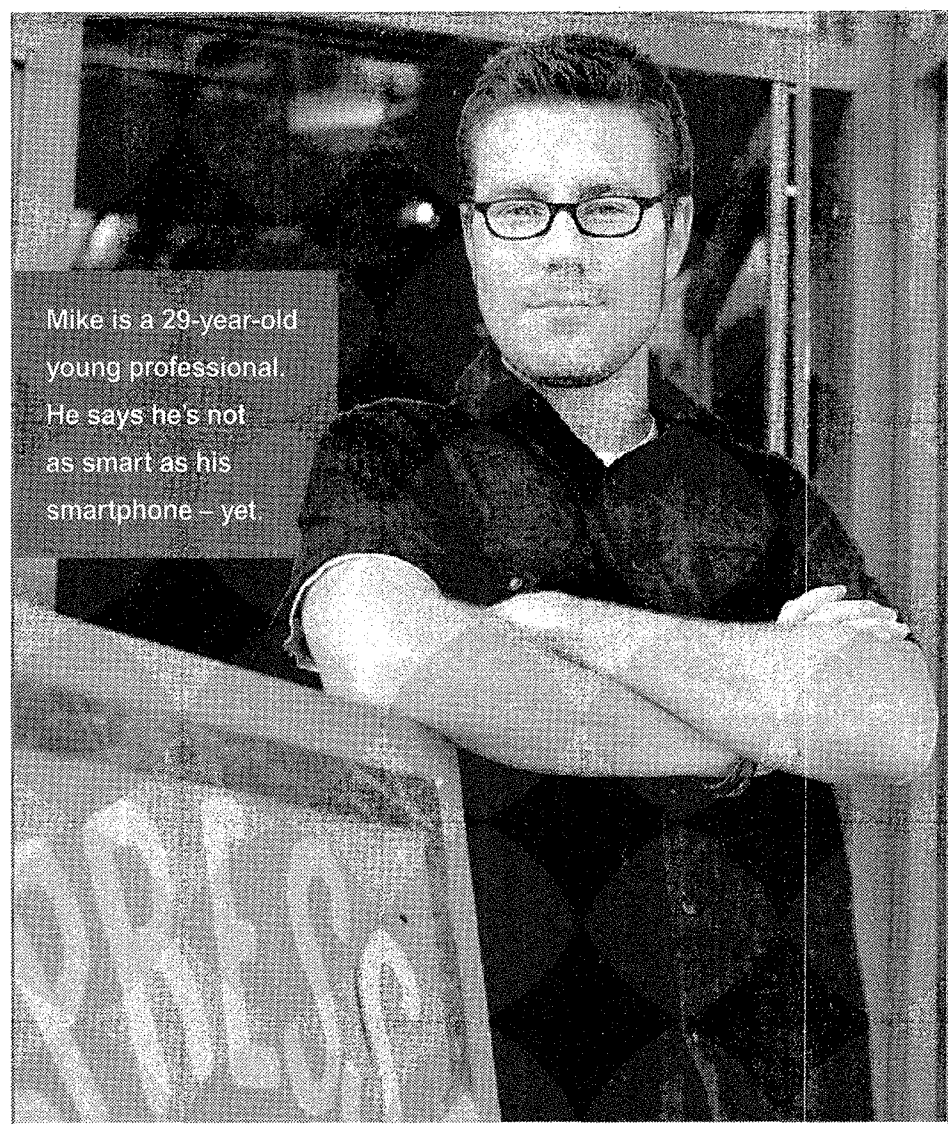
El siguiente es una lista de los programas que se ofrecen durante el año escolar de 2011-2012:

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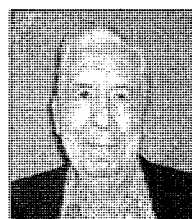


CUDE, ANN

Owner of Chuck's Service Center in Plymouth passed away at her home with her family at her bedside on August 7, 2011. Born in Salem, Michigan to parents Raymond and Eva Speers. Beloved wife of 46 years to the late Charles. From 1960-1974 Ann and Charles operated Chuck's Marathon Station located on the northeast corner of Main and Mill St in Plymouth later Chuck's Shell Station located on the northeast Sheldon Rd and Ann Arbor Rd in Plymouth. In 1974 they opened Chuck's Service Center located at 285 N. Main in Plymouth and is still proudly serving the Plymouth Community. Ann was blessed with five loving children: Joe (Laura) Cude, Sherry (Jim) Brandt, Susan Callen, Gail (Mark) O'Neill and John (Lynne) Cude. Proud grandmother of Eric, Scott, Melissa, Erica, Katie, Christian, Megan, Mark, Sean, Shane, Ryan, Kyle, Jonnie Rae, Becky, Rachael, Ronnie, the late Mary, Jared, Patrick and Makenzie. Great grandmother of Caryn, Kayleigh and Lilia. Dear sister of Dee (Mary Lou) Speers, George Speers, Ivan Speers and the late Neil Speers. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held Thursday 11am from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. She will be buried next to husband at Parkview Memorial in Livonia. Memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Michigan Chapter, Inc 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076-3911 Share memories at schrader-howell.com

**FITCH, DR.
THOMAS CHARLES**

74, of Southfield, passed away on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at William Beaumont Hospital. Tom is survived by his wife Susan Bannan and his son Jeff Fitch, son-in-law Rick DiPaolo, his grandchildren Ricky and Ashley DiPaolo and Holly and Megan Fitch, his brothers Lawrence and William Fitch, and his half-brother Joseph Fitch. Tom was a proud veteran of the United States Navy, having served during the Korean War. He dedicated his professional career to science education, and attained the title of Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Illinois State University. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorials be made to the American Heart Association or Disabled American Veterans. A private service will be held at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.



**GOEBEL,
CHARLES HENRY**

Age 86, born October 16, 1924 in Garber, Oklahoma, passed away suddenly August 5th, 2011. Mr. Goebel graduated from Royal Oak High School and served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the Burma India Theater. After the service, he graduated from the University of Michigan in 1950 and began his career at the Wayne Oakland Bank where he later became Chairman. He was the husband of Jeanine Goebel, father of Mark Goebel and Karen Easley, and grandfather to five wonderful grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Christ Church Cranbrook. Donations may be made to Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 or the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

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GRADY, BILLY

August 11, 2011. Beloved husband of Susan. Dear father of Michael (Linda) and Jeffrey. Loving grandfather of Zachary and step-grandfather of Kayla. Son of Samuel. Brother of Laverne (Conrad) Henry, Sue (Clyde) Truesdell and the late Ralph (Sharon) Grady. Funeral Monday at 11am from the chapel of the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Rd. (West of Lilley Rd.) Family will receive visitors Saturday 6-9 pm and Sunday 12 Noon-9pm. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

**MCDONALD,
VIRGINIA A.**

Age 82, August 10, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Harold Jr. Loving mother of Daniel, Michael, Mary McCarron, Virginia Lee, Stephen, Joseph and the late James. Grandmother of Kristin, Jamie & Dusti. Visitation Sunday 2-9pm with a 7pm Rosary at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (Between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill). Instate Monday 9:30am until 10am at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood (at Merriman Road, 2 blocks north of Ford Rd.). Family suggest memorials to: Capuchin Soup Kitchen or Steps to Enhance Potential (S.T.E.P) Workshop. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



**STOUT, OTTO E. JR.
(1920 - 2011)**

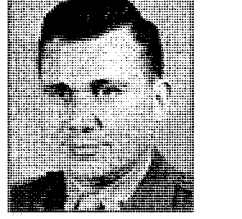
90, born Sept 9, 1920, in Ozark, IL, died Saturday, July 16, 2011, at Stoneleigh Residence in Lansing, MI. Otto was preceded in death in 1999 by his wife of 57 years, Donna J., nee Marsh, Stout whom he married in historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit, MI, on Sept 19, 1941; also preceding him in death were his parents, Rosa, nee McCuan, Stout and Otto E Stout; two brothers, Forest and Noel; and two sisters, Hettie and Gaynell. Otto was a US Navy veteran of World War II and worked for 34 years with General Motors as a Tinsmith at the Temstedt plant in Detroit before retiring in 1974. An avid camper, he took his family on adventures to every state park in Michigan during the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. He was a member of Westland Historical Society and a longtime volunteer for Henry Ford Estate Fair Lane where he assisted with special construction projects and also became half of a Santa Claus/Mrs. Claus duo for many years with his wife Donna. During more than 35 years in retirement he oil painted, made "dot" pictures and built beautiful castles, doll houses and small chairs as gifts for family and friends. He lived in Europe with Donna for seven months in the mid-1970s, visited nine countries and was inspired to continue his many art projects. Thanks to his daughter, Nancy and husband, Bill, Otto and Donna spent many happy summers aboard a nine-meter sailboat in beautiful Mackinaw City marina where people often referred to him as the "Mayor of the Marina". Otto was an eternal optimist and he never complained about anything even in his final days with us. He was strong physically and mentally and took pride in providing for his family. He lived by example and was a true minimalist who was just happy to be here and happy to spend time with you. He always answered the phone with a cheerful greeting that sounded like the color, "Yelllow!" and always ended with a "Toodledo!" People loved to be around him and hear his stories which were often so exciting that the listeners would later debate whether they were entirely factual or not because they were so extraordinary. He was well known amongst his grandchildren and great-grandchildren for his "wu wu" song which he had rocked each of them to sleep with in his rocking chair while holding them tight with his giant loving hands. If you spent any time with him then you already know that he turns everything into an adventure and that you can't help but see life the way he does when you are around him. Otto, aka "Papa", loved to end each day with a long look at the sunset. Surviving are his 5 grown children, Chuck (Pam) Stout of Belleville, IL, Jim (Lois) Stout of Dearborn, MI, Nancy (Bill) Bitz of Holt, MI, Hetty (Doug) Pate of Au Gres, MI, and John (Sandra) Stout of Lake Ann, MI; a sister, Mary (Joe) Bannasch of Lady Lake, FL; 17 grandchildren: Bil (Kelly) Bitz of St Johns, MI, Michelle (Clark) Warfle of Holt, MI, Dan Stout of San Diego, CA, Ron Stout of Edwardsville, IL, Jason (Carrie) Guss of Northville, MI, Lindsay Stout, David Stout, both of Oak Park, MI, Gina Guss of Royal Oak, MI, Jennifer (Cameron) Hastings of Edwardsville, IL, Shelly and Lisa Adams, both of Belleville, IL, Erin (Matt) Borner of Belleville, IL, April Pierce, David Nickerson, Anna Sauter and Christopher Stout, all of Traverse City, MI, Jeff (Naomi) Pate of Port Hueneme, CA; plus 9 great-grandchildren, Marley and Conor Bitz, Katelynn and Madelynn Warfle, Mia and Alexa Guss, Brogan and Harper Sauter and Natalie Borner; and his loving caregiver and companion, Vera Campeau of Melbourne Beach, FL, and Lansing, MI. Toodledo Papa. Thank you for the adventure.

HENSLEY, FAYE

Age 71, August 11, 2011. Beloved mother of Tommy (Stacey) Gwaltney, Tammy Henry and Kim (Roger) Wallington. Grandmother of Brittnay, Chloe, Tia, Jacob and great-grandmother of Brooklyn. Sister of Patsy (Bruce) Williams. Aunt to Stephanie and Zachary and friend to many. Services will be announced later.

**MOELLERING,
MICHAEL**

August 3, 2011, Age 58. Husband of Laura. Loving father of Maddy, Lindsey and Jane. Dearest son of Paul and Evelyn. Loving brother of Tom (Dianne) Moellering and Michelle (Gene) Walker. Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Mike will be dearly missed by family and friends. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, Friday at 1:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Mike Moellering Memorial Fund for his daughters, 40461 Newport Dr., Plymouth, MI 48170. Please share a memory at: www.rgrharris.com.



KIDSTON, ROGER G.

Of Kalamazoo. Age 79. Attorney, public servant, poet, author, pilot, sailor, builder, gentleman farmer, Marine and friend, died Sunday, August 7, 2011. Roger was born June 8, 1932, to Arthur and Gladys (Larder) in Detroit MI, was raised and went to school in Salem MI, and earned B.A. and law degrees from the University of Michigan. He was an assistant prosecutor in Bay City MI and a Judge Advocate General with the United States Army before practicing law in Kalamazoo. In 1969, he was named the first chairman of the elected Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners. In 1981, he and his associates set up Michigan's first tax-exempt public school foundation. He was the Kalamazoo Jaycees' Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1967; served as president of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and the Kalamazoo Arts Council; and was a member of the Kalamazoo County Republican Party, State Bar of Michigan, Kalamazoo County Bar Association, American Bar Association, American Judicature Society, Michigan State Arts Council Committee on Community Arts Councils, Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Michigan Week Foundation Cultural Activities Board; and was an adjunct professor at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing. He was a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and commanding officer of the Marine Corps Military Police Company in Grand Rapids. With his commercial pilot's license he flew to the Arctic Circle and many other locations. Roger was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bruce (Clara) Kidston and Alan Kidston; and niece, Sharon Kidston. He is survived by his children, Cheryl Kidston of Meridian, ID, Cynthia Keyes of Portage, Kevin (Sally) Kidston of New Hudson, MI and Emily Kidston of Kalamazoo; grandchildren, Jacob, Allison and Kayla Kidston and Justin Keyes; great granddaughter, Leah Keyes; brother, Brian (Margaret) Kidston; and sister, Margot Riechle; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his longtime friend and companion, Jeannette Buck. Services will be held Thursday, 12:00 at the Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Memorial Chapel, 622 S. Burdick Street, where family will greet friends from 11-12 just prior to services. Interment with military honors will immediately follow at Ft. Custer National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to KWVA Wounded Warrior Fund, P.O. Box 51, Lewes, DE 19958



NEWTON, JEAN

Age 90, August 8, 2011. Loving wife of 68 years to the late Joseph. Dear mother of Betty (Ronald) Beiser, Robert (Jacque), Richard, Nancy (Richard) Piechowski. Grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of eight. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shrine Crippled Children. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



**PRIMO,
WENDY FULLER**

Age 53, died on August 3, 2011. Loving mother of Dante. Beloved daughter of Edythe Fuller and the late Herbert Fuller. Dear sister of Alison (Gary) Mellon and Lisa (John) Weyer. Preceded in death by sister Christina Cambric. Cherished friend of Joseph Slanda. Loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. Memorials suggested to Sasha Farm or the Alzheimers Association

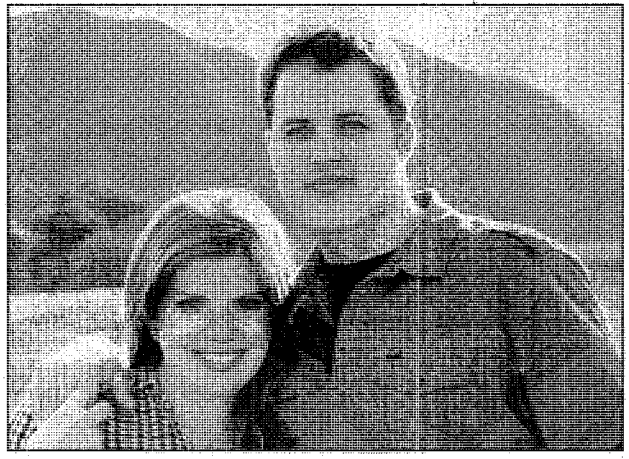


**TOSH,
IRMA ELIZABETH**

Age 86 of Canton, MI. August 6, 2011. Beloved wife of Warren for 62 years. Loving mother of Dennis (Edith) and Diana (Dennis) Slevin. Wonderful grandmother of Eric (Emily), Elizabeth (Brian), Jason (Katie), Amanda, Jonathan (Chelsea) and Matthew. Great grandmother of Jayden and Alexa. Dear sister of Betty and Corine. Visitation was held Monday, August 8th, 3-8pm. Service was held Tuesday 11am at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, Taylor Chapel. Interment at Oakland Hills Cemetery.

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Dunn-Fortin

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dunn of Towanda, Pa., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Erin, to Eric James Fortin, son of James Fortin of Detroit and Sherry O'Halloran of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Towanda High School and a 2005 graduate of Edinboro University. She is

employed as a senior creative developer for American Greetings in Los Angeles, Calif. Her fiancé is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Stephenson High School and a 2007 graduate of Ball State University. He is employed as an audio engineer for Alfred Music Publishing in Los Angeles, Calif. A May 2012 wedding is planned in West Hills, Calif.



Meara Anne SeGraves

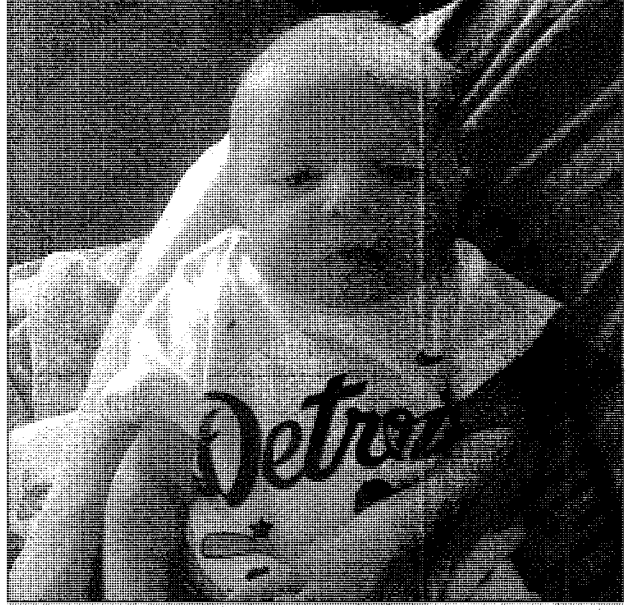
Meara Anne SeGraves was born June 17, 2011 at St. Joseph Mercy in Ann Arbor. Meara joins her parents, Steve and Amy SeGraves and siblings Emily, 11, Benjamin, 9, and Brady, 2, at home in Canton. Grandparents are Mike and Anne Anderzak of Livonia and the late Dave and Barbara SeGraves. Great-grandparents are Jim and Shirley Brady of Ann Arbor and Clare Anderzak of Dearborn.

Dinsmore-Kilgore

Molly Catherine Dinsmore and Brandon David Kilgore, both of Farmington Hills, announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Mary-Sue Dinsmore of Troy, recently graduated from Eastern Michigan University and will begin teaching math in the fall at Alex and Marie Manoojian High School in Southfield. Her fiancé, son of Robert and Sharon Kilgore of Canton, is studying accounting at Walsh College.



A November 2011 wedding is planned at Masonic Temple in Detroit.



Henry Stephen Wolicki

Henry Stephen Wolicki was born July 28, 2011 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, in Chicago, Ill. Proud parents are Elizabeth and Mark Wolicki of Chicago, Ill. Grandparents are Melvin and Rosalie Wolicki of Livonia and Stephen and Patricia Carlson of Chicago, Ill. Great-grandparents are Antionette Wolicki of Northville, Edna Mae Carlson of Minneapolis, Minn., the late Henry Wolicki and the late Tindaro and Giovanna Paratore.

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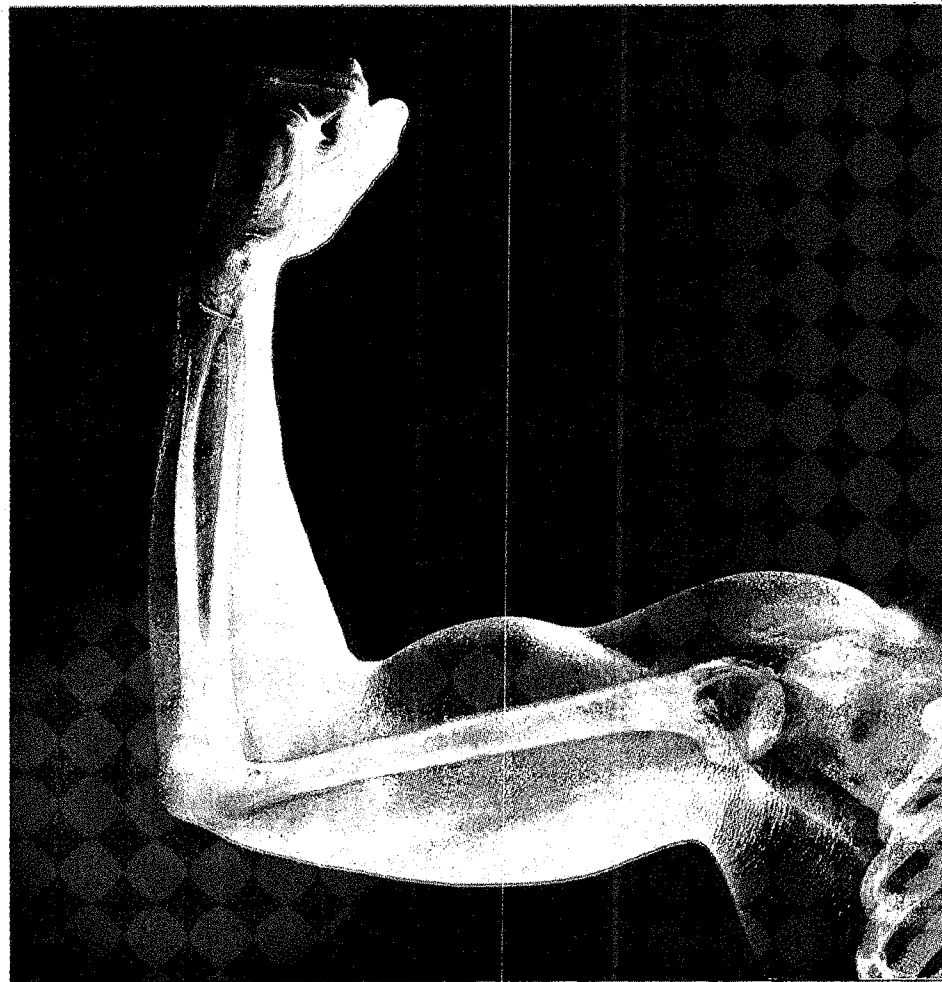
Anti-inflammatory antibiotic erythromycin can prevent and treat disintegration, however, there side effects associated with its long-term usage.

Dr. Weiping Ren, associate professor of biomedical engineering in WSU's College of Engineering, has found a solution. The details of his study, which found that erythromycin can be administered at the site of bone breakdown, rather than orally, are published in the August 2011 issue of *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*.

"Although oral erythromycin reportedly inhibits inflammation in patients with aseptic loosening, long-term systematic (oral) erythromycin treatment is not recommended," Ren said.

Used primarily for its antimicrobial properties, erythromycin is used to treat conditions like respiratory tract infections and whooping cough, both caused by harmful bacteria. In addition to fighting bacteria, erythromycin reduces inflammation, making it a successful treatment for aseptic loosening.

"But long-term systemic use of erythromycin raises concerns about various side



effects, including bacterial resistance, liver damage and gastrointestinal discomfort," Ren said. "We hypothesized that it may be advantageous to restrict erythromycin delivery to the inflammatory tissue around the implant to avoid these side effects."

To test his idea, Ren implanted metal pins coated with erythromycin in the inflamed tissue surrounding the prosthetic joint. He measured bone growth and implant stability, both indicators of how well the prosthesis integrates with the bone, and analyzed microscopic images

of the periprosthetic tissue — the affected tissue surrounding the prosthesis.

Ren found that at very low doses — about a quarter of the dose used for killing bacteria — erythromycin effectively reduces aseptic loosening inflammation.

"At the same time, we confirmed that oral erythromycin can be effectively delivered into the periprosthetic tissues, supporting our hypothesis that oral erythromycin can be used as one of the nonsurgical treatment methods to extend implant longevity," he noted.

By extending implant longevity, localized erythromycin will safely treat aseptic loosening and reduce the likelihood that patients will need revision surgery. "Medical insurance costs will be greatly reduced, because revision surgery is much more expensive than primary surgery."

Ren collaborated with Dr. David C. Markel, chairman of the Detroit Medical Center-Providence Hospital orthopaedic residency program and chief of orthopaedic surgery at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Botsford Hospital earns top ranking

Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills was recognized as a top "Community Value Provider" in the 2011 edition of the "State of the Hospital Industry," a report published by Cleverley + Associates in Worthington, Ohio.



LaCasse

The annual report assesses both financial strength and the quality performance of hospitals. "We were honored that Botsford received both the Community Value 100 and Community Value Five-Star awards," said Paul LaCasse, D.O., president and CEO of Botsford

Health Care. "Our CVI scores tell us that our hard work in providing top quality and responsible care has paid off when our results are benchmarked against that of all other hospitals of similar size and teaching status."

The Community Value 100 award recognizes the top 100 hospitals while the Five Star Award is given to those scoring in the top 20 percent of their group; Botsford is ranked with other medium size teaching hospitals.

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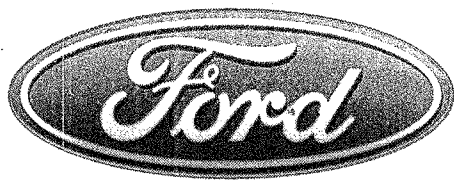
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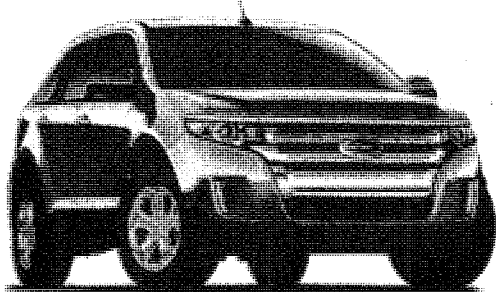
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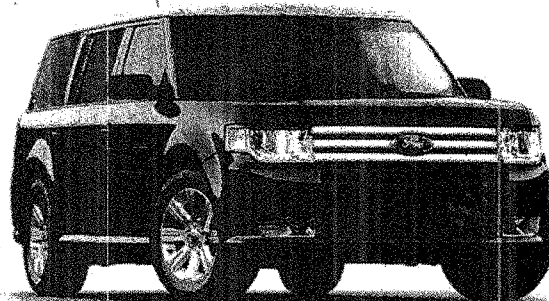


19 city / 27 highway MPG²

2011 EDGE SEL FWD

\$239 For 24 months for current A/Z plan customers*
\$2,479 Cash Due at Signing

- 3.5 Ti-VCT V6 Engine
- 6-Speed Automatic Transmission
- Single-Zone Manual Air-Conditioning
- AM/FM Stereo/Single CD-Player with MP3 Capability
- Dual Chrome Exhaust Tips
- 17" Painted Aluminum Wheels

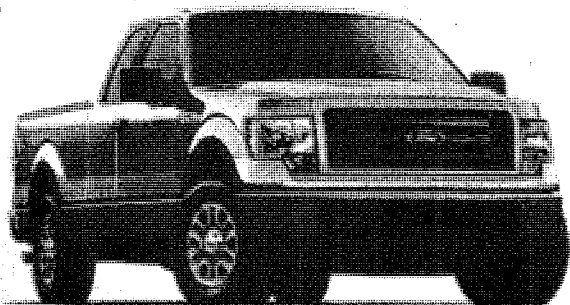


17 city / 24 highway MPG²

2011 FLEX SE FWD³

\$299 For 24 months for current A/Z plan customers*
\$2,379 Cash Due at Signing

- 3.5 L Duratec V6 engine
- 6-speed Automatic Transmission
- Dual Chrome Exhaust Tips
- Quad-beam Halogen Headlamps
- 17" Painted Aluminum Wheels



17 city / 23 highway MPG²

2011 F-150 SUPERCAB XLT 4X4

\$239 For 24 months for A/Z plan customers*
\$1,592 Cash Due at Signing

- Sync, Tow & Chrome package
- 5.0L V8 Engine
- 18" Chrome-Clad Aluminum Wheels
- AdvanceTrac® with Roll Stability Control
- Trailer Sway Control



18 city / 27 highway MPG²

2011 TAURUS SEL FWD

\$219 For 24 months for A/Z plan customers*
\$2,403 Cash Due at Signing

- 3.5 L Duratec V6 engine
- MyKey • Perimeter Anti-theft Alarm
- 6-speed Select Shift Automatic Transmission with Paddle Activation
- Sync with Traffic, Directions and Information

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